in the armed service of our country, and one from overseas.

At Little Prairie the service was postponed until the pastor could be present, and was held on Sabbath afternoon, May 15, with Deacon M. M. Mitchell assisting, and Mrs. Earl Mason acting as deaconess. Since rising flood waters made transportation difficult, and since the pastor's car was out of commission, it was necessary to hold the meeting at Brother John McKay's rather than at the church, and only four of the ten members could be present. However, we had a good and heart-warming service.

It is planned, God willing, to hold the Southwestern Association as usual this summer, although the time and place are not determined certainly as yet.

Alfred, N. Y.

Young people of the Western Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches met in Alfred last weekend, May 22 and 23, and Youth Rally. This was the first in a series of teenage conferences to be sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, and to be conducted during the summer by Dean and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond.

Starting Sabbath afternoon, the young people's meetings were centered around the three phases of the work of the Board of Christian Education — religious education, higher education, and young people's work.

The various pastors who attended and brought their young people to this Youth Rally were Rev. Walter L. Greene of An- dover, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Alfred Station, Charles Bond of Little Genesee, and Alton Wheeler of Nile, in addition to Pastor Harris and the Alfred group.

Alfred Sun (May 27).

DENVER ORDAINS DEACON AND DEACONESS

Sabbath, May 1, was a red-letter day with the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. For a long time many in the church had felt that we needed another deacon and a deaconess, as one of our deacons had been largely incapacitated through a serious accident, leaving us only one active deacon.

Some months ago Mr. Keith Davis, the eldest son of Deacon Orsen Davis, and a senior medical student, whose wife is a trained nurse, was chosen deacon, and Mrs. Elsie Thornage, wife of Guy Thornage, who is on the Denver police force and is treasurer of our church, was elected deaconess.

As May 1 was the regular time for the quarterly meeting of the Denver and Boulder churches, it was decided to hold the ordination services for these two candidates in the afternoon. It was a beautiful service with the following people taking part: After the statements of the religious experiences of the candidates, the ordination sermon was given by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton of the Denver Church; the consecrating prayer with laying on of hands was led by Rev. Earl Cruzan of the Boulder Church, charge to the candidates was given by Deaconess Ola Hodges of Boulder; the charge to the church, by Deacon Orville Burdick of Denver; welcome to the fellowship of deacons, by Deacon Orsen Davis of Denver. A number of appropriate hymns and an anthem were sung under the leadership of Mrs. William Jeffrey, director of music of the Denver Church.

Deacon Orsen Davis was recently severely injured by a fall from the roof of a house he was repairing, breaking the bones in both heels. Both legs are in casts to the knees; however, he is able to get about some on crutches, and may soon be able to supervise the men who work for him on his building contracts.

Since the first of the year a great deal of work has been done in remodeling the auditorium of our church, the entire interior having been changed except for pews. The government limited us as to the amount that we could spend for material and labor. Most of the labor has been donated, but we are now held up by priorities on lumber for the pews, but hope to get it in the near future so as to complete the work.

As members of the church are widely scattered, we are trying the plan of having all age groups meet on Sabbath afternoon at 1:30, each group having its own service. Thus far the plan has been quite successful, as those living at a distance bring lunch and eat it at the church, thus remaining for the group meetings. In addition to these meetings, we have planned a Vacation Religious Day School for the children of our section of the city.
There is a definite assurance of God who is above and over all. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork." There is a God. This is our confidence, that the universe speaks of him, our Father God.

The Revelation of His Word

It is the faith of Christians that the Bible is the Word of God. God revealed himself through the prophets and the law givers, and then enlarged and finally perfected this revelation in Jesus Christ. Tolstoi thought that a person could find another highway to God and light for the pathway of life, telling us what we ought to believe about God and what he wishes us to do. It is the red and the green light for our way—red lights warning us of the dangers and the evil detours to avoid, and the green lights for the clear and perfect way. It makes plain the things to be done and to be left undone. It is a Book to be known and assimilated and lived. By keeping its precepts man finds harmony with his Maker, salvation for the soul, and light for the duties of life and insights into the character and purpose of God. We know God as we know and do his will.

Prayer

Prayer is a third and direct approach to God. It is the cardinal element in all religions and a vital element in the act of worship. By it we discern our errors and secret faults, and by it we are united with all mankind across sea and land, so there is no North, South, East, or West, but one great brotherhood. To God's love we trust our hearts, our lives, our dreams, and trust him to do what is best in accord with his will. This is the direct approach to God that brings harmony of life, and people of all ages have found that he bears our burdens and purifies our ambitions through prayer and worship.

And I cannot believe that people, sensible people, through the centuries have fooled themselves and their delusion. They have found God. Their wishes may not always be met, but their real needs were met and perhaps ever answered in the fuller understanding of their lives and the life of the world, and in individual experiences.

We believe the Psalmist voiced the hopes and experience of devout souls in all ages and has revealed the great highways that lead to God. May we use every approach that brings us larger knowledge and deeper experiences of his love and grace.

W. L. Greene.

OBservATIONS BY THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The Old Bell Rings Again

No better church site exists in Garwin, Iowa, than the land of the Carlton Seventh Day Baptist church overlooking the peaceful, quiet village of a few stores and four hundred or more people.

At ten o'clock on Sabbath morning, May 29, at the writer's request, and again at 10:30, the bell—long silent—rang out again telling Garwin people once more that the seventh day was the Sabbath. The church building was erected. The first public service held in it was a community Christmas tree. The pews had not yet been put in, and the seats were planks laid on nail kegs. During the entertainment, it is told, one plank slipped off and killed a dog resting on the floor beneath the seat. Your secretary was a boy of six, at the time, and present on this occasion. But the dog incident he does not personally remember, probably being occupied with anticipation of a hand sled at the foot of the tree on which he hoped his name would be found. Disappointed he was when he found it was not for him, but was later pacified when his name appeared on one of the twinkling lights.

It was in this church his earliest Sabbath school lessons were learned, and the caption, "I was a child," must be applied to him. Seeing a picture of an eye looking down upon a lad hiding a coin in a keg of meal, has never been forgotten, and one must confess, often enough ignored.

Through the years this church has stood—like a city that cannot be hid—on the hill, a testimony to Sabbath. A spirit and a witness to God's love and goodness. Many have gone elsewhere building into other Sabbath churches, yet this church has never come careless and indifferent. In spite of indifference, however, they never get away from certain convictions of early training and are the less resistant to this church's influence. The few who are left are a bit discouraged, but faithful still. They know the Lord and love him, "worship by power, but worship by my Spirit, saith the Lord," and they still will let their light shine on.

Thirteen were present Sabbath morning to hear the annual secretary tell of our work and to listen to his message on letting their light shine. All but one remained for the study of the current Sabbath school lesson. It is hoped that the Sabbath school will re-
Salem's climb, through her half-century of existence, has been on an uphill, difficult path, for she was born of parents who had not made much in their pockets, but an endowment fund. And a contrast between their attitude and that of their high school work will do well to take advantage of these opportunities.

We are glad to devote much of our Recorder space this week to messages from our schools, written at the request of the editor. L. L.

Salem College
Salem, W. Va.

Salem College completed her fifty-fifth year of service this year, in a fitting tribute, an address was given at the annual February Conference. The third year he made an all conference. Abramovic's score was 53 points. This was scored in what is supposed to be the fastest amateur game ever played. The total score of the two teams was 170 points of which Salem made 87, West Virginia Wesleyan 83. During the fourth year he broke his original individual scoring record by making 37 points in a single game. His total scoring record for the four years was 2,170 points. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and his active duty was deferred until he completed his degree.

M. M. Neely Prize
Ruben Briscoe, Jr., a member of the Berea (W. Va.) Seventh Day Baptist Church, won this year's Governor M. M. Neely fifty-dollar prize in speech. The runner-up was a sophomore, Wendell Stephan, a member of the Nortonville (Kan.) Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Briscoe graduated magna cum laude. His average was 2.8 which means almost a straight A average. He will enter the U. S. Army at once.

WAAC
Madge Conyers, a Seventh Day Baptist from Cleveland, Ga., graduated cum laude. She had planned her life work in the field of journalism, but now plans to visit her father, Col. J. B. Conyers, at Fort Still, Okla., for a week, after which she will enter the service of the country as a member of the WAAC's.

Ministerial Students

Religious Emphasis Week, which is an annual event this year placed in the hands of the students themselves. Candidates for the ministry were prominent in the development and execution of the program.

Each candidate for the ministry was given a Wednesday chapel program during which he was asked to furnish the message and arrange a music and worship program. The
other students commended these programs very highly. These programs included persons of other denominations as well as Seventh Day Baptists.

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The Accelerated Program at Milton College

These are critical days for the small liberal arts colleges. They face difficult times. As the men students enter the service of their country, the overhead of the small colleges will have to be reduced in keeping with the smaller size of the campus. The program will have to be modified and revamped, so much so, that the college that was is not going to be. Some of the small colleges may not be able to make the adjustment and, therefore, have to close their doors.

Nevertheless, the administration of Milton College believes that, at the turn of the first hundred years of its history, Milton College which already has weathered major wars—the War Between the States and the First World War—will continue undaunted during this the greatest of all wars, World War II.

With a constituency that is sold on what the college stands for, on the faith of the young people, with an administration that is determined to stick to their guns through the thick of the struggle, and with a faculty that is hopeful when the road is rough and that is adaptable and flexible enough to accelerate and modify the program of the college to meet every emergency, the future of this college is assured.

Nothing bolsters the courage of men more than their faith in what they are trying to do. The faculty and management of Milton College believe in the value of a liberal arts education. They believe that the world will always need a large number of liberally educated citizens. They believe that we cannot win a lasting victory unless we have a large number of liberal artists who will be able to live the freedom from which freedom flows.

But the sources of freedom, says one of our American leaders, are individual jobs, individual incomes, nor any other form of economic security. These things only implement freedom. The source of freedom is a genuine and truly liberal education—a broad, cultural, and many-sided, functional education that can best be described as a cultured, refined, enriched mind—a mind that has been disciplined in the philosophy, science, and the arts of the great men of all time. And the advantage of that is that it is easier to learn, that exercises initiative and restraint, that is original and aggressive, but that at the same time respects personality and the rights of others. Freedom, therefore, is of the mind and of the mind that encourages the continuous growth of each through and all of all through, which is possible only when there is a large number of liberally educated and highly cultured individuals in the world.

With eighteen-and nineteen-year-olds being drafted and with the demand for technical training increasing, there is danger of neglecting to perpetuate our liberal arts education altogether. However, to discontinue liberal arts colleges is not one of the main sources of freedom, as we have already suggested. And to do that would be a crime committed by the framers of the books by the Nazis. Burn your books—or, what amounts to the same thing, neglect your liberal education—or you will lose freedom, as surely as if you would allow Hitler to win the war.

In order that Milton College may do everything that is possible to secure a liberal arts education in times like these, the Executive Board of the Trustees and the Faculty of Milton College have decided to add another—a third—semester to the college year. With this new "setup" the time required to complete a college course may be very much shortened.

This year, the third semester opens on June 7, and continues for fifteen weeks to September 17. The regular fall semester opens on September 20, and continues to the end of the spring semester, which will continue to the beginning of June.

Students who enter Milton College on June 7, at the beginning of the summer semester, may be able to complete a college course in a little better than two years, provided they keep up their grades. By continuing in college three semesters a year, such students should be able to graduate at the end of the summer semester in September of 1945. In other words, with this new "setup", high school graduates entering Milton College on June 7, 1945, may be able to complete their respective college courses by September of 1945.

By taking advantage of this accelerated program high school graduates can get at least a part of their college work completed before they are drafted. In exceptional cases where high school graduates are only sixteen years of age, it may be altogether possible for such to complete an entire college course before being required to enter the service of their country. In any event, other things being equal, everyone who avails himself of a college education before entering the service of his country stands a better chance for receiving a desirable classification and for rapid promotion in the service.

Not only may incoming high school graduates enroll as freshmen in this accelerated program, but former students or present college students may be admitted to the college, here or elsewhere, may also take advantage of this third semester beginning on June 7 of this year.

J. G. Meyer, President.

Alfred University, 1942-43: A War Year

"Hello, Bill, have you got your call yet?" queried a ten-year-old of his pal. "No, Joe," returned Bill, "you see I'm pre-med and the Dean got me deferred." "Well you're smart," commented Joe, "I signed up for the Navy and I've got two more years of training to go." "I sure wish I could go," said Bill, "I hate to think of spending two more years here, but I sure have got to make more money before I can go."

It is, of course, the loss of enrollment in the two colleges that pinches Alfred University. Because of the general extension courses, the Alfred University Extension in Jamestown, N. Y.; the great war industry, and food training program on and especially off campus of the Agricultural and Technical Institute at Alfred University, the total number of different individuals studying under the auspices of the University in its brief courses has increased 530 compared with a normal of over 600. What this does in decreasing income and increasing headaches can well be imagined.

In spite of difficulties the University is struggling and with promise of success to stem the tide of its troubles, and at the same time giving new effort to its regular work.

The University calendar has been accelerated all along the line. The first semester closed just before Christmas and the second semester began in January, and ended early in May. A week later a summer semester was begun for engineers and other students of the College of Ceramics and will finish August 31, the very day on which the fall semester and the new academic year begin. Two six-week sessions were held in the summer, one from July 5 to June 23, and the second the usual Summer School from July 5 to August 13. These two
terms specialize in intensified courses in ceramics, drawing, education, mathematics, pottery, science, sculpture, English, chemistry, and political science are offered on the graduate level. Using these summer opportunities, students in either colleges may graduate in three or four years. A few will get their diplomas just before next Christmas. Besides these varied terms the freshmen engineers began their usual courses and provide new ones intended for the exclusive use of the School of Theology, a problem of more than a few members of the faculty, and one of the students. The most important item of this report was a brief history of the School of Theology, interpreting the concerns of the spirit and aims, and its organizational setup, both with reference to Alfred University and to the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Preparing this paper President Norwood rendered a real service in clearing up misunderstandings, which has brought about greater unity among our people both in their thought concerning the school and their support.

The Board of Managers has been enlarged, thereby representing almost equally, the best of both university and denominational interests. The board as now constituted consists of: Dr. J. Nelson Narwood, Burton B. Crandall, Dr. George D. Stoddard, and Samuel Crandall, representing the Trustees of Alfred University (all loyal Seventh Day Baptists); Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, Rev. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, and Dr. Fred Woodrick, directly representing the denomination.

The regular teachers during the year have been the dean, who has carried a full teaching load; the professor in the subject of New Testament; Dr. Walter L. Greene, both on part-time. Two students have taken Hebrew with Dr. S. S. Powell, and three have studied Greek with the professor in that subject in the College of Liberal Arts. One of these qualified in both languages, and the other in Greek. Both have all been without cost to the school. In addition, the professor of dramatics and public speaking met with the class in homiletics several times at the college. Among the students who have met the class in pastoral theology, Dr. George B. Shaw has given a course in English Bible. This has all been without cost to the school. In addition, the professor of dramatics and public speaking met with the class in homiletics several times at the college. Among the students who have given a course in English Bible, this has been without cost to the school. In addition, the professor of dramatics and public speaking met with the class in homiletics several times at the college. Among the students who have met the class in pastoral theology, the professor of dramatics and public speaking met with the class in homiletics several times at the college. Among the students who have met the class in pastoral theology, the professor of dramatics and public speaking met with the class in homiletics several times at the college. Among the students who have met the class in pastoral theology, the professor of dramatics and public speaking met with the class in homiletics several times at the college. Among the students who have met the class in pastoral theology, the professor of dramatics and public speaking met with the class in homiletics several times at the college.

Each student came to the school with some educational background and with a sincere purpose to prepare himself as well as he possibly could for the high calling to which he has committed himself. In turn the school has tried to match their high aims and sincere purposes with the best it can give.

Alva J. C. Bond, Dean.

ECHOES FROM MY CLASSROOM IN THE ALFRED SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Among the courses offered our students during their seminary years is one listed as "Crisis in the race relationships." It is the accepted policy of our school to offer to our students not only those courses which will make them effective leaders of our denomination, but will also enable them to take their place among Christian leaders of all denominations. There are among these a few which call for thoughtful and wise leadership by a united Christendom, and Seven Day Baptists must not fail in their part. Among these common responsibilities I will mention only three, though there are many more: the breaking down of racial antagonisms, movements for social justice, and the working out of a just and enduring peace. It is this last issue which most concerns the leaders just now and which engaged no little time and thought of our students this semester.

There is a wealth of material at once available for students of this problem. Both the secular and religious press are devoting much thought and effort to the most interesting findings of organizations at work on this
issue. Such movements as the Town Meeting of the Air, the Federal Council, and the commissions of various denominations have placed under our disposal the valuable findings on this question. There are also many books by thoroughly informed world leaders now on this question. There are also many books by thoroughly informed world leaders now that have been written to analyze its motives, which may be good or bad. Some times its motive has been the spread of civilization, the advancing of world order, the promotion of peace; but more frequently it has been for the purpose of economic advantage, commercial expansion, control of world markets, suppression of competition, the expansion of a great empire. When more than one nation seeks such an empire there is likely to be serious conflict, not of civilization, but of the kind.

1. Economic Forces. Here again we have a dynamic power that has led to conflict. The desire among all nations for food, clothing, the luxury of life, the home, and the arts, has led to serious conflict. No nation is able to produce all the commodities needed for the welfare of its people. Each has its own fields of world trade with its open markets, where nations could buy and sell for mutual benefit. But unfair competition, trade barriers, such as high tariffs and the desire by stronger nations to monopolize commerce and transportation, have often led to open conflict. If war where there should have been friendly exchange and cooperation, Selfishness and unfair dealing have been often denied to suffer the common necessities of life. Human values have often been brought to the dead level of mere things or even submerged for material gain. Instead of the spirit of helpfulness and sharing, nations have acted in the spirit of fear, hate, and revenge, and have been the destruction not alone of material values but of human life itself.

2. Nationalism. Here we face not only some of the most primitive instincts of mankind but likewise some of its greatest emotional forces. What are some of the things which have constituted nationalism—a common language, tradition, tribal loyalties, common habits and ways of living, view of family, view of economic, art, religion? That intangible something we call patriotism has a thousand springs and exists as a force that can influence upon us all. For it men fight, suffer, die. Their desire to be free of foreign domination and to possess independence, the right of self-determination, prompts the greatest of sacrifice.

3. Militarism. Man has been called a combative animal. He loves conquest. He is egotistic, feels himself superior to others—hence racial supremacy, and he becomes arrogant, aggressive, domineering. He organizes others into the "master race." So we have the "super race," "sons of Heaven," ruthless subjugation, world conflict with their counter revolutions, and world wars.

5. Imperialism—a form of excessive nationalism. It's not needful to analyze its motives, which may be good or bad. Sometimes its motive has been the spread of civilization, the advancing of world order, the promotion of peace; but more frequently it has been for the purpose of economic advantage, commercial expansion, control of world markets, suppression of competition, the expansion of a great empire. When more than one nation seeks such an empire there is likely to be serious conflict, not of civilization, but of the kind.

6. Fear, Hate, and Revenge. These play a large part among the causes of war. Fear of invasion of home country by other more aggressive nations, fear of hunger and starvation, of economic disadvantage—these all play an important part in creating war. These emotions—fear, hate, and revenge—have their roots in past experience. They are the inheritances of the past, the children of the past, the inheritance of past wrongs, injustices, and wars. They keep the human mind in a constant state of agitation and call for diplomatic action, military alliances. And when a nation is defeated and suffers the sense of subjugation, punishment, or defeat, there is engendered the spirit of revenge out of which come future wars. These dynamic forces, let me repeat, have been present in all ages, they are the forces which are present now and will be through all time. In my next article I shall tell how these forces may be dealt with in the coming peace conference.

E. D. Van Horn.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION POSTPONED

A letter received too late for last week's Recorder states that the Central Association, which was held at Elmhurst, Ill. on June 13, has been indefinitely postponed on account of gasoline shortage.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR JUNE 26, 1943

John's Counsel to Christians. Scripture—2 John 1 and 3.

Golden Text—3 John 2.

JUNE AN IMPORTANT MONTH

June is an important month for Seventh Day Baptists in that June 30 closes the Conference year with most of the boards. On this date the work of twelve months is summed up and plans for the future are based on the past.

Many times both the individuals and churches intend to make their contributions during the year but put it off. This ought not to be and these lines are a reminder that in the face of the day of reckoning the work alone. The needs of our mission work are very great. This is especially true regarding the mission field. There is a large number of churches needing assistance in supporting pastors. The Missionary Board has been helping some of these to the limit of its ability and there are others which should be aided without delay. In these churches are young people who long to win the men of other countries and trains to Christian work in their own churches and elsewhere. The leaders in some of these churches are becoming discouraged because they cannot support the work alone. Here is our opportunity. Many people are earning money at present and the months of the year extend the work of the church beyond the year. June is an important month in this connection and the church has a good chance to do valuable work.

MISSIONS THE ERADICATOR OF TYRANNY

'The human heart desires freedom. It is a passion planted in man's soul by the Creator that man be free from tyrants and the eradicators of tyranny and the promoters of human rights.

The tyrant is one who disregards the rights of others. He may be a ruler, a president of a republic, an officer in a civic, religious, or social organization, a teacher, or a parent. By trampling on the rights of others, a present may be worse than a tyrant than a king who lives for his hands. For the same reason, a pastor or an officer, in the church may be a tyrant. All people, even children, have their rights, and to trample
upon them is tyranny. The purpose of Christian missions is to make men free. The first work of missions is to free men from the tyranny of sin (Romans 6: 18-20). Christ said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. To free men from the slavery of sin, he has given them the Gospel of Christian life, and this is the first great purpose of the Church.

Preserving the individual from sin, transforms homes by eradicating tyranny therein. A parent may be the worst kind of tyrant, but Christianity in the home ameliorates this lamentable condition. The same Book that says, "Children obey your parents," also commands, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." There is a vast difference between the home that is Christian and the one that is not.

The Church has been the promoter of freedom. There have been organizations that called themselves churches which promoted tyranny, but such deny the spirit of Christ and are mere promoters of Christian freedom with the New Testament Church. When the Church needed deacons, the apostles directed that they be chosen. (Acts 6: 1-8.) All men were considered equal before God in the privileges of the Church, and in its government the elders were to be chosen by the members. (Acts 20: 17.)

Missions and the Church have been the promoters of freedom in the nations of the world and this has been one of the chief reasons through the ages why tyrants have opposed the spread of the Gospel. They fear the Church. Hitler is a modern example of this.

The Church and Christian missions free men from the tyranny of sin, uphold the rights of woman, and all members of the home, and produce free governments throughout the world. We have reached a period in the history of the Church when the world are thrown open and we must go forward with greater zeal.

W. L. B.

IS SINCERITY ENOUGH?
The popular adage is, "It makes no difference what a man believes, if he is sincere." Let us see. A family was poisoned in Montgomery County by eating toadstools which they sincerely believed to be mushrooms. Three of them died. Did it make no difference?

A man endorsed a note for a friend whom he sincerely believed to be honest. But he had scoundrels may have tried to pay the debt. Did it make no difference?

The truth is, the popular adage is a lie, and a very transparent one at that! If a man tells a lie, he takes pains to know the truth. For where facts are concerned, all the thinking in the world will not change them. A toadstool remains a toadstool, whatever we may think about it. And the Bible's teaching remains true, whatever a coward may have tried to say about it. The solid, unshakable fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is one pressing consideration that calls out to men, "Stop and think. The life to come must be prepared for. Only One has come back from the next world to tell us about it. He is the risen Christ, who died for sinners on the cross. Hear his promise and receive it: 'I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he die, shall live again.' (John 11: 25.)"-Taken from the Home Evangel, White Cloud, Mich.

WOMAN'S WORK
Mrs. Omy W. Davis, Salem, W. Va.

PROMOTER OF EVANGELISM IN NEW YORK
On my way to Berlin, where I spent nearly a month, I stopped for a while in New York, with Pastor and Mrs. Victor Skaggs at Dunellen, N. J. Victor was very busy finishing up his work preparatory to his gradual retirement as principal of the Seventh Avenue Academy. He was planting a large garden and looking after the church property; he seemed to be doing all that he could even though he die, shall live again.' (John 11: 25.)-Taken from the Home Evangel, White Cloud, Mich.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY STATEMENT
April 1, 1943, to April 30, 1943

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer.

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REV. MARVIN C. VON HORN
10.00

REV. HARVEY E. BOWDROOK
20.83

REV. LAMSON K. MILLER
37.50

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Montgomery County, Wis.                        600.00

Marlboro, N. Y.                                 400.00

Riverside, Calif.                               100.00

China                                                       $5,097.27

REV. WM. L. BURDICK
Salary                                            $125.00

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Debt & Int share April Denominational Budget     209.53

Budget receipts                                 90.49

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Interest paid on notes                           24.07

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Germany                                          $1,250.00

Church Tax reserve                             $27.50

Victory Tax reserve                             $27.50

70.00

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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REV. CRAWFORD A. BOWDROOK
16.67

REV. WALTER R. ROBBINS
16.67

REV. MARVIN C. VON HORN
27.50

REV. HARVEY E. BOWDROOK
27.50

REV. LAMSON K. MILLER
27.50

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Montgomery County, Wis.                        600.00

Marlboro, N. Y.                                 400.00

Riverside, Calif.                               100.00

China                                                       $5,097.27

REV. WM. L. BURDICK
Salary                                            $125.00

House and office rent                          $25.00

Toym expenses                                    10.00

Office supplies                                   10.00

Large Vict Roy Tax                              $213.43

Debt & Int share April Denominational Budget     209.53

Budget receipts                                 90.49

House and office repairs                         10.00

Interest paid on notes                           24.07

Cash on hand April 30, 1943                    $3,041.62

Cash on hand April 30, 1943                    $7,017.69

 Accounts payable on or before April 30, 1940: $2,015.00

Churh Paym. to Royal Debit Fund                 $100.00

Churh Paym. to Royal Debit Fund                 $1,915.00

Germany                                          $1,250.00

Church Tax reserve                             $27.50

Victory Tax reserve                             $27.50

70.00
YE A OUNG PEOPLE’ s WORK

The message of the Sunday morning session was brought by Dean Randolph, chairman of the committee on young people’s work. The junior choir from Alfred Station, under the direction of Mrs. Randolph, sang for this meeting. Pastor Charles Bond of Little Genesee and Pastor Alton Wheeler of Nile, also members of the committee on young people’s work, conducted the devotional service.

The various pastors who attended and brought their young people to this Youth Rally were Rev. Walter L. Greene of Anover, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Alfred Station, Chair of the Board of Christian Education, and Alton Wheeler of Nile, in addition to Pastor Harris and the Alfred group.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR THOUGHTS FOR JUNE 20

Standard Topic: What Protestant Christianity Stands For

I remember reading in some magazine a description of the way in which army tanks are controlled. Although there may be times when the one at the controls has a good view of the field, and so knows how to guide the tank, there are times when the one at the controls can see only a small part of the field through a narrow slit, but another man, guided by him, is above him with a good view of the field, and he directs the tank driver by a system of touch-touching his toes to the ground, allowing the tank to move forward or backward in certain ways. So, with this sort of teamwork, they go on to victory.

How like Christianity is this! We have our lives to steer in the battle of life, but we see “through a glass, darkly.” 1 Corinthians 13: 12. But above us is One who is truly the guide of the people, and in the middle of the battle fronts, He is making His way.

Fun and fellowship were not wanting during the rally. Sixty-one young people and their pastors and wives sat in the church the evening following the Sabbath. The fine fellowship was minimized in the Young People’s Rally Song at the close of this hour. The guests went to stay in the homes of the Alfred young people.

The Old Testament prophets found hardships in connection with serving God. The apostles were persecuted, and many of them lost their lives in serving God. And the way the Christian lives, he doesn’t look like any place for sissies. In John 15: 20 he says, “Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.” 2 Timothy 3: 12 further says, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. Thou therefore endure suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 2: 3.

—Contributed by Allen Bond.

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WHY DO CHAPLAINS WEAR CROSSES ON THEIR HELMETS?

When Dr. Daniel Poling, president of the World Christian Endeavor, was speaking to a group of young people in Philadelphia, just before his return to America after visiting many of the battle fronts, he told us the following true story which happened only a few weeks previous.

During a severe battle one of our soldiers was fatally wounded. An army chaplain saw white crosses worn by our own American soldiers and sailors overseas who had been presented by Doctor Poling and others to the leader-delegates attending the First Wartime National Conference of Christian Endeavor, Estes Park, Colo., July 7 to 13.

OBERDENCE TO PARENTS

By Rev. R. G. Davis

Hon. your father and thy mother. Exodus 20: 12.

When a boy obeys his parents It’s a feather in his hat.

And a mark of good behavior People read—is up to him.

When a fellow learns in childhood To obey his ma and pa He will find it pays far better than a reckless lad.

Showing due regard for parents Always helps a child to grow And becomes worth remembering.

Every one is pleased to know Such are sure to be respected.

By the people where they serve; And they should be taught the habit.

Lost from duty they should return,

They should do as parents bid them,

Without murmur or complaint.

Since this is their duty,

When they do not heed restraint.

Hence a duty that they owe,

To respect and honor parents,

Being careful what they say.

Children are a special treasure; They are very precious while; And should never be neglected,

But should never be neglected.

Some people see the idea that The Christian life is a “snap.” But it is not.

It may not take much brain, to be Christian, but it takes all there is of him.

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YOUNG PEOPLE’S RALLY AT ALFRED

Young people of the Western Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches met in Alfred May 22 and 23 in a Youth Rally. This was the first in a series of Teen-Age Conferences to be sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, and to be conducted by Dean and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond.

Starting Sabbath afternoon, the young people’s sessions spread around the three phases of the work of the Board of Christian Education. The first meeting, held in the parish house, dealt with religious education. Young people from Little Genesee conducted the worship service. The meeting was then turned over to Pastor Everett Harris of Alfred, who introduced Mrs. A. J. C. Bond’s talk on “The Bible,” and Pastor Elmo Randolph of Alfred Station, who showed sound pictures.

Dean A. J. C. Bond, chairman of the Board of Christian Education’s Committee on Higher Education, spoke at the meeting in the church the evening following the Sabbath. His challenging talk emphasized physical fitness, mental preparedness, and emotional stability. One of the highlights of this meeting was the orchestra which played at the beginning, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Burnett.

Fun and fellowship were not wanting during the rally. Sixty-one young people and their pastors and wives sat down to the bountiful pot-luck supper at 6:30 in the parish house. Alfred and Little Genesee, two of the young people of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist C. E. Society, had charge of supper arrangements. Pastor Randolph served as leader by leading in group singing throughout the meal, often interrupting the meal completely so all could sing. Following the meal, music was led in by the Senior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Randolph.

Pastor David Clarke and Harman Dickinson of Alfred led some group games upstairs in the parish house. The fine fellowship was minimized in the Young People’s Rally Song at the close of this hour. The guests went to stay in the homes of the Alfred young people.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

President Daniel Poling of the World Christian Endeavor will speak in a number of cities throughout his overseas journey, in which he represented the World’s Christian Endeavor. This remarkable young man is an able young Protestant leader, a person of integrity, and a man of God.

The interests, activities, and spirit of the British endeavorers and of their own American soldiers and sailors overseas were presented by Doctor Poling to others to the leader-delegates attending the First Wartime National Conference of Christian Endeavor, Estes Park, Colo., July 7 to 13.

NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Dodge County Christian Endeavor, Auburn, Wis., churches will be held with the New Auburn Church, June 18 to 20.

An hope address for a good attendance and a deep spiritual blessing.

Secretary.
**OUR LETTER EXCHANGE**

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the third grade. I do not like it when there are no letters on the Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder.

I am nine years old. We have a dog named Mickle and a cat named Timmy. There are lots of mosquitoes in Shiloh. Frederick Davis.

Dear Recorder Children:

A girl who was a picture in one of my Sabbath school papers which I have never forgotten. It was a picture of Jesus and two little children, one on each side of him. They were looking up into his face as his hands were placed one on each little head. I shall always love this picture when I read this poem by Alice E. Everett:

**Jesus' Hands**

Jesus' hands are working hands,
Able, strong, and true;
Doing tasks that others spurn,
Healing and blessing you.

Jesus' hands are beckoning hands,
Calling, beckoning, blowing;
Beckoning silently day by day,
Saving, sinning, knowing.

Jesus' hands are outstretched hands,
Filled with gifts divine;
Offering love and love alone,
Proffering peace sublime.

Jesus' hands are nail-pierced hands,
Scarred on Calvary's tree;
He took your lost and nailed your shame,
Letting your soul go free.

Jesus' hands are majestic hands,
Glorious, strong, divine;
Healing, blessing, guiding hands,
Precious, loving, kind.

Ardmore, Okla.

Alice E. Everett.

**OUR PULPIT**

**The Challenge of Perfection**

There are dogs of every kind and color in Andover, I really do believe, and sometimes we wish there weren't so many. One day Pastor Greene left his cold frame open and a great Dane buried his bone among the tomato plants and destroyed at least a hundred of them. I imagine your Mickle and Timmy are better behaved than the dog and cat I have told you about.

I hope to receive other nice letters from you. I cannot always write you such a long letter. I did so this time because you wrote me as you see, the one and only letter this week.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Deer Recorder Children:

When a little girl was better...
The perfect painting has not yet been limned. The perfect poem has not yet found its poet. The perfect man has not made his appearance. There is a more natural comparison with perfection. There is a more definite challenge to achieve perfection. There is a more intense emotional pull about you to want to think on these assertions a bit before assenting to them. I am not disposed to press the point too far. But when we come into the broad realm of human relations, you quickly become aware of a vast gap between what is real and what is perfect, what is actual and what is the conceivably perfect.

We grow to maturity amid the clashings of a highly competitive society. We are expected to chart our own life courses, to stand aside and witness against it, thus pointing a better way. The ordinary mortal, as fully conscious of the limitations these traditions, abuses, exploitations: creeds, and classes, we tolerate a war system, the most ordinary features of which, to be Jesus' on lake or jail.

What shall we do with perfection's challenge? Use it. I say, Admire perfection, contemplate it, ponder it, love it, long for it, pray for it, strive for it, live with the thought of it. Let none ever brought high achievement. Our text may really be Jesus' way of teaching us emphasis on that conscious striving over nearer approaches to an ideal goal is itself the central value.

It is my firm conviction also that earnest conscientious cultivation of the absolute, the perfect; acceptance of its challenge, deliberate submission to its dominion enables it to transform us into its likeness, becomes, and human—divine children of God. What to do with the challenge of perfection? Use it.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

"I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright. But still I'll pray till heaven's found, Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

The Southeastern Association will meet with the Salem Church, beginning Friday evening, July 2, and closing Sunday afternoon, July 4. Delegates should notify the moderator or the chairman of the entertainment committee, Prof. H. D. Bond. R. H. Seager, Moderator.

DENOMINATIONAL “HOOK-UP”
Hammond, La.

The Hammond Church continues to keep up its Sabbath morning services. Mrs. Sev- erance, the wife of our pastor, Rev. R. J. Severance who passed away one year ago, faithfully keeping our little group together, conducting Sabbath morning worship by reading sermons from the Sabbath Recorders and other sources. We want to think...
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Nelson of Milton, all of whom are engaged in defense work, attend our services as often as possible. Their presence and help are an inspiration to us.

Ehret's work was rewarded by an appropriate sermon, followed by readings and songs dedicated to our mothers.

On Sabbath, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

At the close of the sermon he invited all the fathers, mothers, and wives of our boys in service to the front line.

Memorials of boys in the service have been conducted regularly by Mrs. Severance and our deaconess, Mrs. Edna Campbell. The dedication was given by Rev. Mr. Hansberry, of the local Methodist Church, who was a guest at the service.

Myra Thorngate Barber.

Alfred, N. Y.

To Ahvah J. C. Bond, dean of the School of Theology of Alfred University, goes the distinction of being co-author of the best seller, "Strength for Service to God and Country," published by the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press of Nashville, Tenn.

It is not the work of a single author, but by 370 ministers and laymen, each outstanding in his community, representing many different denominations and every state in the Union.

With more than 600,000 copies of the book already printed, qualifying it as one of the outstanding best sellers both for 1942 and 1943, the publishers report that it probably will necessitate still further printing.

The idea for the book was conceived last spring in his "community, representing many denominations, and every state in the Union.

A major reason for the surprising acceptance of the pocket-size book of daily devotional messages, written especially for men in the armed services, offers graphic evidence that "there are no atheists in foxholes," according to the publishers.

A Memorial Service was held at the morning worship time, Sabbath day, May 29. The choir sang, "The Lord We Love," under the direction of the leader, Mrs. Harlan Brennick. Pastor Ehret spoke on "Memorials and Their Meanings," using as his text 1 Samuel 7:12: "They stoned Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it Eben-ezer, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

At the close of the sermon he invited all the fathers, mothers, and wives of our boys in service to the front of the room, where each was presented with a lovely carnation, the gift of the church made possible by Mrs. Ehret. One very young war mother held her tiny baby in her arms. Eighteen parents, two soldiers, and three parents who had two sons in the service were given flowers.

The benediction was given by Rev. Mr. Hansberry, of the local Methodist Church, who was a guest at the service.

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A major reason for the surprising acceptance of the book lies in the fact that it has been chosen as the most suitable recommendation to service men by churches of every denomination, chambers of commerce, and other organizations which distribute it in quantities among men from their localities.

A large demand for individual copies has been reported from relatives and friends.

Chaplains in the services are further accelerating the distribution of "Strength for Service" by calling for additional copies for distribution among their men.

Although the number of copies in the hands of service men has passed the half-million mark some time ago, the publishers report that, with approximately 12,000 additional men being inducted daily, at least ten times the number already printed are needed.

* - Alfred Sun, June 3.