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Authoritative
Church life in general is smug
Poaching and manipulation of the change
made by President John A.
Mackay of Princeton Theological Seminary.
This condition places the church at a great
disadvantage, and must result in the
beginning that begins to loom before us in the
world today.
The doctor was presenting a report on The
State of the Union, the beginning of the
session of the Federal Council of the Churches
of Christ in America at Buffalo, N. Y., early last
month.
Many important steps were emphasized in
the report as necessary to achieve a revival of
"true religion." A few are here listed.

First, faith in God as Creator and Redeemer of
man's soul, and an understanding of the
duty of the church to engage in the
work of instruction and education of the
people.

A fresh approach to the problem of re-
ligious education, re-definition of the
standpoint of Christian faith must be made.

Re-emphasis upon the Bible and its bearing
on contemporary life and the application of
its insight to the problems of today are urgently
needed, both in church and in secular educa-
tion. Stressing faith, the report said:

If ever the Church needs faith it is now.

Chasms have opened up between the
nation and nation and between opposing groups
within great nations. Dark and difficult times
have been brought about by forces which have
a tendency to undermine the unity of the
world. The Church of the future will be
under attack from all sides. If the Church
loses its mission, and it is losing it, it will have
no place in the world's life. But if it remains
true to itself, if it keeps its faith, it will be
a great force for good.

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For the New Year
Let us walk softly, friend:
For stage paths lie before us, all untried;
A new year spotless from the hand of God,
Is thine and mine, O friend.

Let us walk quickly, friend;
With our little gift this year's gift lasts our little stay
And help some halting comrade on the way
And may God guide us, friend.
-Lillian Gray, in
"Methodist Protestant Recorder."

New paths lie before. New duties press
Upon us. Coming years are uncompleted.
The times demand our best and the needs our most
faithful attendance. There are things we have
done before that are yet undone.
New opportunities beckon; both new and old
responsibilities press upon us.

Boumannism
We learn through Religious
Baptist News Service that officials of the
Baptist Union have protested to King Carol against the
closing of the Baptist churches and prayer houses
therein which have asked for
relief from the "burdensome" decree
which closes the churches of the denomination.
Baptists renewed their pledges of loyalty to
the king and government.

No such protests have been
made, however, to Iron Guards among our ranks. Our 1,602 places
of worship have been closed. One hundred and
twenty thousand members of the Baptists of
Romania beg relief and recognition as a
lawful cult.

The decree, which went into effect on December 15, required that each local church
at Roumania beg relief and recognition as a
lawful cult.

According to the report, thirty Baptists were
fled before the Roumanian authorities. In other sections
of the country Baptist organizations holding
property were said to have been dissolved.

The book for our Baptist brethren does not look very promising. False reports,
misunderstood, and propaganda from high sources have complicated the situation.
Our sympathy is stirred in behalf of these
Christian friends.

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Blest Savior! as an empty vessel, I
Desire throughout the year implicitly
To serve; and with Thine unction from on high
Spirit fill.

Then suffering or service, as is best
In thy wise will, my mind and heart with zest
Born of love, ever in that will shall rest;
Serenes and still.


May such a consecration be ours for 1939.

Notes of Interest

"Upper Room," a valuable help to family worship, is reported as going into more than one and a quarter million homes. This is reported as a circulation record among religious publications. The "Upper Room" is published by the Southern Methodists.

In three years of its existence more than ten million copies have been sold. It is now translated into at least three different foreign languages. It has done much toward reviving the family altar in homes where this means of grace has been neglected.

As this Recorder is preparing for the press the Commission of the General Conference is in session, with all members present from the beginning of Conference. Rev. E. E. Sutton of Denver, Colo., is the chairman, with Rev. Hurley S. Warren of Plafield, corresponding secretary of the General Conference, as recording secretary. Other members present are Paul Hummel of Boulder, Colo.; Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Leonardville, Ind.; Rev. B. B. Loos, Creek, Wyo.; Jon. H. A.ustin, Western, R. I.; Rev. Leeland V. Davis, Plafield. The men are in good spirits, optimistic, and have settled down to hard work, three sessions a day running from two and a half hours to four hours per session.

We trust there are many who, knowing of this meeting, are praying for these leaders in the work of Conference, that they may be divinely guided and given wisdom from above.

We believe the pronouncement on mock marriages by a commission on education of the New Hampshire Protestant Episcopal Church is wise. Mock marriages are a travesty on a sacred ceremony, and should be discouraged by all Christians who value its sanctity and the value and sacredness of the home.

The commission, according to Religious News Service, believes that entertainment of this sort is not only unwholesome and leads to disrespect of real marriage ceremonies. The commission's views are as follows:

Being convinced of the sanctity of marriage, deeply concerned with the perpetuation of marriage, and with the permanence of marriage, forced upon us by the teachings of the Bible and the teachings of our Lord and Saviour, and being convinced that not only the solemnization of marriage is the object of mockery, but also the marriage state, to which it leads, suffers a great loss of sanctity, we call upon the Church to make a travesty of that solemn bond and covenant, thereby impairing the respect for the solemn rite of marriage which to the Church is holy matrimony.

It is in particular our responsibility to urge all social groups to abstain from and discourage all acts which in any degree lessen respect for holy matrimony and for the marriage state.

BROTHERHOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH THE INFINITE

BY DEAN ANA J. C. BOND

Being in the vicinity of the city of New York on Monday, November 28, I attended, as was my custom in former years, the meeting of the First Assembly of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. Following the committee meeting held in Hotel Astor a banquet was held in the grand ball room of the hotel, with speeches by representatives of the three religious faiths, Protestants, Catholics, and Jews.

In the early years of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America that organization of the Protestant churches had a Commission on the Relations of Jews and Christians. The object of this commission, of course, was to promote understanding between these two groups in our country. By the very nature of the case its activities were confined very largely to the Protestant group. Its program was limited further because not only the Jews, but the Catholics also, were not eligible to membership in the council.

In course of time, therefore, it was thought wise to effect a separate organization which would include all three groups. This broadening of the object of this commission, restricted its activities in one direction, but on the other hand it opened up a new and important area for mutual study and common action on the part of these religious groups in America. The conference has functioned effectively since the beginning under three co-chairsmen: Honorable Newton D. Baker, Protestant; Professor A. L. Parks for the Catholics, and Roger Williams Straus for the Jews. The recent death of Mr. Baker made it necessary, therefore, to select a successor to him, representing Protestants. One of the important items on the program of the meeting in New York was the installation of his successor, Professor A. L. Parks of the University of Chicago, a scientist of note and a Christian of worth and influence.

It was a high spiritual experience to sit at a table of ten people, all strangers, and to discuss common fears and hopes for our race of mankind; and then to listen as one after another of these men of example, well-prepared, and earnest speeches voiced the common sentiments of a thousand listeners, with varied backgrounds, but, in one important matter at least, with a common aim in a world which seems to be struggling along without high or definite aim.

The renowned speakers included a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest, a rabbi, a scientist, an educator, an author and poet, two representatives of labor—one from the AFL and one from the CIO—and a publisher, a judge, the Governor elect of the state of New York, and other distinguished persons.

By the time we came to Professor Computon's speech and as he quietly led us through the exaltation of Love as the moving power sufficient for this sick and weary world, I felt myself a part of something bigger and infinitely more significant than merely a group of a thousand people, all with high aims, no doubt, but withal selfish and narrow and not wholly free from bias and prejudice. Perhaps others present were not free from these things, but I was. But at a mystic moment in that high-pitched program on brotherhood I found myself all in with a whole people of the moving power, spirits, whether present in physical bodies or not—mostly not, perhaps. I could understand better what Professor Walker meant when he declared he saw God, as he witnessed the play, Abraham Lincoln, and what Father Flinn told us at Estes Park of his efforts to meet the Jews. God is as much the friend of the rich as of the poor, and it was to learn later that God is more clearly revealed in human fellowship.

I felt the presence of the God of all good, with whom all who seek the good of the race are linked, whether they be now living on earth, or whether already translated, either in the long ago or in the recent past. Again, I could appreciate the foretold words of R. Mott, when he said recently that he was ashamed to have to say that until he had heard rather intimate fellowship with members of other religious groups he felt himself to be a disappointed person, because the help which comes from recognizing the presence in our toiling life of that larger membership of the Church of Christ who dwell in flesh from the hiding behind, but not bound against participation in the tasks of the Church on earth.

MISSIONS PROBLEMS

Everything has problems. We meet them at every turn in the journey of life from infancy till we pass the great beyond.

We may wonder why there are so many hard problems and wish we did not have to meet them, but such is the order of this life. Problems are a part of our discipline and we may meet them in such a way as to make us stronger and better, or we may let them destroy us. Instead of bemoaning the fact that there are so many difficult things along the way, we should meet them as Christ met the obstacles which confronted him.

Churches and mission work have their problems. Perhaps there is nothing that presents greater difficulties. The fate of individuals and denominations hangs upon the way these obstacles arise in the work of missions to get discouraged and give up. This means defeat to all. We do not need perfect conditions. The Church of Christ has never had them. There is power in the gospel which has given victory under the most discouraging circumstances through the ages, and it will continue to give triumph if the followers of Christ will go forth in God's strength and "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

CHANGE IN DOCTOR THORNHAGE'S PLANS

In the "Sabbath Recorder" for December 15, 1938, Doctor Thornhage's plans Doctor Thornhage would sail for China from New York January 7. Because of connections in Europe it has been found necessary to change these plans.
There has been a fifty per cent increase in mission work in the last ten years. In Negro Africa the communicants have multiplied five-fold in the century and have more than doubled in the past thirteen years. The present number, standing at about 2,000,000, is the only means by which we can know that seven out of every hundred are now Christians, one half being Protestants and one half Catholic. As the population of the number has nearly trebled in the last thirteen years, bringing the present number to about 190,000, Japan shows a five-fold increase in the century, or a total of about 200,000. Korea has added an astonishing increase of seventy-fold in the last thirteen years, and Burma seventy-five. China has increased five-fold in the century, showing almost a forty per cent increase. The comparative figures for China since 1903 are as follows: 1903-122,808; 1911-117,774; 1917-268,632; 1925-402,530; 1936-536,089. — Taken from The Chinese Recorder.

POSITION OF THE BIBLE

The present volume ("The Bible Come Alive") began by pointing out the importance of ascertaining whether the version we used served the position assigned to it in the corona tion service; or whether our national confidence in the Bible should be transformed into substantial giving. What of stewardship in America? — Taken from the Christian Evangelist.

These are days of democracy in Christian missions. In the past the work has often been made easier by great gifts of money from princes in the faith whose means enabled them to do extraordinary things in setting free life powers.

Today the situation is rapidly changing. Fewer large gifts are available. But the work is launched in every land and going forward with cumulative power. To meet the situation the individual consecration of millions of men and women who love Christ is called for. Redeemed and "known" they are no longer, they will wish to share their redemption with others.

The day has come when the work around the world must depend on millions of smaller gifts. Faithful teachers of Christ cannot wait. The genuine, grateful hearts of the comparatively small means who will take God's call seriously are yearning for the renewed appreciation of the fellowship of the church in building a Christian world community by following two courses: One, give consistently and generously week by week throughout the year, and two, give an extra sacrificial gift such as your means enable you to afford. Democratic giving of this nature will keep the young people, who have gone from your church into the world fields, at work.

To meet Laymen's Missionary Movement, Dr. Luther W. Crichlow, salary, November, $83.33

Salary, November share

Mrs. Minnie E. H. Flansburg - foreign missions

Dr. P. H. J. Lerrigo

... Continued to be impossible, beca use even to be a rock? It is evident that these searching questions are of supreme importance to our race, and indeed to the whole world at the present time. It is only fair to the rising generation that they should know where they stand. They stand at the cross of a more secular education thrust upon them by the educational authorities. Is it all true knowledge? Is it going to conflict with Bible knowledge? Are we called on to defend ourselves? Such are the questions that Latourette in his very helpful study entitled, "The Church on the Field," points out the rate of progress during the last century and also during the present. The publication of the "World Missionary Atlas" in 1925. We learn that in India communications have almost trebled in the present century.
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China payments:
H. & D. Davis, salary .................. $100.00
Quiet Alarm, salary .................. 7.00
Travel expense ....................... 14.85
Grace J. Crandall ..................... 70.00
Anna West, salary .................... 41.67
Principal Floyd ....................... 14.00
Incidental Fund ....................... 4.85

Dr. Thorngate mission to Asia and to Shanghai .................. 315.69
Treasurer's expense, clerk .......... 30.00
W. Hubbard, salary .................. $112.50
Rent ................................ 7.50
Cash ................................ 25.00
Cash ................................ 16.67
Office supplies ....................... 9.79

Transferred to Deep Funds .................. 269.22
1% interest saved on notes ........ 20.16
New, share Deenom. Budget ...... 103.26

Cash on hand, The Washington Trust Co., December 1938 .................. $1,254.42
Missions Emergency Fund .......... $1,026.96
General Fund .................. -1,442.60 $ 799.07

CORRECTED ADDRESS
Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, 27 Charles St., Kingston, Jamaica, W. B. I.

WOMAN'S WORK

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR JANUARY, 1939

BY MRS. T. J. VAN HORN

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
Psalm 56: 3.

Hymn: "In heavenly love abiding."
Scripture: Psalm 91: 1-16.

OUR PSALM

Seated together on a sunny porch, a group of women were repeating in concert the first eight verses of the Ninety-first Psalm. As the lovely cadences fell softly from the lips of those Christian women, one felt that they knew whereof they spake. In the secret place of each soul there were sacred memories of scenes where the blessed words had brought courage and assurance. At some deep experience each had taken to herself the truth of God's overshadowing which had most fitted her immediate need.

Slowly the poet's phrases resolved themselves into an "experience" meeting.

(V. 1) The psalmist speaks:
(V. 2) A strong soul, who has known answers from the hand of the Lord, and challenges for others the refuge she has found.

(V. 3) "Surely he shall deliver thee, too.
(V. 4) A soul for struggle, speaks confidently from beneath the "wings.
(V. 5) And the Lord, who is a soother one who is "afraid of the terror by night.
(V. 6) And now the testimonies rush in
(V. 7) from other hearts, eager to add a word out of their own rich personal proving of the Abiding Presence.

(V. 8) The first voice comes again, and
(V. 10, 12, 13) the others join it in a chorus of yet stronger assurance.

(V. 14, 15, 16) It is now God himself who speaks, once more promising to those who love and trust—his safe deliverance, his holy companionship, his blessed comfort, his honor, satisfaction, and salvation.

Read it again and again. See how it glows and grows beneath your thought. Is it not good for us, as we face the new year's challenge for a membered by all who belong to the Sweet faithfulness, a fuller consecration, to make this blessed psalm our watchword?

"In heavenly love abiding No change my heart can fear, For safe is such confiding And nothing changes here. The storm may roar without me, My heart may low be laid, But God is sound about my presence, And can I be dismayed?"

Prayer

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD MEETING

Sunday afternoon, December 11, members of the Woman's Board, including Mrs. J. L. Skagg, Mrs. O. B. Bond, Mrs. O. K. Davis, Mrs. Clark Siedhoff, Mrs. C. N. Ehret, Mrs. May, Mrs. W. Riverside, Miss Lotta Bond, Mrs. O. B. Bond, and Mrs. E. F. Loofboro, met with Mrs. G. H. Trainer in the regular meeting of the board.

Our president led in devotions with the ninety-first Psalm—the one where are hoping all women of the denomination will memorize during the year and make a part of their spiritual lives. The treasurer reported a balance of $68.38.

For a number of years, without expense to the board, Mrs. G. H. Trainer has represented the Woman's Board at the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War, which meets in Washington each year. This year, feeling that the present world crisis demands it, we are urging other women to attend. We have sent in the names of several women who we hope may be able to attend.

Correspondence was read from President Erlo E. Sutton, asking us to report to the December Commission any definite plans of work for the year. A letter was received from the Religious Education Life Committee expressing the appreciation of that committee for the spirit of the women in undertaking the project to support a missionary-endowment.

Mrs. F. J. Hubbard attended a committee meeting in connection with our membership in the Foreign Missions Conference, as a representative of the board, and sent to us, along with her report, a suggested course of action for the board. Mrs. Loofboro and Mrs. O. B. Bond were appointed a committee to work out these excellent plans.

Mrs. Skagg's reported very encouraging replies from societies regarding their co-operation in supporting the new project of the board. We must call to women's societies and other groups early in November and of the thirty-three replies received before the tenth of December, twenty-four made definite pledges. We were touched as we sensed the spirit of consecration and sacrifice among the women of our denomination, evidence of those Twenty-four pledges, none exceptionally large, leave no doubt in the mind of the board that the project will materialize—if the remaining groups do as well, proportionately. We hope to be able to report to the Missionary Board, which will direct our project, when we meet at the Salem parsonage in January, that the money is available.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

AN APPRECIATION OF MRS. EHRET

BY MRS. RUBY MAXSON

Pastor and Mrs. Ehret moved to Alfred shortly after her marriage, where Pastor Ehret attended the seminary. Mrs. Ehret was my ideal of a wife for a minister. She loved his work and did all in her power to make him happy and forget difficulties and sorrows when they came.

Their first pastorate was at Adams Center, N. Y. She has related to me, many times, the enjoyable years that they spent there and how much she loved it, in spite of the injury she received while living there. Even though she was suffering most of the time she made it a pleasant home. They later moved to Alfred, N. Y., where she spent the remainder of her life.

When we first came to Alfred, it was she who asked us to come in and visit with her. After a few years I just naturally went often. I knew when I went there that my troubles seemed to disappear, for she always knew how to make others happy.

When many of the students had lost all their desire to go to—for Christmas, she didn't forget the persons who had no real home into which they could go, and sent them bars of candy, joy, love, and giving. Our Christmas morning when gifts were opened was as enjoyable as that of their own family. I never entered the parsonage without going away feeling that Christ had been there and remained there to comfort all who came.

Mrs. Ehret will always be loved and remembered by all who knew her. Her favorite passage of Scripture was 1 Corinthians 13: 13, 'And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, three; but the greatest of these is charity.' She loved to give. Stress was not placed upon the value of gifts, but the spirit in which she might give.

To many of us her most precious gift was her "way of living." She has proved to me that life can be happy and worth while to others in spite of anything that may handicap us.

Alfred, N. T.

To those not already acquainted, I introduce Miss Marguerite Carpenter—quiet, unpretending, thoughtful. She is a junior at Alfred University, College of Liberal Arts, coming from Ashville, central New York State, and writes poems. Since her coming to Alfred she has consistently helped in the publication of The Beacon. Marguerite has been a worker for, and an inspiration in, the young people's Friday evening worship in the Gothic. The following paper she wrote and gave at one of those services last year.

SABBATH EVE

BY MARGUERITE CARPENTER

Evening—Sabbath evening—and at last the end of a busy week. At last time to relax and to think. Perhaps you have just come from a long hectic day, and the strains from the organ have lulled you to peaceful meditation.

"From the cool cisterns of the midnight air My spirit drank repose;
From those deep cisterns flows.
The fountain of perpetual peace flows there—
From those deep cisterns flows.
Dear Recorder Girls and Boys:

I imagine that you are all so busy enjoying the holiday season that you have very little time for letter writing. At any rate I haven’t received one single letter this week, so I’ll have to write you a partnership letter this time. I hope one of you at least will tell me in your letters to the Recorder how much you enjoy her letters. I for one enjoy them very much.

"Dear Lord, now help us as we pray, To show our love from day to day In earth’s those around, And the love that thou wouldest we have give.

Isn’t that a beautiful prayer, boys and girls, and wouldn’t this world be a wonderful place to live in if everyone felt their love from day to day to those around them?

Now I know you are looking for another letter from “Aunt Hattie” about her birds. I hope some of you at least will tell in your letters to the Recorder how much you enjoy her letters. I for one enjoy them very much.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, I remain

Affectionately yours,
(Mrs. Walter L.) Mizpah S. Greene.
Andover, N. T.

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My Birds

Did you like all the stories so far? Well, what about this baby that came to our house? She was a little girl with red hair and soft blue eyes, and we were so proud of her. Then one day our quiet boy said, “Mama, what birdie is she like?” Mama said, “It must be a birdee with a red head, don’t you think?” So we named her for a birdie with a red head.

One day we were out for a ride with the team and buggy, and there, hopping along on the fence was the prettiest birird. It was quite small, the pretty blue of the clear sky on an April day, and his head was red. He did not sing much; I guess we were too close to him. But our girlie was like this blue birird.

Now, should you think she had a nice true color of an innocent, happy birld for her goal in life?

Aunt Hattie.

OUR PULPIT

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

(Peached at Plainfield, December 24, 1928, by Pastor Hurley S. Warren)

Scripture lesson: Matthew 2: 11-12

Subject: "His Star in the East"

Text: "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." —Matthew 2: 2.

"For - We Have Seen - His Star - In the East - and Are Come - Worship - Him." "His Star in the East." Just another star? No. His star.

In earth’s those around, there’s many a star, but none that went before and with such splendor. The Father sent his Son, and as he sent his Son he placed a star in the window of heaven for you and me.

Now, the wise men were astrologers, whose work it was to study the stars. And in their study they saw the star of the Child of Bethlehem and followed it. Their guidance sprang from their task. They were educated. They were cultured. They were doubtless wealthy; in fact, God revealed himself to them after the same fashion that he did to the plain shepherds. Both the wise men, and the shepherds heard the voice of God through their work.
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The trial round, the common task, Should furnish all we ought to ask, To drown our daily gone, To do our daily unto us.
If on our daily course our mind To set to hide the seven, New treasures still of countless price, God with us there, God in a way, The heavens portioning there, Yet some there be who never see The star, nor hear the song.

—Herbert Hansen, "The Glory of the Common Place." (Church Workmen, Oct. 1938.)

Likewise, the wise men beheld his star in the east—not only at their task but also in the home of their work—the place in which they lived.

And beholding, they believed; and believing, they set forth; and setting forth they found; and finding, they worshiped him.

O Star of wonder, star of night, How brightly thine aspect!
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perpetual light.

—H. Hopkins.

Whether men see his star in the east, and travel west; or in the west and travel east; or in the north, and travel south; or in the south, and travel north—it leads them, it leads us to Bethlehem.

IN BETHLEHEM

'Twas night in little Bethlehem, All calm and clear and mild, And tenderly, with voice and touch, A mother soothed her child; "Sleep little one, the day is done, Why do you wake so bright?" "O, mother dear, I seem to hear A wonder song: "And not so, my precious one, "The Lord has given you a brother fair, O drowsy call of dreaming bird, O lass and tenderest of the three!"

Beneath the hillside trees;
"Beneath the hillside trees;
A traveler singing on his way
"To lead us daily unto God."

"To cheer him through the dark."
"To cheer him through the dark."
Some shepherd's watch-fire in the night,
A traveler singing on his way
"And wake, no more to sin."

"The angel's song."
"The angel's song."
All hearts of the earth shall
"A traveler singing on his way
"That to far nigh."

"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—"at The Manger Throne."

—Anne Johnson Flint, (Church Management, Dec., 1938).

One Doctor McAlpin has said, "One of the most important things is to learn to hear the angels sing."

Sir Edward Algar, whose music lives although he has passed from the earthy scene, maintained that the universe was full of music.

"The traveler's torch that blazes bright
From listening to the song."

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"The traveler's torch that blazes bright
The day is done, and travel east;"

"The traveler singing on his way
The day is done, and travel east;"
"The traveler sings, and there is no more the night.
"The traveler singing on his way
"Past hills of pain and mountains of new sin
So to that far sky where mystical births begin."

"The traveler singing on his way
"To lead us daily unto God."

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—Herbert W. Hansen, "The Glory of the Common Place." (Church Management, December, 1938.)

The home of Sibelius is far out in the country of Finland. He says, "We love the quiet out here. There is less to distract one from listening to the voices intimee."

"As with the song of the angels, so with the light of the star."

—Herbert W. Hansen, "The Glory of the Common Place." (Church Management, December, 1938.)

THE SABBATH RECORDER

And not only the Magi, but also may all of us find him upon our common way.

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The men, who have found through faith, "A traveler singing on his way
"And wake, no more to sin."

—Herbert W. Hansen, "The Glory of the Common Place." (Church Management, December, 1938.)

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh-day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, December 11, 1938, at 2 p.m., with President Corliss F. Randolph presiding and the following members present: Corliss F. Randolph, Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, Frederik J. Bakker, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Irving A. Hunting, Franklin A. Langworthy, George R. Crandall, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Everett C. Hunting, Hurley S. Warren, J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer R. Sutton, Donald E. Lewis, and Business Manager L. Harrison North.

The board was led in prayer by Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The report of Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn was read and accepted as follows:

Office routine has been attended to including correspondence involving twenty-three letters and the mailing of tracts and Recorders to inquirers and others.

An interesting inquiry comes from Swanesa, England, concerning Seventh Day Baptist history, beliefs, and the principal of an English school, who, a Congregationalist, has accepted immersion and the Sabbath. Tracts and a letter of some length answering specific questions were sent to this writer.

A specially interesting and appealing letter has been received from Mrs. Agnes A. W. Michie, Adventist and prominent worker, accompanied by a money order for five dollars for our missionary work. In reply to a question in our former letter "Is there anything we can do for you?" she writes: 'I think that I shall send a copy or two of the SABBATH RECORDER wherein is given a report of our mission operations in China and elsewhere. Next come over to Alberta and help us. Start a Seventh Day Baptist church here."

Sabbath, November 26, was spent at Shiloh, N. J., at their Annual Home Coming, and the secretary preached the sermon of ordination of a deaconess. Sabbath, December 3, preached for the congregation for the first time. For neither of these trips was any expense to the board incurred. Many little chance offerings, taken from the latter church, was handed to the treasurer.

December 2, the secretary attended a farewell luncheon meeting tendered Dr. E. Stanley Jones by the Laymen's Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert C. Van Horn,
Corresponding Secretary.

Secretary Van Horn reported acknowledgment from Rev. Alvina J. C. Bond of letters of sympathy sent him recently. He also read a letter from Dr. Grace Crandall concerning her interest in the translation of some of our literature into the English language for those which would give the Scriptural foundation of our belief and something of the spirit-irritating of the obscurity of the Sabbath. Doctor Crandall mentioned the use to which they have put the use which could also be made of copies of our "Statement of Belief" in translation and in English as well. The secretary reported that the tracts and statements requested had been sent.

Mrs. Ethel T. Stillman, treasurer, reported informationally for the Investment Committee. It was voted that the treasurer be authorized to pay the fifth and final installment of $78.60 on the sewer assessment on the Forristel property, in default of a due date, to avoid excessive interest charges.

The treasurer reporting that ill health forced the retirement of her assistant, it was voted that the board immediately authorize the corresponding secretary to send a letter of appreciation to Miss Anna L. Mackey for her years of fine service to this board as assistant to its treasurer.

The Committee on correspondence and literature presented the following report through its secretary, Frederik J. Bakker:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NO. 2

At Wilmington, Calif. (the port of Los Angeles), on November 26, the sky was overcast, but there was a thin, steady drizzle. The lightning crackled through the atmosphere. A sickle of cloud swept across the heavens, and a wind from the north brought a chill to the air. The sky was overcast with a weighty grey. The black clouds hung low and heavy, and the thunder rumbled low in the distance.

The Spirit of Christmas hovers over the world, reflected in the sky at night are the glowing red candles of a thousand homes. As if with a wand, the Spirit touches this globe and some vibrant creeps into the heart of every household. The Spirit of Christmas extends even to those who do not know him, and they cannot help being glad. The lives of average people are a series of sectional experiences as each home harbors secrets whose very presence fills the air with suspense. The very rich are touched at this time, and their purses are turned out to the poor who rejoice in plenty for a while. The sound of carols permeates the air and their musicingers upon the唇。The people are filled with a spirit of charity. The churches change... in them are candles lighted, and in the dimness people come to worship who perhaps do not, in many cases, during the year, but at this time feel the need of him... little children become white-winged cherub angels clustering around a shining manger, in the pagentry of Christmas time... School room windows are decorated with paper trees, and silver stars cut by the chubby hands of "first-graders." All this, because of a little Child, whose beginning in the manger was humble as a birth could be, yet whose life was a shining example for all mankind, just as the star was a guiding light for the three who came to worship him at his birth.

Last Sabbath night, in the Second Alfred church, the people of the community honored the new pastor and his family. Following the well-planned program which included music and moving pictures, an overtures performance by the church orchestra was given them. These included a large amount of canned goods and groceries, a quilt and rug rug, kitchen accessories, pillows, and a beautiful set of stained glass windows. There were also cash gifts. The pastor and wife were brought into a realization of the large number of those whom they will have an opportunity to influence. The Spirit of co-operation in the group. They were much aware during the evening of the friendships and Christian fellowship which manifested itself there, and look forward with great anticipation and joy to the time when they will become a part of such a group.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxson left Tuesday night for Jackson Center, Ohio, where they have been invited for the dedication of a building. While there, Paul will serve the Jackson Center Church.

Wayne Rood is going to New Auburn, Wis., for the vacation time. Wayne will serve the New Auburn Church while he is there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cranze left last Sabbath night for Shiloh, N. J., where they will visit with their families during the Christmas vacation and through the first of the year.

During the holiday season, the churches will move into the parsonage at Alfred Station...

DO YOU KNOW?

O B I T U A R Y

WHEELER. — Alfred T. Wheeler, son of Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler, was born December 13, 1868, at Nortonville, Kan., and died November 30, 1938, at the Colorado General Hospital at Denver, Colo.

Early in life Mr. Wheeler was baptized and joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. In 1893, he went to Boulder, Colo., and lived the rest of his life in or near that city. On July 4, 1905, he was married to Irene Van Horn who passed away three years ago. He was a great lover of the mountains and often expressed the hope that he could extract wealth from them that could be used for the church and the Lord's work in the world. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. J. C. (Ruth) Lederer and Mrs. Tony (Olivia) Barr.

Farewell services were conducted in Boulder, December 3, by his pastor, Ralph H. Coon. Burial was in the Green Mountain Cemetery.

FA Y.—Annah C. Hartman, daughter of Silas S. and Anna Roscup Fay, was born at West Boylston, Mass., and died November 28, 1938, at her home near Princeton, Mass., at the age of eighty-five years.

In February, 1879, she was united in marriage to Arthur E. Fay. To them were born four daughters, Lois, Mary, Patience, and Annah, all of whom lived with her; and two sons, Arthur S. and John H.

Widowed by an accident to her husband and left with a large family, Mrs. Fay brought up her children in Christian discipline and orderliness and carried on an uncompromising battle for her religious faith and her convictions on education and morals.

She was a fine Sabbath keeper for the past thirty-eight years and was respected in her convictions by all who knew her.

Farewell services were conducted by Rev. Everett T. Harris of Ashaway, R. I., assisted by the pastor of the local Congregational Church, and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Princeton, Mass.

GREEN.—Fred Wilbur was born at Carleton, Minn., April 3, 1875, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Green. At an early age he moved with his parents to Lompoc, Neb., where he met and later married Minnie E. Clement.

May 31, 1892, Mrs. Green was widowed by an accident to her husband and left with a large family. Mrs. Fay brought up her children in Christian discipline and orderliness and carried on an uncompromising battle for her religious faith and her convictions on education and morals.

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"A man will throw a shoe at a dog baying at the moon, and step back into the house and tune in a crooning baritone on the radio."