North Loup, Neb.

Mrs. Jennie Davis was the guest of relatives here the past week. On Thursday, her daughter, Mrs. Dena Lewis, also came. Later both ladies went to North Platte, where Mrs. Lewis has her headquarters. Mrs. Lewis has the supervision of several counties in her welfare work.—North Loup Loyalist.

[Mrs. Lewis formerly was for several years the efficient bookkeeper, and secretary of the business manager of the Recorder Press.—Editor.]

Nortonville, Kan.

Information concerning an interesting ordination service at Nortonville, Kan., comes from Brother Rolla J. Severance, who has been assisting there in evangelistic services.

On Sabbath, November 18, two men, W. Lawson Van Horn and Royal Crouch, were ordained deacons; and Mrs. Alena Bond and Miss Nannie Greeley, deaconesses. The candidates gave helpful and inspiring statements of belief and experience, with views of the office and its requirements.

The statement of Miss Greeley, many who will remember meeting last summer at Conference, has been sent for publication because, particularly, of her experience in accepting and keeping the Sabbath. It appeared in the issue of December 4.

The sermon was preached by Brother Severance, the charge to candidates given by Pastor Lester Earl Stephan. The consecrating prayer was offered by Rev. Rolla J. Severance. The services occupied both morning and afternoon.—Editor.

Rev. Rolla J. Severance, the evangelist who conducted meetings at the Seventh Day Baptist church for the past two weeks, left on the train Monday morning for Denver where he has a six days' meeting. He will also go to Boulder for two weeks of meetings before returning to his home at Welton, Iowa, where his family moved recently from White Cloud, Mich., since he became the Seventh Day Baptist field evangelist. He was formerly pastor at Riverside, Calif., and was glad to find Rev. Mr. Osborn's parents from Riverside here. He was also pastor at Fouke, Ark., where Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jensen, Mrs. Walter Stillman, and Carroll Davis knew him.—Nortonville News.

A LETTER

Dear Sabbath Recorder Folks:

I appreciate your continuing to keep the Recorder coming to me, even though I am negligent with my subscription. We are old people with all means of income lost for us, and only an old age pension of $12.50 per month to stretch around our daily needs. But we are thankful to our heavenly Father for the abundance that has been given to our use. We are blessed with fairly good health, good friends, an earthly home to care for the physical needs, and faithful hope that we shall merit our heavenly Father’s reward when earthly things are left. I am enclosing subscription to the Sabbath Recorder and fifteen cents for Conradi pamphlet, “The Founders of the Seventh Day Adventist Denomination.”

Sincerely,

Washburn, Wiz.

The Sabbath for Man

As Christians we must remember that the Sabbath is not an objective law or command which we are forced to obey whether we want to or not. It is, rather, a law of our being which we may observe, and in doing so bring a multitude of positive good results to our lives and to those around us.—Unsigned.

OBITUARY

Maxson.—Albert L., was born at Union City, Pa., April 19, 1861, and departed this life November 12, 1939.

He and Adelaide Grandall of Ceres, N. Y., were united in marriage June 11, 1887. To them was born one son, Everett D. Maxson, who, with three grandchildren and one granddaughter, survives. An expert painter by trade, Mr. Maxson's work for many years was with auto works. He has resided in Los Angeles since 1920.

In Alfred, N. Y., Mr. Maxson was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church and has been a member of the church of that faith since coming to California.

Funeral services were held at the Ruppe Funeral Home in Los Angeles and he was laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery.

G. D. H.
EDITORS

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The writer was truly shocked. Does the $5 given really represent the interest of our churches? When it is realized that probably the greater proportion of our churches use freely the material of the society every year, put out in emphasizing Bible Week, an outsider might easily designate us as such. The trouble would seem to be that our people are not informed as to the importance, value, and needs of the work of the Bible Society. The writer feels sure no true Seventh Day Baptist or living Seventh Day Baptist Church would want to be in the line of thumb wagggers.

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December 24 marks the 125th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, which paved the way for the permanent removal of all border fortifications between the United States and Canada. In these days when we read of the Maginot line and other lines of fortification between countries, we may well rejoice over this 125 year old-good-will line between us and our good neighbor on the north. Whether since, as they are being asked, celebrate this significant day or not,
all can well be thankful for all the day stands for, and let it be an encouragement for the spreading of peace and good will world-wide.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, international president of Christian Endeavor, is quoted as saying that sixty-seven thousand members of the Christian Endeavor in Germany have been absorbed by the Hitler Youth Movement. Nothing has been heard, he says (RNS), from the Christian Endeavor societies in Finland, Estonia, Jugoslavia, and Albania since the beginning of the present war.

A bit of encouragement to temperance leaders is being given, according to Dr. Ernest H. Harrington, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, by the decrease in liquor consumption, the swing in sentiment from "wet" to "dry," particularly in towns and villages, and even the "reform" program of the whiskey interests.

According to Dean Norman S. Buck of Yale, college students are showing a greater interest in religious work, interest which would seem that some indefinable change is taking place among the undergraduates in our various campuses, manifested by a greater seriousness in their quest for a personal philosophy and a greater interest in religion. Doctor Buck is quoted by Religious News Service: "Last year there was an average attendance of only six to a dozen students at daily chapel at Yale. But this year the attendance ranges from fifty to one hundred fifty. The same is true of Sunday chapel, which likewise is not compulsory. Attendance this year has been twice what it was last year."

"Unqualifiedly false," says Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavaert, secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, are the "baseless allegations" that Jews control the newspapers of America and are making public opinion to their own ends. The easily obtained facts are to the contrary, he declares, and then gives authoritative figures from the last International Year Book of Editor and Publisher, which show that but 3½ per cent of the 916 daily newspapers in 544 cities of over 15,000 population are owned or controlled by Jews. "One of these is the New York Times, such an outstanding example of trustworthy and integrity that one wishes there might be more 'Jewish newspapers' of this character." On the boards of the three great newsmaking agencies in the United States there is not a single Jew, Doctor Caven declares.

William Wallace Bennett, Virginia historian, educator, and journalist, is said to have thought it so important for the Confederate solders to have Bibles that he ran the blockade to procure them.

A strong movement is on foot, and the plan is being endorsed by many religious and other groups, to send Herbert Hoover abroad as a peace envoy who would negotiate a truce among warring nations and prepare for a world peace conference.

"What makes you so crazy about Saturday worship? I should think your outfit would join with the Jews."—J. G. Spinken, Chicago, December 4.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, November, 1939

Receipts

November Total for

1939 2 mos.

Adams Center $75.40 $75.40
Alfred, First 15.00 15.00
Alfred, Second 74.40 482.80
Andover 8.00 8.00
Western Association 8.83 8.83
Association and Church Groups 388.70 388.70
Battles Creek 42.00 192.00
Berlin 21.00 21.00
Boudoir 117.63 117.63
Brookfield, First 12.00 12.00
Brookfield, Second 25.50 60.50
Dayton Church 94.75 130.12
De Ruyter 14.50 78.20
De Ruiter 13.00 179.79
Diminuendo 20.05 20.05
Dodge Center 15.00 15.00
Edinburg 5.00 5.00
Farina 40.99 40.99
Fiske 21.60 21.60
Friendship 16.60 16.60
Gentry 1.00 1.00
Hammond 85.00 85.00
Hebron, First 4.50 14.35
Hopkinson Beach 15.00 15.00
Hopkinson, Second 3.00 3.00
Independence 29.00 60.00
Individuals 43.59 2,492.90
Irvington 100.00 100.00
Little Genesee 113.45 113.45
Little Prairie 15.00 15.00
Los Angeles 57.50 57.50

Disbursements

Missionary Society $406.80 $10.50
Tract Society 103.50 103.50
Sabbath School Board 63.00 63.00
Young People's Board 13.50 13.50
Woman's Aid 9.00 5.00
Ministerial Retirement 54.00 54.00
Education Society 58.50 50.00
Historical Society 7.20 7.20
General Conference 108.00 108.00
Seventh Day Baptist Building 76.50 76.50

Comparative Statement

This year Last year

Budget receipts-November $901.49 $1,723.21
Special receipts-November 60.00 127.21
Budget receipts-5 months 6,448.90 4,774.78
Special receipts-5 months 2,418.98 402.75

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SPECIAL MEETINGS ON CRITES MOUNTAIN

By Rev. C. A. Beebe

For the past two years the pastors of the Ritchie Church has been making visits to a group of Sabbath keepers on Crites Mountain, near Little Birch post office, in Braxton County, W. Va. This is an isolated community, far from any highway or mail route, and was reached by a road which is little more than a trail. During our visit last spring, it was decided that we should spend some time there in special meetings. Accordingly the people set aside a one-room log cabin on the farm of Mrs. Lena Sartin, and fixed it up to be used for church purposes. The house was thoroughly cleaned up, rough logs fitted, a coal stove set up, and windows put in.

The meetings were held during the first two weeks of November, in charge of myself and Mr. S. A. Fort. Annie Beebe and Irene McKay were with us for several days, and helped much with the music and in other ways; Mrs. Beebe was there over the week-end; and Mrs. Jettie Bricey, daughter of Albert and Mr. Zack White (a ministerial student at Salem) spent a Sabbath with us. On the second Sabbath eve, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Crites came from Sutton to attend the meeting.

Public services were held in this log church for eleven nights, as well as on Sabbath, the order usually being a song service, an address on fundamental Seventh Day Baptist beliefs by the writer, and an evangelistic message by Brother Ford. Tangible results were two new professions, one renewal, and one decision to

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By Dr. L. Richard Conradi, late of Hamburg, Germany

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The denominations will survive in the service of Christ and humanity which throw themselves into its allegories. It is often the case that with truth that the reason churches languish is because they are not liberal in the matter of missions. It is a well recognized truth that funds for a church's local expenses increase with its missionary spirit and decrease when it "withholdeth." "Give and it shall be given unto you." In a recent publication Bishop Henry W. Hobson says, "I am telling the clergy of the diocese of southern Ohio that I do not expect them to present any more persons for confirmation who are not ready to accept their responsibility for furthering the world mission of the Church." It is not because Christians do not have money, but so hard to raise local church expenses; it is because there is a lack of real missionary spirit. It is not because of poverty in the churches that the contributions through the United Budget for missions during November were only about $400; it is because some care more for other things than they do for missions. It is not because the year now closing has not been a bountiful one that some of our missionaries, home and foreign face the approaching Christmas having received neither their November salaries; it is because some are withholding their tithes and offerings—are robbing God. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it pertaineth to poverty." Miss. Sec.

FOREIGN MISSIONS THE BEST INVESTMENT OFFERED TO MEN

By Robert E. Speer

I remember, years ago, going with one of these missionaries, Dr. Joseph Cochran of Uruguay, to speak before a meeting of the Philadelphia Woman's Home Missionary Society. I was then eighteen years of age, and a law student, and a only son of a lawyer. I have great love and regard for some friends who have had the gift of advancing their work by the use of their names and deeds, but Doctor Cochran did more than any of them in his quiet and unadvertised way, and he could not have allowed his name to be used in the press. He was a man, which his life was given that he could have thrown his life away when any years were left to be spent for his Master. He was a prince in the land where he lived. His name was all he had the passport that any traveler required. He went through the most turbulent regions of western Asia, among the wandering folk, the counselor and judge among the helpless; him self a bulwark of justice and confidence in the disturbed sections of western Persia and eastern Turkey. He did all this in quietness and was well content, when the end had come, for he had put his life in the richest and purest enterprise in the ministry of missions. Thousands of others with joy also have hidden their lives, unknown to men, in the unseen but enduring service of the alien and the stranger peoples. I was thinking that the other day on the train of how to account for the immense impress that Jesus Christ made on the world. There are so many scholars, as we know, who believe that his public ministry lasted only one year, that the Passovers, which we lengthen out to three, were one or at the most two, and that all that tremendous work of work that has transformed human history and changed all humanity—was wrought by a young man in one year of his life. If there be anyone who says he wonders what liability do they lay themselves to duplicate and excel that massive work of his? And even those of us who believe him to be more than man know that the work he did we may do also, if we believe his word. Jesus Christ made the impress that he did on the world because he embodied the sheer reality of the missionary ideal, the pouring out of the love and life of God toward the alien and stranger. The Christian Church has its duty to its own—world. The missionary enterprise for the purpose of having a part in lifting men and human institutions that shall help to rid this earth of its internal riches. Such purposes cannot be attained without great cost. We read of a merchant who found one pearl of great price, but he was obliged to sell all that he had to obtain it. There is no easy road to success in missions, but they are the hope of the church and of the world.

The missionary task is the most stupendous of the ages, and the most difficult as well. It is an undertaking that is still in its infancy.
Secretary Van Horn also reported informally on interesting items of correspondence of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. He informed the members of the Board that a letter had been written to the secretary of the World Council of Churches expressing the wish to have information furnished by the World Council of Churches and the World Missionary Council.

The report of the Board of Trustees was read by the secretary, and the report of the Treasurer of the Council was also read.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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During the Sabbath morning service music was furnished by the Denver choir and a lovely violin solo, played by Helen Hahn, was played by Luther Hansen. The sermon, "The Christian's Responsibility for the Home," was delivered by Rev. Ralph Coon. The auditorium was packed for this service. The Bible school followed.

The Sabbath afternoon service was in charge of the young people, led by Grace Burdick. A singing service, including some numbers offered by the young people three talks were given. Carl Maxson of North Loup gave an inspirational talk on "Christ Calls to Personal Experience," followed by a vocal solo by Edith Berry of Boulder. "Christ Calls to Church Loyalty and Fellowship" was presented by Stanley Rasmussen of Boulder, after which Pastor Burdick led prayer. The business of the yearly meeting was then conducted. The last talk, "Christ Calls to Christianship in Nation and World," was given by Kenneth Crosby of Denver. Allen Babcock of North Loup then played a trumpet solo.

The Sabbath evening service was devoted to "Seeing Hawaii, with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis." Mr. and Mrs. Davis, natives of Hawaii in color and with sound, taken by Mr. and Mrs. Davis. Everyone who saw it wanted to spend his next vacation there. Following the performance the young people were entertained at a Hallowe'en party and scavenger hunt. About fifty young folks attended.

The Sunday morning worship service was in charge of the Boulder Church. Rev. Ralph Coon delivered the sermon, "The Christian's Responsibility for the Local Church." At noon a fellowship dinner was served in the social room of the church. In the afternoon the business of the yearly meeting was disposed of, and a forum, "The Christian's Responsibility for his Denomination," was led by Pastor Coon.

The closing meeting Sunday night was a program of music with a male chorus and special numbers, in charge of Mrs. Mattie Burdick, and the sermon, "The Christian's Responsibility for Missions and Evangelism," preached by Rev. Erle S. Sutton.

Everyone felt renewed of spirit and more zealous for the work, for once again having fellowshipped together.

Margaret Davis,
Church Clerk.
a young man he led in the excitement of his
day. A company of soldiers, which was to have moved against Canada in the
French wars. But peace was declared and Bliss and his command were left ready
for the adventure at arms, but waiting on the
docks at Newport.

Then he became sober in his thoughts, and
because of his ability to mix with the people he
was to visit, he joined a small group of young
people at the Newport church. During the Revolution
he stood by his church in Newport. British
soldiers were quartered at his home. His
dughters, no doubt, enlivened their stay there
he stood by his church in Newport. British
Newport church. During the Revolution
it was found hidden away under a loose
a visiting Britisher could not find his sword
girls knew nothing about it. After the war
years before.

His
disease on a trip to the West Indies,
for both American and British smallpox cases
rests in the cemetery back of the church.

A certain day this year, and
...and getting better acquainted. The
...and from such lives that we look for
the kingdom of God, as well.

I worship beauty,
The heart of passion,
A timeless, eternal ray,
A timeless, eternal ray,
And the glory of God, now quietly and reverently and
now earnestly and with high aspiration, you
should receive a part of the credit for the
kingdom of God, as well.

The breath of life within a loosened soul,
The heart of passion,
Awakening a universal love within me
Of beauty.

I would not that be a happy "Silver Sab-

Marguerite Carpenter

Could we have a "Silver Sabbath" on
a certain day this year, and "Bring all the
rites into the storehouse" of every church in our
denomination, and wipe out all our indebted-
ness?

Marguerite Carpenter

THE SABBATH RECORDER
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

SHE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING

Last summer I received from a friend a letter which I prize. I prize it for two rea-
sons. For one thing, the writer was a young lady, very much interested in summer school,
yet she had time to read the SABBATH RE-
CORER. I also prize this letter for the spirit of co-operation it shows. The writer was
sincere and on her toes and thought of some-
thing she had that could be used in the page.

I pass on to you young people a portion of her letter:

It's a much pleasanter summer than I'd feared it
would be, because, I suppose, I like the work
so much. Mother said to me some "Recorders" to-
day. In one of them, I saw a plea for material
for the Young People's edifice. I was asked to
and "on my toes" enough to feel a little prick
of conscience, and I thought of some lines I have
written since here.

The sunsets here are among the most beautiful
I've ever seen, and, consequently, I've a habit of
spending my early evenings until dusk out be-

This valley to ennoble my living,
And behind those hills and sunsets and lacy trees.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
A TRIP TO THE SOUTHWEST
By Rev. Paul S. Burdick

It was the very great privilege of the
writer to represent the Baptist, Method-
and Central Associations and the Tract Society
at the Southwestern Association at Gerty, Ark,
early in August. We were received most
cordially and given a unique southern
hospitality by the people of Gerty. It was
my good fortune to spend some time in the
home of Brother Darwin Maxson and his
daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russ-
ells Maxson. Another son is Paul Maxson
of the School of Theology at Alfred. It was
a pleasure, also, to be entertained in the home
of the pastor and in other homes of the com-

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**OUR LETTER EXCHANGE**

**Dear Mrs. Greene:**

I am writing this letter to let you know that we are all feeling well except my mother, who has a cold in her head. I hope that you are feeling well, also.

We are still attending our meetings every Sabbath and our brother, Joseph Bullock of Berlin, brings Pastor Wing over every Sabbath. We always have a good time in our meetings, and my two brothers, Peter and Ralph, and I sing in church every once in a while. My brother Ralph takes the leading part, Peter sings bass, and I sing the alto.

My daddy has us practice at home on the piano and some day I wish I could take lessons on the piano, because I would like to learn to play, very much.

My cousin, Eugene Fatato, plays the violin in church every Sabbath now. My daddy plays the guitar and so does Brother Raymond Prati, and Sister Margaret Prati plays the piano. We have a lot of music in our church and we all love to go. I think this will be all for now. We have had nice weather until yesterday.

Your sister in Jesus,

Anna Marie Fatato.

550 Manhattan Street,
Schenectady, N. Y.

**Dear Anna Marie:**

I have a nice lot of letters this week, so I must make my answers brief. I always enjoy hearing about your meetings in Schenectady on the Sabbath and wish I could have the pleasure of attending at least one of them some time, for I know they must be very inspiring. And how I would enjoy the good music. No wonder you girls and boys love to go.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

**Dear Mrs. Greene:**

I had my appendix taken out three weeks ago. I am home and going to school all but I have to be careful. It was like Christmas when I was in the hospital, because I received so many gifts.

Your friend,

New Auburn, Wis.

**Dear Warren:**

I am sorry you have been sick, but glad you’ve got rid of that appendix. I can’t imagine why we ever had one, can you? I’m glad you had so many presents, but of course you’ll feel more like enjoying your real Christmas presents.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

**OUR PULPIT**

**WALKING WORTHILY**

(A sermon preached by Wayne R. Hood before the class in Homiletics in Alfred University School of Theology, November 21, 1958.)

_text—Colossians 1: 10._

When Jesus was teaching in his native Palestine, he was always asking his friends to do hard things. Yet he never asked them to do things that were too hard.

Once he said to a cripple who had been carried to him on a kind of stretcher, "Arise, and take up your bed, and walk!" He told a beast of a man who had been living among the tombs like a savage, to go home and live with his friends once again. But Jesus never asked anyone to do anything that seemed impossible, without giving him the strength to do it. Strength of spirit, cripple’s shrunken sinews, and he stood up, shouldered his bed, and walked away! The maniac put on his clothes, combed his hair, and went home again! Jesus told a fallen woman to go and sin no more. He stood the entire entrance of an open tomb and cried, "Lazarus, come forth!" (And Jesus expected him.)

He was always telling people to do things that were not easy; and always, somehow, he gave the people the power to do them.

He asked one of his closest friends to feed his lambs, and somehow Peter, weak though he was at moments, fed those lambs—three thousand of them in one day. Jesus asked a small group of men to go into all the world and preach the gospel,” and equipped with an unexpected strength, they did it!

He was continually telling people to “love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that despitefully use you,” to turn the other cheek and go the second mile. And somehow he seemed to expect the people who heard him to try it. He told the people to “be... perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

The people who have set out to try to follow that command have found themselves drawing on some other strength that they never dreamed existed.

Paul set out to follow some of those difficult commands, and very soon he found himself pleading with the people of Thessalonica to “walk worthy of God, who hath called you to his kingdom and glory.” Before many years had passed, he was asking the Ephesians to “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.” From his prison in Rome, Paul wrote to the members of the church at Colossae, praying that they might “walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.”

It was with a heavy burden on his heart that Paul wrote to those Colossians. To the apostle’s lodgings in Rome had come a friend from Colossae, Epaphras by name. He brought with him bad news, and many a night would Paul and Epaphras spend in talking about the matter, with the stolid Roman soldier to whom Colossae was chained by his chains. The tidings were of a strange philosophy that was threatening the faith of the Colossian Christians—there in the dreamy East, in a little valley on the Lycus River, bounded on all sides by mountains. Oriental minds had soared for centuries in detached contemplation. Christianity came, and in their leisurely manner the philosophers had made it a part of their thinking. But with their customary...
disregard for systems of thought, the philosophers had strangely garbled the Christian tradition, had assailed all evil as evil, and all good as good, as they had said for centuries. The Christians say that God is good. Very well then—God is good, the world is evil. If we live under a relentless government, the government is evil, and God can have no part in it. There is a war, and that is evil, so there is no possibility of God helping to bring peace, there is nothing in the Christian Church a strange cross between Buddhist detachment, and Jewish ritual. So, in the face of complex problems, Paul urged the simple solution—personal worthiness, worthiness as measured by the standards of Christ. We may do well today, as we face complex international problems to consider the simple solutions. Nineteen hundred years later we are watching great governments ruthlessly destroy the foundations of peace which have been laid. We have become concerned about the inevitable and sudden changes in the status of our social gospel.

Paul would seek to remind us that with our world movements and social gospel, Christ is still asking people to do hard things in his strength. Social groups, no matter how large, no matter the culture in which they are born, and all social problems, no matter how complex, are solved by God through consecrated single lives. Paul, the prisoner, would tell us again that it is a God-given privilege to be free to set our spirits for the goal of "walking worthily of God, unto all pleasing.

Within the scope of a single sentence, Paul gives us four simple rules for the achievement of spiritual worth: "Be fruitful in every good work; increase in the knowledge of God; be strengthened in the might of power; and give thanks unto the Father." It is a comprehen-
sive outline, and yet it extends the outline-personal worthiness, worthiness as measured by the standards of Christ. The Hindus have little use for a fruit tree which produces beautiful blossoms year after year without producing any actual fruit. The tree was merely the appearance of fruit-bearing. "Ye are the tree of the Lord." Paul seemed to Christians to produce all kinds of goodness, fruit—bearing. "Ye are the fruit of the spirit." Paul writes the powerful Spurgeon, "...no tree can bear fruit unless it has certain" metaphors to infinite implications. "But still, there is a picture not of a tree, but of life. It runs like a theme through all of the Gospel. We may do well today, as we face complex international problems to consider the simple solutions. Nineteen hundred years later we are watching great governments ruthlessly destroy the foundations of peace which have been laid. We have become concerned about the inevitable and sudden changes in the status of our social gospel.

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people do things that vex us. If the problems were bigger, we might turn instinctively to God for help, but in the little problems we stumble along alone instead of seeking his help. It is then that we show the shallowness of our knowledge of God. As long as we learn to know him, we find ourselves drawing upon a source of power that is sufficient for all occasions. The Psalmist sang of the limitless glorious power of Jehovah, for the heavens declared his glory, and the firmament his power. His power is apparent everywhere—in the mighty cascades of tumbling water, in the relentless beating of the ocean's surf, in the mountain-moving earthquake, in the devouring flames, in the boundless skies as unnamed suns hurl their paths along the interminable highways of the uncharted heavens. In the growing seed, the budding rose, the waving field of grain, in the destinies of nations, and in a small child's concern over a broken toy.

We may be strengthened with a might corresponding to the power of God's glory, so strong that we shall be strong in accordance with our finite nature as God is strong according to his infinite nature.

We will be strengthened in patience. Patiently the superintendence of all the affairs of God; it defeats its enemies without struggle. Ghandi's strength is in his long-suffering: "In returning and rest you shall be saved," wrote Tertullian, "and in confidence shall be your strength/"

We will be strengthened in long-suffering: we shall learn from the patience of God and know that he can make all things work together for good, that we may rejoice in the Lord always. In the strength of God, and only in his infinite, personal might, may we be enabled to walk worthily before him.

So, we try to serve him who first loved us, and coming into contact with him, we increase in the knowledge of God. Learning of God we are strengthened with the glory of his might. What a cause to thank the Father! Paul suggested, as his fourth point, that we walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, "giving thanks unto the Father which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the Light." Thank the Father for making us worthy of crosses! and of flaming stakes! The Father, who has qualified us for the secret contemplation of hermit's cells, for long hours of waiting prayer, for the search for the Light! And thank him, too, that when the light is found, it dazzles us in its brightness.

Thank the Father for his dear Son, "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness for the sins committed against the Christian endearments, and turned out both entertaining and profitable. Refreshments were served by the mothers of the Beginners class, and violin selections were rendered by Mr. Hefferman, a member of the class, and his mother.

On the Sabbath after Thanksgiving a special offering was taken for the church committee for China Relief.

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"Thank God for love!"

"For though sometimes grief follows in its wake, we forget love's sorrow in love's joy."

"Thank God for pain!"

"No tear hath ever yet been shed in vain."

"And in the end we shall find No curse, but blessings in the hand of pain."

"Even when God smiteth, then is God most kind."

Thank the Father for laughter, for silence, for deep woods and high mountains, for tumbling streams, tiny lakes and wide seas, for silent dawnings, golden moons, starlit nights that increase us in the knowledge of him, and give us strength.

Thank God for life, for floors to be swept, for fields to be plowed, for sermons to be preached, for hard things and good works to be done.

Thank the Father for all that is good and pure and helpful.

"Were thanks with every gift expressed, Each day would be thanksgiving; Were gratitude its very best, Each life would be thanksgiving."

In the dim recesses of countless temples have burned numberless tapers in thanksgiving. In my two hands I bring a single taper to the Father, to burn before him in thanksgiving for the each another heart, for the love within me—a single taper to burn also in its dedication of my life, that I may walk worthy of the Lord.

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The annual church and society meetings were held in the church Sunday, December 2. The church and society officers, members of the Advisory Board and committees, for the ensuing year, were elected. A new call was extended to Pastor Davis to remain another year. A bountiful dinner was served at the close of the evening service.

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"Little Genesees, N. Y.

A study course, "The Old Testament," by W. N. Nevis, has been given this fall and early winter to all who are interested. These night classes have been well attended and much interest shown.

A fine chicken supper and bazaar recently netted the Sunshine Society over seventy dollars.

Three representatives from here, including the pastor, who represented the County Bible School Association, recently attended a County Life Conference at Castile, about seventy miles from here. A representative from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, a representative from Cornell University, and the president of the State Bible School Association were among the speakers. Informal discussions, in which pastors, Bible school workers, Farm and Home Bureau leaders, and others participated, were most interesting and instructive.
The Young People's Christian Endeavor societies of Hebron and Little Genesee have recently enjoyed two evenings together. It was most inspiring to see such a fine, large group worshipping as well as playing together.

White Cloud, Mich.
Thursday, November 23, the Auxiliary of the church followed the usual custom of serving Thanksgiving dinner in the church basement. Those of the church members, who wished, bring their own dinners with a little extra for the invited guests. These guests are those who are alone and also some who would not otherwise enjoy a bountiful dinner. We feel that this is a worth while activity, as lonely hearts are sometimes made tender by this little act of kindness. This year there were sixty people at the tables and seven lonesome looking parsonage. It will be hard to wait all winter, but the joy of having a extra for the invited guests. These lonely those who are alone and also members, who not otherwise enjoy a bountiful dinner. We of April, when we will

DEAR

Cloud.

To the dear ones God hath lent us—
We should have endless patience,
Knew how we'd long for their presence,
Through each live-long, lonely day—
Ere that sad return to dust.
And we knew how we would miss them,
We'd try to be more gracious,
And sometimes made tender by
Our wishes are in vain—
When we're longing for our dear ones,
Whom we ne'er may see again.

Grand Junction, Colo.

O B I T U A R Y

Babcock. — Jennie Louise Langworthy, daughter of John and Lavinia Richmond Langworthy, was born in Berlin, Wis., August 15, 1863, and died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Zalla Wells, in Milton, November 12, 1929. On October 6, 1886, she was married to R. Hewett Babcock at Dodge Center, Minn. She is survived by her daughter, three grandchildren, Roberta (Mrs. Richard Wells) of Spencer, N. Y., Lucille (Mrs. Louis Sunby) of Milton, and Loyd of Thinsville, Wis.; a sister, Edna; and sister-in-law, Mrs. Ulysses Langworthy of Dodge Center.

In November, 1915, her membership was brought from Dodge Center to the Milton church. A brief memorial service was held in Milton, conducted by Pastor Carroll L. Hill. The body was taken to Dodge Center for burial, where services were conducted by Pastor Charles W. Thorgate. C. L. H.

Brooks. — Jessie Randall Brooks died November 29, 1939, after a brief illness. She was 73 years of age, and was born in Monticello, N. Y. Mrs. Brooks was the widow of Henry G. Brooks, to whom she was a faithful wife through the years, caring for him through a long and tedious illness before his death three years ago. Together they reared as a son Waldo Gibbs, who survives. Her only other living relative is a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Royal of New York, and nieces.

Her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband after a funeral service in the Seventh Day Baptist church of Waterford, where she had been a devoted member. A. N. R.

Green. — Louisa Cummings, daughter of John and Ann Eliza Stewart Cummings, was born near Auburn, N. Y., May 29, 1861, and died at her home near Hancock, Wis., November 16, 1939.

When she was eleven years old the family moved to Wisconsin, living near Grand Marsh. She was married to Duella F. Greene, April 5, 1883. To them were born two children, Frank and Gladys (Mrs. Harry Chilsen) of Hancock. She was baptized in her early married life and was a loyal Baptist member, though because of living so far from any Seventh Day Baptist church, she did not become a church member. Funeral services were held at the home on November 19, conducted by Pastor Carroll L. Hill of Milton. Burial was in a nearby cemetery. C. L. H.

M A R R I A G E S

Arnold-Darling. — At the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold, Battle Creek, Mich., November 22, 1939, Orville J. Arnold and Dorothy Elaine Darling of Lawton, Mich., Rev. Edward M. Holton officiating.

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And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) that he might be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And the angel of the Lord came upon them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, FEAR not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

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"Not the fought and slayed for or bought and paid for, but only the thought and prayed for Happiness lasts."