brought a number of new pairs of roller skates to town.
I'm sorry to hear of Pastor Wing's eye trouble, but glad that his sight is improved.
I wish I could have heard you play "The Holy City" on your violin. I love violin music, and especially "The Holy City." If I ever have the good fortune to visit Sche
dacty perhaps you will play it for me.
Sincerely your friend,
[signature]

Misap S. Greene.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Waterford, Conn.
The Waterford Church held its annual business meeting on January 3, 1942.
As has been the recent custom, a light supper was served in the fellowship room of the church, after which the business meeting was conducted. Both were well attended and the following slate of officers was elected:
Moderator, Morton Swinney; secretary, Helen Maxson; treasurer, Ruth Swinney; deacons, Charles Gardner, Albert Brooks; Morton Swinney; deaconess, Mary Brooks; organist, Josephine Avery; assistant organist, Mary Brooks; ushers, Morris Briggs, Virgil Nef, William Dickinson.

At this meeting the problem of calling a new pastor was also discussed. The present pastor, Rev. Earl Cruson, and family, will leave for their new pastorate in Boulder, Colo., on the twenty-fifth of January. The very best wishes of this church go with them to their new field of service.

Correspondent.

Little Genesee, N. Y.

For many months the members of the Sunshine Society have been working on various projects, both individually and collectively, in preparation for the annual bazaar and harvest supper held at the hall, November 4. A goodly sum was netted. A new kitchen range has recently been purchased and installed by this society, which will greatly help the workers upon all such occasions. This society's "Lord's Acre" project for the past year has been bake sales, held in either this town or that ad joining, and these have proved very popular and hence successful. One division of this society sponsored a most enjoyable "Sunshine Christmas Party," one afternoon at the home of Miss Nettie Wells.

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A community entertainment and party, held at the town hall on Tuesday night before Christmas, was well attended. Another high light of the season was a cantata, "Peace on Earth," rendered by the choir of twenty voices under the direction of our choirmaster, Mrs. Thompson, former director of music in the Bolivar Central School. Our annual "White Christmas" service was held Sabbath morning, with the presentation of many gifts for worthy causes. With the holding of a "Twelfth Night" party at the hall, our Christmas festivities came to an end. We publicly thank all those who have helped to make this a most enjoyable season, marred only by the thoughts of those suffering in this war-torn world. May we never lose sight of the Star of Bethlehem!

Correspondent.

Nortonville, Kan.
The Nortonville church building has had needed work done on it this fall and early winter. New shingles were put on half of the roof, and the interior has been cleaned and re-decorated.
The Friday night prayer meeting hour is being used for the present for a series of studies concerning the Sabbath and Sunday, both from the Bible and from history.
A number of our young people who are away at schools and elsewhere were home during the holiday season. Also one of our boys who is in the army, Osman Babcock, visited his parents and friends here for about two weeks.

When Pastor Wilson had a birthday anniversary the first of December, a church party was held for him in the church basement. Surprisingly enough, it was a complete surprise to him, as he was deeply occupied in his study discussing colleges and college courses with a prospective college student while the crowd gathered at the basement. When it was learned that Mrs. Wilson's birthday came shortly after Christmas, an attempt was made to surprise her likewise, but was not entirely successful. However, a very enjoyable social time was had, and everyone seemed happy.

Because of the young people, the "New Year's Dinner" of the church was held on the last Sunday of 1941, with program and quarterly business meeting in the afternoon.

Correspondent.

"A CERTAIN SAMARITAN"

By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

Because of his compassion for his kind.
He lives who never would be known at all
Had he not stopped his journeying to
Aloud for help and pity. Mercy shown,
And noticed by our Lord, has brought him fame.
Although through centuries no one has known
Where was his dwelling-place, and what his name.

"A certain Samaritan" enough is told
In three brief words to bring a scene to view
Of beautiful compassion on the old,
Old road to Jericho. . . . God, may we too
Become immortal through some shining deed
Rendered to meet today's great human need!

—From Christian Advocate.
THE BIBLE IN THE HOME

We can never tell how much the Bible means in the home where it is read daily and its teachings put into regular practice. Parents who wish the best of everything for their children, physically, mentally, and spiritually, will not overlook the Bible as a character forming agency. Too often, however, there are those who furnish every life.

We are all weavers on life's great loom; sometimes we weave in a darkened room.

Sometimes the pattern of life runs high, and we weave in colors blue as the sky.

For my eyes are wet and I cannot see.

But, oh, when the roses bloom in spring, the colors bright for the home above.

These colors bright for the home above.

Weavers, weavers, busy as bees,

The Master Weaver would surely love

These colors bright for the home above,

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One is helped by the philosophy and faith of these verses, and we trust others may feel some of the same inspiration. All honor and praise be to God who is the sun of our lives, shining sunshine even amid the clouds of pain and heartache.

Another observation is born out of a case of frustration. A friend for many years has felt called to the ministry, to preach the gospel of Jesus, and during the years came to the Sabbath truth. Handicapped by lack of education and having to obtain a living for himself and a large family by the hard way, he at no time succumbed to discouragement or became embittered by experience. His faith is still strong and he improves with age. He has come to love and long for the opportunity to speak to others about their salvation and concerning the Sabbath truth. A participant in the meeting where one of his works was first found many years ago he is now found in many places.

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If we would lead our youth into this higher realm we must ourselves be conscious of it and live in it. We must expose our children to it and its values, its techniques and instruments. Our associations must be largely those who breathe this atmosphere and operate under its laws. Also our children must be instructed in the principles and truths of this spiritual world. Finally, children should be taken to church, very early, where this spiritual music in its highest form is being produced and those "profound emotions" of the soul are deeply stirred.

Dr. Booth Colwell Davis, President Emeritus of Alfred University, passed away January 16, 1942, at Holly Hill, Fla.

**DAILY MEDITATIONS**

(Prepared by Mrs. Anna L. Rood, Waterford, Conn.)

**Sunday, February 1**

**What We Receive**

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
A sure cure for a blue day is to review one's gifts, both material and intangible. In the topsyturvy world of today, an enumeration of the daily gifts that are showered upon us will remind us of a love and a generosity beyond any comprehension.

For Christ and all he means to us, for life, for love, hope, and the Giver, himself, let us renew our thanks this month.

Read Psalm 103.

**Monday, February 2**

**The Giver**

"Every good and perfect gift cometh from above.
In a child's innocent reasoning, he arrives at the idea that the money, at least, for his money, at least, for his origin from Father or Mother. Even so, we may trace our blessings to the original source—a Father above. The quality of those gifts prove their divine source. The quantity we receive proves their limitlessness. The regularity of their arrival, though unmerited by us, proves the divine generosity that prompts their giving.

Read Psalm 148.

**Tuesday, February 3**

**The Gift of Christ**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.
Christ was sent to live among humans as a messenger and interpreter of divine love. Without his life on earth, we would have no example of perfection, and would come much farther from attaining a good life than we do. It means so much to us that Christ lived a life similar to ours—that he bore earthly troubles and temptations. We are encouraged to try to attain to the physical fineness, purity of character, and keenness of mind that endeared Jesus to his friends on earth. Because he was human as well as divine, we have the privilege of striving for perfection.

Read John 1: 1-14.

**Wednesday, February 4**

**Gifts in Nature**

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.
A commonplace life, we say, and we sigh; But why should we sigh? The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky makes up the commonplace.
The moon and the stars are commonplace things, And the flower that blooms, and the bird that sings: But dark were the world, and sad our lot, If the flower failed and the bird sang not; And God, who studies each separate soul, Of our commonplace lives makes his beautiful whole.

—Susan Coolidge

Read Psalm 19.

**Thursday, February 5**

**The Gift of Love**

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
We often speak of the special spiritual love of Sydney Carton (hero of Charles Dickens' moving story, "Tale of Two Cities") who crowned his worthless life in death for a friend during the French Revolution. Yet how un-understandable is the love of one who gave his perfect and complete life for thousands yet to be enlightened. Portion of that gift of love in us when we forgive a wrong, refuse to snub an outcast, lift a load, or take the time to be kind is so commonplace. For, "If ye do it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Read John 15: 9-17.

**Friday, February 6**

**The Gift of Hope**

"Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.
I like the word "hope." It is a happy word and powerful and helpful word held out to lead us into tomorrow. But it is more than that! It gives meaning to today. When we are down and discouraged, it helps us to empty of accomplishment, when sorrow enters our lives, hope reminds us that tomorrow will come, and with it a clean, new leaf in our record, and a chance to make today worthwhile. Then, too, hope "sends a shivering far down the future's broadening vistas of human interest and our instinctive desire to hope for something beyond life on earth. Hope carries with it the optimism of promise.

Read 1 John 3: 1-3.

**Sabbath, February 7**

**The Gift of Life**

"The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
The fact that God has given us lives makes all life sacred. Love, hope, faithfulness may be blotted out and return again. Life is considered by God to be so precious as to be given on earth only once. We learn that we are made in God's own image. How much he depends on us, then, to make this life fruitful!

Wouldst thou fashion for thyself a seemly life?
Wouldst thou make it a life fruitful?

—Goethe

Read Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1942**


**THAT WORD—"ECUMENICAL"**

A friend of the ecumenical movement has provoked many a smile by his characterization of the word itself. He said that it is "phonetically exacerable and logically questionable, but etymologically incontestable, psychologically estimable, and pragmatically inevitable!"

Read John 1: 1-14.
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driven out by the occupation there in the spring. We stretched our elastic walls until we tuckered away ninety-eight girls in all, two sharing the porch with me. In all the grades from kindergarten to high school there are some five hundred pupils.

Our first task after the opening of school was physical examination, which showed a majority of children suffering from trachomas, about fifteen from scabies, about thirty whose lungs were in questionable shape, and over twelve per cent undernourished. This is part of the harvest of crowded living conditions. Since then there has been the daily eye clinic, daily X-ray feeding (Yeast furnished by the school). We have urged the parents to give their children one hundred of the alumnae and many of the harvest of crowded living conditions.

There is a strong Christian group among the students and another among the teachers and so we give thanks for that, the great aim of our work.

Anna M. West.

MISS MABEL L. WEST WRITES REGARDING CHURCH AND LOCAL CONDITIONS

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

Dear Secretary Burdick and Members of the Missionary Board:

Since we have another opportunity of sending you news by one returning to America, we are each writing a little about things that we know or else you may be more fully informed about your work and workers here. However, when salaries are so far behind, it is indeed difficult to meet the demands for the "where-with-all" to get the necessary supplies for the simplest of living. How ever, there are still hoping that the board has found some way of getting the funds through to those most badly needing them. Last week we sent $100 to me through the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation which has an office in New York City. Confidence in the mission as a whole and in our personal accounts are in that bank here, it seems a very easy way to send money.

The prices of all necessary advances in prices and some extra expense connected with the running of the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist Church, if we are to send salaries to the workers still unpaid after the middle of the month (Oct., 41). A committee worked out a plan whereby in less than $1,000 was raised. The church members were notified as to the popular needs of the church. We are hoping that more will be given larger amounts, and these more regularly. We do not expect to be caught again in arrears. The church has assumed the salary of the recently ordained pastor, as well as that of the Bible woman and pastor's assistant. There are two other workers. This year we have a caretaker for the church, which is much more satisfactory than the present arrangement, but more expensive as his board is also furnished. Rice advanced thirty per cent over what it was last month and everything is going up accordingly. We ask your prayers that we may be able to pay, these good people could not begin to live on what is given them by the church.

It is not that food cannot be had; but rice, fuel, and all native products are being hoarded. The people have to pay. Foreign goods cannot come in in any large amounts, if at all. The prohibited articles such as furniture, yarn, machines, canned goods, cheese, kodak supplies, to say nothing of a tube of tooth paste, still brings an expensive bill that we gasp and turn away at the thought of so much.

The poverty about us is appalling. Recently one hundred bags of cracked wheat rice from America were delivered at the Davis home from the American Red Cross Corporation; her house is one of the most needed in this section. One of these poor has come to me several times asking for rice. We need all the help we can get and do not charge a penny, because our poor are so badly needing it. We gave to one of them who brought in a little. The landlord gives them their rent. Her case which she to see bore indeed. The old lady herself is almost blind. Her son is dead. The daughter-in-law can earn but little for the family. She and her children one of whom brings in a little. The landlord gives them their rent. Her case is not unique. We have been giving out in this need as we have been able to raise over seven hundred dead bodies were picked up from the streets in the two concessions, a half of whom were children. The winter has not yet begun.

In spite of the uncertainty, the difficulties in getting food, and the larger number who are sick, we have been able to carry on with more in attendance than in previous years. We are glad for work in times like these and we ask your prayers that they may have the physical and moral strength to carry on as the Master would have us do.

The China Mission Bulletin No. 22 was sent out from our hands early in July. A large number was sold at the Distributing Conference, as usual. We have heard from no one as to having received them, so we fear that they may never have left China. Boats were few this summer, for one thing.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel L. West.

Shanghai, China, November 5, 1941.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

November 1, 1941, to November 30, 1941.

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

Dr.

Cash on hand November 1, 1941

$11,144.50

Total

41

Cont. Work

10.00

Medical

23.00

Rosa J. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M., H. E. Davis

1,000.00

Rev. J. H. Kemery, N. M., H. E. Davis

10.00

Riverside, Calif., Josephine Greenyer

10.00

Verona, Wis., Church

7.50

New York, N. Y., Church and Miss Lincoln

1.00

Grace Barber, Fortville, Ind.

2.50

Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Powell, Little Prairie, Ark.

2.25

Central Association, duplicates for Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Powell

1.00

Milton Johnson, Wis., Ladies Aid Society

15.00

Anna M. West, Milwaukee, Wis.

5.00

Mrs. James J. Stillman, Houston, Tex., to be returned

15.00

Dolly B. Maxson, Milton Junction, Wis., Memorial

2.00

Miss West, Aurora, Wis., Church, thanksgiving offering

5.00

Relief Fund

3.00

Mrs. Irene Hulett, Milton, Wis., H. E. Davis

1.00

New York, N. Y., Church (B. F. Mattison) Miss Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.

5.00

Rev. George R. Shaw, Alfred, N. Y. Church Relief Fund

10.00

Transferred from Permanent Fund income

296.23

Transferred from Debt Fund to apply on loan

62.50

Amounts

321.73

Total

1,144.50

Balance

1,144.50

STATEMENT

Cr.

Foreign Missions Conference	.$8.00

Rev. W. L. Burdick	.$112.50

Rev. L. C. Rose	.33.33

Rev. H. S. McFall	.15.00

Rev. R. J. Severyance	..31.50

Rev. E. L. Lewis	.25.00

Rev. W. R. Babcock	. 5.00

Rev. A. L. Crandall	. 5.00

Rev. Ellis R. Lewis	.15.00

Rev. Luther W. Crichlow	.10.00

Rev. W. R. Crandall	. 3.00

Rev. H. E. Davis, salary	$.75.00

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Rev. H. E. Davis, salary	$. 5.00

Rev. E. L. Lewis, salary	$.25.00

Rev. J. H. Kemery, N. M., H. E. Davis

25.00

Anna M. West

25.00

Frank J. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.

25.00

Grace I. Cranford, Farlin, Ill.

25.00

Rev. Luther W. Cribb	.83.33

Rev. W. L. Burdick, salary	.25.00

Native workers	. 79.50

Heinrich Chr. Bruhn, work in Germany	. 41.67

Total	.1,144.50
DEPARTMENT OF AN ASHRAM MEETING AT BLUE RIDGE

(Excepted culled from a family letter written by Francis Roger)

Dear Ones:
The big event of this week, and one with which I have had much influence in my life, was hearing Dr. E. Stanley Jones at Blue Ridge, on Sunday morning. To most of you, he needs no introduction. To many of you who have never had the privilege of hearing him, or reading one of his books, he needs no introduction. He needs no introduction, for even a casual hearing of him, or reading one of his books, is enough to make one need no more introduction. With such a big family circle, he has such a clear, clean, simple, factual approach. He probably arouses as many ideas and beliefs as there are people; thus, what is said has many interpretations. But E. Stanley Jones has such a clear, clean-cut, down-to-earth, simple, factual approach. Like an old Greek proverb, "Like a business man who does a missionary, a firm jaw, kind eyes, and his face lights up when he smiles. The meeting was one of a series held for two weeks at Blue Ridge. They call the series an Ashram, which is an Indian word, I think, meaning, a spiritual meeting.

Well, Blue Ridge is an ideal place for it. I've never been there before. You'll remember Dr. Jones went to the School for Boys. That's all there is there, a few buildings with Robert E. Lee Hall, the paramount one. It nestles back against the hill, looking like a miniature "White House" from the highway. Then you lose it from view as you climb upward, until you round some trees, and then on it, white, stately, towering. It's at least four stories high with the tall columns going to the top. I stood on the wide steps and looked out over the trees to the mountains beyond, range after range, stretching. I don't remember ever seeing anything that the view that Dr. Jones saw. It is an illusory world to her. Thus, the reform she would establish break upon that inner life of hers.

II. What kind of a God is there? What is his character?

The only way we can know is to have God reveal himself to us. He does so:

1. Through nature. A sunset, sunrise, procession of seasons. God is law, hard, unyielding, unforfeiting law. But that is not enough. Being a son, I want a Father. With God, it is impersonal, incomplete. Personality, we say, is that which thinks, feels, wills, and has self-consciousness. In other words, intelligence, feeling, will, self-consciousness. These make a person. These are spiritual qualities, not physical. Therefore, nature is not enough.

2. Through prophet and teacher. This limits it. Because the prophet and teacher are the mediums, it must go through them, and the medium may not always be true. Therefore, that is not enough.


This, too, cannot be complete. A book cannot rise higher than the surrounding life. For instance, if the word "home" were used, to one reader it would mean a very beautiful place, harmonious, love-filled. To another it might mean the opposite. Thus, a book cannot rise higher than the surrounding life. If God wrote a book, it wouldn't but it would express it best, put it down to my definition. It would be a book of me, of my conception, not of God.

4. Through a life that came among us, a direct interpretation of these words. In the person of Christ, God has given the meaning of his words.

Love—praying for enemies on a cross. Peace—living and forgiving. God—what I see in the face of God; Jesus is God, speaking in the language of the man from the streets.

What kind of a God is there? What is his character?

A Christlike God, good, trustable; one who loves like him, gives like him. We can transfer all Christ's qualities to God, and he loses nothing. The universe is not only redemptive. It cares. It is redemptive in Christ. The universe is as good as we are, plus.
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If you are a father, you know how much you would do for your son, your daughter. Then you understand what it is to do as you believe. So it is with God. As the poet said, "Would I suffer for one I love? So wouldst thou."

The Parable of the Widow and the Judge.

The minister of a church in a country town, held a family service in the huge lobby. Then Doll arrived in the car, and with a last look at the mountains, we drove down.

One more word to those who are deeply interested in world affairs. Doctor Jones believes in mediation, not war. He thinks peace cannot be talked with Hitler, but that he can be destroyed from within his own country. And toward an eventual peace, he thinks it must be based on a society of peoples, with no race, creed, national, or sex distinction. All peoples. "Union Now," leaves out China and India, and sows the seeds of racial uprising. You'll say it cannot be done. No, not perhaps; but it's the only thing that has a chance to work, really, and we're nearing it all the time.

Besides, it shows the keen, interested person that he is. He feels that cooperation is taking the place of competition (which had its worth for a time). Nazism is a form of cooperation, but limits it to the Aryans, to classes. We limit it to-race--have alien laws against the orientals, and have suppressed the blacks. He feels, when men go against the kingdom of God, that break themselves, not the kingdom. All this is from his book, "Is the Kingdom of God Real?"

You may not call it the "Peace Call." The "Eternal." But, whatever it is, it's what Christ lived, and taught us.

Otee, N. C., August 5, 1941.

FROM VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

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In his closing prayer, he prayed for the world, for the wars which are a result of our probation. This is for the President and his leaders, for China, and he said, "We have seen the face of God in the face of Christ, and we realize how far we are from that."

It was a most inspiring morning. The mountains--Dave, you must have loved it there at school. And the talk. It made you realize the patience we have in Christ.

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ONE OF LIFE'S LITTLE LESSONS

Victor W. Shoop, Alfred, N. Y.

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OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am sorry I did not write to you before. I read some of your letters to the children in the Sabbath Recorder and enjoy them.

I also enjoyed your list of the things which you gave to the boys and girls at the Shiloh church last summer and I wish you would come back and talk to us some more. That talk wasn't long enough. Will you come again some time? We would all like to have you.

Our little school has a teacher now. She is Mrs. Charles Harris. We did have Mrs. Osborn, but the work was too much for her to handle. Will you be our friend, please, and visit us again.

We still have Mrs. Osborn for our Junior Christian Endeavor. We are learning Bible verses now for awards and we are all working very hard for them.

I like our Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor. Our leaders are working hard to make it interesting for us and we like it. Our Sabbath school teacher gives us report cards now and if we don't study our lesson we get a poor mark. It makes us try harder for good marks.

Do you teach a Bible class? Are they big people or little ones? The girls in our class are about nine or ten years old. Don't you think our teacher has her hands full? We try to be good, though.

Have any snow up where you live? We have had skating here this week, but now it is snowing and I guess we will have more sleds. Did you know how much sugar you were a little girl? All the boys and girls I know like it.

Well I guess I will say goodbye now and write some more another time. Yours truly,

103 New St.,
Bridgeton, N. J.

Ruth Ayars.

Dear Ruth:

I surely will come back to Shiloh, not only once but many times, not only because of the fine, friendly people there but especially to be with that big boy of our, Doctor Greene, and his good wife. Yes, and I am not forgetting that cute dog of theirs, Dusky. Of course if I get an invitation I'll gladly talk to the boys and girls, for that is one of the things I like to do.

Yes, I have a Bible class of intermediate girls of the Andover Church—fine Christian friends—and I enjoy teaching them. I used to have a class in Independence, but what do you think, those girls are grown up now, all married, one is married to a man in Andover Central School. Can it be that I am getting old? Only as old as I feel, and that is young.

Yes, we have had quite a bit of snow and cold weather, but it is much warmer today and the snow is fast melting away. I liked snow when I was a little girl and I still like it, but I'm not so fond of cold weather. Snow with average weather suits me fine.

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THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

By Rev. Alva J. C. Bond

Member of the Advisory Committee

An entire issue of the Sabbath Recorder would not afford sufficient space in which to make an adequate report of the year's work of the American Bible Society as given by the secretary and officers of the society at the annual meeting held in the Bible House in New York, December the third. In my statement concerning the use of the society's activities one scarcely knows where to begin. The Advisory Council of the American Bible Society consists of one representative from each of some forty denominations, and this council is called to meet in New York in December once a year, to consider the business of the society "on the presumption that delegates remain for the entire day." So reads the final notice of the meeting. And means a strenuous day as one is led into all the varied ramifications of the society the world around. The meeting was called to order in time. In the morning, and carried through to five in the afternoon, with time out for lunch together at a hotel just a few doors from the Palazzo Palace. If anyone became restless during the long day filled full with reports by the secretaries and the treasurer, the Seventh Day Baptist and that the council did not notice it. It was quite possible that he was too absorbed in these reports to notice other things did, but from the number present at the close, there could have been but few early withdrawals, if any.

The work of the society consists of three sources comes from past donors (investments, savings, and bequests), with the money used by the society in its great work which all Christians should support generously and gladly.

Alfred, N. Y.
The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. As we face life in this troubled world; as we look into our own lives and the lives of others about us this morning, is there within us the feeling of quietness of soul that evidence unfailing faith in God and confidence in the final triumph of God's righteousness that should be ours?

As you stand in the presence of God this morning, dear listener, how is it with you? Can you meet God with a bright smile, as you would a personal friend, and feel at rest in your innermost being about the beauties of the world about you, are you seeing the smiliues of God and feeling like sing- ing his praises because of his manifest near- ness? Are you feeling the hush of his Pres- ence?

These experiences are the privilege of ev- eryone, not only of the soul newly born into the kingdom of God, but it should be more real to one in long experience in the service of the Master.

Real heartfelt service enriches companionshipship, builds a fellowship, and makes firmer the tie that binds the life to God. Life's companionships are an unfailing source of richness and inspiration, if those companion- ships are centered in God.

There often comes to me the knowledge that some personal follower of Christ has failed. They have been so very helpful to one who had hoped and sought for. He has become discouraged. He has become indifferent to service, to fellowship, and makes firmer the tie that binds him to God. The tie is the life to his companion. This is not the tie that binds the life to God. Life's companionships are an unfailing source of richness and inspiration, if those companion- ships are centered in God.

DENOMINATIONAL "HANG-UP"
New York City, N. Y.

Our church has sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Ede F. Randolph, who joined the Church Universal on January 5, after a life of about five years of active service for the New York City Church. She was never absent from Sabbath services unless forced to be; she, too, have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not. . . . when thou art converted, strengthen the brethren.

We rejoice to have with us for a time the committee on decorations. The two members, members of the church, have brought the tie that binds the life to God, and he will draw near to you."

I would also recommend for your thoughtful consideration the words of Isaiah 41:10 and 13: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, thou art not alone; I will help thee." The tie that binds the life to God is greater than he can bear; that some way God has comforted him. The Lord help us to remember that sympathy without revealing some way, or means, for bringing to change conditions in it of no real value.

Here is a story that may help such a one to find the needed remedy. One evening a man and his wife stood raking among the ashes where their home had been burned that day, with all its contents. Their faces were shadowed with despair. As they looked up they declared they had lost all—

everything was gone. A passing friend sug- gested that they get away for a time from the scene of their grief. "But where can we go; what can we do; don't you see we haven't a thing left? We have lost everything." No, said the friend, you haven't lost a thing by this fire but the house in which you lived and the good you have gained. God's comfort, comes from the attitude of your minds. You have yourselves; you have your strength and ability to begin all over again; you have your way to get away and change your viewpoint for a time. This announcement aroused their faith and courage and stirred within them thoughts of the possibilities that lay before them. Af- ter a night's rest and thoughtfulness they started out on the road to God's home. They had more than they realized. This was an essential need, that they might find them- selves.

If there is within the sound of my voice anyone who is feeling that he has lost, from any cause, a close contact with God through faith in Jesus Christ, too, that you may take a more satis- factory part of the lot. Their viewpoint had changed. This was an essential need, that they might find them- selves.

Dear Savior, make us strong, keep us shel- tered in thy love. Amen.

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The final church social for the year was enjoyed last Sunday night by about forty persons, who gathered for the games, the gift exchange, and the plate lunch. At an hour not too late Christmas carols were sung and the year of socials was closed with prayer by the pastor.

Our social committee has been very faith- ful and resourceful in the entertainment planned and we thank them for their helpful- ness and for the pains they have taken that we might enjoy these seasons of relaxation and friendship.

We owe avote of thanks to our commit- tee who planned the Christmas program and the committee on decorations. The two large pine trees beautifully decorated with lights gave just the right setting for the parts of the church, their little play, "The Tiniest Star," and the play given by the children, "The March of the Nations." At the close of the program, gift packages were dis- tributed to each child in the house.

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1942. The present pastor was extended a unanimous call to remain for another year as pastor of the church.

Other business enactments were the granting to the trustees the right to sell any part of the block that lies just across the street from the church.

Discussion was had concerning the lawn about the church buildings kept landscape about the church buildings this year.

One of the very hopeful features of the meeting was the fact that all debts were paid and some funds showed a substantial balance.

We owe much to our "absent members" for our fine financial showing. They have been very faithful in their support of the church.

So we close the year. We look with encouragement toward the new year. And "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, let us run with patience the race that is set before us." The parsonage family wish for every one who reads these lines a new year filled with the choicest blessings of God.—Clipped from newspapers.

Albion, Wis.

There was a good attention at the annual dinner of the Albion, Wis., Church, and much interest in the meeting that followed. Rev. L. O. Greene was asked to remain as pastor, and an increase of salary was voted. These church officers were re-elected: moderator, W. M. Babcock; clerk, Charles Williams; and treasurer, Mrs. Fred Walters.

Rev. L. O. Greene has returned from the meeting of the Commission, held at Plainfield, N. J. Professor D. N. Inglis of Milton occupied the pulpit in the absence of Pastor Greene.

The Sabbath school begins another year with Mrs. L. O. Greene as superintendent. Correspondent.