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investigation—even scientific study. But let us not forget that the truth about personality cannot be learned in quite the same way as the truth about things. The former cannot be learned without feeling—without sympathy—the former cannot. No matter how objective, realistic, scientific an investigator may be, his ability to learn the truth about people is commensurate with his ability to put himself in their place.

If freedom depends on learning the truth about people, and the knowledge of truth about people depends on sympathy, this appears to point to the Golden Rule as a sine qua non, an absolute essential, for entire freedom. We cannot be entirely free as long as other men, men made in the image of God, are en enslaved anywhere. As Lincoln believed that our nation could not continue half slave and half free, so we may believe that until other peoples of the world become free, our own freedom cannot be perfected.

Jesus also said, “If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” Let us then seek through him, freedom from all hatred and rancor, from all prejudice and intolerance, from all selfishness and sin.

Brookfield, N. Y.

DENOMINATIONAL “HOOK-UP”

Racine, Wis.

Brother Frank Jeffers, who has distributed thousands of Sabbath Recorders during the past twenty years, wishes to thank all who have helped him by sending him their used papers. He would like the publication of a rather lengthy paper setting forth his position as a Pentecostal Sabbath keeper. It has not seemed expedient to do this, but we are glad to let our readers know of his missionary and religious literature of other denominations. He reports having covered Racine, a city of seven thousand people, once a half times. Being now nearly seventy-three years old, he expects to keep at it as long as the Lord gives him strength. Editor.

Waterford, Conn.

A Deputation Committee from Connecticut College, New London, conducted the Friday evening prayer meeting on January twenty-fourth. The services were conducted by Adele Rosebrock and Beth Tobias and a very interesting talk was given by Lucy Roura. In spite of a very stormy night, we had a good attendance.

On Sabbath night we had a church night, at which time Miss Rosebrock and Miss Tobias, accompanied by Miss Alice Adams, had charge. They had a variety of games planned and all had an enjoyable evening.

We enjoyed such games as “Going to Jerusalem,” “Potato Race,” “Charades.” We had to guess products using certain slogans for advertising and, to top it all off, we had to show our artistic skill by drawing in the dark a picture of a hill with a house on it. In front of the house were a man and a woman. We had to place a hat on the man and an apron on the woman. Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served by the women of the church. E. C.

Auckland, New Zealand

Brother Barrar of Christ Church, the largest city in the South Island, is a talented young worker and we have appointed him our missionary representative for that part of New Zealand; he has written and had printed several tracts, and proposes to hold a small mission on our behalf.

Our church here held a Christmas tree for the junior members. We live by the sea in a very beautiful spot, and amid the flowering Christmas trees and tree ferns we held our little function. There assembled thirty adults and children, and after the singing of Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, the deacons and I handed out the gifts—the children receiving toys and the adults Text Cards. Then most of them enjoyed a swim in the warm waters of the Manukau, after which afternoon tea was served on the lawn, bringing a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

You will be pleased to learn our church attendance has been increased; certainly God has blessed us. From a letter by Francis S. Johnson, Pastor.

A fine opportunity for a Seventh-Day Baptist family to buy a farm and equipment, near one of our churches. Private gas supply, school bus at door, telephone and rural mail delivery.

Requires prompt action.

Vocational Committee.

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AN ADDRESS WE DID NOT HEAR

We liked an address we did not hear, the other day. It was at the fifty-first anniversary of the Plainfield Salvation Army Post. The chairman of the meeting was Lieutenant Colonel Norman S. Marshall who also appeared as the speaker. Many local friends and backers of the army were present, felicitations offered, and music played by the Territorial Army Band. With an exhibition of rare good judgment Colonel Marshall waived his own address.

We are sure, however, that he gave the heart of his message in two sentences, upon which, he said, we might hang our own thoughts. Perhaps others of us would find our own drift wound the single gift, or grace, to put our thought into a couple of telling sentences.

We are returning to hang a bit of our own meditation upon the two pegs of the address that was not given.

"Let Thine Eyes Look Straight on"

This was his first sentence. It is a splendid text or motto. In these days of confusion casting our eyes around on too many things—things that distract and confuse rather than strengthen and clarify. And, "where no vision is," perhaps the point is well made. The writer has a pair of binoculars from an old battlefield of the first World War. The field of vision is narrow. Careful effort and attention have to be given to focus the glass on the object desired. Trying to see too much at a time, too large a field attempted, blurs the vision. But when finally adjusted, with the single look ahead the vision is cleared and the object revealed in a most satisfactory manner. Now field of Seventh Day Baptists is wide and varied. It is well it is so. But too often our vision becomes blurred with our trying to focus on too much at a time. On attempting so much we lose sight of our main objective. "Let thine eyes look straight on. Didn't Jesus have something to say about this? The whole body also is full of light."

In our efforts to right wrongs and ameliorate suffering, to train the mind and body, to bring about better economic and social conditions—in these and all other worth while movements let us not forget our great task in the Christian faith. Great responsibility of Seventh Day Baptists, namely, to win men to God through Jesus Christ, and to uphold and habilitate the Sabbath of God. "Let thine eyes look straight on." Eyes ever on the goal will mean progress and final achievement.

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It is a unity compatible with differences of opinion. It is a unity of spirit, of the kind binding all kinds of citizens together in a common concern to Americans of all faiths and classes as citizens of the one democracy.

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In the absence of any committee or officer appointed for such service by the Conference or Commission, the undersigned will attempt to carry on this work next Conference time. The days in training and in camp are trying days. Civilian organizations such as the Y.M.C.A. are not allowed to minister in camps as during the World War. Whatever safeguards, encouragement, and fellowship we can supply through friendly correspondence and otherwise should cheerfully be furnished. We shall try to do our bit.

Herbert C. Van Horn, D.D.,
Corresponding Secretary.

Plainfield, N. J.

NOTICE

Wanted—the present address of Edward S. Burdick, whose last known address was 501 W. 222 South Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Please communicate with the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Board, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.
THE "FIVE-YEAR PLAN"

A five-year plan for church and denominational work was approved by the last General Conference. It has already been published, and will also be found in the 1940 Year Book, which will, we trust, soon be ready for distribution.

It is now being presented to the pastors, various boards and agencies concerned, by Dr. Ben R. Crandall as representative of the Conference Commission.

The following assignments are suggested:

I. Religious Life Committee.

This committee has the opportunity and responsibility of helping and encouraging the development of a more "vital religious experience and growth through personal experience," on the part of all our churches and church members. It is the prerogative of this committee to work with the worldwide Communion, the Universal Week of Prayer, Preaching Missions, lists for desirable home reading, and in short, all the activities which this vital committee may conceive to accomplish this, the most necessary of all our denominational functions.

II. Woman's Board.

The Woman's Board should plan and suggest procedure for the local Aid societies, through the material published and circulated by the Tract Society. In many cases the denominations should remember that they are "vital religious experience and growth through personal experience," on the part of all our churches and church members. It is the prerogative of this committee to work with the worldwide Communion, the Universal Week of Prayer, Preaching Missions, lists for desirable home reading, and in short, all the activities which this vital committee may conceive to accomplish this, the most necessary of all our denominational functions.

3. The Tract Society.

Since the primary purpose of the Tract Society is "to promote the observance of the Bible Sabbath," this society will naturally play an especially important part in accomplishing the aims of the Five-Year Plan. In many cases the introduction of the Sabbath day to strangers must be accomplished through the material published and circulated by the Tract Society.

As a denomination we should be making far greater use of the information and inspiration that is available through various publications and the service of the executive secretary, both in the office and in the field. The Sabbath Recorder, as our denominational periodical, can play a vital role in disseminating news and informing our membership. This family paper should be placed naturally:

"If you complain of opportunities, you will miss what you have."
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Implementing the Church for Missions

(Extracts from the address of Dr. Frederick A. Apgar)

The local churches are the base of supplies. Every problem of missionary support is primarily a local church problem. Every missionary need and opportunity is practically dependent upon the available resources of personnel and money in those churches. Our missionary difficulties need to rest upon our faulty processes of receiving and training church members for church and kingdom ends. We have made it cheap and easy to join the church until we have destroyed basic values and obligations. We may produce temporary impressions, but we are not producing adequate expression. Local churches need to recondition the condition of membership therein. If it is found that there is a lack of clear definitions and giving, these commands need to be reaffirmed in the disciple life of the church, and then loving and gentle guidance into the policy and practice of every church member. A great majority of church members, having made no investment, are indifferent or cynical on account of the demands for money made by harassed missionary administrators. We need to find out and then cure what is behind all the failure to produce the needed resources. Local work will never really prosper as long as it is maintained at the expense of the wider task.—Taken from Layman's Missionary Movement.

The Source of Courage

By Madame Chiang Kai-shek

We are now suffering as no nation on earth has ever suffered; and yet we have peace of mind, peace of heart, the peace that

overcomes all obstacles, that is mightier than death itself. Surely we can exult, "O death, where is thy sting?" The finding of our soul has removed that sting and there has followed a resurrection of that greatest of all gifts, most precious in personal or national life, courage! With courage we can fulfill our rightful destiny. Our faith in the war is over and we can contribute the full weight of our immense resources and industrious population to world peace and to the re-education of a world of economy.—Taken from Christian World Facts.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Prepared by Miss Margaret Lowther, Ashwood, R.I.,; arranged by Rev. E. T. Harris)

Sunday, February 23

Matthew 13: 16—"Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

Did you ever suddenly discover that there was real beauty in something which you had seen as a common, everyday object? Perhaps you have passed an elm tree daily for many years, and when one day, with a helpful branch it sends out over the sidewalk, Lifting your eyes you look at it as a whole and find that it is truly a beautiful tree, spreading its branches skyward. Not only beauty but opportunities are everywhere about us if only we have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Prayer—Dear Father, open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Amen.

Monday, February 24

2 Corinthians 3: 18—"But we all, with unveiled face reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.

The story is told of a crippled child who lived in a dingy room in a slum district. When asked what she could see in the room in which she lived, and that was beautiful, her eyes filled with light and she pointed to a patch of sunshine on the bare floor, whose sunlight made a window in the room. This story is simple, but it has a lesson. Isn’t it the simple things which really have beauty and meaning—the simple address by President Lincoln at Gettysburg; the simple one-syllable words—God, love, home, truth; a smile; a ray of sunshine.

Prayer—Dear Father, we pray that the beauty of Jesus may be seen in us. Amen.

WOMAN'S WORK FROM THE NATIONAL PREACHING MISSION

Stewardship

(Reported by Mrs. Marion C. Van Horn)

Mrs. Orr Leigh Shepherd of Canton, Ohio, former president of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ, and a well known missionary leader and speaker, gave an address before a different group of women each morning at the National Christian Mission held in Pittsburgh, Pa. I heard Mrs. Shepherd at one of these meetings and the following are gleanings from her address:

The use of material blessings may be considered the bread and Christian stewardship. Jesus had much to say about the use of our material possessions. Recall the story of Jesus and the rich young ruler. We used to say a nursery rhyme—"Sing a Song of Sixpence." You remember the lines:

The King is in the counting house,
Counting out his money.
The Queen is in the dining room,
The Duke and Duchess by and by.

Today, however, that does not hold true in the majority of American homes, for the women now do much of the "counting out" and spending. It is stated that women now possess 41 per cent of the money. Besides,
women contril most of the family spending—
some say as high as 85 per cent of it. Think of the responsibility that we have for the way our money is spent.

People on one third of the population have incomes less than their needs. Most of us, then, are in the luxury class. You may say, "I am not"; but remember what our grand-
mother called our country's necessity. How much of it is actually necessity? In this luxury class, two thirds of our money goes toward clothing, and shelter. Do we keep things in proportion—for instance, personal care? To be sure it is important to look well—but let's go to extremes.

Women think they are good managers, but they are not as careful as possibly they may be. How much do you spend for education of the family? How much for books? And how much for the church and other benefits? Statistics show that less than one per cent goes for education; less than one per cent for books; about two per cent for gifts to family, relatives, and individuals, and less than two per cent to the church and all other benefits. Then it is no wonder that we have to scheme and plan and worry about how to meet the church budget?

Women have come to be the "king" as spenders, but are still in the "dining room level of living." They should bring ourselves into the "living room" level of living. Too many are still on the dining room level in the church. "Churchness" in the eyes of the community by staying in the dining room makes up for what we could have to give to the church.

Every woman should be present spiritually as well as physically in the worship of the church and in the educational and evangelistic program of the church. That is, she should be on our prayer list, worrying about that Ladies' Aid bazaar or supper and whether it will bring in the desired amount of money.

A short discussion followed this address and the main thought expressed by the women was that we could so easily solve most of our problems by tithing. All who spoke were convinced that it is the best and most soul-satisfying way. Mrs. Shepherd's final statement was this: "The only danger of tithing is that too many stop with a tenth when they could and should give more.

Jackson Center, Ohio

From the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church: The Ladies' Benevolent Society held their annual sale Saturday, November 20, the day before Thanksgiving. The sale began at one p.m.; the merchandise consisted of dresses, aprons, rugs, and many other useful articles. The proceeds of the sale was served from five to eight p.m. The attendance was large, and a nice sum of money was realized.

On the first Wednesday in December, the society met at the home of Mrs. Elva Lawhead, president. The meeting was called to order and the following program was rendered: Hymn, by the society, "I Came to the Garden Alone." Scripture lesson, Psalm 119:1-8, Mrs. Bernice Doby. The society prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison. Bible drill was led by Mrs. Nora Caven, subject, "The Law and the Gospel." Duet, Mrs. Clella Snyder and Mrs. Elva Lawhead, title, "Who Can It Be?" A roll call was taken by Mrs. Bernice Doby. Roll call, to which eighteen members responded. The following officers were elected for the year 1941: president, Mrs. Elva Lawhead; vice-president, Mrs. Donough Jane Helmingher; secretary, Mrs. Mary K. Stiffel; treasurer, Mrs. Clella Snyder.

To add to the pleasure of the occasion, a well-lighted and decorated Christmas tree graced one corner of the room. After the instruction, Christmas presents, the hostess and her assistant, Mrs. Emily Cammomile, served a tempting supper.

The annual New Year's dinner of the Jackson Center Society was held on December 31. The annual New Year's dinner of the Ladies' Benevolent Society has always been observed as a joyous social occasion. It was held on New Year's Day, under the supervision of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, in their hall. A bountiful feast was enjoyed by members of the church and by many other friends.

Who's Who

Rev. Neal D. Mills
De Ruyter, N. Y.


Taught high school physics and mathematics for five years. During the four years after college, then, after year of graduate study at Alfred, was high school principal three years in North Canton, Ohio. During seminary course directed Daily Vacation Schools in Alfred 1929-31, in Shilo 1931; was executive secretary of Allegheny County Council of Religious Education two years; pastor Hartville Church two years; and conducted courses in the seminary.

Pastor Psicataway Seventh Day Baptist Church 1932-36; ordained 1933; member Triune Board 1932-36, serving as regional secretary and secretary of Committee on Distribution of Literature.

Pastor Stirling, New York, Fourth Day Baptist Church 1936, to date. Secretary of Conference Committee on Religious Life.

Married July 3, 1937, to Martha Gates of Lincoln, Nebraska.\n
T. E. Harris was appointed chairman of the Committee on Church Schools.

Voted that E. E. Sutton and E. F. Randolph be sent as delegates to the Chicago convention of the International Council of Religious Education.

W. L. Greene was appointed official representative to sign all credit cards for the International Council.

The report of the treasurer for the quarter ending December 31, 1940, showed a balance in the society's checking account of a balance of $468.46 on October 1, 1940.

David S. Clarke, Recording Secretary.

Young People's Work

Pre-Conference Camp Meditation

"It is safer to live higher." That was an arresting thought to me. It kept running through my mind. It presented an angle in determining right and wrong which I had never considered before.

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A survey report of the Committee on Young People's Work by the chairman, Elmo Randolph, was given; a more detailed report on a comprehensive camp program will be submitted by the committee shortly.

E. T. Harris was appointed chairman of the Committee on Church Schools.

In this luxury class, two thirds of our money goes toward clothing, and shelter. Do we keep things in proportion—for instance, personal care? To be sure it is important to look well—but let's go to extremes.

Women think they are good managers, but they are not as careful as possibly they may be. How much do you spend for education of the family? How much for books? And how much for the church and other benefits? Statistics show that less than one per cent goes for education; less than one per cent for books; about two per cent for gifts to family, relatives, and individuals, and less than two per cent to the church and all other benefits. Then it is no wonder that we have to scheme and plan and worry about how to meet the church budget?

Women have come to be the "king" as spenders, but are still in the "dining room level of living." They should bring ourselves into the "living room" level of living. Too many are still on the dining room level in the church. "Churchness" in the eyes of the community by staying in the dining room makes up for what we could have to give to the church.

Every woman should be present spiritually as well as physically in the worship of the church and in the educational and evangelistic program of the church. That is, she should be on our prayer list, worrying about that Ladies' Aid bazaar or supper and whether it will bring in the desired amount of money.

A short discussion followed this address and the main thought expressed by the women was that we could so easily solve most of our problems by tithing. All who spoke were convinced that it is the best and most soul-satisfying way. Mrs. Shepherd's final statement was this: "The only danger of tithing is that too many stop with a tenth when they could and should give more.
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AN INTERESTING CHARACTER

By Lois F. Powell

Word has recently been received at the Union Theological Seminary by cablegram of the death in occupied France of Rev. Dr. Charles Ferris, 85. Dr. Ferris was professor emeritus of Old Testament literature. Born in New York City in 1853, and active as a school teacher in that city, he took theological training and graduated from Union Seminary in 1883. Afterwards he taught Hebrew there, retiring in 1926. But his life is notable because of his opposition to German propaganda and his expulsion from Bavaria in 1921, because of his activities in the American anti-German crusade, which made him the target of an ugly attack on the literal interpretation of religion, which is exhibited by the New York Times as follows:

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Let me close this little message with a thought expressed by another:

"To all upon my way Day after day Let me joy be hopeful; Let my life sing Of Hope and Courage."

E. A. Witter.

THANKS FOR SUNSHINE

To the many friends, old and young, from the North, South, East, West, who during the six weeks I have been confined to my room and most of the time in bed, to whom I cannot write, I wish to express my appreciation of the many cards of cheer and notes of personal friendship and personal esteem which have been like shining gems in the sand of time.

While I cannot write you all, God bless and reward you for those gems of thought.
Dear Paula:
I am also glad to know who you are, and to get your letter. I know your Grandma and Grandpa Todd and wish I knew your Daddy and Mamma, too, as well as the rest of your family. I am wondering how old Wanda was on her birthday. Was she old enough to have presents and perhaps a birthday party? Our little Joyce had fun on her fourth birthday party, with eleven other children just about her own age.

Since you like to read I'm pretty sure you enjoy going to school. I like to read myself, and did when I was your age. In fact my playmates used to sputter because I had rather go off in a corner and read instead of going out to play. That was a mistake, wasn't it, for boys and girls need their time for play and exercise, as well as for work and study, if they are to become strong, healthy, and wise men and women.

Your sincere friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:
I am in the second grade. It is snowy and cold here today. I have new ice skates and I can stand up on them. I have a

Dear Donald:
It is cold here, too, so that I am glad to stay close to the fire, a good wood fire it is, too. I don't forget to put wood in the stove these days. Our kitty, Skeezics, runs and hides when he sees me bringing in a stick of wood, because one night I accidently dropped a stick on his toe and he has never forgotten it.

Your letter, too, is one I am glad to get, and I tease my little sister, whose little son you are. Of course you know that I first knew your mother when she was a little girl. That doesn't seem long ago to me, but here I am writing to her oldest child.

I'll have to tell you about my first pair of skates. I must have been about eight or nine, and on Christmas day my father gave me a present from my father. There was quite

a hill back of my house and behind it was a small pond. Christmas morning I took my skates out to this pond, put them on, and tried to skate. Could I stand up on them at all...? Indeed, I could not, but I kept trying, and trying, and after many tumbles I really could stand up on them. Before I went into the house I found my sister glagefully all over the pond; but do you know, I had so many black and blue spots I could hardly count them all.

Sincerely your friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

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A NEW VISION FOR A NEW DAY

By Rev. Alva L. Davis

A "New Vision for a New Day" was the theme of our recent General Conference. Twenty-one years ago (1919), the writer of this article preached the sermon when the Forward Movement was launched at Battle Creek. His theme was, "The Call of the New Day." In that sermon I said:

"The critical hour is upon us. The hour has struck when Seventh Day Baptists must change their program of defense to one of aggression. In this hour of great opportunity and duty, when heaven and earth are calling to us, when God has flung wide open the skies to we with a spirit of willingness to answer the call of "holding our own," then the handwriting is on the wall. Weighed... and found wanting."

We didn't hear the call twenty-one years ago, but it is always a new day. I pray God we may get a new vision of the new day. If that new day has come, then evangelism is to undergo a new evaluation. We must turn our attention from organizations to origins. From the point of view every redeemed soul is called to be a witness to his Redeemer. The evangel of his own redemption is to be told with glad enthusiasm.

There is need for a restudy of evangelism. We speak of it in such a varied term, in such all-inclusive terms, that there were asking for a positive utterance in the things of religion. It is not a day for ease and comfort, but for the mountain, Jesus seemed to say, "you shall see the travail of his soul and then goes."

And this is the power irresistible of which Christ spoke when he said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." We fall often to reach men because we lack the passion of a flaming conviction. Probably there never was a day when so many men were asking for a positive utterance in the things of religion. It is not a day for ease and comfort, but for the mountain, Jesus seemed to say, "you shall see the travail of his soul and then goes."

The coming of the kingdom is not yet. Multitudes want to see it come, and as never before they want to understand Jesus. We who are his disciples are to interpret him to the people. We shall never do it by argument. It is not logic that wins in this realm. It is the power of a surrendered personality that wins when he said, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

In the last interview with his disciples on the mountain, Jesus seemed to say, "You will all fall away, and have learned together, but mere telling it will not win men. Wait for the power that shall come when you are filled with an irresistible force. We need to come back to that adition once again in these days when his
toric treasures are heaped upon us; when all else is an unfaltering conviction and a flaming passion that will arrest the attention of men, and turn them from their selfishness and sinfulness under the sway of the Infinite God.

The fundamental trouble with this old world is that it is away from and out of harmony with God. It has wandered into a false condition. Beliefs and convictions will not suffice. The wanderer must be brought back. Our evangel has not succeeded until it creates a new determination, until the wayward soul will say, "I will arise and go," and then goes.

Evangelism is a unique enterprise, unlike any other in which men are called to participate. Is it not reasonable to believe that an enterprise, involving such issues, should have been left to succeeding generations with some measure of divine control? It is our conviction that this is so. Until that day in the old world, we must desire and be satisfied," he is the Captain of the plan and process of salvation. Let us never lose sight of this. Christian philanthropies are the fruitage of evangelism, but the root of the matter is in personal relation to Jesus Christ—the soul's voluntary acceptance of him as absolute Lord and Master. Clear and ringing as a bell we must proclaim this great truth. Men can little for our theories, but they are interested in our convictions, in the things which we have felt and experienced in our own souls.

A stranger heard Phillips Brooks in one of his chapel talks. As he passed out with the student body, he heard one young man say to another, "What a man! What a man!"

"What a man!" Phillips Brooks was the charming incarnation of the truth he spoke, and the men saw the truth and were attracted to it.

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The hope for our denomination is first of all to get a Christ-centered program of evangelism. We need to take our eyes away from the mechanics of our denominational machinery and place emphasis upon boards, commissions, committees, and programs, to get our ears away from the rattle of the machinery, and put the emphasis where Jesus said: "Ye are my witnesses." "Go ... make disciples.

I want to close this article with the closing paragraph of my sermon twenty-one years ago:

Enthusiasm may carry us far in our work. Fear may hold us back and stunt our progress. But to meet the challenge of this hour, to be true to ourselves and to the Kingdom of God we must yield our lives to the leadership of Jesus Christ, cost what it may.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Hammond, La.

We are very thankful to our heavenly Father for many blessings. We are now feeling encouraged because our numbers are increasing. Mr. Coalwell and family and Gerald Coalwell and family have moved from Milton Junction to New Orleans; and Wendell Stephan of Nortonville, brother of Mrs. Gerald Coalwell, is in New Orleans also. These faithful Christians drive the sixty-eight miles to Hammond to attend church.

Pastor Severance is better and is again able to attend to his duties. In November he was advised by his physician to stay in bed a few weeks to rest his heart.

We had a Christmas program at the church on the night of December 23. This program was recently given at the parsonage for Mrs. Pauline Davis Vance, who was married on Christmas day. After a program of readings, music, and games, light refreshments were served and many gifts were presented to the bride.

On Sunday, January 26, the annual church dinner for members and friends was held. Each of our two churches in communion with God.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to welcoming the Conference in August, and we hope every one who can will come.

Correspondent.

Milton, Wis.

The quarterly meeting of the southern Wisconsin Conference was held with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, January 24 and 25. As it was the Week of Prayer, the program was built upon the theme, Christian Unity and Prayer.

On Friday evening at 7:30 the vesper service, consisting of anthems by the Milton choir, and hymns, between the choral numbers, played softly on the organ by Mrs. Gladys Hefner, was deeply inspiring. Following the service the following ... Mission: Worship — Carl Maxson; Prayer — Owen Regal; Bridges of Brotherhood — John Early.

Although icy roads prevented some from attending, the church was nearly filled for the Sabbath morning sermon by Rev. W. D. Burdick. His subject was Christian Unity, emphasizing the Church as the greatest force in the world and through which is the work of God accomplished.

Following the dinner social hour the business meeting was held, after which a Historical Review of the churches that have been and are in the same locality was conducted by present and previous pastors of the churches. The young people's hour was under the direction of the youthful people's representative, Ivan Randolph. And the evening program was in the semblance of a Sabbath school meeting, purposely discussing Sabbath school problems. Dr. Edwin Shaw discussed the question, Is the Sabbath School Filling Its Mission? Then near close, a very enjoyable program was presented in open discourse. The interest expressed in this meeting gave promise for more of its nature.

R. G., Secretary-Treasurer.

Little Genesse, N. Y.

On Sunday night prior to Christmas, about seventy members of the combined choirs of Bolivar M. E. Church, Ceres, and little Genesse took part in a presentation of the cantata, "Song of Bethlehem," before a large and appreciative audience at the Bolivar M. E. Church. The program included down the aisles of the dimly-lighted church, carrying long white lighted tapers and singing "Oh, come, all ye faithful." The choir was lighted by these same candles, afterwords placed in a long rack back of the choir. Various colored lights were thrown upon the choir by a newly centered beam from the platform where the choir was singing.

A well planned and effective "White Christmas" service was held at the time of our morning church service. Two very lovely six-foot spruce trees, gifts of a friend, stood on either side of the entrance to the platform amid white surroundings, and have been greatly enjoyed during the weeks following. Among the gifts given for various worthy causes were placed around the lighted cross in the center, followed by a student of the conference.

The Week of Prayer was observed by union services with the Methodist Church of Bolivar, one meeting being held at each place of worship.

A very helpful Friday night service was recently conducted by the young people of the G. E. society, who presented a skit in the form of a radio program. This interesting group is active in church work, and also over the radio. Many of the most recent of which have been a New Year's social, and a sleeping party followed by "breakfast" at the parsonage. The Friendly Class and businessmen's group has recently revived its social times, and many pleasant evenings of fun have been reported.

A group of women attended the annual business meeting of the Sunshine Society held during an afternoon tea at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Shaw, a state Bible school instructor.

Four of our Bible school teachers have recently taken a course in "Worship for Children," given at Ashaway, R. I., by Mr. E. Davis. Miss Turish, a state Bible school instructor.

Rev. Dumont Clark of North Carolina visited Little Genesse. He spoke on the subject of "The Lord's Acre." The tither's group met for the January meeting and supper around the cheerful fireplace at the home of Mrs. H. Coon of Boulder, Colo., and are in the quarterly meeting was held, after which a dinner social hour the following Thursday was held, after which a very enjoyable program was presented in open discourse. The interest expressed in this meeting gave promise for more of its nature. R. G., Secretary-Treasurer.
call to become pastor of the local church, and will assume his duties June 1. Rev. Mr. Coon has been pastor of the Seventh Day Church in Boulder for the past ten years, where he was ordained after having previously become interested in religious work in Riverside, Calif. He was engaged in teaching at one time.

Mr. Coon succeeds Rev. Everett T. Harris, who is now pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church in Alfred, N. Y.

---Westerly Sun.

**MARRIAGES**

Lupton - Bonham. — Charles Lupton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lupton, of Shiloh, took as his bride Miss Charlotte Bonham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonham, on January 23, 1941. The bride's pastor, Rev. John W. Hutchinson, of Bridgeton, officiated. The couple will reside in Shiloh, where Mr. Lupton is in business.

Wheeler - Main. — On Sunday, December 22, 1940, at 8 p.m., in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church, Miss Ethel Main, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Main, of Daytona Beach, Fla., became the bride of Mr. Alton L. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Wheeler of Nortonville, Kan. Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the Shiloh Church, and a former pastor of Mr. Wheeler, officiated.

**OBITUARY**

Crandall. — Mrs. Amelia Kenyon Crandall was born August 3, 1859 and died January 3, 1941. Mrs. Crandall was the daughter of Aaron and Deliah Bishop Kenyon and was born in Ashaway, R.I. Her home had been in Ashaway and she lived and died in the house in which she was born. After studying in Hopkinton Academy, Ashaway, R.I., and Teachers College, Providence, R.I., she taught school in Providence and Ashaway. July 13, 1889, she and Herbert H. Crandall were united in marriage. Mr. Crandall passed away November 13, 1940.

At the age of fourteen, upon baptism, she joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, and of that church she remained a devoted member until her death. Mrs. Crandall was active and efficient in the church, its auxiliaries, in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and other work of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were born three children, one of whom died several years past. Mrs. Crandall is survived by a son, Clarence E.; one daughter, Tacy A. Saretzki; and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the home January 6, 1941, by a former pastor, Rev. William L. Burdick and interment took place in the First Hopkinton Cemetery.

---W. L. B.

---From "This Week."

---From "The Sabbath Recorder."

---From "The Challenge of the Stars."