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OBITUARY

Langworthy, Helen O. Langworthy, daughter of William I. and Emma O. (Blanchard) Langworthy of Alfred, N. Y., was born March 5, 1847, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Milford A. Bassett in Independence, N. Y., October 11, 1941. For many years she had been a successful teacher in the public schools of Niagara Falls, and for a time was president of the Teacher's Association of that city. In early life she united with the First Alfred Church, where she retained her membership until death called her to the life beyond.

She is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Ella L. Bassett of Independence, N. Y., and Mrs. Margaret L. Olmstead of Joliet, Long Island, N. Y.; and one brother, Frank A. Langworthy of Leicester, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Walter L. Greene, assisted by Rev. W. W. McCall. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. W. L. G.

Fitz Randolph, — Robert B., son of Nathan Hull and Eliza Burr Fitz Randolph, was born November 19, 1872, in the same home in which he was living at the time of his death, October 17, 1941.

Robert was baptized and joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ January 30, 1885. He has been a faithful member, having served as chairman of the ushers and teacher of the Wardner Sabbath School Class a number of years.

He was married to Theodate Stackpole August 28, 1906. To this union were born three children: Theodate Fitz Randolph Morey and Elizabeth Stackpole Fitz Randolph, both of Plainfield, and Lieutenant Nathan Hull Fitz Randolph of Camp Jackson, S. C.

He is survived by his wife and children, and two grandchildren; one brother, Aan P. of Plainfield, N. J.; one sister, Bessie (Mrs. Hobart Ayers) of Waterer, R. I.; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Hurley S. Warren and Rector Howard L. Smith, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, North Plainfield. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery. H. S. W.

Stearns, — Ella Burdick Stearns was born in Herborn, Pa., May 1, 1866, and died at the Robert Parker Hospital in Sayre, Pa., October 14, 1941.

She was married to Roscoe C. Stearns, September 11, 1894. He preceded her in death November 1, 1909. Four children survive: Dom Stearns, Connersport, Pa.; Harold Stearns, Ellicotville, N. Y.; Leland Stearns, Rome, N. Y.; and Mrs. Edwin Olson of Sayre, also eight grandchildren.

Her funeral was held October 17, at the Hebron Seventh Day Baptist church of which she has been a loyal member since April, 1876.

Mrs. Stearns taught school more than twenty-five years of her life and is well remembered by many who were pupils in the "90's." R. W.

The following resolutions were passed by the Ladies' Aid society of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek:

Whereas the heavenly Father has taken from among us our friend and co-worker Mrs. Zella Rogers Kirtley; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this society and of the church feel a deep personal loss. Mrs. Kirtley loved the church and put the kingdom of God first in her life. She was always faithful in attendance as long as she was able to be; she was a teacher, a counselor of the C. E., and president of the Ladies' Aid for several years.

Resolved, That, as we cherish the memory of her life and her personality, it will ever be an example to lead us to more consecrated service.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our records and one be sent to the Sabbath Recorder.

Mrs. P. A. Crandall, Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Committee.

"If there is any temper to be lost, let the other fellow lose it; you can't afford to."—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

"Great Salt Lake is the remnant of a lake once three hundred miles long and one thousand feet deep."

Rev. John I. Easterly, Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Healdsburg, Calif.

(See "Who's Who" in this Recorder.)

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A contributor to the Christian Century sometimes agonized over some challenging thoughts along this line for people over sixty. He suggested that we of sixty and above put together some of the following questions to ourselves:

One: Do I find I take an increasing interest in myself? It is perfectly natural that when a man has lived over three score years he has a story to tell which may have some matters of great importance. Is it possible that I am likely to dwell too much upon these back numbers, with the assumption that other people are bound to be as interested in them as he is. Was it not Mr. Pott in Pickwick Papers who insisted on reading his past editorials and Pickwick went to sleep? Some of us as we grow old may well learn the lesson of our Georgia friend hero: Ways and means will gradually be found.

Miss Howard is much interested in building up what she calls a "Floating Library for Seventh Day Baptists." We believe it has special merits and will offer real opportunities to individual members and groups. It really is of interest to us all and contains possibilities which as yet we may not appreciate. So far as possible pastors and other public speakers among us ought to co-operate.

But let us permit Miss Howard, herself, to speak to us in a letter to the editor of the Sabbath Recorder she writes:

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The beginning of a Floating Library of sermons by Seventh Day Baptist ministers has been started. These sermons are sent on disc records of electric victrola or playback machine. Musical numbers including solos and choirs are also recorded to make the religious service more complete. We believe a hundred of the most inspiring sermons on all of the helpful subjects as faith, prayer, etc., can be placed in the catalog of the groups and youth may be directed to their uses. The voices may be heard and played- which may be played on your electric phonographs. If you desire to visit your community and still take care of his own church work with many needs. I am inviting, inviting, every Seventh Day Baptist minister to come and mail it to the Floating Library. The expense of recording a sermon will be much less than the appreciation that the work will accomplish as it goes from one community to another with its inspiring message.
It will give lone Sabbath keepers, ambitious Christian workers, opportunity to assist our minis- 

ters. In the home, in the community, in the world, God is 

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(Read 1 Chronicles 4: 9, 10. 

This week we are going to read about some men of the Bible who prayed and received an 

answer to their prayers. But Jabez was a man who prayed. But it seems that he is a man who 

prayed. He became more honorable than his brethren. How? Through prayer! So cheer up, my humble, unknown, discouraged friend. You, too, may do a great work for God through prayer. Our coward' is that men 

see the Lord as a warrior and not as a friend. But if we see ourselves as the Lord sees us, would we cry out as Jabez did, "Woe is me?" We must 

remember that it was after Jabez cried out in this manner that the Lord said, "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin forgiven." Let us try to see ourselves today as the Lord sees us, and let us know God to help us to do his will. Then when we hear his voice saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" we will be ready to answer, "Here am I; send me." 

Suggestions for prayer: Let us ask the Lord to make us willing to do whatever task he has for us. Pray definitely for your neighbors and for the sins of omission as well as commission. 

Wednesday, December 10 

Daniel 

Read Daniel 6: 4-11. 

We know how this story ended in a definite answer to Daniel's prayer. Our country is not so different from Babylon in Daniel's time. Those high in authority still decree — at least by practice and example—that men shall not pray. But hearts still turn to God. Let us pray that this is not convenient so long as a scoffing world looks on. Shame on us, if we are afraid to witness for Christ in this world full of souls Christ died to save. 

Be not afraid to pray; to pray is right. Pray if thou canst with hope, but ever pray, though hearest not with long deaf. Pray in the darkness if there be no light. And if for any wish thou dare not pray, then pray to God to cast that wish away. 

—Coleridge. 

Suggestion for prayer: Pray for courage to witness, and as we pray let us know that God does answer prayer. 

Thursday, December 11 

Isaiah 


We, as Christians, are very apt to become self-satisfied. We are doing just a great deal more for the Lord than many of our friends. But if we could see ourselves the way God sees us, would we cry out as Isaiah did, "Woe is me?" Let us try to see ourselves today as the Lord sees us, and let us know God to help us to do his will. Then when we hear his voice saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" we will be ready to answer, "Here am I; send me." 

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Friday, December 12 

Elisha 

Read 2 Kings 4: 32-37. 

Imagine Elisha's feelings when he heard that the son that God had given the Shun- 

amite woman was dead. Would he dare now? Could he pray for life? Would God answer prayer for such a thing as this? But Elisha did not lack faith or hope and shut the door and prayed. From that mo- 

ment, there was more in that room than Death, there was a new life, and Elisha exerted himself beside praying. And finally the boy stirred, and opened his eyes, and took his mother's hand. 

We have our opportunity to save dead souls. Jerry McGeaux was a life-giving prophet like this, and Finney and Moody. And see if you dare not believe. But remember not only prayer and faith are required, but also contact if we are to bring some soul into life with Jesus. 

Suggestions for prayer: Let us think definitely of two or three people who are "dead to Christ," and let us pray definitely for the salvation and reformat both of them. For the wisdom to talk with them about God.
On this Sabbath morning we read this beautiful passage of how the Lord hearkened. Let us listen who is anxious to answer our petitions? Let us be wooed to a new dedication of our hearts and minds to the worship of God in be

Suggestions for prayer: Pray for a greater vision of the way. (Signed) Committee on Resolutions,

The Southwest

The business of a church is to publish, make known, his gospel, the truth as Jesus revealed it, and to proclaim the Sabbath of the Bible. The time of high water is a time for supreme effort to save what can be saved. If this is true, our churches on this field, though small and widely scattered, are strategie points of vital importance, which must be held. We cannot afford here, surely, to allow the proud waters to go over our souls, and make the future of all mission work ultimately fail.

We should also make our church strong at home. In recent weeks the secretary of the Missionary Society made a trip through the Southwest, visiting our churches in that section. Owing partly to much other work, but more particularly to lack of funds, it had been some time since an official representative of the Missionary Society had visited these churches. One object of the trip was to urge the workers to go on and minister, and another was to study the needs of the field. Much to encourage was found and difficult problems for the workers and the board presented themselves.

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If it had not been the Lord . . . then the waters had gone over our soul. Psalm 124: 2, 4, 5.

We have been having high water on Little Prairie church, The Arkansas River, swollen by heavy rains far up in Kansas and nearby; Little Prairie, save for three years, has beenlobster at Gentry and general missionary for several years. Rev. S. S. Powell is serving as assistant pastor at Little Prairie during the fall and winter. All of these servants of God, aided by their lay friends, are doing great work. Interviews with lay members in their homes and else

FLOOD WATERS

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side ... then the waters had over

Our mission is in the South, where the inroads of infidelity and near persecution, were about to leave Burma, one of the native converts pleaded with him to remain until ten were converted, assuring him that in the land of Jesus Christ could secure even that small foothold, nothing could kill it. The disciples of Jesus have always increased in numbers and fortitude in the face of persecution. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

In our own country, more dangerous and insidious flood waters of indifference are rising high about our churches, to nullify their efforts and kill their enthusiasm. False prophets still cry, "Peace, peace!" when there is no peace, but it is no time to listen to them. Flood waters are rising and are in a fresh grip on God and a new enth

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Dear Brother Burdick:

I am thinking it is well that I report to you at once about my visit to Yonah Mountain. I reached there about 25 miles and stayed there five days. I preached there the twenty-sixth, I visited every family connected with the church, and some others. Did not see all the members, as a few of them are now in North Carolina. One, a lady, has married and moved there and the other five have gone there for jobs. Two of the other church members were out cutting timber, so I did not see them.

Kindly inspect the visit was manifest by all, and wish that I should return was expressed by all, even new ones that I met. There were fourteen present at the ice and the strangers gave me very kind personal expressions. The editor of the town paper wished to give me some things connected with my life. I don't know what he will print. I attended the M. E. Church Sunday morning and was called out for prayer and some remarks upon the temperance question. I distributed many tracts that should return was estimated to be about $5. This is as near as I can know.

I stayed at the same place you did, in the same room. I paid $10 for my entertainment. I judge that the extra expense for the forty miles of railroad to the spot was about $5. It is about three hundred miles farther than that way, but it would otherwise come.

The people generally are thoroughly in support of Mr. Conyers. The public honors him and gives him full confidence. The work in Yonah Mountain has been dear to my heart. I was young when I first went to the mountain, and I will go and live among them for a year and see if the cause of God's Sabbath could not find a solid basis there. I don't believe it possible in other ways or irregular visitations.

Yours most sincerely,

E. A. Witter.

Daytona Beach, Fla., November 2, 1941.
school movement came into being principally because the Bible was being neglected in so many homes. Too much cannot be said in praise of the church school. Many parents will attend it themselves, not only to encourage their children to go, but to improve their own knowledge and love of the Bible. But far more can be done for the development of character through the use of the Bible in the home than anywhere else. Many homes have been helped in establishing in the living room a Bible corner, where there may be assembled a small family Bible with family register pages faithfully kept, children’s editions of the Scriptures, a Bible dictionary, and other books that help toward an understanding of God’s Word. Besides this, such a Bible corner lays constant emphasis upon the fact that the Bible is different and more important than any other book in the house.

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[Above leaflets may be secured from the chairman of the Woman’s Board Christian Culture Committee, Hallie May Herbold, Healdsburg, Calif. Her address is 51 West Virginia Ave., Salem, W. Va.]

A LETTER FROM THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PEACE COUNCIL

Dear Seventh Day Baptist Friend:

Many of our pastors and laymen are seriously trying through careful study and earnest prayer to fulfill their duty as Christians and as citizens to make some contribution toward the building of world peace. To aid and stimulate the study of the problem, Conference last August ordered the booklet, “A Just and Durable Peace” to be sent to every church. It seems to have been left to the Commission, which now can of course do nothing about it until the first of the year. However, you might get a copy sooner by writing to the corresponding secretary or to Dean A. J. C. Bond, who, you will be interested to know, has been appointed by the Federal Council Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace.

Enclosed is an article by E. Stanley Jones regarding Christian’s contribution by the Seventh Day Baptist Peace Council toward your supply of material for study.

Also enclosed is the Statement of Purpose of the Seventh Day Baptist Peace Council which is a new organization and few have yet had the opportunity of joining it. It is designed for service with the least possible amount of “red tape.” If you are not already a member, won’t you join and ask your friends to do so? We can use a cheaper postage rate if we can build up a mailing list of hundreds.

Cordially yours,

Neil D. Mills,
Secretary.

De Ruyter, N. Y.

October 24, 1941.

P. S.—An excellent bit of practical service to the cause would be to get as many people as possible to write to their congressmen urging them to oppose weakening the Neutrality Law which has played an important part in keeping the United States out of the war. Suggested wording: “I wish to urge you to support, and sign, the Neutrality Bill that has been sunk in recent months was violating either the letter or the spirit of that act.”

This is my personal suggestion, and of course may not meet with your approval.

N. D. M.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S WORK

Victor W. Shoggs, Alfred, N. Y.

HERE AM I, SEND ME

To every Christian, God has appointed a task. Whether he be farmer, salesman, businessman, minister, missionary, or doctor; no matter into what path of life a Christian’s profession leads him, he has a service to render to Christ. God. In order to perform his task, each true Christian must be sincere in the words of this Scripture: “Here am I, send me.”

In the first place, the individual must realize that there is a task for him to do. As a part of the war, we hear much concerning the game of football, and perhaps we can learn a lesson from that game. In the playing field our team is striving toward a certain goal, just as the Christian Church is striving toward its goal. On the team and in the church, each individual has a particular part to play in the drive toward the goal. So has each member of the Christian family a peculiar task to perform in the great plan of salvation. On the sidelines in this game, the coach and other members of the team wait for their chance to get into the game. Believing this, such a coach is always on hand there to direct the plays, so have we as members of the Christian organization a guide and help in our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. The coach calls one of the substitutes, gives him explicit instructions, and sends him into the game. This player realizes that he has a particular part to play in an attempt to reach the goal. So also must every Christian have a realization of a task to be done.

In the second place, there must be a willingness, suggested by the words “send me,”—the performance of any task by which the Master calls. What do you suppose would happen to a football player who was unwilling to do what the coach told him to do? He would lose his opportunity to play, and the task he refused to perform would go to another, and with it the reward that comes from faithfulness.

Quite often the Christian loses out on his opportunity to serve and the accompanying joy and satisfaction in having served his Master and Friend.

Remember, we have a far greater reason for wishing to serve Christ than any football player ever had serving his team or school. Did not Christ in love bear our mistakes and shortcomings in his own body on the cross and give us all right through him only that we have joy, peace, and everlasting life.

Today, perhaps more than ever before, there is need for the young Christian to be put into special tasks for Christ and his kingdom. It would be folly for me or anyone else to try to tell a person what his special task is. But Christ is always anxious and ready to show a Christian what his task is when he

WHO’S WHO

Rev. John I. Easterly

Healdsburg, Calif.

(We reproduce Mr. Easterly’s own statement, written at his own request.)

I was born at Brandsville, Mo., May 27, 1885. Had a common schooling up to the point where I ran away from home at the age of nineteen and joined the army. Went to the Philippine Islands where I served a tour of service of about two years on the islands of Leyte and Mindanao. I then came back to the U.S.A. and was discharged after three years of service (1907). Reenlisted in 1909, and went to the Philippine Islands again. Returned in 1912, and was discharged at San Francisco.

During my military service I attended military school and obtained certificates for several of the leading military subjects of that time.

After completing my military service I went into the building business. While engaged in this business I took two commercial correspondence Schools, then followed these with a complete course in architecture; then took the California Institute of Technology at the University of California for the practice of architecture and was the only one in the class to pass the examination at the University. Since this, I have taken other important work (educational) in structural engineering as this educational phase because so many have indicated a curiosity as to my schooling.

As to my religious experience: I was raised a Baptist, and attended church as a boy. In later years I became interested in the Sabbath question and joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church, because it is the only one where I knew of who observed the right day. After about twenty years with the Seventh Day
Dear Edlyn:

I agree with you that all the boys and girls who can should write as well as read letters on our Children's Page, and I hope they'll all desire wise opinion to heart. As you see, no one has written this week, so perhaps it's fortunate that I didn't have room for your interesting letter last week.

I met your grandfather a good many years ago when he was visiting Chicago, which was then a home of his. He was filling and I accidently sat on his good hat. I'm sure I'll never forget it. Would you, if you ever had the misfortune to have such an accident? I think your mother used to write to me; if not, an aunt of yours did.

You surely had quite a parade on your homecoming day, and would have liked it.

I'm afraid the elephant would have been afraid of dogs.

I have a light yellow kitten named Judy. She catches small mice and likes to climb, but isn't much afraid of dogs.

I take piano lessons every Friday and have made considerable progress.

I'm twelve and have been enjoying the football season.

As he was directed, Noah and his three sons and their wives went in and were safely in the ark, Noah and his wife and his three sons and their wives were saved.

The Story of the Rainbow

The people all thought Noah and his sons were crazy to build the great boat, or ark, up on a hill so far from the sea, but Noah didn't mind them making fun of him, and I don't mind their making fun of him, and I don't mind his sons did, for they were doing just as God had directed Noah to do. They knew that when the world was washed clean of its wicked people, they would all be safe in the ark because they had always obeyed God. Had not God promised to keep them safe?

As he was directed, Noah and his sons made the ark five hundred feet long, eighty feet wide, and three stories high. They put a door and window in the side and a strong roof on top, and inside and outside they put layers of pitch to keep all the water out. The watch was kept day and night, and when the people of the whole world knew that when the world was washed clean of its wicked people they would all be safe in the ark because they had always obeyed God, Noah and his family were saved.

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OUR PULPIT

MODERN JONAHS

By Rev. Everett T. Harris

Text—Matthew 22: 29. "Ye do err not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God."

The entire book of Jonah is the background for this sermon. The text is only a point of departure, and once having departed we will not return to it.

The text is Jesus' answer to the Pharisees who tried to trip him up by a ridiculous question: "If a woman marries seven times, whose wife will she be in heaven?" Jesus did not answer the slyly implied question but simply pointed out that the Pharisees neither knew their Bibles nor the power of God. His answer probably made them feel foolish before the people, and that was just what they deserved since they were trying to do that very thing to the Master.

Jesus' answer might well be given to the man who asks with a self-satisfied smirk on his face, "Just how could a whale swallow Jonah and come up alive?"

The one who asks that question in that way does greatly err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God.

At the time of the writing of the book of Jonah no one was concerned about whether or not God could make a man and the man live to tell of it. People believed such things without question. Today, many miss the central teaching of the book because they run off on this tangent and never get back to appreciate the deeply spiritual religious teaching of the book of Jonah. Its lessons are modern and are as greatly needed in our day as they were needed in Jonah's day and have been needed in every succeeding generation.

Let us begin by noticing how the message of the book of Jonah was needed in his day.

The Jews were divided in their attitude toward other nations. Some felt that their religion was for themselves alone, and they considered the Gentile or heathen nations as not worthy of consideration. Most of the Jews expected God to crush the heathen nations altogether in his good time and to make the Hebrew nation the mighty and powerful ruler of the earth. But some among them were beginning to grasp the conception of the Jews as a chosen people of God, of God's desire to take their spiritual revelation of God to all people. They believed that God loved all people, that the Gentiles were worthy of saving and should be given the opportunity to know God and repent of their evil ways. The writer of the book of Jonah was within the group—the forerunners of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The story begins with the command of the Lord to Jonah, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness is come up before me."

Jonah, being one hundred per cent Hebrew, had no doubt that he loved Nineveh, capital of Assyria—a heathen city, of a hated people. He lost no time getting down to the nearest seaport and here Jonah bought a one way ticket to Tarshish. Tarshish, Spain, represented getting just as far away from Nineveh as Jonah could go in those days.

Jonah was going to "take the wings of the morning and dwelleth in the uttermost parts of the sea"; but he was about to find that there was no place to flee from the presence of God. What would find him? What a warning to the wicked, and what a balm to the souls of the penitent. Even then the city might be destroyed.

But to return to Jonah; he had fallen asleep on the ship and did not know a terribler storm was afoot than the one that had waked him. The casting of lots revealed that Jonah was the cause of the storm. But the people of Nineveh did not repent and even then the city might be destroyed.

The sailors tried their best to save him. At last they gave up trying and they first prayed to Jonah's God and then cast Jonah overboard. At last the storm ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows. When the storm was over, all the ship was filled with spoil of gold and fruit and other valuable things. And the men were not destroyed. Most preachers think they are a good commentary on the way many people pray today. Not until things do they remember the Lord. But, thanks be to God, he will hear us even then.

The Lord was forgiven and offered another chance. This time he really went to Nineveh and preached a simple message to the people there: "Forty days and Nineveh shall be converted from their evil ways and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Somehow, the message of this great haggard prophet struck conviction into the hearts of the inhabitants of Nineveh. The people repented and the king repented. They all turned from their evil ways and God forgave them and the city was not destroyed after all.

Jonah was disappointed when the city was not destroyed. He did not have any interest in the conversion of the heathen. He had no desire to see if they could have done well if they turn two hundred people to God in their entire lifetime. Not so Jonah to the city of 120,000 souls. He was hurt by their evil ways, and was sorry. He said in effect, "I was afraid this would happen, and now my prophecy will not come to pass. People will question if it really would have happened. They will discredit me. Oh me, my pride is hurt very badly."

If you tried to run away from God and you have ever known such people who if they predicted a hurricane were aggravated if it went up the coast and turned out to sea.

We have our Jonahs today. When church workers fail to get to submerge their personal likes and dislikes for the good of the cause, they are Jonahs. When things are not done to suit them, they quit. That is the spirit incarnate of our friend Jonah.

Jonah wanted a city of 120,000 penitent sinners to be destroyed just to satisfy his God. He did not care whether the city lived or died. Jonah was miracles. East will do almost anything to "save face." A disgraced man takes his life rather than face the world. He sulks over his wounded pride and waits for a city to be destroyed, just to have the satisfaction of seeing the other fellow die. But the count that most truly characterizes Jonah is in his attitude toward the "heathen" nations of old. He was responsible for the salvation of the heathen and the expense of bringing them to a knowledge of God and salvation—these black and yellow and brown races. We ask ourselves, is it not beside the point to remember that in Jonah's day our forefathers were savages? There are people who think that God counts a man with a white skin a little more precious in his sight than a man with black or yellow skin. As though God cares whether the color of the skin is right with him. The spirit of nationalism..."
is running higher every day, until presently we will be expected to forget that we have
Seventh Day Baptist brethren abroad.

The observance of World Wide Commu­
nikations in all Protestant churches was a fitting
symbol of our unbroken fellowship with the
Christians of China, Japan, England, and
Germany. The coming together about the
Lord's table on the same day was an expres­
sion of unity in Christ which will bind the
world together. It is the only basis for hope
that some day in God's good time the nations
shall be brought to Christ and live in brother­
hood and peace. It seems a far distant dream
now, but we must not be discouraged. "God
moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to per­
form." But never forget God does move and
work and he is working out his will even
today. The darkest hour is just before the
dawn, and the dawn of a new day may not be
so far away as it appears.

We feel so helpless and insignificant in the
face of the storms that rage today. We ask,
What can we do?

There are many things still we can do. We
refuse to be modern Jonahs. We will not
run away but will continue to proclaim the
everlasting gospel message of salvation through
Jesus Christ. The Christian Century editor
tells of hearing a "warmly evangelistic" ser­
com coming over the radio from London—
from the very center of the area on which it
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been trained. "This church was going serene­
ly about its supreme business of preaching a
gospel that transcends time and politics and
the wrath of sinful men."

This is what we can all do during these
terrible times—preach an everlasting gospel
of love and good will by word and deed. Our
faith is not a fair-weather faith. If it cannot
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Davis, Thomas M. Davis, son of Watson and
Sarah Davis, was born at Marlboro on May
27, 1872. He started in church work at an
early age and was baptized May 12, 1888, and
joined the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist
Church May 19, 1888, during the pastorate of

Thomas married Elizabeth Henderson Novem­
ber 25, 1896, and to them were born ten children.
Still continuing in work for his Maker he
was called to ordination with Deacon Luther S.
Davis October 18, 1913, and the ordination serv­
cice for the two deacons was held at the Marlboro
church on December 13, 1913, during the pastorate of
Gardiner preached the ordination sermon and
others taking part in the service were Revs.
H. C. Van Horn, Rev. James L. Slagge, Deacon
Arta Davis and Deacon Henry L. Davis, both
of the last named uncles of Thomas.

Thomas has left a full life of service, both in
public and religious life, having been superin­
tendent of Sabbath school, teacher of a Bible
class, and about a year ago was appointed sexton
of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church.

Having completed his life here on earth he
was called to the life beyond on November 15, 1941,
and is survived by his wife, two sons, seven
dughters, and nineteen grandchildren. The
funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev.
H. L. Cottrell, assisted by Rev. Lester G. Osborn.
Burial was made in the Shiloh cemetery.

Bessie Porter Head.