CHRISTMAS PRAYER
By Abbie B. Van Horn

Our Father, we thank thee for this joyous season of the year when we remember the birth of Jesus who came to save his people from their sins. And though his birth seems so far away in distance and in time, and though we heard not the angels and saw not the star, yet we may worship the Christ as the shepherds and the wise men worshiped the Christ child in the long ago.

We thank thee for the beautiful songs which we sing.

We thank thee that Jesus came to bring peace and good will to men, and though we are sometimes discouraged as we see so much of strife and dissension in the world, yet we realize that it is because many have not heard of him and many more who have heard do not open their hearts to him. And because even we who profess to be his followers have not fully accepted his ideals nor walked perfectly in the path marked out by him. But in spite of this we know the world is a far different place than it would be if he had not come.

We pray that peace and good will may dwell in all our hearts, in our community, in our nation and throughout the world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

(From a prayer meeting service sponsored by the Women's Society, Sabbath eve, December 10, 1937, Plainfield, N. J.)


News Service
The N.C.J.C. (National Changes Name Conference of Jews and Christians) Service, to which the SABBATH RECORDER has attached itself, is known as Religious News Service. It has been announced by Dr. Robert A. Ashworth, editor. The service will continue its operations forming a new office at 300 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

The new Religious News Service of the National Conference of Jews and Christians has performed so useful a service that large numbers of editors and church leaders of all faiths, that we feel the time has come to put it upon a truly national basis and give it a name more descriptive of the function it is actually performing in the field of religious journalism. We have selected the name Religious News Service because this name tells the story. The name Religious News Service attached to newspaper stories and features will be a guarantee of authenticitv, reliability, and freedom from propaganda.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America told a group of other religious editors at a meeting of the Religious News Service that it has expressed high commendation for the change. A wider use of the excellent religious news and comments would be used by the Religious News Service is space permitted.

The change of name to Religious News Service will be made effective January 1, 1938.

Reasons for Church
People have their own
And Denominational reasons for supporting the church and the Denominational, or Unitarian, Unit as it may be called here to write down some of the reasons which have been given.

1. The church has meant much to many people and their families as a place to go on Sabbath, and for prayer, friendship, and worship God together in song, prayer, and serious contemplation of eternal truths.

2. A church in a community helps hold together the family by giving a little height that they might be if its influence were withdrawn for a period of years, and thus keeps humilation, sorrow, evil (and taxes for police and prisons) so as to be if it be as widely as with what they might be. The church through its United Budget gives the average individual an opportunity to take hold of widespread kingdom service in helping solve world problems. This is represented in missionary work in home and foreign fields, assistance of the support of weak churches, publishing of religious literature, paying postponed salaries of retired ministers and missionaries, and many other ways.

4. Christ has left us the task of keeping this religious institution (the church) going for the good it may do men and women individual and corporate here and hereafter. According to the Bible, and some of the wisest and best who have lived since Bible days, we must some day stand in Christ's presence and hear rehearsed a record of what we have done with our time, abilities, and money while on earth. In that great day his opinion of us and judgment of our stewardship will mean more than earthly official, neighbor, or friend.

There are some who may have other and good reasons for supporting the church; but these are worthy our consideration and should challenge us all to be loyal to Christ and his Church, our church, in a larger measure than we have been so far.

New Bible Translation since 1901 the American Standard Version of the Bible has been gaining greatly in favor, though it has by no means taken the place of the old King James, the Authorized Version. During the century several independent translations and modern Bibles have been produced. The American Standard Version, the International Council of Religious Education has promised a revision of the American Standard Version. The committee says:

We are glad the new version is to be in the "simple classic English style of the King James Version." However valuable modern translations may be, they fall short of the Authorized Version which has left us with that which can justly satisfy us as the Authorized Version. Two members of the committee, Professor Robert E. Speer, the chairman, and Professor Edgar J. Goodspeed, assisted by a number of his University of Chicago associates, have produced versions of their own, Moffatt's Bible in 1923 and The Shorter Bible in 1933.
New Year's Broadcast
The National Broadcasting Company will co-operate with the Federal Council of Churches in America in broadcasting a program suggesting the religious aspect in which the new year should be welcomed.

Over the Red Network of the NBC, from eleven thirty until twelve o'clock, will be given, it is expected, a new year address of the New Year's broadcast. The speaker will be the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, the chimes of midnight will ring in the year, and in the songs of welcome to the new year. It will be refreshing to many to have the new year ushered in with something other than the raucous greeting which is so characteristic of the old year's end. The New Year's Eve broadcast will be with a statue dedicated to Freedom and the chimes of midnight will ring in the year.

The Hayden Planetarium in New York has been devoting its remarkable educational resources of late to the demonstration of a half dozen ways whereby the world might conceivably be annihilated. The mutability of this universe seems to be taken for granted. We doubt if such a cosmic game would have been thought of under scientific auspices a generation ago. But much has happened in the world in thirty years to check the fervor of the grave somber for some of the solemn truths of Holy Writ. The Spirit of God has said: "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat; the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).--Selected.

TRACT BOARD MEETING
The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Flatbush West and other offices of the board have been placed behind the largest portrait statue executed in modern times, depicting George Washington, president; and New York City. The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society has been busy the past month attempting to increase the efforts of the society. The business of the board was largely spent in counsel with the ministers in the district represented by these bodies. The board was led in prayer by Pastor Trevah S. Sutton.

The report of Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn was read and accepted as a whole.

Twenty-nine letters relating to the interest of the board have been written. Accompanied by Frederik Bakker, the secretary drove to Trenton, New Jersey, to look for a group of Sabbath keepers reported there. Results were disappointing, no trace of the group being found.

The day following the November board meeting was largely spent in traveling to Philadelphia and New York City, Seventh Day Baptist churches, planning for the preaching Ministry of the Board of Trustees represented by these churches.

The yearly meeting of the New Jersey and eastern New York churches was attended at Shiloh, N. J., where the secretary delivered an evangelistic message as requested, and gave a message on "The Testimony of London Seven Days Baptists." The special appeal for taxes on the Denominational Building was voted.

It was voted that the application for loan from the American Sabbath Tract Society by Dominick Rubbo, 210 Netherwood Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., be referred to the Investment Committee.

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SABBATH RECORDER
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to the area west of the city the poor country people have come in by the tens of thousands. It was estimated that thirty-five thousand came in one day and in the western part of the city where the fighting was taking place, thousands could see women, men, and children with their few belongings huddled together on the streets and sidewalks. There were street corner cafes in Shanghai caring for over sixty thousand people. These are all destitute and must be cared for until they can get back on their feet. They had been shelled and had lost all they had, and no more with which to begin. The reconstruction period will be as important as the present period of care for the needy. I am sure you have been reading much about this conflict. No one is free from attack and it would seem that those who were trying to escape safety were singled out for attack. The horrors of this war will never all be told.

As we come to this season and look back two thousand years, there was an event in history, in a small village, in a small country, which has changed life around the world. We have seen and heard of pessimists who speak evidence of what God through Christ has done in human personality—and those personalizations Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign of God. Many are building into life suspicion and hate which can only be changed by the power of the Spirit of God.

We have not yet seen the destruction which has been caused, even here in Shanghai. Night after night the roar of the guns and the howl of burning factories and homes. The loss in human life cannot be known, so many have been blown to bits. What has happened to all who are suffering, we do not know. It is our hope that we may find out perhaps for weeks to come. Many with homes and businesses north of Soochow Creek in the area controlled by the Municipal Council are not allowed to go over to investigate.

We appreciate your concern in not receiving mail from us in the early days of the conflict. To get mail in or out of Shanghai was next to impossible. Only yesterday did I receive the first word direct from Marcia, who has been here almost three weeks, in getting to me after she had written. Let me assure you that the mails are coming through, and don't anyone fail you by not sending let-


ters for fear they may not arrive. The sending of adequate information by telegrams was too expensive when funds were not available.

We have carried on and shall continue to carry on. One morning, not very long ago, the entire city seemed as quiet as the clear challenge that all this will have to be changed. Shanghai will have to be rebuilt. There will be Chinese and Japanese here, and they must learn to love and trust each other. I am thinking just now of all the very dear Japanese friends. Our scattered churches will have to be gathered together and even more difficult will be the task of rebuilding faith and love and good will. The hospital may have to be literally rebuilt; at least the severely wounded, who are now carrying on in many places will have to be got together and evaluate the task ahead and what we can do, perhaps, make a bigger task than has yet ever been ours.

I am glad that Christmas and New Year's are coming to us and to you at this difficult time. It is reminding us afresh that God's care is available and adequate for every need. I need him desperately, just that my perspective may be corrected. No narrow view can glorify him now. I cannot let him down.

He needs us in rebuilding this blind, bewildered world. Are we in his hands? Molested by him? Ready for his task?

With every good wish for you all, every one, at this Christmas time,

Sincerely your friend,

H. Eugene Davis

From China Mission Bulletin.

November 5, 1937.

At the same low surroundings this child was to revolutionize the world. There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks. The news of the night suddenly appeared to the shepherds great crowds of angels in the sky and one said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." And the sign was given that the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. And suddenly, the multitude of the heavenly host began to sing softly, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

After the angels disappeared and the glory of God had faded, the shepherds laid their flocks and made their way to the spot
over which the bright star stood. There they found the Babe in the manger, paid homage to the Savior, and made known the saying abroad which was told them concerning the Child.

Although the peoples of all the world could not have heard the story of the shepherds, there were those wise men who, too, had seen the star and from their far-away country in the east had, after learning its meaning, set out for the place over which it shone. On camels they had come, asking, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

Through all the long journey the star had guided them faithfully to where the child was in Bethlehem, and there they fell down and worshiped him. They presented their precious gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh and after being warned in a dream returned to the east unharmed and unmolested by Herod, who had feigned interest in the birth so that he might do away with the threat to his power. He then sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, that there be none of the Israelites which remain, except the Babe in the manger, paid homage to the Savior, and made known the saying abroad which was told them concerning the Child.

THE VOICE OF CHRISTMAS

I cannot put the presence by, of him, the Crucified.

Who moves men's spirits with his love as doth the moon the tide;

Again I see the life he lived, the godlike death he died.

Again I see upon the cross that great soul-battle fought.

Into the texture of the world the tale of which is wrought.

Until it hath become the woof of human deed and thought—

And, joining with the cadenced bells that all the morning fill.

His cry of agony doth yet my inmost being thrill,

Like some fresh grief from yesterday that tears the heart-strings still.

I cannot put his presence by, I meet him everywhere.

I meet him in the country town, the busy market

The mansion and the tenement attest his presence there.

Upon the funneled ships at sea he sets his face.

The distant ends of empire not in vain his name repeat—

And, like the presence of a rose, he makes the whole world sweet.

He comes to break the barriers down raised up

By barren creeds; About the globe from zone to zone, like sun­light he proceeds;

He comes to give the world's starved heart the perfect love it needs—

The Christ whose friends have played him false,

Whom dogmas have belied,

Still speaking to the hearts of men—though shamed and crucified.

The Master of the centuries who will not be denied

OKLAHOMA LETTER

DEAR SIR: I have just finished reading your editorial, "Not If." I would like to express the hope that Seventh Day Baptists are not going out if what they stand for is true. God is behind the truth and though some of his colorbearers fall to the earth, others will take up the fight until the truth wins. . . . God has said his Word shall not return unto him void but shall accomplish that for which it is sent. I do not think writers and talkers use God's Word enough. They quote this man and that man but seldom quote God's Word. Where will we find truth better expressed? You will find a truth expressed in a few words in the Bible that calls for paragraphs or pages in a book on psychology. I was surprised when I studied psychology to find how much of the truth that we were being taught was better expressed in the Bible. It is so in almost every study.

Workers fail. God does not fail, though we may think everything is against us. That is because we are failing or are in the thick of the battle so that we cannot see victory; but truth goes on, even if the worker fails. Elder Conradi would say the Church is going out. We have had some poor, weak leaders . . . who put forward their communicants and other political ideas, and talk almost nothing about what God says. . . . There is one . . .

whose sermons do me a lot of good; I think it is Elder Diff. I have thought Elder Diff. is wrought through faith. That is what we need.

The loss of members is discouraging . . . but, like Gideon's band, those that are left can win. It seems to me that I see signs of dawn ahead. Look at Congress . . . and shining feet.

We have a truth second to none and they who are searching for the truth, see it, and are coming to it; but is it not our fault that some who are ashamed of being Seventh Day Baptists, or apologize for being, will not bring in any new members . . . . We lost much when we lost Dr. A. H. Lewis and Lester Randolph. But it looks as though some of our younger preachers were going to do something. I liked that series of papers about the Holy Spirit, by Loyd F. Hurley. Better than anything I have seen on the subject. I like the way he is trying to reach out for those who are searching for the truth.

It looks like time to advance.

I have great hopes for the young folks but was sorry to see them in a paper fight over "Credo." . . . Criticism seemed most deserved by her teachers . . . . It sounded as though the first part was the echo of some of our ultimate preachers who scarcely knew "whom they have believed," while the last part is the expression of the real girl herself. She says, "I do know that my personality to be beautiful like his. I want to walk with my fellow men in humility as did he and I want to serve with that unselfishness which marked his service. That is the constructive part. It is as though she says, "Though they almost destroy my faith by their wise (or weak) prattling, 'yet will I trust in him.'" . . .

It is natural for Seventh Day Baptists to feel discouraged, in a way. Their doctrine is so far ahead of their time the mass of people cannot grasp it. It has been a long time to wait for people to be ready for the Sabbath. "But in due season we shall reap if we faint not." I have said I thought we were still two hundred years ahead of our time, but lately I have thought God was getting ready for an advance. There is less prejudice, apparently, against Sabbath keepers than there used to be . . . . If Seventh Day Baptists do not faint on the last mile they will win . . .

The lines below, author unknown to me, encourage us:

I cannot do it alone;

The waves run fast and high;

The fogs close thin around;

Victory is not there.

But I know that we shall win—Jesus.

Coward and wayward and weak,

I change with the changing sky—

Today so safe and brave,

Tomorrow too soon to fly.

But he never gives in,

So we two shall win—

Jesus and I.

I am glad they are going to manage to keep the Seventh Day Baptist Building. We ought not to retreat. . . . With best wishes for the success of your work, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

ELSA L. ESTER.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

DEAR MRS. GREENE: This is my second letter. I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. Delmer Van Horn is our music teacher and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn is our junior teacher. Our pastor is Rev. Mr. Hill. Charles and Myrtle Sayre are my parents. I have three pets, two cats and one dog. The dog's name is Tricky, and the cats' names are Pusssy and Tommy.

With love,

Helen Joyce Sayre.

North Loup, Neb.

DEAR HEN: You were very thoughtful to write again so soon and I want to know that I appreciate it. You cannot write too often to suit me. Have you taught your pets any tricks? Not long ago I saw a cat that had been taught to jump through a hoop and a dog that could shake hands, nod yes, and shake his head no, stand up and beg, and pretend he was dead. I think they were pretty smart pets, don't you? Do you ever hear the true dog stories over the radio Sunday afternoons? They are very good.

Merry Christmas. Lovingly yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.
Dear Mrs. Greene:

I should have written sooner, but I was so busy that I did not have time. I am in school now and in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Harold Carpenter. I enjoy school very much. I go nearly two miles to school. I am nine years old. I enjoy your stories in the SABBATH RECORDER. Much love,

Woodville, Ala.

Sincerely,

Mizpah S. Greene

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Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in high school at New Hope, Ala. I like it very much. I am taking music because they have music in school down there. There are three in my class besides me that take music.

My sister, Nancilu, is in Alfred going to school this year. You may see her. She says she likes it very much, although it is colder there than it is down here.

We have been having some snow down here and my smaller brother likes to play in it. It snowed last Wednesday and lots of it is still on the ground because of the cold weather. We have been going up tobacco.

There can be no doubt about the correctness of Chief Justice Hughes' statement as given above in the minds of those who have watched his steady advance in positions of trust and authority and which his very ability has thrust upon him. I can safely say that giving up tobacco has increased my efficiency twenty-five per cent.

In this interview Mr. Hughes disclaimed any intention of criticizing anyone who does use tobacco. When questioned he simply stated, in his honest, frank way, the splendid results that have come from giving up tobacco.

There are three in my class besides me that take music.

We are enjoying them. He went home this morning. He can work very well.

I am going to eat supper now.

Dear Betty, Dan, and Mary Alice:

I'll have to wait until next week to answer. Merry Christmas.

Mary Alice Butler.
Christianity, Christ and his influence has been the dominant influence during the Christian era. Never was his personal prestige and influence at a greater premium in the world than today, even when religion and the Church are seemingly at all a disadvantage. We find that many of the great religious leaders of heathen nations today, such as Mahatma Gandhi in India, Chuang Tzu of China, Buddha, Zoroaster, the Confucian, Judaism, Buddhism, and Mohammedanism in the Orient, are spurred on to exert their highest and best influence in the world for the good by the contagion, or the rivalry, of the power and influence of Christ in the world.

To the extent that Christian ideals and practices have impregnated themselves in human civilization we see, to that same degree, humanity living on a higher plane of progress, prosperity, and advancement in every sense. It is where the ideals involved in the Christian religion as manifested in the incarnation of Christ are taking root, that we see great reforms occurring that make for liberty, freedom of thought, respect in the family, and brotherhood in the community, the nation, and the world. It is true, there is yet much progress to be made in order for the goal of universal brotherhood to be realized and established, but there is power and force enough in the incarnate and crucified Christ to lead humanity on to that goal.

One by one, the great strongholds that have stood in the way of Christ have been thrown down or rendered powerless. The great Roman Empire tried to stamp out the fanatical sect of Galilea before the triumphant Church at the end of three centuries. Mohammedans and heathen religions have made desperate and gigantic efforts to drive Christ by force of arms, or by ridicule, but in both cases they have failed. Heathenism and Mohammedanism are on the defensive at this time. The difficulties now in the way of the Christian forces are not those which the enemies of the Christian religion present before them, but the failures of the Christian Church itself to live more completely true to the ideals, power, and purity of the incarnate Christ.

2. The Incarnation as a Doctrine

I said at the beginning of my discourse that I did not intend to discuss the orthodox doctrine of the incarnation of Christ; but I do wish to show something of the influence that doctrine had upon the history of the early Church, and upon the Church to-day. Men back there considered that the fact of God's being made flesh and dwelling among men, as exemplified in Christ's birth, needed a pre-emptive place in the contention for that which they considered on the verge of destruction. Good men fought each other and died, during three centuries or more, in an effort to settle the exact relation and proportion of the two natures of Christ, and to define the degree to which they procured to define the degree, that gave Christianity such a mighty conquering force. It was that power which moved the world against seemingly invincible barriers of political power, social customs, and an intolerant and exclusive religion, in spite of the contentions and discord existing among Christians themselves. It was that truth, with all its significance and import to humanity historically, doctrinally, and experimentally, is still a vital truth today. It is just as much in demand by a great and a glorious fact, of which our times as it was back there.

It is more than a doctrine, more than the greatest of all historical events. It is a per- fectly clear and perfect manifestation of life. This is the third point of this phase of our subject.

3. The Incarnation a Philosophy of Life

Back of the doctrine and history of the in- carnation lies the fact of an established rela- tion between God through the fact of the incarnation. In it is impressed that God making himself one with mankind, that of making man's cause his cause. Back of it lies the ultimate goal of humanity: that of life. This is the great internal force, the perfect harmony with God. This idea forms the warp and woof of all religious thought and experience in some way or another. That aspiration and yearning runs like a thread of scarlet through all the fabric of human ex- pression as expressed in the aspirations, re- ligions, and movements. It is through only the incarnation of God (made flesh and dwelling among men) that this yearning and aspiration finds its perfect and satisfactory expression, either historically or experimentally. It is in Christ's life, teaching, and conceptions of relations existing, and yet to exist, between God and man, that this relation of life is to be exalted, as a sublime concept and purest form as a philosophy of life.

This fact is a relationship established be- tween God and man. It goes back as far as we have any knowledge of human history. Through every emotion, motive, thought, deed, and aspiration that have moved men to love and serve unselfishly their fellow men, God has been the subject of reflection and dwelling among men. In this way he identified him- self with humanity from the beginning, even before he illustrated, concentrated, and con- verged all these revelations of himself through the functional of Christ as his only begotten Son, the fullness of God incarnate in humanity. Therefore, the true philosophy of life leads directly to the last and fourth point we are considering.

4. The Incarnation in the Experience of Humanity

In all his relations with humanity, and in all the relations of Christ in the world, it has been humanity itself in and through whom he has operated. Before Christ came in human form, in order to reveal God to man, God revealed himself to the millions of the lives of great and holy men who lived in the flesh by faith and expectation of a perfect and complete manifestation of God to come. God was manifesting himself in all the progress that men were making toward higher conceptions of himself, and of their relations to him and to their fellow mankind. He had revealed himself in all the righteous living; the evil resisted; the human suffering, injustice, and ignorance banished or diminished; in all the just and righteous laws which men came to know and enact; in all the tendencies toward union of mankind into any kind of brotherhood, such as family, tribe, commune, and nation; in the efforts of men to make themselves one with humanity from the beginning, and served unselfishly their fellow men, God Himself had upon the history of the early Church, and through the Church officially was proclaimed. This is a vital truth today. It is just as much in demand by a great and a glorious fact, of which our times as it was back there.
will be held at the Seventh Day Baptist church, the meetings continuing night -

After the war and that the religion of Christ will be more welcome than ever before.

At a church in ours were Esther and M. R. Palmer of the Baptist Church preached in the absence of Pastor Sutton, who was attending the yearly meeting at St. Louis, N. J.

A Preaching Mission, beginning on New Year's eve, will be held at the Seventh Day Baptist church, the meetings continuing night -

Many have given expression in my hearing that the patients are put to...
Fighting broke out the next day here in Shanghai. Our cows have had many experiences, as they did not reach Shanghai until after the fighting had been going on for some time. In all I had eight animals when the war began. Three were lost in the war area, one a small calf I sold, but hardest to bear of all was the loss of my two best ones by theft while they were still outside the settlement.

We know very little of the fate of our hospital. The Japanese have not as yet occupied Liuho, but the hospital is right among the Chinese trenches. I heard today that our semi-Chinese building had been injured by a bomb and that a good deal of the woodwork had been removed by the soldiers to strengthen their defense works; also that the Waite Cottage had been hit by a cannon shell but that the other buildings were intact. However, it was likely, the reports said, that the officers were occupying the buildings.

Our staff is mostly here in Shanghai. Doctor Pan is working in an emergency hospital for wounded soldiers. The technician and seven of our nurses are also in this hospital. It is an all-Chinese unit and they are working very hard. There are nearly four hundred cases. Until her school began Esther was also in this hospital where she had some very good experience.

I have had work in some of the refugee camps until a short time ago. The orphanage from near Liuho has been here in Shanghai in a camp and I cared for them until after the burning of their buildings, when the children were given to other institutions. I was also in daily attendance at the Y.W. refugee camp until it had to be given up on account of the opening of schools. It was in a school building. Now I am doing many small things. Have a clinic here every day; teach twice a week in our school; go once a week to the Y.W. Industrial Home; help some with the industrial work, which Miss Lok is still continuing with what girls are refugeeing in Shanghai; have two patients in the school here and one outside.

There seems to be little hope that our work can be taken up in Liuho again very soon, but we have every kind of faith that work of some sort will be taken up there again, and I hope that it will be better work than has ever been done there before. I am trusting that Doctor Thorngate will not give up the thought of coming, even now. The opportunities for work after this is over will be legion. You see that I am one of those people who do not know when they are licked, but it is not because of my faith in myself but because "I know in whom I believe and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

With joyful Christmas greetings to you all,

Grace L. Crandall.

—from China Mission Bulletin.

**MARriages**

Bartholomew-LOCKE.—At the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, De Ruyter, N. Y., December 11, 1937, Horace L. Bartholomew of Cuyler, N. Y., and Minniebell Locke of Lincklaen were married by Rev. Neal D. Mills. They will live on Cuyler Hill where Mr. Bartholomew is managing a large farm.

Cruzan-ALLEN.—On October 20, 1937, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Morton Davis, uncle and aunt of the bride, by Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell, Frank Cruzan and Ruth A. Allen, both of Marlboro, N. J.

Loofboro-GRANT.—Howard C. Loofboro of Welton, Iowa, and Ida May Grant of Milton, Wis., were married at the home of the bride’s sister, Mrs. George Michel, at Marion, Iowa, on Sunday, December 12, 1937, by the bride’s pastor, Rev. Carroll L. Hill.

**OBITUARY**

Sutton.—Andrew, son of Deacon F. M. and Cansada Stalnaker Sutton, was born near Berea, W. Va., October 26, 1883, and died at Parkersburg, December 2, 1937.

When a boy he was baptized and joined the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church; and on November 6 of this year he was received back into the church of his boyhood, upon his request.

He was married September 28, 1907, to Miss Mary Bee of Berea, who survives him, together with one son, Hugh; three grandchildren; his aged parents; and the following brothers and sister: Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, Shirley, Deacon Corliss, Hollie, and Grace Sutton.

Farewell services were held at the Ritchie church, December 4, in charge of his pastor, Elder C. A. Beebe, and interment made in Pine Grove Cemetery.

**REcORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS**

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of a like nature, will be run in this column at one cent per word for first insertion and one-half cent per word for each additional insertion. Cash must accompany each advertisement.

"SERMONETTES" for Sabbath Reading. ten cents. Also Hebrew taught by correspondence. Send 15 cents for first lesson. Miss Lois R. Fay, Princeton, Mass. 11-1-31