What Will You Do?

PRE-EASTER SACRIFICES

Self-denial for a noble purpose, than which none is more noble than to help build a Christian world!

Seven Day Baptists are helping the Master in such building.

NEEDS

1. Imperative Seventh Day Baptist Building need.
2. One hundred per cent Budget.
3. China sufferers (food needs).

If needs are met, members must give more than already pledged for the Conference year.

SUGGESTIONS

The Committee to Promote Conference Finances suggests especially during the pre-Easter period some self-denial plans be followed, e. g.:
1. A cent-a-meal box. Into this the family places money at meal time as a part of its worship experience.
2. A foot of pennies, nickels, or dimes (especially adapted to young people, but not confined to them).
3. Dime cards which have places for a certain number of dimes.

The family may decide the interest to which the meal box money shall be devoted; the individuals, the families.

BLESSING IN SACRIFICE

Money usually spent for candy, other luxuries, and pleasure, if GIVEN will bring rich blessing.

WILL YOU be willing to co-operate with others in following out SOME self-denial plan during this period?

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
A Brave Front

Faith in the goodness and purposes of God and confidence in him who never faileth, now and then are revealed to us in fits of cloud. When victory is to be met to the great crises of life calmly and go on to make the most of what of life and strength is left.

There comes a letter from one whom readers of the SABBATH RECORDER would love to know personally because of the helpful things she has written; one has never lived among Seventh Day Baptists, but known but few, but one who has found joy in the Sabbath and for many, many years has known him. That is a sight or a story. Here is the text.

We, who know this writer, well believe the remaining years will be useful and blessed to all around. How few are truly good, but a few. It is a day this little bird, her pen may occasionally be used to bring some of her faith-shine to the Recorder. Thank God for the many whose faith has brought them through storms and now that the bird chickadee she tells about her window, and hear the brief shining of the new bird which she hears but cannot yet discover. "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Welcome "Beacon" The February "Beacon," our Seventh Day Baptist young people's paper, has an attractive ten-paged "magazine" that the largest yet put out—and is full of interesting news of our societies "from Rhode Island to California, from Alabama to New York, from the east, west, north, southern, and mid-western groups, every church in the denomination has been reported." This is truly an achievement and value this issue interesting matter on vocations, Christian education, and information of general and particular interest to our young people.

This is a fine project being carried forward by our "hope of tomorrow." Power to the people. If there are those who read this—especially among lone Sabbath keepers—who would like to receive the "Beacon," send your name and address to Wayne Rood or Marion C. Van Horn, Alfred, N. Y.

Religious Liberty Our fathers and other generations of Christian leaders, Endangered fought, bled, and not a few of them died, to make possible the religious liberty enjoyed by many. So long has such liberty been experienced that we have accepted it as a right unquestioned and safe from any sort of interference.

In recent years some religious and other sorts of governmental interferences have been growing and multiplying until all truth and liberty loving people are becoming alarmed. Certainly they should feel a deep concern and take such procedure as may seem advisable in the promotion of calendar reform, with such adjustments as to necessitate the breaking up the sequence of time—the interference of the day of the week with the order of the months.

The impact of Germany in the present crisis has been as a reflection of the desire to be considered inalienable rights. We must not hide our eyes to the threats of our liberties. Think on these things.

Items of Interest A busy, thoughtful mother of Texas writes: "I feel that the criticism of the Reformer came to the door number of church papers whose tone is not kind, and I like to see the Recorder generous and free from bickering, and containing things that are of practical help to our daily living as well.

The board was led in prayer by Pastor Trevah S. Sutton.

The report of Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn was read and approved as follows, and the request for a worker to be sent to East Africa was referred to the Missionary Board:

The correspondence secretary attended the quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board at Westerly, R. I., February 6, when that meeting received some statements on foreign missions. One was on the work of the United States Department of Agriculture in China, and another was a report of the Tract Society's work in India.

A strong plea was made for an increase in the monthly budgets of the missions. The total amount received in this way during the month was $11,960.10, a decrease of 26.3% from the total for the same month of last year. The total given to the missions for the month was $11,544.35, a gain of 4.1% from the total for the same month of last year. The increase was due to more giving in the United States and a larger number of churches reporting.

The committee made some suggestions for improving the work of the missions. It recommended that the mission secretaries be given more authority to make decisions with regard to the work of the missions.

The monthly business of the mission secretaries was reviewed, and some suggestions were made for improving the work of the missions. The committee also discussed the possibility of establishing a mission field in Africa.

The report was approved.
Seminary were elected, representing respectively the手機s Boards of Convention.

As alternate for Doctor Carver, whom I have had the pleasure of knowing for the past year, we shall communicate with him concerning some of the issues likely to be discussed. We consider that these issues may be affected by the Baptist viewpoint.

It was voted that the board establish a permanent committee on the preparation and revision of denominational literature and that the president of the board be chairman of such committee with power to add other members as he may see fit from outside the board as well as from its membership.


MISSIONS

WHITHER

Constant change is the order in this world and it is sometimes said everything changes. We compare the members of a community today with those of years gone by, and we find many have passed away and new ones have taken their places. Also the buildings and the landscape have gradually changed. Governments change. They not only change their forms, but one becomes extinct and another takes its place. Our physical features are constantly changing. We do not look today as we did twenty-five years past and the change continues until all that is earthly returns to dust. The process of changing extends to the intellectual and spiritual. No two thoughts are ever exactly alike—there is something added or something taken away. Our spiritual life is so constantly changing for the better or for the worse.

Paul recognized this fact when he said, "The fashion of this world passeth away." If there were no guiding hand, this would be a terrible situation, driving individuals, institutions, and nations from worse to worse. But this is not the order in which we live. Men can make this ceaseless change result in bettering governments, institutions, and themselves.

HELPING THE REFUGEES

All hearts are stirred by the awful conditions of innocent men, women, and children suffering in China. Hundreds of thousands, have been killed. Others have been driven from home and made the victims of hunger, cold, and disease.

The question in many minds is, What can we do to help them? Among the things needed is temporal assistance, and this is where we can give aid. The Missionary Board has sent out calls; the Federal Council of Churches and the International Council of Churches have asked for offerings; the International Christian Council of China has sent out pleas; and recently the National Red Cross has made a special appeal.

Many Christian leaders in the United States have felt that the Red Cross would interest a far larger number of people than any other organization, and these sentences are for the purpose of urging Seventh Day Baptists, as well as all other people, to work for China relief through the Red Cross. The Missionary Board has had the matter under consideration and, believing that the most efficient way to accomplish the ends desired is through the Red Cross, the board has plans for a special appeal.

At its last meeting it appointed a committee to cooperate with others as opportunity offers. If people wish to contribute for the suffering in China through the Missionary Board, it will gladly forward the funds, but it is not asking for funds for that purpose. It is asking that people contribute generally to the China Refuge Fund of the Red Cross.

DOCTOR PALMBORG PAYS TRIBUTE TO MISS BURDICK

Secretary Wm. L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.

DEAR DOCTOR BURDICK:

I planned yesterday to write to you after the service for Mrs. Helen Thorngate, but was unable to do so. I sent you a telegram about her death Sabbath evening, and today I heard that Mr. Sherman Burdick had done the same.

She had not been very well for ten days, but was much improved. Had been up a little every day and was beginning to eat more as usual. On Friday Mrs. Helen Thorngate, with her father (Mr. and Mrs. George B. Shaw) drove over from Riverside, where they had arrived the day before, and after lunch Miss Chapin fixed her comfortably on the davenport in the living room and she had such a satisfying visit with them. Professor and Mrs. Coon from Milton also dropped in for a few moments to call. She remarked in the evening that the day had been "such a feast." She also said that it had been a wonderful day, that we had heard of the safety in China of a number of people about whom we had long been very anxious.

After retiring, however, she was very restless and could not get to sleep. At nearly one o'clock, a great shudder passed over her, and with just a few breaths she "fell asleep." The doctor called it hemorrhage.

Though we all feel so sad at her leaving us, we cannot help but realize that there were many beautiful things about it. A lady here with whom she had become acquainted, was so she near heaven anyway, that it was just a step. She had made many friends in the neighborhood, who were greatly attracted by her sweet spirit, and who truly grieve at her going.

I was not at home, as I had gone with the Shaws to Riverside. I was sorry to be away, but no one suspected that such an event would occur and had I been here I could have done nothing for her, though I might possibly have been of some help to the others. My sister telephoned to Riverside, and Helen told Miss Chapin and Mr. Sherman Burdick that in such case she desired to be cremated and her ashes taken to Alfred. First, on Monday morning a service was held for her at "The Church of the Flowers" in that beautiful place. As many as possible of her friends had been notified either by telegram or telephone, and a goodly number from our church here and from Riverside, as well as dear old missionary friends from China living at Glen dale and at Pasadena, attended the service, which was a very beautiful one. Pastor Hurley and Rev. George Shaw conducted it. The service did not seem unnatural as she lay in the grey casket, with a grey silk dress on, which was given her on some birthday by her beloved girls in Shanghai. Someone wrote that there are many girls in China, and that is true, for she was greatly beloved. There were many beautiful flowers artistically arranged around her.

This evening Miss Chapin has started for Alfred, and my sister and I have just returned from seeing her off. It seems very strange to hear her go, as we had decided on our further plans. So if writing to me, please send in care of Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, 4413 Lemon St., Riverside, Calif. Sincerely yours,

ROSA PALMBORG.

1449 N. Vista St., Hollywood, Calif.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

January 1, 1938 to February 1, 1938

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer.

To the world with the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

GENEAL FUND

Dr.
Cash on hand, January 1, 1938

\$2,503.51

Missionary pay 1936

\$425.00

Missionary pay 1937

\$425.00

Printing and stationery

\$100.00

Memorial Board income

\$11.78

M. L. Burdick

\$15.00

Balance

\$2,503.51
January 15

Grace Secretary
Ralph H. Coon
Kay Bee
Yordon
Boulder

Loan, Jennie

Anna M. West

C. E. Bond, Treasurer,

Balance, January 9, 1938

Denominational Budget

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Do some mountain dwellers, like us, return to the house of God, with their lamps, for re-filling and re-lighting for the next service? May we, too, keep our lamps "trimmed and burning."

Prayer by members.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S BOARD MEETING

The Woman's Board met Sunday, February 13, 1938, at the home of Mrs. Oris O. Stutter. Miss Lotta Bond, Mrs. E. F. Loofburo, presided and the following members were present: Miss Lotta Bond, Mrs. O. B. Bond, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. C. H. Siedhoff, and Mrs. Oris O. Stutter.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Loofburo, using Hymn: "The Light of the World is Jesus." Scripture reading: Ephesians 5: 6-16.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

At a session of the recent Florida Chain-Missions, a woman quoted the following: "A certain Christian church in South India is lighted by one large chandelier. In the chandelier are a great many small lamps. When the service is over, the chandelier is lowered and the little lamps given, one to each of the worshippers, to light their pathway home. It is an impressive sight to watch the tiny lights as they scatter and are seen to climb the mountain, far and wide."

The speaker added, "That is Christian missions.

As one listened to her words, one seemed to be standing in the dim shadows of the valley, with eyes turned toward the mountain and the homeward-moving lights. And there drifted into mind bits of the holy book — 'And God said, Let there be light, and there was light' — the first recorded words of the Creator. Then those marvelous sentences from John's Gospel: 'In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.' That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

Then the majestic declaration of our Lord, 'I am the light of the world'; and that other equally thrilling challenge to all who believe, 'Ye are the light of the world,' followed by the admonition, 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' And now the tiny lights on the mountain side had found their resting-place in home windows, to give the mountain dwellers there. We remembered the blessed truth, 'For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.' We seemed to turn away with a glance at our own feet, to whisper, 'Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.'

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Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the eighth grade. I go to the Seventh Day Baptist church. The name of my Sabbath school class is 'The Queen Esther Girls.' We are going to have some pins with a cross and crown on them. We have our memory verses on cards that go from A to Z.

I like to read the SABBATH RECORDER. Myra is writing, too. She is my twin sister. My small sister Paty is writing, too.

Your friend,

Yvonna Branch.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Yvonna:

I was sorry not to get your letter in with Myra's last week, but as you see you top the list today.

I think 'The Queen Esther Girls' is a splendid name for your class. Queen Esther was brave and faithful through everything, and you girls wish to follow her good example, do you not? When you look at your pretty pin it may indeed be highly to be faithful in your service as true Christians.

I am glad you like to read the SABBATH RECORDER, and especially glad that you have written a letter for the Children's Page.

Yours with love,

Mispah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I used to live in Paw Paw, Ill. I came to Michigan last May and I have been here ever...
since. I live with my sister. I am thirteen years old and I am in the seventh grade in school. I am uncle to five different children. One of my nephews was born February 11, 1938. We have named him Billy Burke.

The name of our Sabbath school class is "Up Streamers," and we have little pins like canoes and paddles.

Your friend, Ivan Burke.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Ivan:

Your class, too, has a very good name and one worthy of being your motto. Keep your streamers of Christian love and service ever high.

You surely have become an uncle early in life and a very capable one, I imagine. I became aunt to one nephew when I was about your age and I was very proud of it. Doesn't it make you feel wise to be uncle to so many?

When you write again you might tell us how the town in Illinois came to be named Big Foot after an Indian. I know the story about the snowstorm and a bit of Billy.

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Your loving friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Green:

I am seven years old. I have a new baby brother and his name is Billy. I like to go to Junior Christian Endeavor.

Virgil Pangborn.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Virgil:

I can make a very sure guess that you are one of the nephews telling about, since he told about his little new nephew, Billy. I'm also pretty sure that you are both very proud of fast baby boy. I was proud when my baby brother came, before I was four years old, but I thought he ought to have been a sister.

Are you having snow for coasting in Michigan this winter? We haven't had a great deal, but today we are having a real old snowstorm and a lot of blizzard so the boys and girls are out with their sleds again.

Affectionately yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am seven years old. I have a kitty named Dean. My Grandpa Severance fell on the ice and broke his shoulder.

Your friend,

Rolleasa Godfrey.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Rolleasa:

I was pleased to get another letter from a little girl I surely ought to know. I know the grown-ups in your family so well. Your mama told me about you when she saw her last summer.

I don't think one could have a nicer pet than a kitty, though dogs are all right, too. A boy would probably say a dog was best, but I'm partial to kittens, aren't you?

We were so sorry to hear about your grand- father, and we are very sure that his little home will not be long in mending. You must write again and let us know how he is.

Your loving friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am ten years old. I have a dog named Ted, and a cat named Stucky. I was baptized last summer. I like to go to Junior.

Your Recorder friend,

Marvin Cruzan.

Dear Marvin:

This is your second letter, too, isn't it? And glad I was to get it; I hope you'll do it often.

Are you a cat and dog good friends? One of our neighbors has a cat and dog that are the best of friends. It is comical to see them eating together, sleeping together, and playing together. As for our cat, Skeetiss, he has no use for dogs. One night he even growled at a man's coat because it smelt of dog.

Affectionately yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am five years old. I am at Junior Christian Endeavor now. I have a dog named Happy.

Patsy Branch.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Patsy:

It was nice to get your letter and I hope you will send me another soon. I was glad to hear about your dog, Happy. That's a fine name for a dog. He must be a very nice dog if he is like his name.

Your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

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OUR PULPIT TRAVELING ON

(Address given by Ahva J. C. Bond, Dean of Students, Concord Theological Seminary, at Plainfield Church, February 6, 1938, Plainfield, N.J.)

Texts: Genesis 12: 7-9; Hebrews 11: 1, 2, 8-10 (Moffatt).

A successful life is made up of aggressive action and contemplative quiet mixed together in proper proportions. The mood of the times or other external influences may stimulate activity or lure to rest. But those who have "traveled on," and have carried the race of mankind forward have not yielded to the present mood, nor caught their inspirations from earth-bound forces.

Mankind's benefactors, like Abram of old, have "passed on through the land," or have "moved to the hill of Bethel," or to some other hill, or have "traveled on, still southward" or in some other fixed direction; but like Abram, also, they have paused to build an altar, and have waited expectantly and with unconquerable faith "for the City with foundations."

I have said life is made up of activity and repose. The mood of our times seems to be that of feverish activity. I have read that, somewhere, I cannot now recall where, there is a sundial which tells the time to those who can read its sunlit face, and that on that sundial where all may read an inscription, and this is what it says, in sunshine or cloudy weather, day or night: "It is later than you think;" it is a good thing first heard about that inscription with its implicit warning to "hurry or you will miss something." I thought what an excellent thing it would be to have constantly before you such a reminder of the flight of time. "It is later than you think," I thought, and I met with an accident that put me to bed for a few days. One morning during that time as I was listening to the radio I heard someone refer to that sundial and its inscription. But he expressed its proffered admonition, and declared that "It is earlier than you think." I shall not try here to settle the dispute between the inscribed inscription and the radio announcement. But I am ready to give the latter some consideration.

We have just listened to a review of the fruitful years during the life of this church. All the past accomplishments of this church
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Time to 'know beauty; and time to feel again of bringing men into right relations with God and work for humanity can be done only by consideration of life.

In the course of the years I have learned that the sky is not what my sister and I thought it was, and the stars have been driven back to distances unimaginable and cold.

Meanwhile, what has become of God? There was a time when I almost lost him in the comprehendableness of the universe. But it is now not only that God is nearer than he was in my youth. Then he was above the sky which almost rested down upon me; now he is much crowning the hills that surrounded my home. Now I know that he is greater than the material universe, and at the same time is nearer than we think of it in our attempts to concern its selves with superficial things.

We will not stop, therefore, to quibble with Mr. Corbin, or anyone else, over the size of the universe. The infinite God whom Jesus reveals is big enough to occupy any universe that finite man is able to discover. Religion requires science, but does not bow down to her. Religion cannot get along without science as its "technical advisor" in the task of building a better world, but the Church is religion's instrument for accomplishing the task.

We find it great fun to speculate on the possible creations of this church, or of people who lived a hundred years ago, if they could but return to our present-day world. But we are thinking of superjects that will arise in the future. To interpret every part of Scripture for worship the second century will have done for this church, even as its first century marks but a limited period in the long history of the Christian Church.

The mother Church in England was nearly a hundred years old when the Church in Plainfield was founded. They did not just establish another organization. The church is unique. It is the one true church, the highest institution of the universe. But it is not self-sufficient. Like its founder, it is both human and divine. So is this Plainfield Seventh Day Baptists Church of Christ. Loyalty to the church, then, to this church, is loyalty to Christ. The church renders that high service which no other institution attempts to give; that is, to interpret every part of Scripture for worship. The church is Christ's technical advisor."
The Word of God, in the preaching service, in the back of his remark, and appreciated the comment. The third point I want to make is with a beautiful Sabbath afternoon in central Wisconsin, some years ago, I baptized a man forty years of age who had been brought up in the Amish Church, and who was now joining the Seventh Day Baptist Church. On the shore of that beautiful little lake surrounded by woods and grass and land this man said, "I am baptized with water, but I knew just what Luther would think of the step I am taking." I recognize the seriousness back of his remark, and appreciated his feelings. And I said, "What sort of step did Luther take? How far did he go from the teachings of his childhood and the religious practices of his early manhood, in order to be true to the teachings of the Word? Rest assured, my dear brother, that the only way you can be true to Luther is to step out in the light of God's Word as you see it." And that is the only way that we can be true to the faith of our fathers.

A fresh, intelligent, sincere study of the Bible is the greatest need of Christians today. If the members of this church, with open minds and hearts, are gathered around the Word of God, in the preaching service, in public worship, in group study, in the home and family life, in private reading and contemplation, the Bible of this church is assured for another hundred, yet, for a thousand years, with the certainty of the existence of God who works in the affairs of men. Bible study is the home next door, in the book of rules, as it was to the Pharisees, but what it is in fact, the account of how God during the centuries through man's confusion has been written on the church rolls, but who are no longer with us, call this church to a faithful and intelligent observance of the Sabbath, and to reproduce the holiness of God, and the touchstone of religion. To revive in men a sacred regard for the Sabbath day is not to exalt an institution alien to life and to renew the world for the holy Sabbath of God has all the sacred sanctions and contains all the life-fulfilling elements necessary to bring into our hectic world the soothing and invigorating breath of heaven.

The men and women, a great company of saints, whose lives through the centuries have been written on the church rolls, but who are no longer with us, call this church to a faithful and intelligent observance of the Sabbath, and to reproduce the holiness of God, and the touchstone of religion. To revive in men a sacred regard for the Sabbath day is not to exalt an institution alien to life and to renew the world for the holy Sabbath of God has all the sacred sanctions and contains all the life-fulfilling elements necessary to bring into our hectic world the soothing and invigorating breath of heaven.

The monthly meeting of the ladies' society was entertained by Mrs. Genevieve Stone in her home in Canastota; over fifty were present. After a short talk from the book, "What Is This Moslem World?" the time was occupied in tying a quilt and other work. A cafeteria dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lennon entertained the Young People's Social Club in the church parlor on the evening of February 12. An appropriate program for Lincoln's Birthday was given and Stanley Fargo put on some of the poems and skits of that period. Some news came from many more sources in the denominational field than have been heard from before.

The students of the School of Theology were given a special opportunity to confer with Dr. Justin Wroe Norton of Rochester-Colgate Theological Seminary last Sunday afternoon. After the theology class, Dean Bond showed Doctor Nixon a few points of interest in the Gothic.

ALFRED, N. Y.

As February 5 was the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor society, the morning service on February 5 was prepared by Pastor Davis with that thought in mind.

The campus club met with Mrs. L. J. Green, February 17. Mrs. J. J. Noble, leader of the afternoon, had as her subject, "Modern Poetry," and gave a short sketch of the life of each author whose poetry was read. Among the poems read were those of Robert Browning, William Wordsworth, Rudyard Kipling; "My Aunt's Bonnet," Edgar Guest; "The Old Swinnin' Hole," James Whitcomb Riley; "In Pander's Fields," John McCray and the "Response," R. W. Lillard; and a selection from Edna St. Vincent Millay's "Conversation at Midnight." Those assisting Mrs. Noble were Mrs. E. Palmer, Mrs. C. S. Sayre, Mrs. L. O. Greene, Mrs. Willis Stillman, Mrs. C. S. Lawton, and Mrs. C. M. Sheldon.

Dr. Edgar Van Horn of the faculty of the School of Theology has gone to New York City to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New York State Anti-Saloon League, of which he is a member.

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By request, Rev. L. O. Greene brought to the club the question of a community youth hostel here at Albion.—Milton Junction Telephone.

BEREA, W. VA.

The Christian Endeavor at Berea has completed eleven years under its present organization. This anniversary, on Sabbath, February 5, was observed with special young people's services. Mrs. Beulah Sutton is now the acting president of the society, while Miss Lenore Sutton is the secretary. Because some have gone away to school and some have moved from the community, the membership of the C. E. society has decreased during the past winter months. The addition of five younger members has aided to a large extent in its ability to carry on its activities in spite of its loss of the older members.

Plans are made in the society to go on with the reading-room project; the group will give a play to aid in raising funds. During December the C. E. society was especially active and held several very good meetings, especially the Christmas candlelight meeting prepared and led by Lenore Sutton. During January a successful social was held.—From the Seventh Day Baptist Beacon.

RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

Newark.—A resolution expressing sympathy for Rev. Martin Niemoeller, who is on trial in Berlin for opposition to Nazi church regulations, was adopted by the Presbytery of Newark at its stated session here.

The resolution, which was drawn and presented by Rev. Dr. O. Bell Close, pastor of Fossmith Memorial Church of Belleville, read as follows:

Whereas Martin Niemoeller, a worthy successor of Martin Luther, is on trial in Berlin for his defense of Christian liberty; Resolved, That we congratulate him for his defense of Christian liberty; and, That we remind the German press on any subject, and upon the honor and esteem in which he is held by the free peoples of the world; and, That we remind ourselves, in spite of its loss of the older members, that his society is especially active and held several very good meetings, especially the Christmas candlelight meeting prepared and led by Lenore Sutton. During January a successful social was held.—From the Seventh Day Baptist Beacon.

OBITUARY

FISHER.—Nathan Sylvester, son of John and Mary Fisher, born at Avoca, Iowa, March 7, 1861, passed away at his home at Edinburg, Tex., February 2, 1938.

September 19, 1886, he was married to Eliza Dickinson in Folk County, Neb. In 1892 they went to North Loup, where a few years later Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were converted to the Sabbath and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church. In 1919 the family moved to Edinburg, Tex. In 1926 Mr. Fisher became a constituent member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Edinburg.

He leaves besides his widow a son and two daughters: Alfred G., Myrtle Smith, and Mabel Moore; ten grandchildren; a brother; and two sisters. Funeral services were conducted at Edinburg by Rev. Dallas Lee of the Baptist Church, burial services by Rev. Angeline Allen, at McAllen, where the body was laid to rest.

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TO TEARS

By Kagawa

Ah, tears! Unbidden tears!
Familiar friends since childhood's lonely years.
Long separated we.
Why dost thou come again to dwell with me?
At midnight, dawn, midday,
Ye come; nor wait thy coming nor delay:
Nay, fearless with what scorn
Ye picture China by my brothers torn.
Thy scorn I must accept.
But I'm no coward; pray heed ere more ye've wept:
I love Japan so far.
And China too; this war I cannot bear.
"Is there no other way?"
Thus do I search my spirit all the day
Nor ever reach a goal:
I live, but only as a phantom soul.
Like Christ who bore our sins upon the cross,
I, too, must bear my country's sins and dross;
Land of my love! Thy sins are grievous to be borne.
My head hangs low upon my form forlorn.
Ah, tears! Unbidden tears!
Long separated we.
Alas! Has come another day.
When I must dwell with thee.

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