Martha and Sarah: N.B.~

E. H. B. Thomas

James L. Skaggs. His first marriage was to Miss Angelina Louise Hamilton, who died in 1915. He became a member of the New York Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1903, and while his social service work kept him from active participation in its work he occupied its pulpit several times and was most appreciative of the visits of its pastors.

Funeral services were held at the Babbitt Funeral Home in Mount Vernon and burial was made in Woodlawn Cemetery. Rev. Albert N. Rogers officiated.

A. N. R.

Eshom. Brian Kent Eshom, infant son of Martin and Mary E. Eshom, was born in Denver, Colo., November 5, 1940, and died January 15, 1941.

In the immediate family, besides the parents are two small sisters, Gaylin and Roberta; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Benner of Denver. He was a lifelong member.

He reaps the bearded grain at a breath, 
And the flowers that grow between.

E. E. S.

Ford. Charles Lewis, son of S. J. and Sophia Polan Ford, was born April 13, 1870, on Sugar Camp, near the Middle Island (W. Va.) church, and died at the same farm home January 30, 1941.

Mr. Ford was married April 8, 1899, to Miss Mahala Matheney. To this union was born one daughter, Hazel Ford Adams. He is survived by this daughter; three grandchildren; one brother, Samuel A. Ford, Berea, W. Va.; and one uncle, G. W. Ford, Salem, W. Va.

In youth he joined the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church and was faithful to the church until his death.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor James L. Skaggs and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church.

J. L. S.

Ford. Mahala Matheney, daughter of John and Mahala Wolfe Matheney, was born March 23, 1875, and died July 24, 1938.

She was married to Charles Lewis Ford April 8, 1899. To this union was born one daughter, Hazel Ford Adams. Mrs. Ford is survived by this daughter; three grandchildren, a twin sister, Mrs. Mary C. Riggs; and numerous other relatives and friends. Throughout her active life she was a member of the Middle Island Church.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor James L. Skaggs, and burial was made near the Middle Island (W. Va.) church.

J. L. S.

Place. Martha Burdick Place, daughter of Alexander B. and Abbie Jane Allen Burdick, was born March 10, 1864, and died at her home in Alfred, N. Y., February 12, 1941. She was married August 15, 1882, to Frederick S. Place. Professor Place died in 1936. Four children were born to them, all of whom are still living: Mrs. Bertha Davis, George A., Mrs. Margaret J. F., and Mrs. Mildred Vars. She is survived by five grandchildren, also, and by two sisters. She was baptized at the age of fifteen by Rev. N. V. Hull, and joined the first Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which she was a lifelong member.

Funeral services were held in the late home, Sabbath afternoon, February 15, conducted by Dean A. J. C. Bond, in the absence of Pastor Harris.

A. J. C. B.


She was baptized by Rev. George Hills and became a member of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1918.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. D. Hargis of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, at the Ocean Park Mortuary, Ocean Park, Calif., on Sabbath afternoon, February 1, Interment in Inglewood Park cemetery, Los Angeles.

G. D. H.

Randolph. Sarah A. F., daughter of John F. and Melissa Davis Randolph, was born May 19, 1879, at Salem, W. Va., and died at Salem, September 13, 1940.

She is survived by three brothers: Martena F., at whose home she died; Smith D. F., Staunton, Va.; Ona F., Huntington, W. Va.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning, September 15, 1940, at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which she was a member, and were conducted by Pastor James L. Skaggs. Burial was made at the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Salem.

I. L. S.

Saunders. Mrs. Eva Iola Cartwright Saunders, daughter of the late Phileatus and Emma Burdick Cartwright, was born in Bolivar, N. Y., November 8, 1882, and died on October 13, 1940.

She was married on December 17, 1902, to Charles W. Saunders of Richburg. To them were born three daughters and one son. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Genevieve Storh, Miss Ommale Saunders; three grandchildren; and one brother and one sister of Bolivar.

In her early life she united with the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church, to which she remained loyal for the remainder of her life. She was a devout lover of God's Word in its teachings.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. H. Bottoms. Burial was in the Richburg cemetery.

E. H. B.

“Often weakest characters tell the strongest lies.”
The Sabbath walk

In Christianity's beginnings the main means of the ordinary man's locomotion was by his own feet. Where he needed to go, he walked. Hence the ways of the followers of Christ are set in the figure of walking. Philip the evangelist was walking when opportunity came to open the door to the Ethiopian eunuch. The prophet whom Can- dancer's servant was reading in one place says, "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength... they shall walk and not faint." John in one of his letters concerning the responsibilities of fellowship with Christ declares that one is called to be a follower of Christ "ought to walk as he walked." The meaning of such words must be that as Christians in our everyday affairs we should trust in the Lord and do the kindly, helpful things day by day as opportunity affords. The writer found himself one early morning singing the old refrain:

"Help somebody today. Somebody along life's way; Let sorrow be ended, By somebody today. Help somebody today.

"Wasn't that Jesus' way of doing? And "Inasmuch... unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." To the Ephesians the Apostle Paul wrote, "I therefore... beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye are called." Yes, it is God's purpose for us to walk day by day in perfect fellowship with him.

In such fellowship we are able to walk with God because there is not only provision for overcoming our difficulties, but there is cleansing of heart. The unclean heart finds no fellowship with God. There is cleansing power in Christ, and we can do all things in him who strengthens us. We cannot be entirely prepared to fully to meet him in our daily environment —the problems of the office, the irksome duties of the home, the untoward circumstances of the parish.

The life as a Christian does have its phases when it is like a battle, or a race-phases needed; but all these with patience and perseverance are required in the walk worthy of our calling.

Peace without victory urged

Recently a statement signed by more than five hundred churchmen headed by university deans, seminary presidents, clergy- men, and other prominent leaders, advocates "peace without victory now" was made public by Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers, pastor of the New York Broadway Temple. Such a peace, the statement urges, would not necessarily demand a surrender "by one side or the other." It declared, rather, that "both Church and state are called upon to seek now those basic social, economic, and spiritual relationships between races and nations on which alone permanent peace can be established." At the same time the statement repudiates any attempt to seek appeasement at the "expense of others." The way of repentance and sacrificial reconciliation for the good of all must be sought.

The belief was expressed that "the present tragic plight of the world is, in large measure, a direct outcome of a war which men are called upon to intensify. In fact, we note with sorrow that even many Christian people acquiesce in a system of competitive starvation of populations, in the belief that every starving child contributes to a democratic and righteous peace.

We call upon the churches, the administrative and executive officials, the business men of the nation, to stand clearly to the world that, while recognizing the difference between an pretendedism of the character of the present-day cross and consideration, and one based on ruthlessness, we believe that the time has come, in fact is long overdue in the history of mankind, when all imperialism must be relinquished, for liberty must not be compromised.

We call upon the Church to reaffirm, and the state authorities, that mankind is held together in one family under God, and that whatever process is needed to bring this about-God, and in the oneness of mankind, should not be supported.

Changes of pastors

It has already been announced that Rev. Ralph H. Coon has accepted the call from the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church and will become its pastor in the month of April. Brother Coon has just accepted a call from the Salemville W. Babcock of Adams, Mass., and will close his pastorate there in the month of April. Both will be missed by their people, where they have been of their glad welcome to their new pastor.

We are sure both these able pastors will meet the challenges of their new fields, where opportunity and responsibility await.

Items of interest

A chaplain is charged by regulations to "serve the moral and religious needs of the entire personnel of the command to which he is assigned." In carrying out this duty they are instructed to help the officers and men who are in need of religious assistance. The following is an item of interest to that end. There are individuals who have conscientious scruples as to work on particular days, chaplains consult with local commanding officers with a view to obtaining their co-operation in arriving at a satisfactory solution.

"A cross for the altar was needed. A certain chaplain went to the soldiers working in the motor park and asked if they would help. The men stated that they had a piece of wood in which an anti-aircraft searchlight had been packed. The size of the cross was determined and it was fashioned and painted. Who were the soldiers that fashioned this cross of searchlight packing wood? They were a Protestant, a Catholic, and a Jew."

Wm. R. Arnold,
Chief of Chaplains.

Boston—The Associated Church Press, an organization of editors representing religious periodicals throughout the country, will hold its annual meeting March 10. Customarily meeting in Washington, the group will meet in Boston this year in order to participate in the Boston University's eleventh annual Founders' Day celebration. The celebration will be dedicated to the freedom of the press.
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Dr. Davis Writes Regarding Affairs in China

(At this letter was received here, the editorial of the Missions Board for the March 10th issue was delayed. The editors of the Sabbath Recorder may have to delay the arrival of this letter.)

Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.

Dear Doctor Burdick:

Your letter of December 6 has been here for some time and I will get something on its way to you as soon as I feel that much mail is going astray these days and it is a joy to know that one's letter has gone through when an answer comes back.

A letter has come from Marcia, written on board the ship and mailed after she landed. They had arrived in Alfred. We were glad to know that, and that she is now with Carol and Burton and among other Alfred friends. It is such a blessing to have so many true friends. We are very grateful to you and Mr. Stillman for the way in which you have helped us with the extra burdens caused by this new situation. The funds for our allowances have not been needed. It was January 20 when the July, September, October, and November salaries were available. We had had August checks about a month earlier.

We are eager to know about the January board meeting. We often think and pray about the situation which seems so contrary to God's way that seems to be his plan is hindered by the indifference of his children. I have been guilty so often of seeking to bless, instead of being sure of his plan and then going ahead sure of his blessings.

The situation here in Shanghai is no better, and some of the time it seems to be getting worse. We are carrying on with greater results than ever, but the truth Evangelistic effort in all Shanghai was a great success. We had over one hundred of our high school pupils who expressed a desire to know God and follow him. Classes have been formed and there will be a large in gathering in the spring. The Shanghai Church is calling on more of the Chinese leaders to ordination. That will take place within the next few weeks. The church finished the year with a good balance, and

The Watchman-Examiner, in writing regarding Christ's kingdom, says: "We are eager to know about the January board meeting. We often think and pray about the situation which seems so contrary to God's way that seems to be his plan is hindered by the indifference of his children. I have been guilty so often of seeking to bless, instead of being sure of his plan and then going ahead sure of his blessings.

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has given up the finance committee. We are asking God what he wants us to give and the results are a miracle in receipts. I wish every Seventh Day Baptist would do that for this year and notice the results. Of course, we should have to be absolutely honest with him.

Doctor Crandall has succeeded in getting to Free China. We have not heard direct from her after landing, but understand that she had some difficulties. She has some very important work to which she is going. She is accompanied by her adopted daughter who is also a doctor.

The schools have opened with a large enrollment. Everyone will be busy.

Government officials urge us to carry on and see things through. We, of course, hope they will make good of deeds which will be produced. Our adopted daughter who is also a doctor.

I wish every change of mail was not reaching us.

Mail came in Friday and today. It will be mailed in America. We did have a letter from a friend who is leaving an area affected by wars now in progress is possibly great at all time in the memory of men now living. Our sympathetic and sacrificial action with reference to interned aliens, prisoners-of-wars, refugees, and the millions of others actually suffering from war conditions are a test of our Christliness.

We should with true penitence acknowledge the sins of our own countries and bring forth fruit meet for repentance. This will be difficult. It will involve real self-denying, and it may involve sacrifice.

We may and should guard against the sins of the tongue, such as statements calculated to generate ill will and hatred. We should say and do nothing which will handicap the Christians and the Christian movement in the work of mediation.

Let us befriend the nationals of all countries at war who are among us. It is not too early to begin to pray, plan, and act in the direction of laying secure foundations for reconciliation.

We should safeguard and strengthen in every way in our power the interests of Christian missions in lands engaged in war, for a period characterized by greater need and opportunity. We should follow the present overwhelming catastrophe. We should bear in mind that the real Christian mission in these countries are primarily the ones who must effect the great changes which should take place.

We should concern ourselves profoundly, even in this time of war, with the basic causes of the present alarming breakdown of agreements and moral standards. In particular we should one and all master, make our own, and propagate the principles of Jesus Christ, which if seriously adopted would increasingly overcome the world—Furnished by the Foreign Missions Conference.

DAILY MEDITATIONS
(Prepared by Rev. Orrville W. Babcock)

Sunday, March 16
I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. John 15: 15. Read 1 John 2: 7-11.

The fellowship of men with the Father opens the way for enrichment and new purpose in living. It is the beginning of a new life, like a plant taking root in the soil. We wish for all the help and guidance that the plant it must put up and part of it be above the soil. Friendship with God begins in us, but must reach with outstretched hands to our fellows in sympathy, in loyalty, and unselfish love. Permanent friendship is dependent on a spiritual quality, and will impart the knowledge of God that we possess to our associates. Knowing Christ enables us to be better human friends.

Prayer—O God, the Father of all mankind, inspirer of love, you love and serve that we may be worthy of friendship with thee and our fellow men. Amen.

Monday, March 17
I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Isaiah 45: 19. Read Isaiah 45: 14-19.

To participate in the broadcasts of the air one must first tune the receiving set to the station and program. Only those who would commune with God must assume the initiative for such fellowship and must "tune in" to hear. Those who know from experience, as did the prophet, realize that he speaks righteousness, comfort, and courage to all who will turn to him. Ours is the first step, then he will speak and bless.

Prayer—Heavenly Father, we draw near to thee to hear thy voice calling us to the fullness of life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, March 18
For this cause have I left you Timothy, he who is my beloved son . . . who shall bring you to remembrance of my ways which I have in Christ. 1 Corinthians 4: 17. Read Titus 2: 4-9.

Are Christians really reminders of Christ? If they are not, then their lives fail to bear the Master they profess to serve. Actions speak louder than words, and by the way we conduct ourselves in the home, at the office, in our social life, we denote the degree to which we would be considered active in our faith. Surely ours is a calling to be set apart from those who have not known the Christ. It is a sacred trust to live that the blessings thereof may be shared with others. Amen.

Prayer—Help us, Our Father, ever to be mindful of our sacred trust that we may be reminders of the Master. Amen.

Wednesday, March 19
O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing praises . . . unto thee among the nations. Read Psalm 106.

The glad heart cannot refrain from singing an old and new form of expression. "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" indicates that sadness weighs the heart so that singing is difficult. In these, the question of uncertainty and darkness, we too like the Psalmist need to affirm that our hearts are "fixed." No other certainty is so real to us as the fact that we can and must be singing and realize the best in life. Such joy cannot be contained but must burst forth upon us. Our is the task to sing his praise before all nations.

Prayer—Father, may we steadfastly hold thy plans before us that with gladness of heart and purpose of mind we may glorify thee this day. Amen.

Thursday, March 20
Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober, for the night is far advanced and the day is near. Read 1 Thessalonians 5: 5-6. Read 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6.

Differing opinions exist concerning the time of the return of Christ. But a measure of reality exists in our being set apart for us for "we know not the hour" when he may come to judge us. Unless alertness be our watchword we may relax our attitudes toward things, eternal. We may, "To care of itself," or "Today is mine," and forgetting our high mission of devotion to God we sometimes compromise and become oblivious to the needs of the hour and the generation. Paul admonishes watchfulness, that we be ready. Indifference is a greater barrier than any man and God the active opposition. "Let us not sleep, but let us watch."
Prayer—Heavenly Father, spare us the blight of soul which indifference brings; lift us up and point to duty that we may be prepared for the coming of thy kingdom. Amen.

Friday, March 21
Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come and save you. Isaiah 35: 4. Read Isaiah 35.

Fear eats at the foundations of life. It has been a useful tool in the hands of recent conquerors, driving its victims in disorder and confusion, terror stricken. Many of our fears are unfounded and a sure antidote is an unshakable faith in God. In the face of tremendous odds Jesus walked to Calvary and victory. He is saying to us in these days, "Fear not, little flock, for it is thy Father's good pleasure to give you a kingdom." Luke 12: 32. Read Luke 12: 16-20.

Harmel goes. This should be a challenge to many whose lives belied their devotion to the hour of worship unless disability prevents.

"Pray—Help us today Father, in these trying times to rest our faith in thee and labor in the confidence that thy will prevail even in darkness." Amen.

Sabbath, March 22
He came to Nazareth . . . and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day. Luke 4: 16. Read Luke 4: 16.

It is a beautiful and significant picture we have of Jesus entering the synagogue to worship. He missed no opportunity of joining with others in speaking and listening to God. We now see the religion of his time full of meaningless ritual, conducted by many whose lives belied their devotion to God. What excuses he might have had for forsaking his custom, as many or more than we have today! But to him his Father's house was not the place where he should be found, and there he went. This should be a challenge to us today not to absent ourselves from the hour of worship unless disability prevents.

Prayer—For the rest and the quiet of the Sab- bath we thank thee Father. Quicken our minds, stir our hearts, and awaken our sense of the need of our Sabbath.

Amen.

WOMAN'S WORK

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BT-LAWS

Be it resolved that the following be substituted in the by-laws of the General Con- ference in place of the present Article 11:


Section 1. Name of this society shall be the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Section 2. Object. The purpose of this society is to encourage the women of the denomination in the interests of Christian culture, to enlist and direct the effort of the women in projects of Christian service, and to stimulate interest in the various enter- prises of the denomination.

Section 3. Membership. A woman who is member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church shall by virtue of such mem- bership be members of this society.

Section 4. Directors. The affairs of this society shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of twelve members of this society, which number may be increased as the Board may determine. Such twelve directors shall be elected by plurality vote at each annual meeting of the society, and they shall serve until their successors are elected. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the board.

It shall be the duty of this board, and it shall have power, to make contracts, under seal, and to dispose of, manage, and apply funds in such a way and manner, for such purposes as are consistent with the end and design of the institution of this society, as the members thereof shall and may from time to time direct.

Any gift, donation, bequest, legacy made to said society and by the board accepted, shall be held by the Board of Trustees of the General Conference and faithfully applied for such purposes as the Board of Directors may designate by the donors or legator.

Five of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Sub- ject to these by-laws, the Board of Directors may make by-laws for the regulation of the affairs of the society.

Section 5. Annual Meeting. There shall be a meeting of the members of this society on the first first-day of the week following the second Wednesday in the month of Sep- tember, for the transaction of business. At some other time and in such place as the Board of Directors shall appoint, for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may be necessary or expedient; at which meeting the directors shall make full report of their doings, and the treasurer shall exhibit the state of the treasury.

Special meetings of the society may be called at any time by the Board of Directors, by order of the president, or on the request in writing of at least two directors. The recording secretary or the president shall call such special meeting at least one week immediately pre- ceding the date fixed for such meeting, and shall furnish to each member of the society the nature of the business to be presented at that meeting.

Section 6. Officers. At the annual meet- ing of the society, and from the Board of Directors, the society shall elect by plurality vote a president, vice-president, correspond- ing secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer. These officers shall serve for one year, and may be re-elected. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Board of Directors.

The president shall preside at the meetings of the society.

The corresponding secretary shall perform the duties of the president in her ab- sence. The president or vice-president shall proclaim an Order of Business for the meet- ing of the society.

The corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of this society. She shall prepare, with the approval of the Board of Directors, the annual report of such board, including the annual statement of the treas- urer.

The recording secretary shall keep full and complete minutes of all meetings and pro- ceedings of the society. All records of the society shall be kept by the corresponding secretary and by the president or vice-president.

The treasurer shall keep full, accurate, and complete accounts of all money received by the society and paid out for the purpose of the society, and shall be responsible for the payment of all necessary and proper expenses of the society.

No exchange of pulpits is planned this week. It has been suggested that use of much of the week of May 17, 24 for Christmas carols, so let us sing hymns, songs, and an- thems concerning the Sabbath, and especially as written by our own hymn writers. Just
how many Seventh Day Baptists and anthologies have produced we do not know—but there are many—and of them are available from various sources.

One of our choir leaders happened to attend a choir rehearsal in a Methodist church in the deep South. Invited to sing, he was surprised to learn the anthem was one familiar to him by the late Jairus Stillman, Mus. D. At the close of the rehearsal he told this to the director, and Jesus failed to the pupil of the doctor's had sung that anthem under him. As a result he was given two copies of the anthem. This is mentioned to show that others than Seventh Day Baptists appreciate anthems written by our folks. A similar testimony is given our hymns, as shown by the popularity of The Beautiful Sweetness Sits Enthroned, and On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand, by Stennett.

We see Jesus and his disciples walking in the wheat fields, and also days and forty nights. He fed the disciples nature as a background rather than temples, grass, and often lake shores for their preach, going places. They seemed to prefer God's hands to Jesus for his blessing.

Jesus died, not in some building such as a prison, but out where the earth and sky met, with nature given forth its everlasting beauty even in those moments. How many of these moments have you known?

ADDRESS

(Given at the sixtieth anniversary of Christian Endeavor Society)

By Lois Lawrence

Always youth has needed guidance and, essentially, all youths need the same kind of guidance, regardless of race or environment. Young people's Christian organizations have, ever been an important factor in character building and spiritual guidance of youth, and so these groups have been devoted to the youth of all races. Among my own people, organizations such as the Christian Endeavor society, Y.M.C.A., and Y.W.C.A., have given to youth not only spiritual help and educational opportunities, but these groups have helped them to solve some of the problems of the day. These organizations have especially aided or provided an outlet for the youthful anger that he cannot fully accept the method of worship of his fathers. He fails to reconcile himself to the theory that a Negro must give money to others it is part of self given in exchange for it. When we give money to others it is part of self. Money is always to be used for some good, for the other areas. Life has no value apart from things. The greatest test of character is the money test. (Dr. I. G. Paulsen.) A doctor in Kentucky once said that you can tell the sincerity of a man's interest in anything by the way he puts his money into it. A British bishop needs of humanity may be reckoned in terms of money. Money is health, money is opportunity, money is salvation and at the same time the desperate need of things that money can furnish and that cannot be furnished without money. Money is a very awesome thing. To everyone entrusted with it, Jesus says, as he did to Peter: 'I give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven! With money this power I paid him, I gave property, I may open, the gates or close them to souls who are seeking life.' (Jay T. Stocking.)

One's strength, his ability to do something, and his ability to be immortal, depending on the use which is made of it. Jesus called the rich farmer a fool not because he had gathered together great possessions, but because of the short-sighted way in which he proposed to use them. It had not dawned upon the farmer then that he had a great battle to fight. We must fight either a war of love and understanding of our lives or a war of love and understanding of our fellow beings. Youth will not fail to triumph in this latter course.
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OUR PULPIT

WHY I PREACH THE SECOND COMING

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

Some feel that we should not bother with the second coming; that it is all in the future, and we should concentrate on the present; that we cannot understand it any ways since so many apocalyptic and prophetic literature are closed books; that only fanatics believe in the second coming; that people have often set dates, and Christ has not come. But it is hard to understand this position, for if one part of the Bible is profitable for "doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," why not the rest? "Revelation" means "unveiling" and not "hidden away." Besides, the few who believe in the second coming are those who study and preach this truth along with the rest.

Why do I preach the second coming? In the first place, like other Protestants I take the Bible as a sufficient rule of faith and preaching. I believe the Bible to be the word of God, inseparably connected with God's kingdom and that what it contains is put there for our edification. In the Bible I find the truth of the second coming of Christ, not his coming at death, nor his coming at conversion, nor the coming of the Holy Spirit, nor that it is all in the future. All is given God's kingdom history, but a personal, bodily, visible return of the second coming of Christ, not his coming at death, nor his coming at conversion, which you may know will be often since that's the only way we'll be able to see that busy Doctor Green and his wife. How we would love to see Shiloh and Shiloh were nearer, much nearer us.

"Don't I see you at the children's meeting at Conference last summer? You'll probably remember me. (!) black eyes I received in an auto accident on our way to Conference. By the time we got to Shiloh, unfortunately most of the black had faded out.

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Then, too, I preach the second coming because I find that it is a spur to Christian service. Nothing stimulates evangelistic passion and missionary zeal like the realization of the fact that he is coming. Over the last few years the most active workers have been those who believe in this truth. The great leaders who have left their mark on the history of the Church have been men who have believed in and looked for "that blessed hope": Paul, Luther, that Christ would hasten the day of his coming. Calvin, Knox, Wesley, Finney, Moody, Trotter, Gipsy Smith, all have held this doctrine.

Today Christ is in heaven, interceding for us. When he comes the converted will be raised to meet him here on the earth. It is a sacred trust that has been committed to us. Our witness message was "Occupied till I come." How well I remember, in my boyhood, the occasions when my father had to make business trips. He would come to me and say words to this effect, "You'll have to take care of mother and sister, and do the chores, and keep things going until I come back. Swell with my burdens and I will be swelled with the responsibility. Oh, I didn't always do all that I should have. But how I longed for his "You'll have done a good job, son" when he returned. "Blessed is that servant whom when his lord cometh he shall find so doing" (Luke 12: 43). "Blessed am I, come quickly, I come quickly, I come quickly," I used to say, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22: 12).

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Second, the hope of the soon coming of the Lord stimulates to right living. It has a vital place in the lives of believers. It is the will of God that all our lives should be lived in view of the near return of His Son from heaven. Do nothing that you would not like to have him find you doing if he should come. Go to no place where you would not like him to find you. Say nothing you would not want him to hear if he should return. This is always the imminence of his coming, there are many things we do, and many places where we go, and many things which we say which we would leave out. "We know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3: 2, 3).

III

For instance, take the vision of world peace. The world conference, international relations movements, were going on, the nations were engaged in the greatest armament race of all. The worst of history is going on. More nations are involved, more lives are being lost, a wider territory is covered—it is more terrible, inhuman, and cruel than ever before. Did I say "war"? I should have said organized, ruthless mass murder and destruction. There is very little that nations will be able to stay out of it. Statesmen are helpless and hopeless to solve this problem.

Only Christ's coming can straighten out this war-torn old world. There can be no peace, no social justice, no adjustment of economic differences, no lessening of the strains on society, until the Lord himself comes to take over the reins of government, to put down evil and establish the kingdom of God on earth. Then he comes to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords—"Prince of Peace. His coming is the world's only hope.

The world waited over four thousand years for Christ's first coming. Then he came! He walked this earth, going about doing good, preaching and teaching. Virtue personified lived on earth for a short space of time, and we wonder why again, but when he left he promised that he would come again. They did not wait in vain for his first coming. We are not waiting in vain for his second coming. To the watchful ones it will be unexpected and unwelcome, a time of terror. How the thought fills my heart swelled with the responsibility. Oh, I didn't always do all that I should have. But how I longed for his "You'll have done a good job, son" when he returned. "Blessed is that servant whom when his lord cometh he shall find so doing" (Luke 12: 43). "Blessed am I, come quickly, I come quickly, I come quickly," I used to say, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22: 12).

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local society was presented the Rhode Island C. E. Banner, for the largest denomination coming the longest distance. Harold Collings, Jr., of the Ashaway society was presented the banner, which may be kept until the next state convention, and accepted it in behalf of the society.—Westerly Sun.

Farina, Ill.

As announced by the pastor, the church is well ahead of the yearly schedule in our denominational payments, and the outlook is that we will be "all out" before the end of the year.

On February 21, 1891, Oscar Clarke Wells, the son of George and Emma Brown Wells, and Inez Fitz Randolph, daughter of Silas P. and Emily Lusk Randolph, were united in marriage at the home of the father of the bride in Farina, Ill., the pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. C. A. Burdick reading the lines. Fifty years later within a stone's throw of the scene of their marriage, this worthy couple observed their fortieth, the singular circumstances, with all their children present and all the in-laws but one and all the grandchildren with a single exception. Open house at their hospitable home was kept from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, and more than one hundred fifty people called to offer congratulations and to present them with numerous gifts.

Sabbath day the family attended church, and the parents with their children and grandchildren sat in a group, a very happy exception.

On February 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1941 a special Friday evening meeting was held with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Franklin in Rome. The society has recently entertained at the home of Mrs. Iva Dillman Chester Stone in honor of the occasion. The Sabbath of National Boy Scout Week, Pastor Davis preached a sermon to the children and youth on "Be a Good Scout."

The Ladies' Benevolent Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. Iva Dillman last Wednesday. The society has recently made and tied four quilts that were ordered. Miss Dorothy Williams and Alva Warner, from our church, attended the State Christian Youth Conference in Utica, February 21 to 23. Correspondent.

MARRIAGES

Roe - Lewis. — Bertie Roe and Miss Alice Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis, of Stone Fort, Ill., were united in marriage, November 29, 1939, at Charleston, Mo., by Rev. Charles H. Gale of that city. The home address of the young couple is Stone Fort, Ill., Rt. 1.

OBITUARY

Off. — Mrs. Pauline Off was born on September 1, 1860, in Germany, and died February 18, 1941, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Harry E. Offman, 42 St. Paul Ave., Irvington, N. J.

Mrs. Off not only professed her religion but she lived it— in her home, in her community, in her church. She was laid to rest at the Fairmont Cemetery, Newark, N. J. F. S.