munity room in the high school building, with about sixty present. Mr. Thorgate was called as pastor for another year. The God's Acre project that the Sabbath school attempted this past summer was a decided success. A patch of tomatoes for our local canning family was raised. They picked and delivered something over four tons of tomatoes that brought a little over $51.

The Christian Endeavor society is a busy lot of young people, with an attendance up to twenty. The society has been highly honored by having one of its members, Dorothy Payne, elected as an officer in the Southeastern District C. E. Association.

Our winter weather came early. We had the heaviest snowfall for December in history, it is claimed, but we are getting out of it very nicely by the help of warm weather that has melted most of the snow.

The Dodge Center people want to wish all Recorder readers a Happy New Year, and wish for ourselves that "Some where, some way, some time, each day, We'll turn aside and stop and pray That God will make this church the way Of righteousness to men." Correspondent.

Fouke, Ark.

The Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church had its annual Thanksgiving dinner November 28, at the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. V. J. S. Smith, with thirty-nine present, and ten dinners sent out to those not able to attend.

The church has sold the parsonage, the building formerly known as the "Teachers' Hall." A new parsonage has been built on the church lot, and it is hoped a pastor may be found to occupy it soon. The new building is 22 by 24 feet and ten dinners sent out to those not able to attend.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society under the direction of the superintendent, Mrs. Edgar Davis, presented a Christmas program during the regular hour of church worship December 21. Decorations were of native pines, holly, and other Christmas trimmings. The young people, directed by Miss Ruth Joy Fitz Randolph, presented a Christmas program December 21. As we enter the New Year, as a church we are looking forward to a brighter year than we have yet had. Correspondent.

North Loup, Neb.

The annual church dinner of the Seventh Day Baptist people was held as usual in the church parlor January 1, 1941. In the neighborhood of one hundred fifty persons were seated at the tables, the waiters and helpers eating last.

The bad roads accounted for the fact that the number in attendance was not as large as usual—this, together with the fact that several families have moved away.

Varicolored candles in the new candle holders formed the decorations. Napkins in pastel shades were also used. Creating much comment was the sight at the doorway—a small plastic figure, labeled "1941," seated in a frying pan, over a seemingly hot electric grill.

As usual, the children were cared for in the balcony by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barber. About twenty-five were present, all enjoying a good time together.

Hot potatoes and gravy, with coffee, were prepared by the various committees. Families also brought sandwiches, dessert, and other food, and there was a great sufficiency for all.

Much time was spent in visiting and greeting friends. The quarterly church meeting was held at 2:00 o'clock. Dinner was served about 12:30. North Loup Loyalist.

MARRIAGES

Nelson - Martinsen. - Erla Nelson and Lela Martinsen, both of Milton, were united in marriage on Sabbath, December 7, 1940, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist parsonage by Pastor Carroll L. Hill. The new home is at 411 S. Main Street, Janesville.

Seedor Bond. - Max Seedor and Miss Leona Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bond of Dodge Center, Minn., were united in marriage April 7, 1940, by Rev. Wallace A. Olson of Powderhorn Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frits, 2941 11th Ave., S., Minneapolis.

RECODER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of a like nature, will be run, in this column at half cent per word for each additional insertion. Cashes must accompany insertion.

WANTED - Seventh Day Baptist farmer interested in renting dairy farm near Milton, Wis. Write Rev. Pastor Carroll L. Hill at once.

Earl Cruzan
Pastor at Waterford, Conn.
(See "Who's Who" in this issue of the Sabbath Recorder)

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THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

That the whole world needs Christ no Christian will deny. The condition as ex
cemplified by the war-suffering nations but adds point to the statement. So evangeliza-
tion is needed. Many are the methods of this work, but whatever the one used, care should be taken that the individual is brought to know Christ in a personal, saving, experi-
enced. Nothing else is enough.

Of course of the end of nine years there would be another generation needing con-
version. But it would be a much easier and simpler process, he thinks, with the
whole world in Christ. Impossible! it will be said. Yes, with man, but "with God all
things are possible." Meantime, the evan-
gelization! The telling of the "good news." That is our task. We are glad the Southern
Baptists do not leave the idea up in the air. They have implemented their faith and ideal by
launching a four-year, definite program to mobilize the whole southern church into
a force for Christian action on this hemi-
sphere, a program which also stresses among other things, a "good neighbor" program and all the needs in this hemisphere and in other sections of the world. Training
unions in most of the churches will be established.

It's not merely a matter of doing per-
sonal work in a revival meeting—important as that is—but one of a life lived happily
in Christ day by day, of a life sharing with
others that joy by a personal witness for
Christ, and of showing our love for
Christ, as our witness will be.

A NOTABLE REPORT

Appearing on another page will be found
a report of epochal significance. The report
was adopted by the Tract Board at its
meeting of January 12, and was made by the
permanent Committee on Denominational
Literature. Much time, thought, prayer, and
hard work have been devoted by this
committee to one of the most vital and important
phases of our work, namely, the publishing
of our literature for distribution, not only for
our own people's use in home and family
life, but in extending the message of the
Sabbath among the churches and over the
world.

Many of the tracts in use are old. Many
good titles—valuable in times past, or for
special purposes involved—out of print, editions nearly exhausted. New and fresh
material is needed; new forms and methods
of catching and holding attention.

In the work of the committee, made up of widely known and trusted leaders, these
needs were taken fully into consideration.
The result of their consecrated effort gives
great encouragement and revives within us
not only hope but an ambition and, we trust,
a new zeal and loyalty to the trust committed to us by the Lord.

The report need not especially be repeated
here. But we are strongly in favor of the
idea of a series which will in the first place
outline the features of belief, polity, evan-
gelism, history, and outlook, and then in
subsequent tracts deal more fully with the
various subjects involved.

The idea of a series of tracts is not new,
except, perhaps, to the present generation.
We had a fine series of tracts on evangelism,
covering ten or twelve great themes. The
series originated with, and several of the units were prepared by, the late Rev. Ward
Noll, editor of the former Christian Advocate (central) of the United Methodism to bring through one great
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This church celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in April, 1940. Containing over three hundred pages, the book is replete with facts, figures, milestones, and matters of interest pertaining not only to the church and Seventh Day Baptists, but to the history of Westerly. The book contains the historical papers, sermon by the pastor, and pageant, given at the centennial, with the names of founders and members, pastors, deacons, and other officials. This is an article concerning the book, by George Benjamin Utter, president of the Board of Trustees since 1922.

Many of those who were privileged to attend the centennial celebration last April will want this beautifully bound volume. The price is $2.25, and may be secured from the Utter Company, Publishers, Westerly, R. I.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

To the Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society:

Your Committee on Denominational Literature begs leave to submit the following report:

The committee met in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N. J., November 25-26, 1940, when two sessions were held. Again a meeting was held at the Board Room on January 10, 1941, when two sessions were held; and on January 12, in the library of the Historical Society. All the members were in attendance at all of these full sessions. The discussions, as always, were quite informal, but all seriously aimed at the purpose for which the committee was created. They included something of a review of the past, of existing conditions, and of future opportunities and needs.

The committee was in receipt of numerous communications, all of which received due consideration. An informal request was received from your Committee on Distribution of Literature that this committee indicate an order of sequence in reprinting tracts now wholly out of print, or nearly so. After making inquiry as to the cost of reprinting the tract of certain, the committee recommends the reprints the following:

"Bible Readings on the Sabbath," and "Her Wedding Ring," 5,000 each, at an estimated total cost of $90.

The preparation of what may be termed a popular History of Seventh Day Baptists, by Dr. Nelson Norwood, as was projected several years ago, received the attention of the committee. Of the desirability of a book by Doctor Norwood, there can be no question. But, while he would be glad to write such a history, and still hopes that he may do so at some future time, his present duties preclude his attempting it at any time in the near future.

However, it was learned that the chairmanship of the committee, for some years past, Dr. Nelson Norwood, has been and is being put to work on a biographical sketches of prominent Seventh Day Baptists, from the beginning of our first church in London, Eng. (the Mill Yard Church), in 1617, down to the present generation; and it is recommended that he be requested to prepare these biographies for publication, along with portraits of these subjects as far as they are available, accompanied by sufficient historical material to make at least an outline history of our people.

Our future opportunities and needs, after a discussion which was continued throughout all the sessions of our November and January meetings, and our sober reflection and prayerful consideration of the problems intervening between these meetings, are indicated in a proposed plan of procedure, by which a series, arranging a series of tracts point by point, in logical sequence, our doctrinal beliefs and other distinguishing denominational features, as follows:

A Brief Introductory Leaflet, intended to attract the attention of the public, and to stimulate a desire for further information.

This is to be followed by tracts, in sequence and groups as follows:

1. Who We Are, and What We Are
2. Our Beliefs, and Our Polity

Group II. "The Sabbath, Baptism, and the Bible"
1. The Sabbath in the Bible, and in History
2. Bible Readings on the Sabbath
3. Bible Readings on Baptism

Group III. "Who Have We Done in the World"
1. Our Place in History
2. Heroes of the Faith, or Faith of Our Fathers

Group IV. Extra-Denominational Religious and Civic Interests
1. Evangelism, Do
2. Missions
3. State
4. Education

Group V. Inter-Denominational Relations
12. Our Relation to Other Bodies

Some of our tracts already published may be adapted to meet the requirements of certain features of this plan; and it is recommended that the committee entrusted with carrying out this plan, should be adopted by the trustees, and that all new tracts in this series shall be prepared under the supervision of such committee, or approved by the church in Longhornes. Furthermore, the publication and circulation of the tracts of this series shall be the major tract project of the trustees.

It is the judgment of this committee, and it so recommends, that all tracts published in this series shall appear in uniform style, numbered to correspond to their respective positions in the foregoing program, and that they shall bear on the front cover page a carefully selected emblem, common to all; and that the style and emblem shall be scrupulously confined to publications of this series. It is understood that the committee shall have power to make desirable verbal changes in the titles of the foregoing series.

The foregoing recommendations must not be construed to preclude the publication of other tracts that may be needed for a special occasion, or to meet a certain local need. Such tracts, however, should be approved by the committee in charge of the foregoing program; and their publication should not interfere with the operation of the major tract project, as stated above.

This committee is fully aware that the foregoing program is a radical departure from the existing practice, which has obtained for at least a full generation. It is far-reaching, but the committee believes that the basis is sound, and that it is adequate to meet our general needs, both within ourselves, and for the far-reaching work that will be done for us and for thy people. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Skaggs,

Plainfield, N. J., January 12, 1941.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn)

Sunday, January 26

Read Matthew 11: 2-6.

How nicely and how tenderly Jesus dealt with the questionings of his brave and far-runner, now languishing in prison through the hatred of the unscrupulous Herod. "Go and show John the things which you hear and see. Happy are we when doubts arise in our minds if we can still maintain with definite knowledge of what Jesus is and does. He has helped us bear our burdens; he has led us by paths we did not know. In lives of others we have seen the fruits of the Spirit and have known that only he can give such sweetness of character. Surely all we have known lives which have borne unfailing witness to the power and reality of the Christian religion. The things we have been called to do with our signs to us that Jesus is the Christ, and we look not for another."

Prayer—O God, we thank thee that thy power still works miracles in the redeeming of souls from sin. We thank thee for thy goodness to us; for the times when we trust in Jesus and to bear burdens too great for our human strength. Grant us, then, that we may "renew our strength." May we press on with new assurance and with new resolve what thou hast done for us and for thy people. Amen.

Monday, January 27

Read Matthew 11: 28-30.

What a comfort have many tired and careworn souls found in these words of our Lord. It is comforting for the weary, and the promise that the yoke of Jesus will ease the load. We cannot—
escape the burdens under Christ's yoke or under the yoke of sin and unbelief, which makes them sorrowful and cares, our illnesses and defeats tend to make us bitter and rebellious; but when borne with patience and submission, they bring radiance and beauty to the life. Let us claim this precious promise.

Prayer—O Jesus, we thank thee for the rest thou dost offer to those who come to thee. Grant that in thee we may find peace. Amen.

Tuesday, January 28

Read Matthew 13: 43.

Not long ago we considered hearing and doing, with emphasis upon the doing. Today we think especially of hearing. "Take heed therefore how ye hear," from Luke 8: 18. How strange it seems that a noble, brave and fine to refuse to carry out a promise, but better yet to let us bring what we have to the Master for his blessing, and then impart of the fullness which he gives to supply the needs of others.

Prayer—Dear Father, may our hearts be touched by the wants and lacks of those about us. Help us not to turn carelessly away, but to give of such as we have. Under thy blessing may we help to feed the hungry multitudes. Amen.

Friday, January 31

Read Matthew 16: 13-16.

Who do you think Jesus is? The same question comes to men and women of this age as came to the disciples that day when Jesus was alone with them. Peter, the impulsive, gave voice to a truth revealed from above. We, too, with all our hearts join in acclaiming him as the "Son of the Living God." Not long ago we heard a sermon on "What the World Needs Is Jesus." To that we earnestly and profoundly agree. The world needs him not so much as a great teacher, prophet, and priest, but as Christ the Son of God, with healing for all the sin and sickness of the world.

Prayer—Our Father, we thank thee for thy Son who is the Savior of all mankind. In him we trust. Grant that we shall love and serve him. Amen.

(The following meditation was prepared by Cemetery P. Harris)

Sabbath Featured

Luke 4: 18, 19—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Read Luke 4: 16-22.

The late Dr. A. E. Main once said in "The World Needs Is Jesus," that the need of the world is a "humble soul who aspires to benefit mankind when he comes to view how much there is to be done.

The greatness of the work staggering us and we are inclined to feel that because it is so great there is not much use doing our bit. This is all wrong. It is contrary to the purpose of the Father with whom rests all power, wisdom, and love. It is his plan that poverty should give way to plenty, disease to health, sorrow to joy, and sin to righteousness. Christ has conquered all the earth, and that this should be brought about by the united efforts of Christ's followers. The sea, though so vast, is made up of drops of water united, and the mass of human suffering also. And what makes up the mass of human suffering? No, the commonest of hindering its triumph, is the extension of its effects.

It is his plan to give the world a new heart, to cause the sick to be well, and to turn from the things that make sorrow and care to the things that make health and happiness.

The people are all poor, practically in a hospital. Our hospitals are to be found in the home church, the local compound, and the world. It is a hospital of the poor. It is a place to do what we can, however small it may be. Your help is needed in the home church, the local community, the denominational boards, and in the extension of Christ's kingdom over all the earth. Your help is needed now.

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THE PLACE OF PRAYER IN A TROUBLED WORLD

By Martin Oates

Address given during the Universal Week of Prayer, January, 1941, Ashaway.

As Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him and asked for a sign of his second coming. Then it was that he told them of wars and rumors of wars and of pestilence and calamities. But he said that these were only the beginning of sorrows.

I think that the same prophecy may be applied to the present day. We hear of wars and rumors of wars and of famine, which are apparently sweeping the world. It seems to me that it is the work of God against ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who seem to be hindering the growth of Christ-

ianity. But God holds out a promise of salvation to all mankind. It is better for the peoples of the world to suffer for righteousness' sake, if it be God's will, than to suffer for evil-doing. God's promise is to those who will repent.

There are in the neighborhood of thirteen nations in Europe which have been overrun by militaristic countries. These nations have been subjected to virtual slavery. They have been driven from their homes, killed, wounded, and mutilated. We can only know a small part of the horror which these peoples have had to endure. From China comes the same kind of news. Hundreds of thousands have been killed. Many more thousands have been made homeless. All this is done by a few militaristic men—a few men who seem to think that their empires which they seek to form cannot endure. It is my belief that only nations built on the firm rock of Christianity can endure through all eternity.

Let us pray that wars may end and that man's inhumanity to man may disappear from the world for ever.

Let us pray for the people of these oppressed lands in Europe, Asia, and China, that their sufferings may soon cease.

Let us pray that all nations may realize that cooperation is better than conflict, that friendship is far better than enmity.

Another way, and I think the most im-

portant, is prayer. Prayer may be the most powerful kind of weapon. I believe prayer can be a great solace to these people who have lost so much. From Revelation we read the following passage: "The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Can we not liken Christianity to that tree and our prayers as the fruit of it, for the tree and ourselves through God and with our material aid, these nations which have been stricken by war may be healed. We have a tremendous task before us, but by our faith in God we can accomplish it. By our prayers we can help to bring faith to others in this troubled world.

Let us here and in our homes pray that Japan may see and believe in Christ's way of life, that she may return to China and lead those people of that far away land back to peace.

Let us pray that Italy and Germany may turn from their ideas of world power. Let us pray that they may soon realize that the imperialistic empires, which they hope to build, are built on an ill-fated foundation, that they cannot endure. Let us pray that they may come to know that only nations built on the firm rock of Christianity shall endure through all eternity.

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The suffering of the world today presents to us the opportunity of which Jesus spoke when he said, "If it be God's will, than to our faith in God we can accomplish it. By our prayers we can help to bring faith to others in this troubled world.

Let us not hate the ones who are the cause of this suffering, but rather pray earnestly and sincerely for peace in the world, that our only fear may be that God may not only let our generation, but for all generations to come. Let us pray:

Our heavenly Father, we thank thee that we are permitted to meet here tonight in good fellowship. We ask thee to be with us at this moment as we gather together tonight and on all Christians throughout the whole world. Bless the meditations of our hearts and let us have the Grant that all the services of this Week of Prayer may be blessed to us. We ask it in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

November 1 to November 30, 1940

Kari G. Stillman, Treasurer.

In account with the
St. John's Day Baptist Missionary Society
Dr.
Cash on hand November 1, 1940:.............$2,001.38
Seminarium meeting Minnesota and No. Dakota, November 10-14, 1940. ....... 7.93
Clifford Larson, Raymond Center, Mass., for returning missionaries to China................. 8.15
Ashaway, R. I., Vacation Church School.... 13.00
For Y.M.C.A., 1939-1940.................. 25.00
Des Moines, Iowa, Rev. C. B. Fox for return of missionaries...................... 2.69
Dr. Royter, N. Y., Church, for "Rice Bowl," China .......... $5.00
Julie E. H. Flanagan, Atlantic City, N. J., for foreign missions ........... 1.00
Transfer from Dr. Thorngate Fund for expenses returning missionaries to China........... 20.00
Second Brookfield, N. Y., Church.............. 25.00
Riverside, Calif., for native Jamaica, Stonehill, I., Church, for China missions...... 3.00
Trenton, N. J., Church, for missionary-evangelism.................. 25.00
New York, N. Y., Church, for missions.................. 25.00
Plainfield, N. J., Lucille Severance........... 5.00
Fargo, N. D., Church........................ 16.00
Riverside, Calif., for back salaries........... 100.00
Battle Creek, Mich., Church, for foreign missions.................. 1.00
Brookfield Missionary Aid society, for expense returning missionaries from China... 7.50
First Hundred Years, $15.00.................. 7.50
Helen A. Tissitt, Lawrence, Kan., for Y.M.C.A., $1.00.................. 5.00
Reta E. Crouch, Vilalguerro, N. M., First Hundred Years.................. 21.50
New York, N. Y., for special offering.................. 6.60
First Hopkinton, R. I., Church.................. 5.00
Rey. O. C. Poole, salary advanced to Dr. Thorngate to send above.................. 22.50
Transferred from Permanent Fund income.......................... 243.90
Transferred to Permanent Fund income........... 106.00
Payroll, 50% as a Share of Denominational Budget receipts.................. 565.76

$ 896.36

WHO'S WHO

Earl Cruzan, Waterford, Conn.

Born September 12, 1913, on a farm about five and one-half miles southeast of North Loup, Nebraska. Father, Roy Cruzan; mother, Clementine Clement Cruzan, both now of Bridgeport, N. Y.

I lived on the farm until the summer of 1934, when I went to Salem to enter college. We were graduated from North Loup High School in 1932, second in class. I was graduated from Salem College in 1938, cum laude; degree, A. B., major in English and minor in social science. Activities: Y. M. C. A., Debate Club, Dramatics Club, assistant in library two years, assistant in English Department two years. Past student of Theology two years. At present am enrolled in Yale Divinity School.

Married in June, 1936, to Mabel E. Davis, youngest daughter of Thomas M. Davis of Shiloh, N. J.

Pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Waterford since June 1, 1940.

PAWCASTUCK (WESTERLY)

"The First Hundred Years"

By George B. Utter

"The First Hundred Years," the centen-

nial edition of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, just issued at Westerly, R. I., is a real contribution to the history of the denomination. The book is a much larger format than anticipated, containing more than 330 pages.
WOMAN'S WORK

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

OFFERINGS

Send checks or money orders payable either to the Foreign Missions Conference, 156 E. 50 Ave., New York, N. Y., or the Council of Women for Home Missions, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

A REPORT BLANK

is enclosed with each order of programs: the general chairman in charge of a local program is requested to fill it out and return promptly, so that each community may be recorded.

SUPPLIES

“Thy Call to Prayer,” free.

“Worship Program for Adults and Young People”—“Thy Kingdom Come.” 2 cents each, $2.00 per 100. “Thy Call to Prayer,” free.

Handbook (This revised Handbook will be essential for each general chairman responsible for a program meeting, for the booklet will have promotion and publicity suggestions; two new radio programs for use on your local station; suggested programs for rural areas, children’s groups, prayer groups, etc.) 10 cents.

Supplies should be ordered from denominational Mission Boards.

The World Day of Prayer is sponsored by the National Committee of Church Women, representing Foreign Missions Conference, National Council of Church Women, and Council of Women for Home Missions, 297 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

This year the World Day of Prayer will be on February 28, the first Friday in Lent; we hope that your imagination may be captured by the theme: “Thy Kingdom Come”—for there is a special significance about this particular service since it was written by the members of the World Day of Prayer Committee in Shanghai—a committee composed of Americans, Chinese, Japanese. Therefore, we are not so jaded as to be freighted with their incredible new understand- ing of what the kingdom of God implies in patience, in forgiveness, in con- fession, and in the process of trying to live the power. The Everlasting Mercy breathes through every line, ready to bless the audience and to come to the aid of all who have obviously blessed the Shanghai committee. In a year when China is the foreign study theme, it is a rich demonstration of the very steadiness and beauty we all need in a war-torn world.

It is always to be remembered that throughout all the years of storm and stress this Shanghai committee has observed the World Day of Prayer with memorable meetings, larger than life. Last year we told how Japanese and Chinese ushers moved reverently from pew to pew, lighting the candle held by each worshipper—"Thy Call to Prayer," the source of the Eternal Light. Let us copy their lovely zeal in each town in the United States!

A DAILY PRAYER FOR THE YEAR 1941

Father of all mankind, throughout this day, and every day, help me to remember that a very real portion of thy kingdom has been placed in my keeping, and let me keep it and love thee.

With all my mind—that I may think thy thoughts, follow thy path, speak thy dark, magnificent language, and be a beautiful and significant decision of my daily living, told to those above all prejudice and small-mindedness, O Lord.

With all my heart—that I may love those whom thou lovest, feeling for even the most unlovable and difficult of thy children thine own everlasting mercy.

With all my soul—that I may seek fresh ways in which we can all be one in Jesus Christ, if we so love thee.

Pray, thy divine power to surge through every commonplace routine from morning till night.

With all my strength—that I may work the works of him who sent me while it is day, seeking to convey through every act thy devotion to the needs of both my neighbor and myself. Remind me from moment to moment that this is not optional, but the last command of Jesus Christ, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Quicken me and use me this day, for thy name’s sake. Amen.

WOMEN AT SHILOH

Annual Report of the Ladies' Benevolent Society for 1940

Ten new members have been added to our membership, making now seventy-four members. We have lost four members by death: Mrs. Mary Nelson, Mrs. Lottie Fisher, Miss Ada Shimp, and Mrs. Eliza R. Harris. Members have been lost in the struggle for freedom of speech and in the fight for voting rights.

LONE SABBATH KEEPERS

Can a Christian Just Stand Still?

By Mrs. Minnie Green

I have had a few experiences the past summer from which I received some wonderful lessons. I want to relate one or two of them, hoping that you may receive some benefit. Each experience brought to mind what might have happened had I just stood still.

I spent the summer in the timber, near Shaver Lake. One day while I was out in the timber picking wild flowers, I wandered so far away from the house that I became completely lost. I started for the house, but the farther I walked the more bewildered I became, as I saw the growth of the trees and shrubbery. I was still going farther into the forest. I became so tired that I stopped a moment to rest, but there was no rest for me on account of the yellow jackets. They kept me busy trying to fight them off my face. I finally reached a place where, by looking through the tops of the trees, I could see a cabin which I recognized as belonging to the house where I was staying. I now had my direction, so by keeping my eyes on my guidepost I soon reached home.

I thought to myself, "How much like some of us Christians who become so entangled in worldly affairs that we lose sight of our Savior." There I was enjoying the beauties of nature, little thinking that I might wonder two miles from the house and the beautiful, harmless things carry us away.

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from God. Yes, even the social affairs of the church take so much of our time that we neglect the little things in life and thus retard our spiritual growth. I have known some people who became so interested in the work of the church that they neglected their home, even the children in the home.

Well, what would have happened to me had I just stood still there in the timber waiting for someone to find me? Just what may happen to any Christian who finds he is losing his way and refuses to do anything about it. We cannot expect God to find us and help us unless we cast our eyes upon him and ask his guidance. He is always there and ready to help us.

Just when I need him
Jesus is near
Just when I fear,
Ready to help me,
Ready to cheer me—
Just when I need him most.

(Te to conclude)

Cloris, Calif.

THE JACKSON CENTER SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

(A paper by Deacon J. L. Lawhead at the centennial of the church held over the weekend of June 7, 1940.)

Ohio was admitted to the Union in 1803. Shelby County was set apart in 1819, and the township was settled first by James McCormick in 1831. Another family moved in the following year. The township was set apart in 1819, and one fourth to one half a mile

The home was a mile and a half west of Jackson Center, the land now owned by Elmer Meranda. The first business meeting was held April 5, 1840, at which time Davis Loofboro was moderator, and Brookes Aker, Maxson Babcock was elected deacon. Rev. Simeon Babcock was pastor and continued so for twenty years, when old age compelled him to retire. He was assisted by Elder L. A. Davis, Benjamin Clement, and others.

The first church was built of logs in 1842. It was the first church built in this township. In 1856, steps were taken to build a new house, which was 28 by 58, dedicated in September, 1859, by Elder L. A. Davis, assisted by Elder Simeon Babcock and Elder Maxson. In 1881, it was decided to build a church in the village, but it was not until 1882 that it was dedicated, during the pastorate of Elder John L. Huffman. It cost $2,000. The Sabbath-keeping people have always been progressive, always trying to help in improving the whole. They were leaders in the community in education for many years. Many of them were school teachers, and music teachers.

When the village was laid out all the people but one within its bounds were Seventh Day Baptists. In matters of reform, as of temperance and local option, they were the right in the case. It was said by the "wet" element, if it were not for the "Seventh Days" we could not carry on, however. We have been blessed with faithful deacons. For over eighty years the church has had a live Sabbath school, first mentioned in the Year Book in 1865. It not only had a very interesting Christian Endeavor society for many years, but also a Junior C. E., of which Mrs. W. D. Burdick was the founder. The Ladies' Aid society is a very efficient part of the church today. They own a social building and do much in a financial way of carrying on the work of the church.

The Jackson Center Church joined the Michigan semi-annual meeting in 1924. It has been a member of the following associations: the Southwestern, 1842; the Southern in 1874; the Northwestern in 1878. Of the Northwestern it is still a member.

THE LORD'S ACRE

Plan Works at First Hebron Church

By Charles H. Bond

About the first of June, 1940, a group of the members of the First Hebron Church met to cut and plant potatoes in the plot of ground prepared for "The Lord's Acre" church project. The land was donated by one of the group. From time to time during

resulting in the organization of a Free Will Seventh Day Baptist Church. This Free Will Church held services for about three years. Its largest membership was seventy-eight. The old church sent a fraternal address to the Free Will Church on January 3, 1858, seeking to secure harmony of action and overcome division. This letter was promptly replied to on February 19, 1858, resulting in the return of the Free Will Church to the mother church. The church has had eighteen pastors to serve in its one hundred years, namely: Simeon Babcock, Maxson Babcock, Benjamin Clement, Rouse Babcock, Hamilton Hull, Simeon Babcock, John L. Huffman, L. D. Seager, Willard D. Burdick, A. G. Crofoot, J. D. Burdick, D. C. Lippincott, J. H. Babcock, W. T. Babcock, Ticknor, Verney A. Wilson, and W. L. Davis, our present pastor. L. D. Seager and Verney A. Wilson each held two pastorates here.

The deacons have been: Maxson Babcock, Jacob D. Maxson, Simeon H. Babcock, James Babcock, John Forsythe, J. H. Babcock, W. T. Babcock, V. Hughes, Wm. Kennedy, F. F. Randolph, C. L. Polan, Dr. Lester M. Babcock, Guy Polan. Present deacons are: J. L. Lawhead, J. D. Jones, Curtis Groves. The church has licensed to preach the gospel the following: David Loofboro, J. B. Davis, Calvin Davis, Maxson Babcock, Benjamin Clement, Leman Lippincott, S. H. Babcock, Albert Davis, Frank Hughes, L. D. Seager, D. C. Lippincott, and Clifford Journal. Of these, three were ordained by this church: Benjamin Clement, Maxson Babcock, and L. D. Seager. The church has two men, brought up in this community, who are ministers: Rev. Herbert L. Polan and Rev. Wm. M. Simpson. Rex Zueibel, a member of this church, at the present time is studying for the ministry. Elder Seager, dearly beloved by this church, we note, held his first pastorate here and he closed his pastoral labors.

Of the church's pastors four are now living, one of whom, Rev. W. D. Burdick, has preached our centennial sermon. The others are Verney A. Wilson, John T. Babcock, and Wm. L. Davis.

The church has often been without a pastor, but it has been regularly carried on, however. We have been blessed with
the summer months one and another of the group did his "bit" toward the project. Then, on October 6, 1940, about thirty gathered at the field to dig and pick up the crop. All took part, from the youngest to the oldest. Several brought their dinners with them and ate together while they rested at noon. The potatoes were all sacked and ready for loading on the truck to be stored until sold. There were about 135 bushels.

In the evening more than thirty met at the community hall for a church business meeting and a program giving some of the background of the Lord's Acre plan and some of the results. At the close of the meeting the service a bountiful supper—including lots of potatoes—was served to all.

The potatoes were sold in November for about $84.95. This amount was put into the general church fund to pay running expenses of the church.

It is of interest to note that the labor and materials, and use of machinery donated by various members of the group, when figured at prevailing costs would amount to an unfavorable season. These include fertilizer, seed potatoes, rent of land, cutting and planting, rogueing, digging, and picking. Then, on October 6, 1940, about thirty met at the community hall for a church business meeting and a program giving some of the background of the Lord's Acre plan and some of the results. At the close of the meeting the service a bountiful supper—including lots of potatoes—was served to all.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Anna Marie:

Now to answer your fine letter of last week. I have just returned from our An
derover annual church meeting and dinner, and today I have just returned from the same kind of meeting at Independence. Last week we enjoyed a "tureen" or "pot-luck" dinner, and today a dinner of pancakes, sausage, coffee, and doughnuts was served by six Clarke men of the Independence Church. I can tell you we kept them busy frying those good things. Next year the dinner getting will be done by the groundall men. Of course the women get busy when it comes to dishwashing.

I am glad to know that you are working so earnestly to perfect yourself in music, especially sacred music, for music is indeed one very good way in which we may not only praise but serve our Lord. I should especially sacred music, for music is indeed one very good way in which we may not only praise but serve our Lord. I should

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Our steward told them they had nothing to fear; Simeon was taken from prison and the brothers ate and drank with Joseph in the house, still not knowing it was Joseph.

Again Joseph started them on their journey home, with their sacks filled with corn, every man's money back in his sack, and in Benjamin's pack Joseph's silver cup.

(To be concluded next week)

OUR PULPIT

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Psalm 46:10

(Sermon by Earl Cruzan, pastor of the Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Church)

"No," said Mrs. Jones, "he made it out of his head and he's got enough wood left over for a small table."—Selected.
Jesus Took Time to Pray

With such an active life, how could a man take time to visit the sick, stop to lay his hands on a child, eat with publicans and sinners, spend his time with fishermen, be active in my sleep, so that the next morning I have renewed strength? We must give our loved ones to know God, as well as to bring us into a closer communion with him.

Through Meditation

We may use the Bible for our private study, and our family devotions. It will help our loved ones to know God, as well as to bring us into a closer communion with him.

One night while hunting coon in Nebraska we came across two or three deep canyons off Davis Creek. As we entered these canyons we found ourselves surrounded by cedars ranging from a mere six inches in height to more than thirty feet tall. Trees were scaring back and expecially evergreens. We were so impressed by their beauty that we went back in daylight to look at them once more. The fact that the cedars were so tall that a man might ride within a few rods and never discover them, and the fact that the Indian fires had apparently passed them by unharmed years before, made me wonder at God's great plan.

On a holiday, the cars ride so fast and we see some of their beauty; we see where we are going and how far along the road we have traveled. None of us can have a more important task on earth than Christ had. His task was committed to him by God, to come into the world as a Saviour. He was a special representative of God. As I look at the snow and realize that no two flakes have exactly the same pattern, it gives me some idea of the master workmanship of God. As we look at such wonders as Niagara Falls, our mammoth caves, the mountains, and great forests, we are filled with awe and admiration for their creation.

To know God means that we must take some time regularly to be with him. We are not likely to find him in the noise and din of the world. Elijah, the only prophet left, was disconsolate as he fled from his persecutors. He was commanded to go upon the mount and stand before the Lord. While he was standing there, a mighty wind passed by, and the wind was broken among the rocks. An earthquake followed and then a fire; yet God was not to be found in any of these. After he knew that the Lord was not in the wind, in the earthquake, or in the fire, and the Lord spoke with Elijah his servant.

So it is with us; we know God best in quiet, when we study his Word and reflect on passages that strengthen a weakened faith, with passages of poetry that lift one's heart in praise to our Creator. It pictures the struggles of his followers, but throughout it all, it leads one to a security to be found only in God.

How may we be still? We may take a few minutes each day to meditate and commune with God. This may be at the beginning of each day, at the end of the day, or at a definite place in the schedule of the day's program. We may be still out in the woods, in our rooms, most anywhere. It is always the same place that we pause and recognize that there is a God. Some recognize God in a beautiful poem, some in music, others see his presence in nature. As I look at all that goes on about me, I cannot but believe in God. As I look at the snow and realize that no two flakes have exactly the same pattern, it gives me some idea of the master workmanship of God. As we look at such wonders as Niagara Falls, our mammoth caves, the mountains, and great forests, we are filled with awe and admiration for their creation.

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Through Prayer

We may know God through prayer. I feel that this is one of the greatest ways of knowing God. It is then that we commune with him, that we can pour out our very lives and seek his guidance. Christ taught the value of being alone in prayer. He set the example. "When thou prayest, go into thy closet and pray in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. When asked by his disciples to give them a prayer, he gave one which is familiar to all of us. It is brief, yet covers the field of prayer. It is addressed to God; petitions that his kingdom be brought to earth, the desire of all Christians: it asks for our daily needs; asks for forgiveness and also denotes the willingness to forgive those who sin against us. It is brief, yet comprehensive.

A committee to plan a series of religious services to be held soon was chosen. Those named were Pastor Rood, Mrs. Rood, Lewis F. Randolph, and Ruth Kenyon. A supper served by the women of Deacon Walter D. Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon. A supper served by the women of Deacon Walter D. Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon. A supper served by the women of Deacon Walter D. Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon. A supper served by the women of Deacon Walter D. Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon.

Waterford, Conn.

The Christmas program was of unusual interest this year. The first part of the program consisted of songs, recitations, and music by the children, directed by Miss Ruth Swinney. This was followed by a film strip, "The Birth of Christ in Scripture, Art, and Song." The class appointed Martin Oates as treasurer; Mrs. Mary Crandall, president; Howard Kenyon, vice-president; Mrs. Edna Piccolo, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Mary Crandall, treasurer of Organ Fund. Acting as a committee to redecorate the parsonage, the class appointed Martin Oates chairman and Achille Piccolo treasurer of that project. M. Oates.

Ashaway, R. I.

December 22, 1940, the Pastor's Sabbath school class met at the church, attended by Pastors and Mrs. Albert Arnold for their Christmas party and election of officers. The following were re-elected for the year 1941: Mrs. Edna Oates, president; Howard Kenyon, vice-president; Mrs. Edna Piccolo, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Mary Crandall, treasurer of Organ Fund. Acting as a committee to redecorate the parsonage, the class appointed Martin Oates chairman and Achille Piccolo treasurer of that project. M. Oates.

The church was artistically decorated for the occasion. As it was a "white Christmas" a white cross was placed on the altar beneath an illuminated star. During the soft strains of the violin played by Alva Warner accompanied by Mrs. Elmina Warner, a member of each class carried their gift and laid it at the foot of the cross. A substantial gift from the church people was presented to Pastor and Mrs. Davis by Raymond Sholtz, showing in a small way their appreciation of the untiring efforts of the pastor and his wife for the betterment of the church and community. The Christmas offering for missionary interests amounted to over thirty dollars.

Leonardsville, N. Y.

A very enjoyable church night program and supper were held at the home of Deacon Bert Welch, Thursday evening, December 26. There was a Christmas program under the direction of Emma Burdick, in which the pageant, "The First Noel," was portrayed, using the gun as a director, consisting of Betty Croop, Dorothy Dolbeck, Wilma Welch, Esther and Emma Burdick, assisted by the church choir. The program consisted of songs, recitations, exercises, and instrumental music. The presence of the H. L. Polan family of South Edmeston and that of Leonard Buss, now pastor at West Frankfort, with their contributions to the program added to the pleasure of the evening.

The annual church business meeting was held Sunday afternoon, January 5. A unanimous call to the pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, for

DENOMINATIONAL "HAPPY-UP"

Hopkinson, R. I.

On Sunday evening the annual business meeting of the Second Hopkinson Seventh Day Baptist Church was held at the home of Deacon Kenyon and Mrs. Kenyon. A supper served by the women of the church preceded the meeting. The
another year, his twelfth, was extended. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: church clerk, Flora Chase, to be assisted by Martha Main; treasurer, Bernice Rogers; treasurer of Denominational Fund, Esther Burdick; chorister, Avis Schrag; trustee for three years, Deacon Bert Welch. A committee was appointed to work toward securing a new furnace for the parsonage. Bernice D. Rogers, Correspondent.

Little Prairie, Ark.

Dear friends among Seventh Day Baptists: For a good many years the Christian work on the Little Prairie field has been on my heart and mind. I have given to it all my time and strength. For two years I have stayed, knowing the task was too great for me, but hoping that some one would come and take charge of the work and care for the parsonage. It is my prayer that the work may go on—that someone else will take it up and carry it on in a larger way. It is a needy field and open to the message our people have to give. I hope and pray that our denomination may find it a field for service.

I wish to express my gratitude for the many gifts both spiritual and material that have been given to me. I am in Room 303, University Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., where I shall remain under doctors care for some weeks to come.

Mrs. C. C. Van Horn.

MARRIAGES

De Land—Coalwell.— Earl De Land and Persus Coalwell, both of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage at Coalwell, La., December 25, 1940, by Rev. R. J. Severance. Mr. and Mrs. De Land will make their home at Milton.

Vance—Davis.—Robert Vance of La Porte, Iowa, and Pauline Davis of Hammond, La., were joined in marriage on December 25, 1940, at the home of the bride’s grandmother, Mrs. Edna Campbell. Rev. R. J. Severance performed the ceremony.

They’re nothin’ pathetick’r n jes’ a-bein’ rich!—James Whitcomb Riley.

OBITUARY

Burdick.—In Preble, N. Y., December 6, 1940, Louis Kinyon Burdick of Westerly, R. I., aged 71 years. Mr. Burdick was born in De Ruyter, N. Y., June 20, 1869. He was the son of Kinyon William and Olive Ellis Burdick. He was educated in Alfred Academy, the De Ruyter Institute, and Cornell Business College. On June 14, 1887, Mr. Burdick was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Witter. To this union two children were born, Stanton A. Burdick of New York City and Martha E. Burdick, wife of Arnold W. Ames of Preble, N. Y. Besides his wife and children Mr. Burdick is survived by a sister, Mrs. J. Reed Burdick. For more than thirty years he was employed in the office of the C. B. Cottrell and Sons Co., retiring in May, 1939. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and a few years ago served as superintendent of the Sabbath school.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home, 33 William Street, by his pastor, Harold R. Grable, and interment was in River Bend Cemetery, H. R. C.

Haskins. —Almond Delos Haskins, son of Almond and Angeline Grow Haskins, was born May 19, 1865, in Dodge Center, Minn. All but two years of their married life were spent in Milton. In 1895, Mr. Haskins joined the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Nina Summers of Milton; two grandchildren, Stephen and Norma Summers, and one brother, Roswell Haskins of Alexandria, Minn.

Funeral services were conducted at his home on the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by Pastor Carroll L. Hill, assisted by Rev. Edwin Shane. Burial was in Milton cemetery. C. L. H.

Jones.—William P. Jones, son of Thomas P. and Abigail Saunders Jones, was born in the town of Adams, N. Y., November 1, 1867, and died at his home in Adams Center, N. Y., December 4, 1940. He has always resided in this township, where he received his education, taught school, and was active in the Grange for many years. Early in 1882, he was baptized and became a member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was an ordered deacon for over thirty years, a staunch and upright Christian. He is survived by a brother, Frank S., of Adams Center, and a few cousins. Funeral services were held from the home December 8, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, assisted by a friend and former pastor, Rev. E. W. Witter. Burial was made in Union Cemetery. O. W. B.

The dark threads are as needful In the Weaver’s skillful hand As the threads of gold and silver In the pattern he has planned.

He knows, he loves, he cares: Nothing this truth can dim: He gives his very best to those Who leave the choice with him.

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THE WEAVER

Then I shall know even as I am known—1 Corinthians 13:12.

My life is but a weaving Between my Lord and me:

Between the colors I cannot choose the colors.

I cannot choose the colors.

He worketh steadily.

And the shuttles cease to fly

And I, the under side.

Shall God unroll the canvas

Not till the loom is silent

And explain the reason why.

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