each in his own way. At the close of the season a dual party was held at the Arthur Payne farm for the "gathering." At each of the two houses on the farm a section of the party was held, one of adult people, the other of young folks. Later, the two groups assembled at one house and the reports were made, showing between thirty and forty dollars realized from the various projects. Each told the story of how his money was earned.

On November 6, Pastor Thorngate accompanied by Mrs. Thorngate, Miss Ruth Bird, and Charles Socwell drove to Welton, Iowa, where he preached Sabbath morning and afternoon. There are but few of our people at Welton now, but it will be a sad day for many if the church has to be closed. One recalls the following lines:

"So many little churches stand Down southern lanes, deserted quite, Small weathered buildings that have been A neighborhood's one beacon light."

"Here youth was taught the word of God, And here were aliens where men stayed Upon their knees until they knew A blinding white peace as they prayed."

"Skin and death have crossed these sills, And lovers here were joined as one; Without a mist before my eyes, A blinding white peace as they prayed."

Sabbath day, November 21, we received into membership by letter, Mrs. Clyde Clapper, daughter of Pastor Thorngate, and Mrs. Donald Payne, formerly Miss Dean Rood, both former members of the Boulder (Colo.) Church.

Correspondent.

"LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED." JOHN 14:1

By Mrs. E. C. Bird

Nineteen centuries ago the command was given to those whom Jesus had been training during the three years of his ministry, that they were to carry the story of man's redemption, through the blood of the Son of God, to all people.

As I read the story of the forty days before Christ's ascension, I am impressed with the affectionate desire of the Master to clear up all doubt in the minds of the perplexed disciples, and quiet all their fears. He said to them, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. I will send you the comforter—which is the Holy Spirit. I am going away and leave you, but I will come again and take you home." Jesus loved his companions of the roads, the mountains, the wilderness, and of Galilee. The disciples knew him as a man, and as a loving companion. With words of love and interest Jesus encouraged them, as he was about to leave them, his mission for the time being ended.

How lovingly he led the disciples over Bethany way with its delightful memories of Mary and Martha and Lazarus, his dear friends, at whose home he was always welcome, where he actually wept when Lazarus was dead. From the hills there, the little company could look over Jerusalem, the people of which Jesus had wanted so much to save. There also was the Mount of Olives, the Garden, and the recall of its agony; and over there the hill of Calvary. Alone Jesus went through Gethsemane, to the cross, the grave, and was resurrected, then ascended to his Father; his earthly mission was now complete.

Boulder, Colo.

MARRIAGES

Bond - Greene. — At the Albion Seventh Day Baptist church, following the services of the centennial celebration, October 10, 1942, Miss Marjorie Greene was united in marriage to Private Gerald Clark Bond, formerly of Nortonville, Kan., now in the Medical Department, Det. of the Army Air Corps Technical School in Madison, Wis. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Leslie O. Greene. Mrs. Bond is teaching at Westmont, Ill.

Shepard - Lawrence. — Lieut. David T. Shepard of Cedartville, N. J., and Miss Margaret I. Lawrence of Marlboro were united in marriage at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist church on the evening of Nov. 19, 1942, by Pastor Herbert L. Cotrell. Lieut. Shepard is stationed at Fort Lewis in the State of Washington. Mrs. Shepard will continue to live in Marlboro and teach in the Salem High School, Salem, N. J.
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EDITORIALS

IMPORTANCE OF THE RURAL CHURCH

Much has been said in recent years about the return to the soil. Back to the land. Especially was this so in the depression days. Just now, with the country at war, the trend again is toward big cities and big industrial plants. As a result, farm help is almost impossible to get, the housing problem a headache, and the rural church situation a heartache.

Our people have for the most part been rural people, farmers, small town folks. It has been a sad thing to note the abandonment of farms and the decline of the country churches. Of the latter we think of Utica and Berlin, Wis.; West Hallack, Ill.; Yassela, Kansas; and others in New York State. Surrounding these churches were farms of the first order—once owned by many Seventh Day Baptists, now in the hands of others.

When Theodore Roosevelt set up the Country Life Commission, thirty-four years ago, his slogan was: "Back to the land."

If there is one lesson taught by history, it is that the permanent greatness of any state must ultimately depend more upon the character of its country population than upon anything else. No growth of cities, no growth of wealth, can make up for loss in either the number or the character of the farming population. No nation has ever achieved permanent greatness unless this greatness was based on the well-being of the great farmer class, the men who live on the soil; for it is upon their welfare, material and moral, that the welfare of the rest of the nation ultimately rests.

Recent reading in the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial volume, on some of our early mission efforts, many years ago, impressed me with the growth of our churches as the rural communities were visited and worked upon by God's men in January 1916, as the dry anniversary, Sheppard Bill S-860, for suppressing drink in zones about the military camps, was passed. Ever since, growing belief that this bill should be kept alive and passed as a means of winning the war. "Many congressional leaders agree that the new Seventy-eighth Congress presents an unrivaled opportunity for pushing this measure, which remains on the Senate calendar for legislative action.

The recent election has greatly strengthened the temperance cause in Congress, an election that left many wets and fence-sitting prohibitionists at large. The dry fighters are back, ready to campaign more strongly than ever against liquor in their new term in office.

Frenzied efforts to smother the swelling dry movement are being made by the corrupt liquor lobby. It is understood that additional millions of money are now available from distillers, brewers, and wine producers for influencing public policy.

The liquor and cigarette trusts are making a concerted drive to cancel the anti-narcotic legislation, effective in the public schools for fifty years or more in most states. It is charged that the drink and tobacco industries are making strenuous efforts to work as school board members. It is time for all interested in promoting the welfare of our country to be alert to the subtle, insidious interests, and these "cradle snatchers."

Thinking people throughout the country are resenting the hostile attitude of the government to the question. Public pressure on the part of parents and other connections of service men and women is steadily rising and the time is now ripe for aggressive action. And we are on the alert. Letters, telegrams, and petitions demanding dry legislation should be sent promptly to the White House and to our senators and representatives in addi-

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"DRY" MEASURE ISSUE

Renewal of an aggressive campaign to dry up American armed forces has recently been announced in the Senate lobby by a prominent and aggressive leader. Approach has been made on bringing forward on January 16, as the dry anniversary, Sheppard Bill S-860, for suppressing drink in zones about the military camps, was passed. Ever since, growing belief that this bill should be kept alive and passed as a means of winning the war. "Many congressional leaders agree that the new Seventy-eighth Congress presents an unrivaled opportunity for pushing this measure, which remains on the Senate calendar for legislative action.

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miete to blast congressman and other officials
into action, but it can be done.” Your tele-
gram, letter, or petition will help. Now is
the time to act.

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Church attendance in the army during
August, according to the War Department,
totaled 3,638,060, the War Department
announces.

There were 62,911 services held, a large
proportion of which were outdoors. On
many occasions in the South, where gun posi-
tions in outlying areas are unable to
come to church. When that happens a
chaplain brings the church service to the
soldiers.

Sacraments were given on 42,219 occasions
to students and teachers, parents and
children. Chaplains heard 1,356
confessions.

Emphasizing the control of drunkenness
in wartime as being of primary importance,
the Executive Committee of the Federal
Council of the Churches of Christ in Amer-
ica, in a resolution approved at its meeting
November 27, called for “federal legis-
lation enabling the President, and the Sec-
retaries of War and of the Navy, to use the
Federal law enforcement agencies to deal with
the problem of drunkenness and to control
the distribution of beverage alcohol, when-
ever the local law enforcement agencies have
failed in effectiveness in conformity, area
or premises, near military establishments or
establishments engaged in war production.”

THE CATALYST

Word at hand from Samuel T. Ogden,
Lt., U.S.N.R., commanding V.P. 91, has an-
nounced the death of Lieutenant Dighton
Lewis Polan, “recently lost at sea while en-
gaging in enemy combat.” Dighton, only son of Rev. Herbert
L. and Ina Shaw Polan of Verona, N. Y., was born at Nortonville, Kan., December 10,
1891, and graduated from Alfred University,
Alfred, N. Y., with the class of 1919.

He was teacher of social studies, and coach
at Galway, N. Y.; at his country’s call he
volunteered for service and received his com-
mision as ensign in the Naval Air Reserve
September 9, 1941. The following December
he was assigned to duty in San Diego, Calif.
Particulars of his activities in the South
Pacific are meager. For some time he had been
serving as patrol plane commander. A
message from the Navy Personnel re-
ports “missing, following action in the per-
formance of duty.”

Dighton was baptized by his father at the
age of eleven, and joined the Second Brook-
field Seventh Day Baptist Church. Subse-
quently he was a member of the Alfred
University and Adelphi College, respectively.

Since her graduation from Adelphi she has
been serving as patrol plane commander.

Edith Jane Wolf of Woodhawn, N. Y.,
whom he married February 20, 1942, at San
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Since her graduation from Adelphi she has
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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
FOR DECEMBER 26, 1942

MISSIONS

CORRESPONDENCE should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Secretary.
Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Rev. O. S. Stillman.

ODERLY PROCEDURE
Orderly procedure is very valuable in missions and all Christian work, and this is why the apostle Paul exhorts the Corinthian church, “Let all things be done decently (decorously) and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14: 40. This injunction applies to two classes of activities, namely, to public worship and to the transaction of the business of the church, its auxiliaries, and to denominational agencies.

It is highly essential that all business regarding the church and its auxiliary organizations should be conducted in an orderly way, because otherwise emotions of ill-feeling is created and the work hindered. In the conducting of business it is helpful to observe the following rules:

1. Let the business be transacted and protect the minority, they can be so powerfully, so well, and so much the effect of the business, the church, its auxiliaries, and denominational agencies.

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3. One of the most helpful books in the field of missions and evangelism to appear in many years is, “Where Are the People,” by Dr. Sidney W. Powell. This book came out this year and is published by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. It contains many books on missions and evangelism during the last forty years; but he has been stirred by, “Where Are the People?” book since he read a R. Bigby’s, “Twice-Born Men,” thirty years ago.

4. The central point in Doctor Powell’s book is that the church and church workers must go where the people are, and is set forth in the first chapter which is entitled “Exposing Christ.” He says:

The Master went where men were—the market place, fishing boats, the tax collector’s office—in order to reach them. He did not prefer a specially formal method of procedure, separable from the people, but the kind of procedure which the people could understand and use for the purposes both of religion and life. He taught the manger who couldn’t eat hay and wouldn’t let the horses eat it. An endeavor to follow orderly procedure promptly and wisely in business affairs will aid many churches, especially mission churches.

The Conduct of Religious Services is another place where orderly procedure means much. The pastor and the choir have great influence in these matters. A disorderly choiring is disapproved of in the church. The choir should conduct the service without unconscionable and inane remarks. Notices are no part of worship and are inadmissible, excepted in cases of necessity. No, so very long ago one of our larger churches adopted the policy of having the notices and hymns on the weekly bulletin; and on this account neither the notices were given nor the hymns announced. The policy seemed delightful.

It is well to remember that orderly procedure is helpful in the work of the church and Christian missions.

W. L. B.

CIVILIZATION IN THE BALANCE
By Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn

The day is long past when thinking men disapprove of missions. Opponents of mis-

sions are as out-of-date as any set of men in the world. It is open to individual Chris-
tians to prefer this or that type of missionary enterprise. It is even open to them to criticize some of the methods of certain mis-
sionary societies. It is open to them to help and to learn from the results of other missionary practices. Wherever the Christian Church is seeking to spread the Christian religion, the people who are seeking to spread it are a part of the Christian Church.

The fundamental facts of the case are:

(1) Christ laid mission work upon his followers;
(2) By its very nature the Christian religion is a universal religion; Jesus Christ claimed to be the light of the world, and it is not, therefore, open to anyone to claim his name or work as a Christian if he believes that while the Christian religion was good for the United States, for Britain, and for some other Christian countries, it is not good for the rest of mankind. The kind of tolerance which talks of all religions as good for those who practice them, to the exclusion of the claim of Christianity to be the best of all

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Wednesday, December 2

"For we walk by faith, because the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord." Romans 6: 23.

Most of our problems result from sin. Sin is subtle, courageous, daring, and often enticing and lovely, like a beautiful mountain covered with beauty but a volcano within. We often do not recognize the rule until we are engulfed and God has become obscured.

To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin," so says James 4: 17.

Prayer—God keep us from sin. Amen.

Thursday, December 24

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2: 10.

Have you heard people complain they were not appreciated? Even in the church we hear these complaints. Are we teaching preaching, and working for the applause of men? We do receive much reward in this life; however, it is true only when we are trying our utmost, it is like casting pearls before swine, so if we are working for worldly applause, at what cost?

The glory of heaven will be ours if we press on and are faithful.

Prayer—Dear God, give us the courage to do our duty lovingly and faithfully here below, and at last save us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

Friday, December 25

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 11, 12.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the band wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2: 11-14.

Prayer—Our heavenly Father, may we continue to praise thee for the gift of thy Son, and give us strength and courage to use it for the sake of his birth and the purpose of his mission. Amen.

Sabbath, December 26

"And they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day’s journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem." Luke 2: 43, 44.

Are we supposing we have Christ, but have left him behind in the mad rush of life? If we find we have lost him, let us go back and search for Mary and Joseph, until we find him.

Prayer—Our Father, help us not to lose Jesus, but to keep close so we will not lose him. Amen.

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Wednesday, December 2

The Christian who would follow in his steps must be frequently seen against the background of doers of good. He must be where employed by Jesus, and it will do the same thing. We are serving the nation in the different agencies, as it likes and which is open to a Christian to object to the missionary enterprise. It is even open to them to criticize some of the methods of certain missionary societies. It is open to them to help and to learn from the results of other missionary practices.

Wherever the Christian Church is seeking to spread the Christian religion, the people who are seeking to spread it are a part of the Christian Church. There are thousands who can be reached by the churches if their representatives go where the people are and make known to them an "Appeal to Christ," who does not dwell in the gloom of a dark cathedral, but is at home on the streets of the modern city as he once was on the streets and in the homes of the sages of Palestine.

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religions, is just not to understand the nature of Christianity and its demands. (3) The turmoils of today reinforce the claims of Christ and Christianity. More and more men and governments are coming to see the truth in the words in which we are. Either the world must learn to practice the Christian values and virtues and give to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ his due place in the world, or mankind will go down into a dark night of tyranny, driven by a godless state or equally godless totalitarian and aggressive power. No terms can be made between Christianity and the dictator powers which would dominate the world. Our whole civilization is in the balance and from the committee we think it will still be in the balance unless Christianity gives vision and impetus to the victors.

For and for other reasons, even in time of war when there are so many other claims upon us, the members of the Christian Church must prosecute the missionary endeavor and recognize it in one of the great formative forces of the new world struggling to birth.—Taken from Laymen’s Missionary Movement.

ON INVESTIGATION
(The chairman of the committee appointed by the Commission to investigate the charges made against the Federal Council, reports progress.)

Certainly it is time that something should be heard from the friends of the cause, who are the committee appointed by the Commission at the direction of the Conference in Salem, last August, to investigate the charges made against the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the benefits to Seventh Day Baptists of membership in it.

A committee scattered as we are—New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Colorado—is working under a handicap, for all work must be done by correspondence, and the “give and take” of personal discussion is lacking. However, letters have been shutting back and forth, people and organizations are in touch, the object on the subject are being contacted, and different committee members are working on various phases of the matter.

This is a report of progress, just to let you know that we are not inactive. A letter has been sent to members of the committee and others asking them to “prop” and “con” of the matter as they see them, or of such as have come to their attention. The following is an attempt to condense and interpret that list, without comment or argument, so that all may know the line of our investigation.

In Favor of Continued Membership
1. A man should be larger than his own denomination or political party or even his nation. He should have a larger conscience and he should look for an opportunity to express his larger self. Membership keeps us from becoming narrowly sectarian.

2. Our connection with the Council enlarges our scope of endeavor. It gives us co-operation with other denominations in larger problems such as social justice, liquor, justice to Jews, war and peace, world peace, and every other problem we are facing. It is not unlikely that some may be led to think of Christ on the cross.

3. Membership affords us avenues of cooperation with Christian churches of our own land in the unique and common task of world evangelization. It gives us a voice in shaping its message, and a strong voice.

4. Affiliation with the Council affords opportunities to present the Sabbath truth to other Christians. It keeps before the Christian world the name of Seventh Day Baptists.

5. Our membership in the Council has enabled us to influence matters which, lacking membership, we could not have influenced, e.g., Sunday legislation. Inside the Council we have a voice in shaping its policies; outside we can have nothing to say.

Opposed to Continued Membership
1. People intensely devoted to one ideal or objective are more effective if they stick pretty closely to that and let others provide other services.

2. Membership in the Council distracts our minds, divides our efforts and energy. Since becoming affiliated with the Council, our total denominational membership has decreased. (a) Some claim this the sole cause of our loss. (b) It seems not unlikely that some may be led to think that “all churches are alike,” and so it doesn’t matter if we lose the Seventh Day Baptist Church and join another. (c) It is a hindrance to prospective members who will not join us because of what they fear that our membership in the Council connotes.

3. Membership in the Council has steadily declined. (a) It is time that something should be done to improve any of these either pro or con. We do not want to know what this one or that one thinks about the Council. We want to know definitely, not likely, whether we improve any of these, or not.

4. The Federal Council violates the principle of separation of church and state. It de-Christianizes Church and State. The President is the Federal Council’s representative to the Vatican, and urging legislation along many lines.

5. The Council is undemocratic: (a) A small group of powerful leaders speaks for the constituent denominations without consulted them. Often our representatives are not consulted, and thus the Council misrepresented us. (b) The Federal Council is trying to monopolize the free radio time on the big networks, and gives it all to liberal speakers and is even now working on a plan of alloting time for religious programs which will require the approval of each broadcast by a committee of Jews, Catholics and Protestant. (c) The Commission on Chaplains, which must approve applicants for the chaplaincy, is biased and partial in its appointments. (d) The Federal Council is extremely modernistic, thus cannot represent Seventh Day Baptists, whose distinguishing belief is based on the acceptance of the Bible as the inspired word of God, his revealed will and thus.

United States and the whole Church. The Council’s preaching is a socialized message of “service” in place of a spiritual message. It stands for the “social gospel” rather than for the gospel of the grace of God centering in the death of Christ on the cross.

The Council is definitely Communist in its tendencies and sympathies. Much is said against Fascism and Nazism, but never a word against Russian Communism. In fact, many leaders of the Council have been affiliated with Communist “front” organizations.

9. The money spent on membership could be used for our own specific work. Besides, the item for the membership fee is a “preferred claim” in our budget, and may be paid even before our missionaries’ salaries.

10. Many of our people are aggrieved at our membership. Some are so greatly disturbed that it has impaired their co-operation in denominational activities. Some are wonderering how they can withdraw their support from the Federal Council without withdrawing it from the General Conference Budget. Some churches are asking how they can withdraw from the Council without withdrawing from the Conference.

This is just an attempt to set down in summary form the arguments which have been suggested to us. We would welcome any material that would improve any of these either pro or con. We do not want to know what this one or that one thinks about the Council. We want to know definitely, not likely, whether we improve any of these, or not.

Our next article will be made up of comments on these various claims.

Meanwhile, study these carefully, and ask yourself, if these are all true, which outweighs the other?

Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Chairman.
Shiloh, November 30, 1942.

WOMAN’S WORK

FROM ALFRED WOMEN’S SOCIETY
We used Roswell Barnett’s book, “The Christian Imperative,” as a basis for our Evangelical program this year, and found it helpful and inspiring. A feature new to us and especially enjoyed was having at each meeting a brief review of interesting items on “Religion in the News.” This included sometimes bits from the Recorder about our own workers in China and elsewhere, and general items of world or nation-wide interest. This may be made a very helpful device for keeping our membership informed and alive to what, the Women’s Board and the denomination is doing.

Members of our Alfred societies made additional surpluses for our choir this year, as a service and not as money making, of course.

The calendar that the Ladies’ Aid has published for several years may be a suggestion for other communities of many organizations in case you have not thought of report it. Mrs. Harris thought others might like to know of it. Possibly we learned it through some other Seventh Day Baptist Society—that I do not know. Anyway, this calendar is the work of a special committee which collects all the data. It gives the dates and the regular meetings of the many societies and organizations in the village, and
leaves space for individual memoranda. These calendars are sold throughout the village at the beginning of the year at thirty cents each. So far, our efforts have profited, of around $25, out of a cost of perhaps $55, and is a valuable service as well.

Agnes K. C. Bond.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Federal Council of the Churches of Christ
in America

 Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, is the new president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Bishop Tucker succeeds Dr. Luther A. Weigle of Yale University and will hold office for two years.

This is the first time a president of the Council has come from Episcopal communion. By action of its General Convention in 1940, the Episcopal Church became a full-fledged member of the Council, which is of interest to note that in England, the British Council of Churches is also headed by the top-ranking official of the Episcopal Church, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bishop Tucker began his career in the Church as a missionary in Japan. In 1912, following six years as St. Paul’s University, Tokyo, he was elected to the office of missionary bishop, and was consecrated in Kyoto. When the United States entered the first World War Bishop Tucker immediately volunteered for service and served with the rank of major in charge of the Army of St. John’s Church, the American Red Cross, at St. John’s College, Cambridge, England.

Bishop Tucker was named presiding bishop at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1937, and will continue in that post until October, 1943.

The presiding bishop’s father married Marcella Wells, a young woman. Colonel John Augustine Washington, an officer of General Robert E. Lee’s staff, who was killed at the battle of Cheat Mountain. Colonel Washington was a great nephew of the first President of the United States, and was the last private owner of Mount Vernon.

Bishop Tucker is in charge of all international relations of the Episcopal Church as well as of its domestic program. His broad experience and particularity qualify him to serve the Federal Council as president during the next two years, during which time relations with the churches of other lands may become a major concern of the Council.

YOUNG PEOPLE’S WORK

Victor W. Shoppe, Alfred, N. Y.

CHOOSING TO GO FOR GOD

(Talk delivered at the Southwestern Association by N. A. Strong, pastor of Gentry, Tex.)

Our general subject for this young people’s hour is *Choosing Greater Things.* Of the many opportunities in our lives, the one that is of most importance is the opportunity of having Christ’s abiding presence. Of the countless choices we are called upon to make, the most important is not, as the average person would suppose, choosing to improve our minds in the generally accepted sense; nor is it the most important choice that we can make, in the particular sense of means whereby we intend to make a living. It is choosing to do as God would have us do. We either accept Christ or reject him.

When we accept him, we cannot harbor hatred in our hearts for anyone. We should hate evil. We should have the love of Christ in our hearts that will make us want to see the lost brought to God. Christ loved sinners enough to die that they might be saved. Unless you have the desire to see sinners converted, can we profess to be followers? If we are not ready and willing to give up our own worldly pleasures so that we may devote our time, energy, and money to the purpose of helping others come to Christ, can we say we are of his children? Christ, the only begotten Son of God, took upon himself the form of a man and came into the world to suffer and to die on the cross for us. There can never be a greater service or sacrifice than that. Surely there is some service for us to render.

There is a work for you and a work for me. There can never be a work which does not make a difference. Surely there is some service for us to render which time relations with the churches of other lands may become a major concern of the Council.

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

**DEMONSTRATION BUDGET**

Statement of Treasurer November 30, 1942

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**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

Are you doing that which you feel God wants you to do? Do you see a need for Christian service anywhere about you? "We are children of the King; how can we do anything that is contrary to the will of God?"
Dear Mrs. Greene:

I read the Sabbath Recorder and saw there were no letters this week, so I decided to write.

Dorothy Lee is married and has a baby girl. Her name is Doris Jean Hodge; she weighs seven and a half pounds and was there were no 'letters this week, so I decided.

Lee is our Junior leader. He weighs seven and a half pounds and was there were no 'letters this week, so I decided.

Sabbath school almost every week. Mrs. Lee is our Junior leader. He weighs seven and a half pounds and was there were no 'letters this week, so I decided.

Van Horri is our Junior leader. The page does not provide further details about Van Horri.

I was quite surprised to hear that Dortha had flown away with its mate. My guess was, I wouldn't see them in there again, and I never did.

Another kind of birds we enjoyed watching were the field larks, as some people called them. At first when the新版 descended they were not aware of them at all, but after the field larks were burned off, there appeared flocces from the field of the North's finest; they ran about like chickens, picking up food as if they found something very choice in this food.

They were hardly little creatures, not minding if white frost was all about them. Their feathers were mostly brown so that against a background of sedge grass and dead oak leaves they were almost invisible, but on the smooth black area they could be seen better. Their orange color showed like a look out like a collar of black with a tiny tie of buff feathers which made them look very neat, as they fed so industriously around the yard.

There were also shy red birds darting in and out of the jungles which were a delight when we were caught in a glimpse of them. The call of the quail "Bob-white" was a very sweet sound to hear, but we could not see them, they were so shy, till the hunters came. Then perhaps, some would fly up into sight, only to perish at the crack of a gun. Will the hunters extinguish them, as they have in the North? I wonder.

The lakes and rivers around there are popular winter resorts of geese for two weeks. We watched many flockers of geese in the sky. The V-shaped formation they took in flight we liked to think about the way they formed the sky. On one day we saw a very rare sight, an unusual flock, or two flocks, combined with a connecting line of geese. It was a spectacle as they flew along. This seemed to speak to us of Help from Heaven.

SACRIFICED EFFICIENCY

What the worse uses are is an old story, how only selfishly impelled one pointed out by the war. The New York State Department of Health is authority for the statement that the economic loss to the State represented by the diminished or destroyed earning power of drinkers is about $20,000,000,000 a year, which would mean a loss of gross national product of at least two and a half times as much.

In terms of sacrificed efficiency, that is, we are paying John Barleycorn just about as much as we are paying to prosecute the war and getting a good deal less than nothing in return.

More depends upon the ability of the United States to approximate one hundred per cent war efficiency than is the case with all the other Allies put together. Yet the United States is the only major belligerent which has taken no steps to increase that efficiency by reducing its own hard liquor consumption. - Los Angeles Times Editorial, September 3.

THE 1943 UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER JANUARY 3-10, 1943

Each year during the first full week of January there is a world-wide observance of the Universal Week of Prayer. Next year, the dates are January 3-10. This will be one of a global fellowship in prayer. It will be a time, if ever, when the ministers and churches everywhere will want to make special effort for the purpose.

The series of topics for next year has been prepared by Dr. Oscar Edward Maurer, one of the world's outstanding and best known teachers in New England, and pastor of the Center Church, New Haven, Conn. The theme about which the topics are written is "Faith Giveth the Power." The seven daily topics under this theme are: Sunday, January 3—"Appearance and Reality" Monday, January 4—"The Word Was Not Included" Tuesday, January 5—"A Song in the Night" Wednesday, January 6—"Victory! Thursday, January 7—"The Faith That Impels" Friday, January 8—"Faith Plus" Saturday, January 9—"The Faithful God"

Helen Keller said recently, "A nameless dark is settling down over our world." How true! The darkness seems more impenetrable than ever before, because it is a projection, not only of war, but also of a rapid world upheaval, wasteful consuming forces are at work. Christians need to pray. They need...
to pray unitedly in all communities right across the land. Pray for a good group of ministers and churches start the new year? The question is often asked, "How can the Church adequately gird her- self for these testing days?" Primarily through prayer, for prayer at its best is the effective identification of the individual or the group with a God of power. Only the power of God can steady us and give us strength in this crisis.

The Universal Week of Prayer booklets may be ordered from The Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y., at the rate of 5 cents per single copy and 2 cents each in quantities, postpaid.

THE LAYMAN'S PART IN MISSIONS

By Glen Osborn
(A layman of the Riverside, Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

If I were to choose texts for what I want to say on this subject they would be "Come and see" and "Go ye." In the first chapter of John's Gospel we read how John the Baptist pointed to the Lamb of God, the Light, which was the Son of God.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever be- lieveth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

This is the message which John gave to the people. The next day when John saw Jesus coming toward him, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

In Luke 10: 25, we read about a certain lawyer asking Jesus, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered, "What is written in the law?" and he answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might; and thy neighbor as thyself." And he said unto Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answering said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and was a Robber, who fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him in the head, and left him half dead. A certain priest saw him, and went by on the other side. Likewise also a Levite, when he saw him, passed by on the other side.

A Samaritan, when he saw him, had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, and took him unto his inn, and took care of him. And Jesus said, "Which of these three, thinkest thou, shewed mercy on him?"

And the lawyer answered and said, "He that showed mercy on him." Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. That same law and prophets, saith Jesus, ye have broken. And he said, "What shall we do, then?" And Jesus answered him, and said, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

Denominational "Hook-Up"

De Ruyter, N. Y.

Twelve people from De Ruyter Church attended the fall meeting of the Central Association held at Verona, N. Y., October 10. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful ride in the Catskills. The thrill and roar of the turbulent water landed to snowy whiteness as it dashed over the highungustos. The sight of such rare beauty as only the hand of the Infinite could produce; the seething waters becoming more laughable as they terminated in smooth placidness—all this combined to produce a bit of natural loveli- ness to help us remember the Creator of all things. Surely, a perfect setting for the day of worship which followed.

The annual business meeting was held at the church Monday, October 12. Basket lunches were shared in the York room during the noon recess. At this meeting Rev. Neal D. Mills, pastor of this church for the past six years, tendered his resignation to take place April first.

A Hallowe'en social, sponsored by the Helpers and Primary classes, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Burdick, on the outskirts of town. The church furnished a short program and served refreshments. The feature of the evening was the "Ghost ride through Chittenango.

Rev. Everett T. Harris of Alfred conduced Witnessing Mission services in the De Ruyter church from November 4 until November 14, inclusive. His inspiring and vital messages aroused new hope and courage and promoted a determination to connect our lives more fully to the Master's service.

Beautiful and instructive lantern slides, exhibited by Pastor Mills each evening, were a fitting prelude to the service.

The union Thanksgiving service of the three churches of De Ruyter was held at the Seventh Day Baptist church Sunday evening, November 22. The sermon was delivered by Rev. A. L. Briddon of the Congregational Church.

Correspondent.

Verona, N. Y.

Pastor and Mrs. DeRuyter and family have the sincere sympathy of the church and entire community of their loss in the loss of their son, Lieutenant Dighton L. Polan, commander of a patrol boat, who lost his life in aerial combat in the Solomons islands.

A memorial service was held for him in the auditorium of Verona high school on the evening of November 28. The memorial address was delivered by Rev. Theodore Schraeder, pastor of the Lutheran Church. Four other ministers took part in the service, including Rev. Everett T. Harris of Alfred. Music was furnished by our choir.
and Mrs. Harold Carr sang, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," and Miss Florence Agne sang, "My Own United States." Several letters of sympathy were read by Mrs. Howard Davis and words of appreciation and consolation were read by Mrs. O. H. Perry, in the absence of Principal Alfred Perry of Galway High School, where Dighton was teaching when he enlisted. Several large baskets of beautiful flowers from the family and many friends were in evidence on the rostrum.

A father and son banquet was held in the church parlors on the evening of November 7. The tables were attractively decorated in red, white, and blue. The toastmaster, William Arthur, introduced Rev. F. E. Morey of Verona M. E. Church, who gave the address of the evening. A trumpet solo was played by David Williams, and Garth Warner was song leader.

The community Thanksgiving service was held in our church Thursday evening; Rev. Theo. Schrader delivered the sermon and the music was furnished by the combined choirs of Verona M. E. Church, and Dr. Geo. B. Shaw gave us a fine sermon Sabbath morning, November 28.

The most of her life has been spent at New Richmond; Minn., cemetery. She is survived by four sisters: Fannie Cummings of Virginia, Minn.; Ada Drake of New Richmond, Minn.; Clara Seibel of Janesville, Wis.; and Pearl Fredendall of Bemidji, Minn.; and one brother, Moll Cummings of Shemlin, Minn.; also a number of nieces and nephews.

The most of her life has been spent at New Richmond. She attended Milton College and was united with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which she was a member at the time she passed away.

People services were conducted by Pastor Chas. T. Thorngate. Burial was in the old Trenton, Minn., cemetery.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. St. Luke 2: 14

O B I T U A R Y

Cummings. — Edna Cummings was born in Farmington, Minn., December, 1874, and passed away November 24, 1942, at Dodge Center, Minn.

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Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Chas. Thorngate. Burial was in the old Trenton, Minn., cemetery.

Polan. — Dighton Lewis, of Verona, N. Y., December 10, 1917 — October 15, 1942. (See elsewhere in this issue.)