Six years ago this summer the Riverside Church sponsored its first summer camp for young people. In the years since, we have held four young people's camps, one junior camp, three children's one-day "camps" for the little folks, and this year we have added one for older young people, an experiment which was most successful.

Because this camp was organized to serve those who are regularly employed, it was necessary to cut down on the time somewhat. So we went to the mountains (using the Y.W. C.A. grounds where all but one of our camps have been held) on Friday afternoon of Labor Day week-end, and stayed until Monday afternoon. No definite age limit was placed, but most of those who attended fell in the twenty-five to forty class.

Pastor Hurley was the official leader. He led the worship service each morning, conducted a class for the little folks who came with their parents, arranged the camp fires, and had the general oversight of the camp. Mr. Henry, of Fontana, a member of our church group, led a class each morning. Ted Stillman, of Montebello, also a member of our church, had charge of recreation. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Van Meter, friends of our church, who have recently returned from China, were with us and helped in the program. Mrs. Emma Jeffrey, of Los Angeles, served us as cook. Friends from Los Angeles also attended as campers.

It is not easy to explain what happens in a camp. Those who have attended one will understand; those who have not need the experience before they will be able to realize fully what it meant to us who were in attendance. But of the following, we are sure: Truths taught amid the beauties and grandeur of nature make a deep impression. They come to hearers with new emphasis, and they are received by open minds. Not only young people, who are looking forward to life's real work, need the inspiration of such an experience. We believe that there is no better way to create a feeling of unity among members of a church group than by living, playing, learning together, in such a setting. People come to understand each other better, are less critical of each other, and can work together more happily as a result of a successful camp. A few days away from regular activities give opportunity for us to take stock of ourselves and renew our contact with our Lord. We have become definitely "camp-minded." There is talk of still another camp next year, for the next age range.

We were not at all sure of the outcome of our experiment when we began. But no one who attended is doubtful of its value now. With very little change, the same plans which worked for young people's camps will work for the next age group. We earnestly hope to repeat our experience next year, with perhaps an extension of time. We recommend our plan to any other church; we are sure the results will justify the effort.

Bernice Brewer.

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the northern Wisconsin and Minnesota churches will be held at Dodge Center, October 21 and 22, 1938.

Mrs. Cora Bond, Corresponding Secretary.

MARRIAGES

Ketchum-Wuoff.—At the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage in Dodge Center, Minn., Pastor Charles W. Thorngate solemnized the marriage service of Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum of Dodge Center and Miss Mayme Wuoff of West Concord.

Bentley-Tucker.—On Monday evening, August 29, 1938, in the Seventh Day Baptist church at Berlin, N. Y., Whitford Bentley of Berlin and Miss Eva Tucker of Petersburg, N. Y., were united in marriage, Pastor Wing officiating.

OBITUARY

Eckland.—Mrs. Bertha Hummel was born at Marlboro, N. J., on November 2, 1871, and died September 14, 1938. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell, were held from the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist church on September 22, 1938. Interment was made in the Marlboro cemetery.

Tomlinson.—Lewis Everett, child of Everett and Betty Tomlinson, was born November 19, 1938, at Shiloh, N. J., and died at the Bridgeport Hospital September 22, 1938. Both parents are members of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church, and one of the two was visiting her sister Cynthia, nearly four; and a brother Francis, two. Services were conducted by the pastor, and burial was made in the Shiloh cemetery.

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Ordination of  

To the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church at Washington, D. C., was the scene of a most inspiring service Sunday afternoon, October 9, when one of its sons, Luther W. Crichtlow, was ordained to the gospel ministry. The council was made up of representatives of at least nine Seventh Day Baptist churches. Rev. Alfred T. Bond, D. D., president; Rev. Leon M. Malby, clerk. Secretary Wm. L. Burdick was appointed to conduct the service.  

Mr. Crichtlow, who is to sail as a missionary to Jamaica November 9, is well known to our readers, being for three years the contributing editor of the Sabbath Recorder, for the young people. He was graduated last spring from the Alfred Theological Seminary.  

His quiet, unassuming statement of faith and personal piety of our churches to the Lord, as he dejectedly and slowly walked from the baseball field, was beautifully illustrated by the ideal of the majority of our schools and colleges whose students endeavor to play the game according to the rules of Christian sportsmanship.  

A baseball championship game was being played on the home field of a certain college. The students of this school had been anticipating this game with the hope of victory.  

It was the last inning, and a scoreless game. The visitors were batting. A batter hit the ball. It was quickly recovered and thrown to first base. The runner was called out, and the debaters added to the Florida courthouse. The diamond carried the game from the home team rooters.  

Presently, "Red," the first baseman, was seen going towards the umpire, and this is what he said, "I dropped the ball." No eye had seen what happened—that the ball had touched the ground before it was so quickly recovered by Red. History shows Red knew that according to the rules of the game the runner was not out. The runner re-entered the game and scored—the only score that lost the championship game for the home team.  

According to the story as told by an army chaplain, Red was called to the college president's office where he was told to drop out of college; his heart sore at losing the championship for his school. But the president was a great Christian and preacher, honored and beloved in many states. Looking him squarely in the eye he said, "Red, we had high hopes, winning that game yesterday, but we lost it. We lost it because you played the game honestly and according to the rules of Christian sportsmanship. But, Red, yesterday we won the greatest victory in the history of our college. That victory is scored a greater triumph. It was the victory of Christian sportsmanship and character. I knew you was so proud of a student in all my life."  

Getting What We Pay For  

According to statistics given by the National Committee for Religion and Welfare Recovery, the aggregate income of the people of the United States for 1936 was $48,718,000,000—an increase over 1932 of 61 per cent.  

In spite of this increase of our income since 1932, the American public actually decreased its gifts to the causes that were dependent upon it, per cent, general benevolences 29 per cent, community chests 24 per cent, and colleges 18,000,000,000...
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per cent. At the same time expenditures for jewelry, army and navy, theaters, cigarets, automobiles, etc., which have been raised, has increased vastly varying from 25 per cent to 317 per cent.

We deplore the loss of moral conditions in this country and the poverty in spiritual growth. Seventh Day Baptist incomes and expenditures are a constituent part of the general service. Are we not getting about what we pay for?

"Where a man's treasure is there will his heart be also." Is it not also true that where a man's heart is, there will be direct his treasure?

Whiskey Vores the Children: Let the "Children Speak"... We deplore the results of liquor around us as we meet it in our easier walks and experiences; its effect upon the welfare of homes and little children is appalling.

"LET THE CHILDREN SPEAK"

Ponder the following pronouncement made by Evangeline Booth:

"You may crush every voice of national and individual complaint; you may silence every other tongue, even those of mothers of destroyed sons and daughters, of wives of profligate husbands; but let the children speak..."

CHAPTER I

OUR OLD WOMEN

BY NANCY D. UNDERHILL

There seems to be at the present time both a great poverty in the public work of usefulness, or even in the homes where the grandparents, parents, and children live together.

Our beloved Apostle Paul, who was personally taught by Jesus to instruct his people among the Gentiles, especially, gave instructions to the ministers to teach all classes of Christians the things they ought to do. The old people are considered first, and to them is given the responsibility of instructing the younger. Titus 2: 2-3.

The old people have been learned by experience many things which the younger have not learned, or of which they have only heard. They are therefore competent to teach and advise those of less experience.

After instructing Titus in regard to the older men, he tells him to teach the older women likewise to be examples and "teachers of good things. That they may teach the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home," etc. So, the aged women are to be teachers.

 Coyne. Among the things which help in the exercise of grace is that every church should act upon the recommendation of the Commission, reduced the share of the Missionary Board in the United States, and the conclusion is that the aged men and the younger have the responsibility of teaching the older, and the younger to teach their parents.

MISSIONS

FACING AN OVERDRAFT

It has been many months since the Missionary Board had an overdraft; but when the contributions for September were all in, there was a deficiency of funds to pay the salaries of workers for September, and the salaries of about one-half of them are still unpaid.

No small part of this is the result of the fact that the General Conference, upon the recommendation of the Commission, reduced the share of the Missionary Board in the United States, and it is not at all improbable that there would be a heavy overdraft unless the contributions were markedly increased.

The employees of the Missionary Board are now paid at best, winter is approaching, and they are suffering from a shortage of money, but the purpose of the money is to supply the needs of the church, and require him to practice all the self-denial. So, we old, experienced grandmothers and grandparents should teach our younger women to practice loving self-denial and be faithful under all circumstances.

A HELP IN CULTIVATING THE GRACE OF LIBERALITY

The grace of liberality should be cultivated the same as any other grace. Exercising the grace of liberality on the part of Christ's followers is not only a necessary part of the advancement of his kingdom, but in addition to this it increases and adds to the joy of the Christian life. Christ taught us, and human experience proves, that no one can be happy who does not exercise the grace of liberality.

Among the things which help in the exercising of grace is system. System is necessary to a healthy and working system means that we set a definite amount which we will try to give and also that we will try to give regularly. Tithing covers these points and the advantage of the envelope system now followed by most churches is that it helps to reduce our giving to a system. The amount given is not so important as it is that there be a system. A very small amount given regularly amounts to a surprising sum and the burden is lessened.

The reason that in giving is in accordance with the plan adopted by the last Conference when it recommended, "That each church should guarantee or undertake as its share of the United Budget for the current year a minimum amount equal to its average annual gifts to this same object for the past five years, plus five per cent, but this minimum should in most cases be exceeded."

The reason funds are lacking for missions is not because there is scarcity of money, but one great reason is because churches and individuals lack system in exercising the grace of liberality, and consequently rob God.

DOCTOR PALMBORG ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI

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

Dear Doctor Burdick:

I was pleased to get your letter on the steamer after leaving Victoria, B. C., on August 20.

I must have come from Southern California and was with me for several days before I left. In Seattle we were entertained one without the necessities which their salaries purchase.
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day by an old China friend of mine, who took us around in her car to many beautiful places, best of all the museum in Volunteer Park, built by a philanthropic gentleman to house his great collection of fine jades, throwing it open to the public freely. There again I drank in the beauty of real Chinese art and culture, and felt worse than ever at the thought of how this great people have been made to suffer from no fault of their own. But back then, that they had been put to turn their thought to art and culture rather than to preparation for war.

As my steamer started on the Sabbath, we went up to Victoria on the day before, and that afternoon went out to see the wonderful Butchart Gardens, another place kept up at great personal expense by that family, that the public might be keenly in their beauty. I, for one, felt deeply grateful.

Our third class was quite comfortable and we were given many of the privileges of the tourist class. We were three in the room most of the way, and I was thankful that the others were congenial companions and very thoughtful of the old people, who were wonderfully fine, though we twice narrowly escaped typhoons which devastated Japan. We reached Shanghai on September 6, and I found all our missionaries and a large number of Chinese friends to meet me, which was no light task, as the weather was hot and they were obliged to stand in the sun for two hours. My daughter, Elbing, had arranged a large birthday dinner party for me at a nice restaurant, which I greatly enjoyed.

I found the missionary compound more crowded than ever. Over 1,500 school children are being accommodated for their studies, and many others are still on the place who have no homes to return to. I have not yet been to Liusho, as I have no Japanese pass and am just recovered from a severe cold, which was not so pleasant a welcome to China as the other greetings. We are planning to go soon. Conditions out there are still very bad, I understand.

I have taken over part of the work Doctor Crandall has been carrying and hope that feels a little relieved. She has still enough. I do not see how she has stood the awful strain for so long. All the people here seem to be in good health, which is certainly something for which to be devoutly thankful.

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This morning there are rumors of war started in Europe. If true, we wonder how it will affect us here. May God grant that it is not true!

Asking your prayers for us all that we may do his will, and that his kingdom may come through it all,

Sincerely yours,
Rosa W. Palmberg.
The report was accepted.

Business Manager L. Harrison North reported as follows for the Supervisory Committee:

Your committee would respectfully report that it has authorized the manager to make a loan up to $3,000 at 5 per cent to be amortized over a period of thirty months or less, to complete the payments on the rebuilt Miehle press No. 4-3R with extension delivery for the Second Post Pile Feeder, now being installed.

It was voted that the report be received and the authorization of the loan be approved.

Chairman Lavern C. Bassett reported informally for the Investment Committee.

It was voted that the action of the Investment Committee in making expenditures and repairs in connection with the Moore property be approved.

It was voted that the Investment Committee be authorized and empowered to arrange and authorize payment for ordinary repairs to property in the hands of the board.

The requests of the General Conference as embodied in recommendations 3 and 4 of the Commission were presented. The recommendations are:

That an item of $3,200 for the balance needed for the clearing of the debt on the Seventh Day Baptist Building as well as also the additional amount of a deficiency, if any, which there may be in raising said building's portions of its budget for the ensuing year, be raised independently of the regular budget, and that the Trust Society be requested to serve in this respect, as last year.

The recommendation of the Trust Society to be requested to continue its efforts in behalf of endowment for the Seventh Day Baptist Building.

It was voted that the chairman appoint a committee of five with Mrs. William M. Stillman as chairman to carry on the appeal for the Seventh Day Baptist Building endowment, taxes, and maintenance as requested by Conference

It was voted that the suggestion of Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn concerning one possible method of appeal for Seventh Day Baptist Building funds be referred to the Committee to Conduct the Appeal for the Seventh Day Baptist Building.

It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to continue the special account for the Seventh Day Baptist Building Budget.

Asa F. Randolph reported that the title of the Seventh Day Baptist Building was changed to the General Conference incorporated in New Jersey where it may be difficult to appoint a key- worker; nevertheless, in order to cooperate with the Woman's Board to the best of their ability.

The letter presenting the suggested goals for the year's work in our women's societies was read by Miss Bond and will be sent out immediately. A letter was received from Mrs. Luther Davis, chairman of the Council Committee on Women's Work, relative to the work of that committee prior to and during Conference.

An error was noted in the list of Woman's Board correspondents. Miss Ada Bond, Roanoke, Va., is correspondent for the Southeastern Association.

Our officers were allowed their yearly expense accounts.

If the weather is favorable the second Sunday in November, the board plans to meet with Mrs. Eldred Batson, Harrisville, W. Va., Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, President, and Mrs. O. B. Bond, Secretary.

DEACON MERTON BURDICK

George Merton Burdick, son of Rev. George Burdick and Mary Watson Burdick, was born near Utica, Wis., October 20, 1874. With his father and mother he moved to Alford, Nebraska, and lived there until his early twenties. He entered Milton College and was graduated in 1897. He taught school for three years before entering the Chicago College of Dental Surgery from which he was graduated in 1903. He practiced dentistry in North Loup, Neb., until 1916, moving then to Milton Junction. Three years later his health necessitated giving up his dental practice. He was custodian of buildings and grounds at Milton College for one year, after which he accepted a position with the Burdick Corporation of Milton. This he held till last July, when his poor health forced his retirement. He was married in September, 1900, to Bertha Lawton of Milton Junction. To them were born two children: Harold, now professor of science in North Dakota State Teach.
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We wish to extend our sympathy to the family and desire that these words of appreciation and gratitude and what is required in the way of living to attain it.

I read a story about a doctor who was graduated from Johns Hopkins. He has as great an abundance of humor and Jack Benny and is consulted by the top surgeons of the world on many things. When he left school to take up his profession he didn't want to be a success. He said, "I want to have a good time. To have fun" has been his motto, yet he is one of the leading surgeons of the world. His name is Paul W. Harrison. Read his story by Jerome Berry in the October American magazine. After you have read this story of a man who didn't want to be a success, do you think that you would trust more Christians with important things? I do. If we think only of success our heavenly Father becomes our god. Love leaves us. We trust more Christians with important things.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Seventh Day Baptist Young People! Did you read the last two lines of the SABBATH RECORDER for October 10, 1938? There is something that will make you stop and think. Many Christians are a success in life but, oh, what a pitiful thing it is that God's grace is wasted on those who resist more Christians with success! Why can't he trust them? Perhaps it's because they count as successful only those who accumulate quantities of dollars and cents. All too often those people who consider wealth a criterion for success find that the interest in money and the influence of money power it can give them has crowded out of their lives many other very essential things. Jesus told of a man who received a large legacy and went to a great store and stored them down to build greater, hoarding up this world's goods for his own selfish use.

We are all familiar with the story of the miser that filled his life of Silas Marner as he selfishly and slavishly gathered money. People who strive for material things and consider them tokens of success, find love and mercy and sympathy they experience with those who trust more Christians with success. They find their lives starved of real fellowship and comradeship that we all must have in our lives. To the Prodigal Son wealth was the height of success. That was what brought him his friends. But with the passing of wealth his friends left, and he had to rebuild his whole life with a new ideal for success. In the Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, how miserable and disagreeable old Scrooge was until the Spirit of Love dawned in his heart. The greatest success of his life came with the dawn of love.

Where most people make their mistake is setting success up as their goal in life. The thing to do is to say I'll be a good Christian and work earnestly and honestly at whatever I do. Only if success which is our heavenly Father is crowded out of our lives and success becomes our goal. Love leaves us. We become greedy, selfish, grasping misers. Our only friends are those who want our wealth. What we young folks need to do is write a new definition of success and what is required in the way of living to attain it.

If we have another Teen-Age Conference that I received while you were at the Age Conference are outstanding. I received them down to build greater, hoarding up this world's goods for his own selfish use.

MOLDING THE PATTERN OF LIFE

Man's life is an empty thing without idealism. When religion and idealism go hand in hand, he builds a rampart against despair. When inevitable disappointments threaten to engulf him, he is fortified against the treachery of forces of doubt and disbelief. Down the centuries of the past religion has given spiritual nourishment to countless millions. This is the day of the press. The power of the printed page is one of the greatest forces in modern life. In bringing this power to the aid of the church, the religious press is an increasingly important factor in carrying the message of the Church to the thoughtful citizenship of our time.

In hundreds of thousands of homes the religious press is molding the pattern of American life.—Associated Church Press.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY AND RESPECT

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We remember with pleasure and gratitude her interest manifested in the efforts and work of the church and personal religious. In -the usual activities of the church and personal religious activities of the church and personal religious activities.

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From a paper by Rev. Philip Polan, given in Young People's Conference program.

It is not the great sins that mar us. Most people pass through life with no great stain on their reputation. It is the little sin that eats into the character and causes a gradual disintegration of moral fiber. It produces a loss in spiritual vigor. Christian enthusiasm collapses under its insidious influence. We grow morally weaker year by year, yet scarcely notice the progress of the baneful work.

Occasionally a strong character breaks down under some great sin, but most wrecks are the result of little sins.

As the acid destroys the toughest fabric and the iron rust the finest handiwork, so do these little sins eat their way into the very structure of the soul.

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We worry about the big things, but don't pay attention to the little things. We even partake of the little things, and this is a matter for deep concern. That is one of the purposes of the church to extend our sympathy to the members of the W. Seventh Day Baptist Church, being the home. Doctor Burdick's family was an important factor in carrying the message of the Church to the thoughtful citizenship of our time.

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MY GARDEN
BY MRS. AHVA J. C. BOND

If you have a garden perhaps you have had the privilege of making it and overcoming the difficulties which face every gardener, as did my good friends my mother and my vegetable garden, which he describes as being bounded on the north by paintbrush, on the east by quack grass, and on the west by ten acres of woodchucks. There is always a thrill in making your own garden, in overcoming the obstacle in any task, or you may have happened upon a garden, as have we in moving in at Cranndall Hall. I think perhaps our garden is different from most people's in that it looks strange apple trees, two pear trees, three blue spruce trees, two mammoth willow trees, and many Lombardy poplars which act as guards on two sides of the garden. There then are the usual well-formed flower beds, a tall hedge belonging to the town, clumps of shrubbery placed at proper angles, a long and wide cement walk leading to the summer house, a brook filled with cat-tails, and a pool receiving its water through the mouth of a lion's head. A few mornings ago I was led to come in for comfort and help. It seems to be necessary for some of us to look through the shadows in order to see the Christian way clearly. As we live in our garden, there are familiar places, and trees and flowers which become very dear to us. There stands just outside my bedroom window an old apple tree. Some day in early spring I said to my tree, "Why do you stand so straight and blossom so beautifully? You have a big block of cement spilling over to your side. Then why did you not wither and die when you received your injury? Your next door neighbor is a thing of beauty with all of its branches covered with sweet-scented blossoms. Tell me, why do you try to carry on when you behold the accomplishments of your companion?"

My tree said to me, "It is my inner life that counts, like that. There are people who plan out life's work in one place, and are permitted to carry on as long as strength will allow. For some of us this seems delightful. For others life is different. Many put forth conscientious, faithful effort into one particular work in one particular place and all at once it seems best for them to move on. It may be a promotion or change at another place. As we are making our gardens here on earth, we are also making life's garden, whether we find it or not. And in it we should be able to find a comforting hedge of faith, stalwart trees of accumulated strength, a straight and narrow path leading to an everlasting harvest above, blossoming flowers of unsufficiency, a stream of love flowing straight from the Father's heart, tall straight trees of truth protecting us."

I know a man now past seventy years of age who has recently planted an orange grove. Someone remarked that in fifteen years he would have an orange producing grove. Seventy plus fifteen is eighty-five. If this man lives to enjoy the fruit of his grove he will be doing better than most men, but the oranges are not or he will have enriched life's garden many fold by his deed of unsufficiency.

In my garden there are many shadows—long shimmering shadows cast over the spacious raisin trees by the morning sun, deep humorous shadows of noonday and late evening. If it were not for the shadows the granddaughter and grandson could not stretch out upon the ground and pick their apples and look straight up into the sky. If it were not for the shadows, there could be no friendly chat or family pic-nic under the willow tree. In my garden would not be found the flowers more and inviting if it were not for the shadows. In life's garden there come shadows—shadows for which we are responsible, and shadows for which we are not responsible. It is the shadows rightly received which make life's garden more sympathetic and understanding for those who come in for comfort and help. It seems to be necessary for some of us to look through the shadows in order to see the Christian way clearly.

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I saw Nancilu a number of times last year, but haven’t thought of the sight of this year as I have been so busy at home that I haven’t seen much of Alfred. 

Sneezing is feeling almost as frisky as a kitten, although he was eleven years old last June, and that’s quite a cat, for you know. He had quite a funny experience today just before dinner. Little Joyce and her father and I had a bloody nose.

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Since the pains of death are past, the labors and toil of the soul cease.

Ii fe's long warfare closed at last,

And life's long warfare closed at last,

Till might's long warfare closed at last.

I hope you will be able to find a perspective among Recorders children.

He was truly a man after God's own heart.

For the heaven that smiles above me

So urgent and so universal that he reluctantly consented. It was in this capacity that he was called to the active editorship at the age of forty-seven. Since that time he has been engaged in national crisis.

In an editorial of his characteristics it should be said that he had unusual physical stamina. He worked intensely and long hours. Some years after he had passed the meridian of life he visited the Holy Land and rode through the rugged parts of that sacred country. Home again, he taught by day and frequently lectured by night at distant points. The only mode of transportation was to ride on horse or on foot.

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I have a little cousin named Esther Naomi who called me "Jeeze. Loves Me," and many other songs about God. She is only two and a half years old.

Your Recorder friend,

Dear Eugene:

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I was ever so glad to receive another letter from you, for you see you are not only a Recorder friend but a Conference friend as well. I hope Kenneth will soon answer your letter. It is fun to have pen-friends, isn’t it? I am sorry you are "bleeder," for it makes you a good deal of trouble, I know. Our boy had a bloody nose about twelve years ago. Since then he seems to have outgrown it, and I hope you will, too. Indeed, I do pray for you.

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And again in another editorial he says: Let us try to walk by faith, a little more at least. It will give us courage and add to our strength if we really believe in a God who is bound to help us, and who is stronger than the devil and more far-sighted, a God who takes his own views of the ground, as a tree, bringing forth a nation, and to perfect a race that I will, by his help, do all in my power to hold up the light of life in a world of darkness. I, too, will feel sorry for every foothold Satan seems to get, but I never can believe that the devil is going to defeat God Almighty in the end.

How often I have heard him say in the darkest days of college finance that Salem College had been a walk by faith. He was truly a man possessed of a great faith in God and one who believed in the efficacy of the humble prayer. Measured by every standpoint of true manhood, Doctor Gardner was one of a very few of the finest examples of what a man can be and ought to be.

"The silver cord is loosened, the golden bowl broken, the dust has returned to the earth as it was, and the spirit unto God who gave it."—John Osenham.

OUR PULPIT

STATEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

BY TREVOR R. SUTTON

(Given in the Piscataway church at the time of Pastor Sutton’s order, and requested by the church for publication)

When one enters the field of Christian religious beliefs he can write a book on his own views. In this paper I have attempted to select for discussion just those beliefs which I believe to be essential for the Christian life, beliefs about which every Christian should have some definite point of view. Being in accord with the “Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists,” adopted by the General Conference at Shiloh, N. J., in 1937, I am following that statement as my outline.

I believe that the kingdom of God upon earth is the rule of Christ in the lives of mankind; that God is the supreme authority over man; that Christ is establishing the kingdom on earth through redeemed mankind; that man does his part in the kingdom by bringing others through his influence to similar experiences with Christ, by permitting the influence of Christ in his own life to reach out in his relationship with his fellow man, and society as a whole.

The Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit, which is God indwelling in the minds and lives of man; which gives comfort and strength to those who trust in God; which reproves of sin and seeks to draw every man into nearness to God; which gives insight and inspiration in the struggle of life; which is the inspirer of Scripture; and which gives power to Christians for witnessing of the Christ and for serving in the interests of love and service.

I believe that the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in man has visible signs and may even create a great deal of enthusiasm; however, it is a far more significant and truthful manifestation of uncontrolled actions, for God uses man’s best qualities of thought and action in giving inspiration.

General Comment

At this point I wish to state that while I have made three statements concerning the Godhead, I believe there is only the one God with these three manifestations; that this God is the same God recognized by certain other religions; that we as Christians are a distinct people because of our beliefs; that God manifested as the Son of God, our Lord Jesus, was crucified; that Christ, in his Son, God revealed in flesh, for the payment of the penalty for our sins; that with Christ having thus become part of our very lives, the Holy Spirit, the indwelling power, would work out his will within and through us.

The Holy Bible

I believe that the Bible is the inspired record of man’s understanding of God, and the inspired record of God’s will for man, the supreme interpreter of which is Jesus Christ; that in matters of faith and conduct it is our final authority; and that its many varied parts and thoughts harmonize in the mind of man the more he trusts in God and tries to follow the precepts of the Bible. I believe that the Bible should be used today as our guide of religious faith and practice; that we have no better source concerning spiritual matters; that it does not have the purpose of revealing scientific knowledge concerning material things, except to reveal that God is the source of all that exists, but in spiritual knowledge it is far superior to all science; that by fully accepting its spiritual teaching we are able to use all other knowledge we may gain for the glorification of God.

I believe that man is the noblest work of God in creation; that he has not only the physical body but also a spiritual nature and personality that was made in the image of God; that he was created for divine kingdom and human fellowship; that he has been given by God the freedom of moral choice, but with it he has moral responsibility; that he has been disobedient to the will and God and thereby is in need of a Savior.

I believe that man with all of his achievements and attainments cannot acquire goodness, and thus fails in his moral responsibility; that he does not have strength to improve himself or society without external aid; that in spite of his knowledge it is possible for him to descend to levels of living that are lower than animal, but with God’s help through this saved one he can attain levels of living higher than any of his unaided achievements; that with Christ in his heart and beyond the power of the Holy Spirit tremendous moral strength.

Sin and Salvation

I believe that sin is any disobedience, willful or unknowing, to the will of God, that man inherits the nature to sin; that all men are judged and found guilty of their sins and must face eternal condemnation, but because...
of the death of Christ upon the cross can man be saved; that salvation from sin and death comes through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ our Savior, which is the gift of God by the grace of God; that even a child old enough to understand has such faith, even before the time of moral responsibility; that the young child is innocent of sin; that he has the assurance that in the experience of death there comes a time in life when moral responsibility becomes his own.

I believe that those who lived before Christ's appearance upon earth found salvation from sin through faithful striving to abide by God's law; but with the coming of Christ and his rule, man finds salvation through faith in Christ; that now there is no other known way, to the long-looked-for Messiah, not of the Jews alone, as they expected, but of all the peoples.

I believe that since Christ lives and since man can be redeemed from sin, he can have eternal life; that through it he can live here on earth in better harmony with the will of God; and that his life after physical death is one of happiness in the heavenly home of the Father.

I believe that death is only the laying aside of our earthly bodies, and that the spiritual nature lives on through eternity; that death is a time of rest, and that when the body is raised, it is to live with Christ in the new life, not of the Jews alone, as they expected, but of all the peoples.

I believe that the Lord's Supper is a symbol of death to sin, just as Christ died and was buried, and is a pledge of a new life in Christ, as Christ rose from the dead; that it should be administered only to believers in Christ; that its mode is by immersion in water only, as a symbol of burial and resurrection.

I believe that the Lord's Supper is a symbol of the communion of God's children, the Body of Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer; that it is a symbol of Christian fellowship and a pledge of renewed allegiance to our risen Lord; that it should be offered to all baptized believers in Christ; and that one should participate in a worthy attitude of repentance and desire for a renewed commitment to Christ.

The Church

I believe that the Church is the whole company of redeemed believers in Jesus Christ gathered together by the Holy Spirit into one body of which Christ is the head; that the local church is a body of Christ's followers, with its own worship, service, and ordinances; that it is a corporate body, to which the local church is subject, and is part of the larger whole; that the local church is the seat of organized authority of government wherein the denomination and other larger units are agencies for the co-operative work and have no authority over the local churches; that final authority rests upon the individuals who take the Bible as their rule of faith and practice.

I believe that the work of the Church is primarily to spread the message of salvation from sin to men through the witness of its members, its missions, and its religious education; and that it is a mission to the world and all human relationships. From "Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists."
MUSHROOMS
BY PEARL HALLADAY
The interesting talk continued:

"As I have showed you these illustrations and explanations, please remember that there are several edible kinds. Some, while very pretty to look at are not good to eat; some have no taste at all. I want you to know that you must be sure and remember. Of the several kinds shown here this is deadly poison."

"Notice the four parts—the cap, the stem, and the cup. It is beautiful to look at, but it means death if it is eaten. It is said to have a delicious flavor but its common name is 'The Death Angel.'" We were shown another, which is eaten by once that he had eaten poison there might be a chance of life, but no ill effects are felt until after twelve or fourteen hours; and then it is too late, as the poison is carried through the blood stream."

"I looked at the beautiful white specimen. It looked very different from something which could cause death, and then I thought of some amusements which could lead to so much trouble to the children and to the end."

"Not long ago I sat in a parked car on a brightly lighted street across from a place from which gay music came when the doors opened to admit people, or when others left. Four young people came and paused in front of the attractively trimmed and lighted window.

"As they stood talking, part of the conversation reached me. Such phrases as, "Come on, let's get a drink. We don't have to worry about what we drink if you don't want to," "There's nothing to be afraid of. There was much urging and finally the four went in.

"In about twenty minutes two of those young people came out walking very fast. They came across the street and stood in the shadow of the car. I heard the young man say, "I never went into a place of that kind before. But Harry said it was a good place to spend the time."

"I'm going back there ever and I hope you never will. The things they do there don't seem like fun to me."

"They walked away, I thought of the talk on mushrooms. I thought of the beautiful "Death's Angel" and how it seemed like a very pretty flower because there were giants there. Among those who have attained noteworthy achievement in mat-

ure years are Robert Dollar, Justice O. W. Heiden. We have another probably heaven not being sat in rows and singing all the time, but new tasks will be there."

"There is a love of music, directed by Miss Lois Wells, of a high type, much of it by noteworthy composers. There was something of a new style, or technique, in rendition. Instrumental solos were as follows: piano—Lois Wells, Doris Coon of Boulder, Lila Stephan; organ—Lila Stephan; violin—Herbert Crouch. Besides four splendid choir numbers, vocal contributions included solos by Lila Stephan, Herbert Crouch, Lois Wells; a fine tenor solo by the inimitable soprano—Alma Bond; a trio by Lila Stephan, Alma Bond, and June Babcock. There were three quartet groups also—Cecil Stephan, Wendell Stephan, Herbert Crouch, Doris Stephan, Alma Bond, Herbert Crouch; Ira Bond, Wendell Stephan, Boyden Crouch, and Anna Crouch. There were about a score of singers in the choir.

Good fellowship is always a part of such meetings, and there were happy intervals of resting. A large company enjoyed the singing of the members in the basement Sabbath and Sunday.

A smaller group, but not less cheery, met at the Burdick rock garden. (Theoretically at 6 a.m., Sunday, for a fellowship breakfast in charge of Norris Wheeler. Boyden Crouch led the singing for the period which preceded the bacon and eggs.

The business of the session was ably handled by the moderator. Written and oral reports of the several officers, letters of thanks and greetings from the Southwestern Association were presented. Recognition was given to fifty-five delegates from Norton, Milton, Milton Junction, North Loup, Boulder, Denver, Dodge City, Stonetop, and to three of the members of the Hammond, La. Church, and two members of Edinburg, Tex.; also to two Czechoslovakian Sabbath converts from Great Bend, Kan. Out- standing resolutions recommending vocational assistance for Sabbath keepers, and devoting more time to spiritual things. It was voted to hold the next session in 1940 at Milton Junction, with Robert Greene as moderator.

Margaret E. LaMont, Secretary.

"SEE YE FIRST THE KINGDOM"
BY MARGARET S. PRATI

Text: Matthew 6: 33.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

"I wonder how many followers of Christ realize what a world of meaning that verse has? The young people who profess Christianity are ready to take that promise for what there is in it, and really and completely trust in God? Did you ever hear or read of such a person going hungry or doing without any of his material needs? The Psalmist David says (Psalm 34: 10), "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed beggar bread." Again, in the same Psalm, third verse, we read, "Trust in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desire." So many times we fret and worry when Christ has promised to care for us. Can we remember an incident in my life when we were reduced to our last cent, and there wasn't enough in the house to buy food to eat."

"I have read the verse of the text and the foregoing verses of the chapter when I felt inclined to worry, and they always brought me comfort. So the young man's mother was worrying, I tried to bring to her the comfort I had received by reading to her a few of those verses, and said, "Something will turn up, if we only trust." God never fails us when we turn to him; so we just thought no more about the matter until lunch time. The next day, before noon, a customer of my father's stopped on his way to the moun-

tain and paid a bill that he owed. It was a business transaction, but we not only paid our lunch, but we had a little money for our lunch. Paul says, in Philippians 4: 19, "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Why are we afraid to trust? Chris-

tians, of all people, should never be afraid; surely, you are the ones of all of his promises to his children, and never will.

"Some of you may say, "But I have known people to get into such places; I have known people made very attractive but behind the beauty is the sting of sin and perhaps the loss of self respect. Some things which are called pleasure but which are not really beautiful."

"They have often times been nothing but passing visual pleasure; the pleasures of the moment, which are so much more attractive and they are the things which are called pleasure that is, when we were young, and what is important is that God will not supply our needs, but he will be there to guide us in the right direction, and he will keep us on the right path and will not let us go astray; they don't seem to have anything."

But are their lives really as consecrated to God as they should be? Do they actually trust the word of God? The Bible says, "He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters." "Let God be all in all," we just trust in him. We must trust completely in God before we can see this verse of Scripture actually "working out" in our lives.

This brings me to the Sabbath question. I know a man who once said, "I know the seventh day is the Sabbath, and if the time ever comes when I can keep it and make it a living for my family, I shall do so. Appar- ently God has not sent me in that way; as far as I know he keeps that attitude he will never reach


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DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

ALFRED, N. Y.

"There are nine hundred students on the Alfred University campus," says President Norwood. "This is a far larger number than ever assembled here before."

The Liberal Arts College has the largest freshman enrollment in its history. It shows a five per cent increase over the total registration of last year.

The combined registration in the Liberal Arts College, the Ceramic College, and the School of Theology is 638; to this is added the group of 259 registrants in the School of Agriculture, which has grown from the registration of 127 last year. "The growth in the School of Agriculture shows the result of the state's new program for that and similar schools," he said.

Miss Miriam Shaw began her long journey back to Shanghai, Wednesday evening, October 12, when she said farewell to Alfred friends and relatives. It was a year ago last August that she and others from Shanghai made their dramatic escape on the President Hoover. After stopping in Manila and in California she arrived in Phoenix, Ariz., to visit her sister, Mrs. George Shaw. During her stay there she registered for nursing and had a patient with whom she spent seven months, with August and France in France, visiting French spas.

Miss Shaw will sail October 29 from Victoria, British Columbia, on the Empress of Asia and will land at Shanghai. She foresees no difficulty in returning to China as the concessions are peaceful.

She expects to resume her nursing and will assist in refugee clinics sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist and Presbyterian denominations. For the present her work will be at Shanghai, as the mission hospital at Lihou has been bombed and damaged, and its staff is needed there.

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The Women's Society is getting well under way since the summer vacation, with its usual activities, including luncheons and get-togethers, besides their regular work meetings and devotional services.

A basket supper was held in the Sabbath school room on the evening of October 7 at which a number of different speakers presented different phases of the work of the church for the coming year—to be thought about and discussed.

Rally and Promotion Day of the Sabbath school was held on October 1, with a fine special program.

The older young people's group is quite active in holding supper meetings in the homes of the different ministers, at which interesting discussions are held.

Pastor Warren, Rev. H. C. Van Horn, and Fiske, Laymen's Association, held our church at the ordination service of Luther W. Crichlow, at Washington, D. C., October 9. These delegates with Pastor Trevah R. Sutton of New Market drove to Washington, and on their return were most enthusiastic about the service and the general good time they had on the trip. At prayer meeting, October 14, impressions of the ordination service were given.

Correspondent.

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Church services were held in the parish house Sabbath morning. Rev. John Callum of Wyoming conducting the service.

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PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION

The autumn meeting of the Pacific Coast Association was held with the church in Los Angeles, October 8, and proved to be a day of rich blessing and fellowship.

The church building in Los Angeles has just been repaired and redecorated without profit and losses, and is used without its full beauty and splendor, but it is a bounteous and beautiful church. It is more beautiful than it was before. So the members there planned for a service of rededication. It seemed most fitting that such a service should be held in connection with the association, and that the program for the meeting should center around the general theme "The Church."

A good delegation was present from various localities over southern California. We missed another, from another point of view, and another.

The council of the Pacific Coast Association includes a representative from each of the localities of hills and valleys, palm trees and seashores with the blue sky and fleecy clouds, city streets with busy traffic and the ocean waves, and beauty and peace in the sunny valleys. It is also one of the beautiful grounds with flowering shrubs and vines. The marvel of color and design is everywhere, and the color film is revealed in some of these pictures to a marked degree. The beauty of the strange flowers and wonderful flowering trees and vines was marvelous; and the sunset scenes, showing the setting sun through the palm trees across the ocean water (by the ordination service of Luther W. Crichlow), at Washington, D. C., October 9. These delegates with Pastor Trevah R. Sutton of New Market drove to Washington, and on their return were most enthusiastic about the service and the general good time they had on the trip. At prayer meeting, October 14, impressions of the ordination service were given.

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MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.

The expression, "Beautiful Hawaii," has a real meaning to those who saw the pictures at the Seventh Day Baptist church at Milton Junction, Tuesday night. Beautiful colored movies of scenes in Hawaii taken by W. M. Davis of Lake George, N. Y., were shown. At the last winter service by him. Here we saw in color, scenes on the water, such as surf riding, natives diving for coins, the Hawaiian Clipper taking off and landing on the water, the arrival and departure of ocean liners, and the crowds that gathered for the gala occasions.

We were also shown the number of hills and valleys, palm trees and seashores with the blue sky and fleecy clouds, city streets with busy traffic and the ocean waves, and also their beautiful grounds with flowering shrubs and vines. The marvel of color and design is everywhere, and the color film is revealed in some of these pictures to a marked degree. The beauty of the strange flowers and wonderful flowering trees and vines was marvelous; and the sunset scenes, showing the setting sun through the palm trees across the ocean water (by the ordination service of Luther W. Crichlow), at Washington, D. C., October 9. These delegates with Pastor Trevah R. Sutton of New Market drove to Washington, and on their return were most enthusiastic about the service and the general good time they had on the trip. At prayer meeting, October 14, impressions of the ordination service were given.

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all of us in one class by Rev. E. S. Ballenger. Brother Ballenger has an unusual ability to get the heart of a Bible lesson and he surely succeeded on that day.

The rededication sermon was preached by Pastor Loyal F. Hurley. In it he attempted to show the basic truths and necessary activities for which a Seventh Day Baptist Church should exist.

Willard Wells and Don Henry had planned the young people's program around different phases of church life. Don Phillips gave an appeal for all of us to be truly Christian ourselves and to be personal workers in the winning of others to the Lord. It was a stirring appeal. Then Don Henry spoke of the family altar which he called "The Church in the Home." It was vastly more important to learn about God with your father and mother at home than to spend thirty minutes a week in a Sabbath school class, he said, and he had a fine array of evidence to support his claim. Then Willard Wells brought us a unique bit of dramatic skit which he labeled "The Church a Hospital Case." After some discussion of symptoms and causes among which was "a greedy appetite that didn't make for growth," Mr. Church came in at the back door hobbling along with a crutch, with one arm in a sling, and with head and legs bandaged. Doctor Bible did some careful diagnosis and then prescribed the remedy. An operation to remove worldliness, then the heart-beat controlled by Christ instead of by selfishness and pleasure would do the trick. We shall not soon forget these three messages.

A round table followed under the guidance of P. B. Hurley, who was pinch-hitting for Glen Odborn. Five talks were limited to five minutes each, all of them sane and illuminating and stirring. Rev. Geo. P. Andreas spoke on "The Church and Elections"; Bernice Brewer discussed "The Church and Young People"; R. C. Brewer had the subject "God's Method of Church Finance"; N. O. Moore presented "The Church and Missions"; and Mrs. Estesine Henry challenged us with "Evangelism—Is It the Pastor's Job, or Every Christian's Mission?"

Two solos, a duet, a quartet, and a choir number added music's touch of beauty and worship to a day full of good things. Our genial young president, Willard Wells, is anxious that we shall now go out and do what we have been shown so clearly and have been challenged to perform. "I can do all things through Christ."