some helpful contribution to the cause that we all hold dear. Correspondent.

Albion, Wls.

On Tuesday evening, December 26, the Albion Church helped Deacon and Mrs. Milton J. Babcock celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary, and on the following Tuesday night, the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Leslie O. Greene. Mr. Babcock, now senior deacon, has served the Albion Church as deacon for many years. He is a son of the late Rev. Simon H. Babcock, twice the pastor of this church, and of sainted memory. Mrs. Babcock who has served faithfully and efficiently in the choir, served as deacon for many years is the youngest daughter of a former deacon of the Albion Church, S. R. Potter. What is sometimes said of ministers’ sons and deacons’ daughters! Pastor and Mrs. Greene have established themselves deeply in the esteem and affection of the Albion people, church, and community, in the past two and a half years.

Observe.

MORE LINES
By Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond

I.
EVENING PEACE
Neath purple hills the patchwork fields
In varied shade and shade and shade,
Spread stillness on the shadowed earth,
As fast the daylight fades.

In final scene the setting sun
From distant mountain height
Floods all the earth with gold again,
Then slowly slides from sight.

The peace that from the evening sky
Across the landscape steals,
Finds deeper peace within the soul
Of him who sees and feels.
July, 1939.

II.
THE FRIENDSHIP ROAD
The Friendship Road leads on all day;
Where vines break and landscapes lie;
Till song birds call, and homeward fly,
And love-lit candles brightly burn.
August, 1939.

III.
TWO TREES
Two trees against the summer sky,
From other trees withdrawn;
Bend to what breezes stir them both,
At evening or at dawn.

Snow swirls in piled and circled drift,
Or falls in trackless white,
When winds of winter sway them both,
In daytime or at night.

Each stands alone, and straighter grows,
In beauty uniform;
They stand together, sharing life,
In sunshine or in storm.

From selfsame soil they draw their strength,
And from one warming sun;
Roots close entwined in common quest,
What is of the night come pleading cries;
The way before in darkness lies:
I cannot see the waiting road.

I know my God the way can see;
And round the bend there beckons me
A waiting worthy Christian task.
His reassuring voice to hear;
And day by day to know him near,
With trusting heart, is all I ask.
January 1, 1940.

MARRIAGES
Mallison - Burdick. — In the Seventh Day Baptist church, De Ruyter, N. Y., December 16, 1939, by the bride’s father, Rev. Leon D. Burdick, Mr. William H. Mallison, Jr., eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. William H. Mallison, of Port Henry, N. Y., and Marjorie M. Burdick, both of Cortland, N. Y.

Green - Scott. — At the home of a friend of the bride in Greenville, Ill., Sunday night, December 31, 1939, at eight o’clock, Maurice Green of Farina, Ill., and Elvina Scott of Smithboro, Ill., were united in marriage, Rev. Claude L. Hill officiating.

God must have loved the common people. He made so many of them.—A. Lincoln.
need men of great personal charm. There is no way we can prevent the student from transferring his impressions of the teacher to his impressions of the subject. To that we would add the quality of personal interest of the educator in the individual student and student body. Some of us will never get over those influences in President Wm. C. Whitford's; his brother Albert; Dean Main; and Dr. C. B. Clarke, to mention a few.

From the National Lutheran Educational Conference comes a word of suggestion in building up contemporary interest and support. Rev. Martin Schroeder of Lincoln, Neb., is reported as pointing out that church-related schools are "aiding and abetting" a form of "human erosion." The reason seems to lie in the fact that church-related schools are designed for urbanizing the student. Colleges and seminaries, the speaker declared, "are under heavy indictment for drawing continuously upon the youth of the country and smaller towns without making it a point to direct at least a part of them back to the communities from which they came."

For many years this has worried some of our leaders and churches. True, young folks go from college to other communities to be blessings there—though few or none go back to their native place. Good as this may be, our home churches are weakened thereby. North Loup, for example, has sent out scores to college who have gone elsewhere, only a minor percentage ever returning. Suppose the schools had given among their courses those that would provide guidance, preparation, and inspiration for half of such numbers to return to their community, find jobs there, or make their own, building up their own business, and live a personal and effective vocation. Think you not that church would be strengthened, the state made thereby so much the better, and an enlarged and more effective support of the college? Those who do go back and make their contribution confirm our conviction that this should be more and more stressed?

We must not blame the college too much for this. But should it address itself successfully to this phase of the problem, we feel confident of a larger living interest and support of the church college.

USING THE PAPERS

Recently Walter Van Kirk, writing in Christian Century, pointed out the backwardness of Protestantism appearing in the news, as compared with Roman Catholicism. He speaks of the sparsity of Protestant news stories in the dailies as he searches for items for his digest in the Religious Broadcast News. Protestants are urged to carry their religion out of doors, into the streets, into the open.

We believe his advice is good for Seventh Day Baptists, individuals, pastors, churches. Too often our position seems to be apologetic. It can't be we are doing things, the things we do, the things we stand for. True, items now and then appear in local papers of something that has happened in our church. Usually it is a notice of a chicken pie supper, or to be. Rarely, if ever, anything revealing or pointing out our religious convictions.

Editors of local papers usually are very generous in giving space for church weekly carry-Outs. The few pastors among them apparently appreciate such opportunity afforded. The usual notice may stand for weeks without apparent variation; no Sabbath text or theme given. Does this mean the pastor does not know his own program a week ahead?

The Catholic leader knows and advertises. So does the Christian Scientist. Frequently we read with interest and profit a quarter column, weekly, Christian Science notice in a local paper—that is more than a notice. It gives the subject of the "lesson sermon" for the day, the text, and quotes quite fully Scripture citations—equal in length to quotations of selections from "Science and Health," or other of their special material. Usually the space occupied is equal to the total combined space used by the three or four Protestant denominations of the same locality.

Doctor Van Kirk's observations are timely. Seventh Day Baptists with others should bring home appeal. They should lengthen their influence by a wider use of press privileges within their reach. It pays to advertise.

HELDING BIBLE SOCIETY

An editorial in this paper of December 18, 1939, spoke of the importance of the work of the American Bible Society and how much we are all indebted to it for the Bible in so many tongues. A strong appeal was made that our churches contribute definitely, something—at least a dollar from every church—this year.

A note from Dean Bond of Alfred points out that money for this purpose, if Seventh Day Baptists are to receive credit, should be sent to Morton R. Swinney, Niantic, Conn., properly designated for the American Bible Society. In that way it will be credited to Seventh Day Baptists, otherwise not. We are glad the Dean has noted this, and are glad to bring it again before our readers.

A reading of Dean Bond's report to Conference in the October N. L. E. C. News shows how important this very thing: "I would again urge our churches and Sabbath schools to make their contributions to the society through resurgence. This is in order that Seventh Day Baptists may appear on the records of the society as a contributing church."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND THE DEMOCRACY

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Church-related Colleges was held January 10 in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia. An interesting program is at hand which carries the invitation to attend on the part of "all persons connected with the various denominational educational groups, and all others interested in the cause of Christian higher education." Three or four days, beginning with January 7, challenged the attention of various churches and groups of the city.
From information sheets concerning the interests centering in work of the conference, we are quoting extracts.

A thrilling story reported by President J. O. Van Meter of the financing of Lees Junior College at Jackson, Ky.

In this section of the Appalachian Mountains there are hundreds of young people who are eager to go to college. They have good minds and the desire for health, but they lack money. In facing this great need we have worked and labored in a determined effort to accept, either as boarding or day students, a mountain boy or girl with a good high school record, as a student at Lees College. If they are unable to pay any of their expenses, we will, to the limit of our dormitory capacity, give them room, board, and tuition, taking their note signed by neighbors and friends and wait until they go to work or go to begin teaching, for they pay for their two years in college. Out of two hundred sixty-six students enrolled last year, almost two hundred of them are paying little or no cash, but have signed their note for their college expenses.

Under this plan we enrolled eighty-nine students in 1937 and over three hundred in 1938-39, and expect to enroll nearly four hundred before the end of this college year. Our total receipts from students in 1936-37 were $23,765. In 1938-39 the college loaned nearly $20,000 to students. Of this amount less than $1,800 was collected by September 30.

At no time since 1930 have more than ten per cent of our graduates been unable to find work after they left college. The college does not have an employment agency; rarely does it ever help students to get work. In other schools the students get their own positions when they leave here.

Marked changes in college students are reported:

A survey by the American Schools Association, in which eighteen thousand prospective college students in New York and Chicago were interviewed, reveals marked differences in those who entered this field ten years ago. The New York Journal and American summarizes the changes in the students, stating that a much greater number of today's students start work with a definite career in view and plan their studies toward a specific objective. This year's crop is much more job-minded. Third, college boys and girls are reading prayer books and religious periodicals. Fourth, they read more books and periodicals . . . display greater interest in national affairs . . . go to the movies less . . . are three months younger and about a quarter of an inch taller . . . spend approximately $210 less for clothing . . . spend an average of two years less in college . . . two per cent of the girls hoped to find student employment . . . two per cent of the boys hoped to support themselves while attending college.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt stresses the character and quality of the teacher.

It is true that some great men succeeded without schooling, but most of them somewhere along their line came in contact with teachers who pointed out the way whereby they might educate themselves. It is more truly true that we thought to the development of great teachers today. We think more about curtailing their salaries than we do about improving their qualifications.

And Dr. Ruth Alexander of Northwestern University states: It takes hardships to develop character. Today we do everything we can to make life pleasant and easy for our children. They don't have to walk to school. We wrap them in cellophane, put them on buses and they are delivered to the schoolroom.

A COMMUNION PRAYER

By Edwin Shaw

(Spoken Sabbath, January 6, 1940, at Milton, Wn.)

Our Father, when we ask what is going on across the sea, while we sit here in peaceful quiet and security, it makes us, it should make us, very humble. How can we be contented to be happy fortunate people on the land and not share in the experiments of our Maker, Jesus Christ, in whose memory, the memory of what he was and what he did and what he is, we are now engaged in this sacred communion service, always remembering that it is to serve today to keep us calm and resolutely sensible. Forbid that we should forget the distress of the distressed, the infirm, the helpless women and children, the aged and the young, the infirm, and the little ones, so help us God, that we may not forget the imprisoned, the victims of war.

When we think about the ambition for power, the greed for gain, the will to rule, that are causing people to clutch at one another's throats in deadly conflicts, let us humbly pray, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And, forbid, O Lord, in these troubled times to be serene and sensible. Forbid that we should forget the teachings and the example of our Master, our faith should fail, or our hope and our chief virtues. And, forbid, as was the case before the Reformation, or the state supreme, legislating for the church, as after the Reformation. The result has been oppression, persecution, imprisonment, and martyrdom. Christ intended the state should operate in the sphere of the State, and should not interfere with the spiritual.

In this department last week, attention was called to the World-Wide Fellowship of Prayer, and it was stated that it is not the Fellowship of Prayer which many of us have fostered for some years the six weeks before Easter. It was also intimated that the Fellowship of Prayer would be promoted during Lent and would be made a part of the World-Wide Fellowship of Prayer, which is to extend through the year.

Easter comes early this year, the twenty-fourth of March, and the beginning of that season is the popular resurrection day, which occurs in about two weeks, February 7. The booklets for each day's devotions are now ready. The missionary secretaries have mailed copies to all the pastors and church leaders. These booklets can be used by groups or by individuals in their devotions and they can be secured at the office of the American Evangelism, 297 Fourth Ave., New York City, price two cents each.
A booklet for children entitled "Children's Fellowship of Shanghai" was prepared, and these can be secured by addressing Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education, 18 Asylum St., Hartford, Conn. The price of these is ten cents per copy, or eight cents per copy for twenty-five or more.

Sec. Miss.  

A GIFT OF LOVE  
By Mrs. Helen Thorngate

Our little brick Seventh Day Baptist church of Shanghai is one of the most useful church edifices I know anywhere. Over the week-end the piano strings hardly stop vibrating. Of course Friday evening is prayer meeting time. The streets of Shanghai are not really settled down to the waffles the fine voices of a group from the Girls' School raised in song come over the hedge to the church door later that evening, beginning with the girls occupying rooms intended for church purposes. Where could they go? Not outside the compound, for every house and room within a reasonable distance from the schools seemed to be occupied. 

There was the garage. If only an upper room could be secured! A try was made to cable for permission to use it, but however close to the school the address might be ready for use by the opening of the schools.

Nearly a week after the cable was sent, word was received from the office that the building was Nyung Ts' private gift to God. That Friday night, as I sat there feeling very humble and ashamed, I thought that the soap wafted upward to the throne of God must be to him a very lovely fragrance. 

THE MUSHROOM APARTMENTS  
By Mrs. Nettie M. West

The mission was in a dilemma. Ten hundred Chinese children were crowded into the two schools. There was no room for so many, but in some way room must be found for them. The church was studying a way of occupying rooms intended for school purposes. Where could they go? Not outside the compound, for every house and room within a reasonable distance from the schools seemed to be occupied. 

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This gave new opportunity. The carpenter soon brought news that the "Mushroom Apartments" were finished and ready for the three families who had for many months been moved from "pillar to post." One of these families with six children was occupying the reading room of the Girls' School, another the servants' rooms in the Davis house, while the third family, where the high school teachers belonged. 

As soon as the three families were well settled, Mrs. Helen Thorngate; Rev. Doc-tor Palmborg; Mr. Dong, the evangelist; Mrs. Koo, the Bible woman; and the Wests were invited to meet in one of the larger rooms of the Mushroom Apartments for an evening service of song and thanksgiving. There were speeches by the inmates; the Bible woman, with her little book, again in one of the gate houses on the compound; and the evangelist, whose former home had been in Lihu, but is now living in one of the rooms in the church. All spoke of how God had led and provided for them in all their difficult times and at last had given them homes which they could, in a way, call their own and not feel they were in the way of other people. They expressed with great sincerity their gratitude to each one who had been instrumental in providing them with such comfortable and convenient homes. Condensed from the China Bulletin.

MT. WHITNEY

View of East Side of Mt. Whitney, Inyo National Forest, Calif.

By Herbert N. Wheeler

The skyline of Mt. Whitney, which rises 14,496 feet, is rough and jagged but intensely interesting to all lovers of the high mountains. On its lower slopes and on those of the adjoining peaks are forests of spruce, pine, cedar, and fir. This forest prevents the soil from washing away, regulates the stream flow, and stores up snow which is very valuable for irrigation purposes down in the rich valleys. This picture is taken from the east side of Mt. Whitney along Lone Pine Creek, which drains into the desert region. Its waters are very valuable for domestic use and for a small amount of irrigation on the east side of the great Sierras. It is just below this point on the lower foothills where most of the "Wild West" moving pictures are taken. The hills and canyons of weather-worn rocks and boulders lend themselves to the staging of these dramas of the cattle-ruining years of early pioneer times.

WOMAN'S WORK

A CALL TO PRAYER GOES OUT TO ALL PEOPLE

Let us pray for a personal realization of God's love for each one that he may create in each of us a spirit of such compelling good will that out from us may shine forth a new revelation of his compassion and his love for all mankind—in thought and in word and in deed.

Let us pray for strength to overcome the sins of pride and selfishness, and to worship the kingdom of God in this world: that we may keep unbroken our world-wide Christian fellowship with the Church of God throughout the earth, cherishing each bond which is the earliest followers of Christ together in instant, mutual trust. 

Let us pray for wisdom in all that we do or say, for growing awareness of God's purpose for the world: realizing we must lead our own nation to repent, forgive, forgive in every word and work of reconciliation—since we can "love one another" only by refusing all hatreds and by seeking the mind of Christ to govern our spirits.

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom here on earth as we enter into a fellowship of suffering with the millions of those in peril and in terror and in sorrow, in every nation on earth. 

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

WHAT'S THE USE

Appraisal by size—mere bulk—is a childish measure. The biggest piece of candy is the choicest. As we mature we try to accurately gauge the infinitesimal.

Yet we give weight to some of the negative experiences in life because of the values which grow out of them.

We ever imperfect sense of value we still find it hard to discount enormity and accurately gauge the infinitesimal. Yet the Christian weighs one Man against the world and stakes his life on the ultimate outcome.
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The Christian weighs loss against all organized force, including mountains of tons of iron and steel and explosives, and stakes his life on that one word.

If we could weigh the events of 1939 which could have found the balance for the tremendous bulk of hate, distrust, broken promises, ruined lives? Have war and his allies tipped the scales completely?

No, to be sure, it looks discouraging, but perhaps we have not appraised the accomplishments. How many times during 1939 have we been told, "Register your opinions," "Write your senators," "Speak your convictions?" But how seldom have we followed through to check any results. Failure to know if progress is being made does not of itself amount to an attitude of "What's the use?"

Not long ago a breakfast food company started a picture series of soldiers on their cereal boxes. A man wrote to the company saying that as a father and as a minister he objected to this series coming into his home. He received a gracious reply. The company had discontinued the pictures. That man no longer says, "What's the use?"

An internationally known peace advocate was recently asked this question, "How does the Church compare today in its virility to historic war as compared with other periods of war tension?" "Compare?" he said, "You can't compare it. It is a great contrast. We have never known anything like it before."

It may be we have not thrown enough of the intangibles onto the scales to overweight the bulk of war, but 1939 has been a greater year for peace than any year yet. Take heart.

In the face of all wars today could it possibly be that 1939 has shown us more faintly yet—that war must vanish from the earth? We are seeing that nations must cooperate to kill the world. The wheels of war machine are turning through the Low Countries war machinery to Germany so that Germany may make war on France. The activities of the war between China and Japan were halted for three days because munitions from America—for both sides—were delayed by storms at sea.

If even wars upon cooperation, could it be that we are learning that living depends upon cooperation—brotherhood?

Thank 1939 for the lessons it has brought.

—Editorial in "Church Woman."

HOW THE SWORD FLOWER WAS BORN

By Martha Marenof

(A legend)

Some folk say that the sword and the ploughshare came into the world together. This was long, long ago. Men looked at the ploughshare and men looked at the sword. And it seemed to Man he heard a voice saying, "Plough the land with the ploughshare, and it will bring you food; then you and your children will be filled with the joy of life. Bring the sword into your midst, and you and your children will know the grief of pain and death."

So it happened. When Man ploughed the land it brought forth fruit for food, and the children of Man were happy. But there came wars. The sword became too important in the life of Man. The best of the children of Man were cut down. Pain and death reigned over the world.

Then there arose a prophet whose name was Isaiah. He walked through the fields and called to the children of Man saying, "Turn your swords into ploughshares. Let us no more fight and we shall have no more pain and death. Bring back the joy of life."

For hundreds of years and thousands of years you shall still see Man fight with the world. The grief of pain and death filled the world. At last, weary of pain and death, the people looked up and listened, and they heard the words still whispering, "Turn your swords into ploughshares. Bring back the joy of life."

The children of Man grasped their swords and turned them into ploughshares. Then they ploughed the land and once more desolate deserts became fruitful valleys. And the winds that were left over they cast among the thorns, among the wild thorns. And wherever a bit of sword fell, there a flower grew up, a flower that resembled a sword. They called it Gladness. And one is glad to know that swords were no more and ploughshares filled the world with joy and life. —From the "Church Woman."

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

EXPLANATION

This week I received a letter from a friend with the following article. It had no name so you may call it "for the Church". I thought afterward, "Prelude?" is for the new year thought. The "?" is to make us think and get the idea meant for us. The spirit of Christmas is not a P.S. to a year's living. Neither is it prelude to the coming year. But it is the spirit of living that makes "our lives enthusiastic to serve."

—C. M. C. V. H.

POSTSCRIPT-PRELUD--?

By David Clarke

"What shall I give father?" is a puzzling question that was settled before Christmas. But as we gave 'father' our expectancy of pleasant surprises on Christmas, so can we give our 'Father' our expectancy of good gifts all through this new year. It may sound selfish to be so anticipative of beautiful gifts, but how can we be otherwise with such a wonder of Faith?

"Although nobody sees Santa Claus and "nobody can conceive all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! There would be no childlike faith, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence."

"It takes childlike expectancy of Father's love to live with expectancy to serve, overflowing with happiness and give fun from just being alive and having our friends."

(For the quotations in the paragraphs are from Frank Church's widely published letter answering "Virginia" as to whether there is a Santa Claus or not. He wrote it for the New York Sun in 1897, as you know.)

PRIVILEGE

I'm sure that I have said something about our democratic form of government and our congregational church polity before—something of the effect that every person individually must bear a portion of the responsibility or the system breaks down. It breaks down so far as the inactive and uncooperative individual is concerned, but that is not all. It is weakened that much for all other individuals participating in the system.

—C. M. C. V. H.

A MECANISTIC VIEW

(From my philosophy book under "Mechanistic World View (Theistic)")

"There's machinery in the butterfly, There's machinery in that bee. There's hydraulics to a daisy And contraptions to a tree.
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QUARTERLY MEETING
The January session of the quarterly meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago Seventh Day Baptist churches will be held with the church at Milton, Wis., January 26 and 27, 1940.

MRS. W. D. BURDICK,
Secretary.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES

BY R. O. BERG

FRIENDS ARE CALLED QUAKERS BECAUSE, WHEN GEORGE FOX, FOUNDER OF THE SECT, COMMANDS A MAGISTRATE TO "TREMBLE AT THE WORLD OF THE LORD," THE MAGISTRATE CALLED HIM "A DRUNKER."

OF THE 360 NAMES OF MEN IN COMMON ENGLISH USE, 30 WERE DERIVED FROM THE HEBREW—MORE THAN FROM ANY OTHER SINGLE SOURCE.

THE CATHEDRAL

BY R. O. BERG

RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

OF SAINT SOPHIA

IN CONSTANTINOPLE, NOW A MOSQUE, BUILT BY THE CHRISTIAN EMPEROR JUSTINIAN OVER 1400 YEARS AGO, TOOK 16,000 MEN SEVEN YEARS TO COMPLETE. FORTY THOUSAND PIECES OF SILVER AND HALF A MILLION PEARLS WERE USED IN THE ALTAR ALONE.

MIZPAH S. GREENE

Editor of Children's Page

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:
I have not written to you for a long time, so I thought I would.

I had a very happy Christmas. For Christmas I got a little printing press, slippers, two embroidery sets, a game, and the stationery that I am writing to you on; and also some more nice gifts.

We had a party at school, too. It was like they have in Mexico. There was a bag full of candy and nuts which was tied to the ceiling with a strong string. Everybody in turn was blindfolded and took a bat in his hands and tried to hit the bag until it broke open and the contents fell to the floor. Then everybody scrambled for the candy. It was lots of fun.

Your sincere friend,

May Burdick.

Marilyn, Wis.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear May:

I was just thinking the other day that it was about time I was hearing from you and Oscar, when along came your letters.

Your Christmas presents were very nice. I received quite a number, too, and best of all, Pastor Greene and I had Christmas dinner with our daughter Eleanor and family. It was fun to see our little Joyce open her presents. She had so many that she hardly knew which way to turn and went round and round so fast that it fairly made our heads whirl. I think she liked best her dolly "with real hair" and her tricycle.

Your Mexican game must have been great fun. I think I'll try it at a party some time.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It is Christmas vacation so I decided to write to you. The vacation lasts two weeks. December 20, we went to the Burdick Corporation Christmas party at which everybody got gifts. The children put on the program. The night of December 23, was the night of the Sabbath school party. We had a good time and I got a bean shooting game, a box of nuts and candy, and some other nice gifts. I also got for Christmas a printing press, a plane that smooths boards, a builder set, one handkerchief, and other nice gifts that I don't think of.

In school we have studied England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Italy, San Marino, and Greece in geography. In science we have been studying insects and weather, chiefly. We don't have history until the second half of the year, when it takes the place of science. Language is about the same as in the lower grades. Spelling is the same except harder.

We have a new music teacher, Mr. Kenneth Buecock. Our teacher is Miss Callahan.

My birthday is January 2, 1940. I will be eleven years old.

Your Recorder friend,

May Burdick.

Dear Oscar:

I can see that your Christmas vacation was a very full and happy one; and now you are back hard at work in school and very interesting work it must be too. I am sure you are having many happy times still. And now your eleventh birthday has come and gone. Do you feel a whole year older? And how do you like having your birthday so near Christmas?

Are you having plenty of snow this winter and good snowing? We are having our share of snow, with a heavy wind today and last night. The Independence roads were blown...
God to the world, what was the keynote of his message? Stated prosaically and descriptively in the third person, we say, “He came to seek and to save that which was lost.” The place was sure with a typical example of disorder. It is said that when he died and they cleaned the place out, they found buried under the stuff, and completely hidden, a brand new buggy of the style and vintage of the gay nineties. It is needless to say that this man was not a very successful business man. God’s, the Creator, is an orderly Being. He made a great orderly cosmos out of chaos. The order of development in nature are on every hand. Just examine a snowflake, or a rose petal, or a lily cup. Open your almanac and find when and where the next eclipse is to occur. The laws governing the movements of the earth and the sun and the other heavenly bodies are so accurate and orderly that man can examine in advance the exact minute and the exact place the moon’s shadow will appear on the earth’s surface during an eclipse.

From all of this we must first and at once conclude that if God’s plans and men’s plans succeed, order is not optional, it is imperative. Our boys and girls know that if their schools were run in the midst of confusion and disorder their education would amount to nothing. If the hour of worship on Sabbath morning is marred by disturbing factors and confusion, its value to us becomes very much lessened, if not wholly destroyed. If there were no laws to guide the citizens of our cities in an orderly manner in their civic and business life, conditions would be unbearable, chaotic, impossible. The great factories of our cities would go bankrupt in short order, if each workman came and went as fancy suggested, as day picked a different job just to his liking.

Perhaps after this approach to our theme and text, we should now state them: “First things first. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” Jesus was the supreme interpreter of the mind of God, and as the archmessenger of Messiah’s mission, he would dive with a flashlight to find articles which his customers might call for.

Order is heaven’s first law.” Many persons on the street, and perhaps some in the churches, if you should ask them, might say that this quotation is from the Bible, but I have not been able to find it there in so many words. However, the principle of that statement is manifest of the orderliness of God, the Creator, is an orderly Being. You play with Bobby Mc. too.

Your sincere friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.
early in life conclude it is not worth that, and commit suicide. What does character amount to if it ends in these? Character and human personality are divine. They are immortal and preserved by the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit.

Our religion is not a beautiful painting hung in the back parlor where we may enter reverently on the Sabbath and admire it; nor is it a cloak or coat to put on for an occasion when we think it may be looked for. It is a system of living—a holy order, if you will. Into that order our past is forgiven and wiped out. You become a member of God shall be that by which we are judged for the future welfare of the church. That takes time. No matter what your vocation—farmer, factory worker, doctor, nurse, dietitian, or any of the others—you can afford—or rather, can you safely neglect a regular prayer life? That takes time. Shall it be first-choice time, or shall it be the residue—left-over time?

From the beginning of history God has considered the Sabbath a vital essential to personal salvation and to the maintenance of the kingdom, first as an agency—perhaps best of all, plans for the future welfare of the church were discussed. For the present Rev. Everett T. Harris will serve the church as supply pastor. The church is looking forward with this church and part with the church, to begin April first. The church has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. James L. Skaggs, some two years ago, and has depended upon various of our pastors and secretaries and others for supply. Editor Meyer has conducted the services last Sabbath and administered the communion, assisted by Deacon Harry W. Prentice. A recent new member of the church, Miss Muriel Seaman, joyfully received her first communion with this fellowship.

The interest and attendance, the observer learns, have been most encouraging. We bespeak for the newly elected pastor an interested, co-operative group, with a wide field of opportunity for service. Observer.

Plainfield, N. J.

Editor, the Courier-News:
At the present time the United States has a distinct heritage. We have been victorious in the war in the Pacific, Japan, in her ruthless war subjugation. We have been furnishing Japan the larger part of her material (iron, gasoline, machine tools, etc.) to carry on her war. Now she is more dependent than ever on us, as she cannot get help from Europe.

Toward our present administration, her trade treaty expires the twenty-sixth of this month. She is very anxious to renew the treaty with us, but we should tell her that, till she stops her aggression and gets her
armed force out of China, she can neither buy from us nor sell to us. Without our trade she could not keep up her war in China.

Any new treaty should only continue while she was not an aggressor against any country.

In her present condition she could not start a war against us, but she hopes to build up her empire till she is the supreme power in the East.

There is another thing that we as a nation should do to help bring the day when no nation will dare start an aggression. The Kellogg Pact was signed by nearly all nations, but four of them have broken it. It had no means of enforcement. Neither we nor other nations want war to enforce it. War does not stop war, but economic pressure might.

The United States should start a new international treaty in which each nation would promise never to attack another nation, and also to stop all trade with any nation which did attack another. This might be determined by the World Court or by a commission elected by the nations signing the treaty, a majority or two-thirds of the commission deciding that a nation was an aggressor. —Irving A. Hunting, in Courier-News.

Schenectady, N. Y.

The Seventh Day Baptist Mission held its annual meeting at the home of one of the members and elected officers—chairman, Louis Fatato; secretary-treasurer, Nicholas Fatato; assistant treasurer, Mary Fatato; corresponding secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson; superintendent of Sabbath school, Louis Fatato; superintendent of music and song leader, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Petrax; Sabbath school teachers—Margaret Pratt, Frances Fatato, Raymond Pratt.

We wish to thank our Pastor Wing and Brother Joseph Bullock for the splendid service given this year. Pastor Wing is eighty years old and travels about ninety-six miles every Sabbath to bring us God's blessed message, which we enjoy very much. The past year he has missed but four Sabbaths, which is some record. Brother Bullock furnishes the transportation for the pastor. Regardless of weather, he is always ready. We thank the Lord for him. We wish to thank others, too, for their splendid help, and may God bless them and us to carry on his good work.

Recording Secretary.

Richburg, N. Y.

Our young people's Sabbath school class has organized itself as "The Tru-echo," in which we strive to echo the gospel truth. There will be a prayer meeting on the first Friday night, and a social meeting on the third night—after the Sabbath of each month.

Later, with things well under way, we hope to carry out evangelistic services in neighboring towns under the supervision of our teacher, Leon Moore. The present twelve who are members are asked to invite friends. We are hoping to enlarge our group.

At the recent annual meeting Pastor Emmett H. Bottoms was recalled for the year. Our average church attendance on Sabbath morning is twenty-eight.

Correspondent.

Nortonville, Kan.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn, who has been pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church since September, 1932, tendered his resignation last May 1. He has accepted a call to Shiloh, N. J., a church two hundred two years old. —Nortonville News.

OBITUARY

Sheldon. — Clara A., daughter of Henry M. and Mary A. Sheldon, was born on a farm near Albion, January 27, 1856, and died at her home in the village of Albion, December 19, 1939.

When nine years of age she was baptized by Rev. Joshua Clarke and became a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she has kept her membership for seventy-five years. She has always been interested in church and denominational matters.

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