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Dodge Center, Minn.

Pastor Thorngate conducted a baptismal service in the Zumbro River last Sabbath afternoon. There were five candidates; Mrs. Aaron Mosher and son David of Pine Island; Richard Duggett, son of Lester and Dorcas Duggett, of St. Paul; Robert Lindahl; and Kirk Clapper. A large group assisted in the singing and witnessed the ceremony.

—Dodge Center Star-Record.

Milton, Wis.

Being church organist and the mother of two young children, Mrs. Robert W. Randolph has sometimes experienced inconvenience in going to the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church to practice and prepare her church music. Her husband, Professor Randolph, has solved that problem by building an organ for her in their home.

By collecting three reed organs. Working on Milton College, — —

Milton Junction Telephone.

North Loup, Neb.

After some time of not functioning, the North Loup Junior C. E. was reorganized last Sabbath day. Mrs. A. C. Ehret is in charge, assisted by Miss Lois Barber. New officers are: Bonnie Babcock, president; Evelyn Homer, secretary-treasurer.

A pioneer social, sponsored by the social chairman, George Owan, was a delightful pastime held in our church parlor recently. During the program, many old tales were told and old musical selections were given. Many of the younger group wore old-time costumes.

A nice sum, amounting to nearly $100, was taken in at the Conference Sabbath collection. The church always keeps in touch with their soldier boys. Already plans are afoot to send Christmas gifts to the boys overseas. The boys at home will also be remembered, the societies, auxiliaries, and church co-operating. Letters are written each month by church members to all of the boys.

—Myra Thorngate Barber.

OBITUARY

Burdi. — Mrs. Sarah A. Burdick, widow of J. Reed Burdick of Alfred, N. Y., died in Toledo, Ohio, July 21, 1943. She was born in De Ruyter, N. Y., November 6, 1851, the eldest of six children born to Nison and Olive Ellis Burdick.

She was baptized when fourteen, by Rev. C. M. Lewis, and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church in De Ruyter, N. Y. On October 15, 1874, she was married to Burdick, and in 1889 removed with her husband and two children to Alfred, N. Y., where she united with the First Alfred Church, and where she remained a member the rest of her life.

She is survived by her children, Mrs. Anna B. Spies of Toledo, Ohio, and Willis Burdick of Rochester, N. Y., with whom she made her home in Plainfield, Toledo, and Rochester after the death of her husband in 1912. She also leaves four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

“The world is a better place for the sojourn in it of such a spirit.” —Contributed.

Phillips. — Mrs. Mary Amanda Phillips, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Coon Justice, was born September 13, 1865, in Lincllnsen Center, N. Y., and passed away at her home in De Ruyter, N. Y., August 16, 1943. She was united in marriage to W. W. Phillips, January 17, 1886. To this union were born four daughters, three of whom survive: Mrs. John A. Hensaw of Wheaton, Ill.; Miss Leola Phillips and Mrs. O. D. Blowers of Rochester, N. Y.; a sister, a brother, four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews are also left to mourn her loss.

Early in life she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of De Ruyter, where she remained a willing worker until her death.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Harmon Dickinson, assisted by Rev. A. L. Briddon and "Rebekah" services. Interment was in the Hillcrest Cemetery, De Ruyter.

C. H. D.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, December 12, 1943, at twenty-thirty o'clock.

Lavern C. Bassett,

Recording Secretary.

A MOTHER’S PRAYER FOR HER SOLDIER SON

As thou didst walk the land of Galilee,
So, loving Savior, walk with him for me;
For, since the years have passed and he is grown,
I cannot follow—he must walk alone.

Be thou my feet when sinful things allure,
Pleading with him to choose those that endure.
Be thou my hand that would keep his in mine,
All, all things else that mother must resign.

When he was little I could walk and guide,
But now, I pray that thou be at his side.
And as thy blessed mother folder thee,
So, kind and loving Savior, guard my son for me.

—The Australian War Cry.
GOOD NEWS—IN PART
Dr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis and Dr. George Torngate, we understand, who have been held as prisoners of war by the Japanese at the mission in Shanghai are to be repatriated. They are to be exchanged for Japanese civilian prisoners held in America. The exchange will be made on the Swedish ship, Gripsholm.

Just when the exchange will take place is not known. The announcement names the return route by way of Elizabeth South Africa, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Arrangements have been made for them to receive letters in the Spanish language at the station states the Westernly (R. I.) Sun of September 10.

We regret that our missionary, Miss Mabel West, and Miss Ruth Phillips are remaining in unoccupied China. The school at Shanghai, of which Miss Phillips is in charge is closed.

CHaplAINS NEEDED
Eight hundred chaplains are needed at once in the army, according to the chief of chaplains, Brigadier General William R. Arnold, whose Press Conference, September 8, in New York City, the Recorder editor attended. The chief is an interesting man, one in whom confidence is inspired. He serves in World War I, indeed, has been in armed service as a chaplain for thirty years. The work of chaplains in this country is augmented by the service of "civilian chaplains," who work locally and do not move with the army.

Requisitions for chaplains are being received, General Arnold told us, much faster than they can be filled. No unit leaves the states for service abroad without a chaplain. Each chaplain serves from nine hundred to one thousand men, and is not available for any assignment except that of a strictly religious nature—very different arrangement from that of former wars, when the chaplain was usually detailed from athletics to running the Post Exchange.

Chaplains are not appointed to special religious groups but serve all alike, as far as their background and religious technique will permit. Every man's religion is honored. The Catholic serves Protestant men in need of its spiritual help.

The government spares no pains to render help of spiritual nature to its military personnel. The department of chaplains is to assist the chaplain's service to be analogous to services which he would render in civil parish life, modified only by the peculiar conditions attaching to military life.

In urging the great need the chief said:

If the shortage continues, poste inside the United States will suffer, for we are denying the camps at home to send chaplains to the combat units overseas. We have seen from the churches we have to go without, and that's a tragedy.

Our men, he declared, in the ordeals awaiting them, are even in greater need, even, than our parishes at home. "Rob your parish and put your clergy in the army," he urged. Especially are men of experience wanted, men who are "seasoned" in religious work, know men's real needs, and know how to deal with them.

He spoke highly of the quality of the church men in service. The real chaplain gets acquainted with his men, labs abundantly in personal service, putting in eighteen to twenty hours a day. It's no job for a weakling. Chaplains serve with their men as they go into action, drop with para- troopers, and receive every kind of advance except with the bombers. As they are un- armed and non-combatant, there is no place for them on the bombers, where every man is a fighter.

General Arnold said a soldier's interest in spiritual matters increased in direct proportion to the tension of the war. During the interview he read a very interesting letter from a chaplain serving overseas. "Interest in spiritual matters began to increase materially upon leaving the port of embarkation," the letter said. At such times the men begin to realize they are up against the real world and begin to think seriously of their own lives. In describing action, the chap- lain's letter bore glowing tribute to wounded men, mostly a letter, as he put it, as the complete lack of complaint of the wounded, and their desire to get back into battle. Again and again expressions of gratitude have been received from soldiers and their com- manding officers for the self-sacrificing devo- tion to service displayed by the chaplains. The chief expressed his hope that the services of the chaplains have won a place of endurance in the hearts of all, that had never before been reached. It is a matter of great encourage- ment to learn at near first hand of these things.

But two of the larger denominations have reached their quota of clergy for chaplain service. The need is urgent. As a Seventh Day Baptist with a knowledge of two of our own men lined up for this serv- ice, I am aware in the fact that even with these two we are furnishing a larger per cent of chaplains than perhaps any other group. . . .

For me, the World War I is over, but is it a war. Rood is nearing the completion of special training period, and information is just at hand that Rev. Leon M. Maltby has received word that his application has been approved and he is waiting to be called for physical examination.
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One of the largest groups of missionaries appointed in recent years by the Presbyterian Church has sailed for the foreign field. Of the one hundred sixty, one hundred will serve in Japan. The number of men, women, and children included in the group is about six hundred. Among them are officers of the church, teachers, doctors, nurses, agriculturists.

-United Presbyterian.

Ten years ago Chiang Kai-shek called a prayer meeting of about fifty missionaries. He told them that China was passing through a great revolution which would take the road either to Communism and bloodshed or to peace and Christianity. He urged them to pray that the latter way would be chosen. From that day there has been a great movement throughout China. This great leader broadcast to the nation that he and the Chinese were asking Jesus as our ideal, let us march bravely toward the cross. Who shall say that China's strength and powers of endurance have not followed from hearing that appeal?

The Church Committee for China Relief reported recently that it has sent to China a total of $2,603,000. During the present year the church contributions have doubled, and the number of denominations sharing have doubled. But still the need has appallingly increased.

Fifteen mobile units have been contributed to the Red Cross by the Women's Christian Temperance Union since May, 1942, the National W. C. T. U. reported at its Evanston quarterly meeting recently. These included nine ambulances, four mobile canteens, a two mobile canteens, a

CHURCH TREASURERS TAKE NOTICE

Payments to the Denominational Budget should be sent to the former treasurer, W. L. Barn, Van Horn, Milton, Wis. Sending to the old treasurer means delay and additional cost of postage, to say nothing of valuable time of the former treasurer, a burden.

The editor of the Sabbath Recorder has been asked to call attention to this matter. Send your checks to Van Horn, whose address is Milton, Wis.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
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Jesus and the Ten Commandments. Scripture- 
Matthew 5:19-27; Deuteronomy 5:9, 10; Romans 13:9, 10; Golden Text—Matthew 5:17.

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MISSIONS

Rev. William L. Burdick, Secretary, Ashaway, R. I.

Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Secretary, Ashaway, R. I.

Are you planning for the World Wide Communion?

Is your church planning to observe the World Wide Communion? As was announced in the Missionary Department June 28, the first week-end in October has again been set aside for the World Wide Communion in Protestant churches. For Seventh Day Baptists this will be October 2. Several weeks past, literature was sent by the Missionary Board to leaders in all our churches. More liberal time without delay, can be secured by sending orders to the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Ave., New York.

The past three years many of our churches have observed the World Wide Communion and have found it markedly helpful in many ways. A special effort should be made to get the entire church into it, so far as possible, to attend, and arrangements may be made to take private services to the homes of shut-ins if they desire.

This movement is evangelistic, and one of the first things in evangelism is to revitalize the church and its members. When Christ instituted the Eucharistic Communion, he said, "This do in remembrance of me." No one can think seriously of Christ, his life, teaching, death, resurrection, and what these mean to those who are to come through without God's help. Are you planning to observe the World Wide Communion?

INTERNED MISSIONARIES RETURNING FROM CHINA

All Seventh Day Baptists will be interested in the report which Mr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, are among those listed to return.

One month past the State Department notified Mrs. and the Missionary Board that Dr. George Thorogate was booked to come home on the next exchange. To this notice was attached the request that it should not be published at that time, and for this reason no mention has been made of it in this department. This decision was made because the list of repatriates was not completed and those in power thought it not wise to publish the list until about time for sailing. September 9, the State Department gave notice that Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis are booked to return also.

A Japanese steamer will bring the repatriates from Mormugao, Portuguese India (a town 250 miles south of Bombay), and the exchange will take place about the middle of October. The M.S. Grippolias will meet the Japanese vessel and will bring the repatriates home from Mormugao. It is not expected that they will arrive in America till the end of November. For more than a year the State Department has been endeavoring to bring this exchange of nationals about, and the Grippolias has been held in New York for this purpose. The steamer is particularly marked, and all will pray that our missionaries and the other passengers have a safe journey.

W. L. B.

INTELLIGENT MANAGEMENT OF MEN

A noted manufacturer is reported to have said recently that "The most critical shortage today is not oil, rubber, steel, or ships; it is not even in manpower. It is the intelligent management of men."

This statement proclaims a fact which exists in fields other than manufacturing. The intelligent management of people is a prime factor in the operations and success of enterprises. Many worthy organizations have failed because the leaders did not know how to conduct in a smooth and pleasing way, and homes are sometimes unhappy because parents do not manage them intelligently.

There is no place where intelligent management is more important than in church and mission work. Mismanagement has put a drag on many Christian enterprises. A pastor, missionary, president of a meeting, or chairman of a committee may conduct the affairs committed to him in a way which alienates people and hinders the work.

Volumes might be written regarding what constitutes intelligent leadership. A short application of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and the Golden Rule would be amazing help.

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There are things beyond human control which will impede the cause under the widest leadership. Christ found such obstacles. But when we find the cause of Christ and his Church on earth, we must understand that it is not the lack of good judgment and the right spirit on our part, and a diligent search should be made to determine where we are failing.

W. L. B.

TIMES OF CRISIS ARE TIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

By Dr. K. S. Latourette

(Yale University, New Haven, Conn.)

We are living in perplexing times. The missionary movement is facing the most serious crisis of our lifetime. Large areas to which we have sent missionaries are in enemy hands. Communications with many other fields are slow and uncertain. Taxes and prices in this country are rising. Giving is more difficult and more sacrificial. We need, however, to remember, however, that the modern Protestant missionary movement had its birth in an even more difficult age. William Carey sailed for India in 1795, when England was at war with France. The Reign of Terror in France was shaking Europe to its foundations. In 1795, when the world war that followed France was in full swing, the Reformation was getting well under way, the London Missionary Society was organized. In 1799, when Napoleon was at his height of power, the Near East where he tried to sever British communications with India, the Evangelicals of the Church of England founded the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East.

In 1804, the year that Napoleon was planning his conference to plan for the evangelization of the world. His dream was not immediately fulfilled, but has been amply justified by the formation of the International Missionary Council soon after the World War of 1914-18.

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The faith of these pioneers led to results far beyond their imaginations. They were true to their trust as Christians. They esteemed a time of upheaval an opportunity. They esteemed a time of disaster an opportunity. They knew that their task was to begin a worldwide Christian fellowship is coming into being. That fellowship needs strengthening. Its members, which we call the younger churches, are strong in spirit but weak in numbers. They depend upon us in the missionary movement for reinforcement. This growing world fellowship can bind the world together. In that worldwide fellowship is the hope of mankind. — Taken from Laymen’s Missionary Movement.

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FROM THE FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE

A notable series of public meetings in the interest of world literature and Christian literature is to be held shortly in Chicago, St. Louis, and Toronto. Dr. Frank C. Laubach and two associates, Miss Ruth Ekstrom of India and Mrs. Paul Erdman of Syria, will give a panel presentation on the vital and timely theme, "We Shall Never Outgrow Our World." Dates and places of these meetings are as follows:

Chicago—September 28, at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
St. Louis—September 29, at Delmar Baptist Church, 8 p.m.
Toronto—October 1, evening; meeting place to be announced.

At the Chicago meeting Dr. Mark A. Donnelly, President of the Mission Council, will also be a member of the panel. Admission to these meetings will be open to all, free of charge.

FROM THE PROMOTER OF EVANGELISM

Mrs. Greene and I came to Chandall Hill, Hebron Township, Potter County, Pa., eight miles from Coudersport, July 16; we will leave soon, after spending two months here together with the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church. This church was one hundred years old February 10 last. Most of the local membership live within a radius of three or four miles from the house of worship which was erected in 1899. Before that time, as in many of our other churches, services were held first in the homes and then of some time in the neighborhood schoolhouse. Since 1926, there has been a parson house, or community building, on the church land, erected as a result of the efforts of the Christian Endeavor society; it is used jointly by the Ladies’ Aid and the local Grange. There is still plenty of room on the adjoining land for a portion of the land which will have its beginning in the near future.

The first Seventh Day Baptist to come to this place was Judge Grandafl of Alfred, in 1829. The next spring and during the following years many more came from the same place, bearing such familiar names as Greenman, West, Smith, Bentley, Raynolds, Coon, Brock, and Stillman. The first child born here of Seventh Day Baptist parents, a daughter of A. C. Grandafl stepmother of Miss Susie M. Burdick. Many of the ancestors of these people were of good New England stock who ranked high in character and intelligence, and organizing a church was to build a schoolhouse.

There were only seventeen members of the church when first, but the number increased in the first fifty years to more than one hundred. Since then there has been a slow decline, so that there are now about thirty-five, or so who now live on "Chandall Hill," a dozen are found in Coudersport who come out very regularly to services, and several more who come out on special days. Others have scattered to points in the state too far away to get here often. Though this church has been without a pastor more than half its history, so the records say, it can bear testimony to what faithful laymanship can do. There have been very few Sabbaths without some kind of service. Exemplary lives and loyalty to church appointments have served to build up even small church groups on the move.

With such men as Hiram Burdick, S. R. Wheeler, H. E. Babcock, George P. Kenyon, and Alfred Grandafl among its early leaders, the church has been inspired to march ahead when leadership has been denied. Then among those who are still carrying on we find Wm. L. Davis, Wm. L. Burdick, Elizabeth Randolph, and the last regular pastor here, George P. Kenyon. Wm. L. Burdick is still living in the sister church at Hebron Center. All of these have contributed much of value to
its spirit and growth. The widow of George Keeney, who lives at Shinglehouse, not far away, where he was active many years, along with some fifty years of service in the Western Association.

Since this is not intended for a historical sketch, I pause to give credit to Rev. W. L. Burdick for the above facts; let me say a few words about the important officers of this field. We like the wily, woodsy country in which these noble people live. Their ancestors wisely chose a country God had made beautiful for some fortunate people. Seventh Day Baptists were quick to see the beauty as they have in many other places, and came to settle there because of the favorable climate and make a good living for themselves. We have been in more than thirty homes while here and found a most cordial welcome in all the people seem prosperous in worldly things, and contented so far as material things can satisfy. This is well so far, but outside the circle of those who also have worldly things, and contented so far as worldly wants can satisfy. This is well so far, but we long to see young people, not a few, a few not spending their efforts in getting other things rather than the usual appointments of the church.

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but to instruct, inspire, and send out Christian leaders to lead the community.

There are factors that disqualify even the wise for leadership. One is timidity and the other is selfishness. Christians are timid when they lack faith, while on the other hand, by its very nature, the belief in Jesus Christ our Savior will give courage for any task that will present itself. When we think of timidity, we think of the work of the twelve apostles and of how they reacted at the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. How they scattered and ran like frightened quails at the first real threat of defeat.

Many Seventh Day Baptists are just like the apostles. They will pitch in and help right along. It seems as though the cause were lost, then they desert and scatter. We should be forever thankful that the apostles did not remain timid, that when they grasped the true meaning of Christ's mission on earth, even the threat of imprisonment and death could not turn them from their faith and purpose.

In consideration of selfishness, I have noticed a wide-spread tendency toward making our Lord a pagan god. Almost anywhere you can hear it said, "It doesn't matter what you believe, just so you believe in Christ." Regardless of what we think, if we take our religion as being something for our own welfare without consideration of the welfare of others, we are just as pagan as the man who has never heard of Jesus Christ—and more pagan than the so-called heathen that will show mercy to a fellow man. Our great example of this is the Good Samaritan, who was asked to be the reaper of the earth, yet was sanctified because of his service to a fellow man.

If you want a graphic example of what self-centeredness will do, look around at the different churches of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and you will see that the ones that are leading in community work are the ones that are prospering, while those that keep to themselves are declining and on the way to extinction. It is well for us to consider a poem by Alice Cary.

I hold that Christ's grace abounds Where charity is seen; that when We climb to heaven, 'tis on the rounds Of love to me.

My Creed

TRY THIS WITH YOUR JUNIORS

Your Junior sunshine chairman can get the juniors to write cheery notes to those who are sick or shut-in.—Geo.

CHILBREN'S PAGE

GOD'S計劃

Quad, Waukegan, Ill., American T. Y.

WHAT THE SABBATH MEANS TO ME

The Sabbath means a lot to me. I have not always used it, many times in the past, but I always used it. It was my first love and I still love it to this day.

The Sabbath is a day holiness and a day of rest. It makes me feel good to know that I am following the Bible, because the Bible says that on the seventh day God rested.

Now I enjoy going to church, Sabbath school, and Junior because I know it is one of my duties to go and to get others to go with me. I see some of the children playing and tending around now on this Sabbath day, and I know how much it would mean to them if they would take the Sabbath into their hearts and follow Jesus Christ.

Jana Davis,
Member of the Junior C. E. of the Shiloh Church.

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YOUNG PEOPLE, NOTICE

We are making a plea for more material and suggestions. We do need your help, and sincerely hope you will let us hear from you. If possible, you will encourage other young people and friends to do likewise.

J. B. D.

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

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Anne's lace. She wore yellow Lady's-slippers, Bunchdrops in her ears, a Skullcap beaded with Jewels. Sunday over her Lady's tresses, a Trailing Arbutus veil, and carried a Bridal Wreath.

The groom wore a nationalistic costume of Dutchman's breeches, a coat of Indian Hemp decorated with Bitter Buttons, and a Turk's cap.

The decorations were of Prince's Pine and Multiflorus. Dutchman's breeches, a coat of Indian Hemp, and carried a Bridal Wreath.

Johnny-jump-up directed the wedding orchestra consisting of Indian Pipes, Bluebells, Horse-bells, Trumpets, and Piddeheads.

(To be continued)

BALANCED THINKING

By E. M. Juhl

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isa. 26: 3.

We have this conditional promise. For us to benefit from this promise we must know how to "keep our minds" and also know exactly to what extent or degree our "trustings" is in operation.

This is not so easy an accomplishment to acquire. Each of our minds need a lifetime to gain this knowledge. The "good" angels have not yet been able to grasp its full significance. See Eph. 3: 8, 9, 10; 1 Pet. 1: 3.

The process of balanced thinking consists of arranging knowledge of life's experiences in such a manner that by exercising the faculty of judgment we may be able to act upon the result.

Thus the thinking mind determines the course of proper action. When this action is the result of orderly thinking, it is standing, sound, and confident, as mentioned in Isa. 26: 3.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has seen best to call to her reward our sister, Martha Avery Coon; be it Resolved, That we express our heartfelt appreciation of her years of faithful service as a member and officer of the Women's Benevolent Society of the First Brookfield Church at Lebanonville, N. Y. Also be it Resolved, That we express our sincere sympathy to her husband, Almoner Coon, and to their two sons, Leland and Robert.

Also be it Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Sabbath Recorder, to be published in the records of our society.

Committee on Resolutions, Women's Benevolent Society.

OUR PULPIT

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

By Rev. Hurley S. Warren

(Some talks have asked about the address which the Bishop was to make to the General Conference on the subject of the coming General Conference had been held. It is difficult to talk about our Conference by letter, and it is impossible to give a full report of it. The report of the work of the Committee on Resolutions is of course in the December number of the Journal."

The mental process of correct thinking proceeds in a manner that often is the first step in securing information. This is the motivating force that lies behind all action. Next is the securing of available evidence. Thus our understanding is broadened into knowledge. It is concerning this second step in the thinking process Isaiah 1: 3: Lamentations "But Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider."

Christ at the Center of the Church


I. Christ at the Center of His Church.

One day Jesus put a searching question to His disciples. "What do people say that the Son of man is?" They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elias, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

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the death your right to say it."—New York Herald Tribune.

You may have read recently of the time that determined getting army recruits from certain parts of the country to eat "dishes scientifically balanced and ex-

pensively prepared, according to the matter
is, these men are just like everyone else in
holding to food habits. Yet, balanced diet is
highly necessary and is accepted if begun
carefully.

Is there not a parallel here to spiritual
diet? Naturally, to some degree, a student will
ebody and reflect the activities of his
teachers. If this were not true how discour-
aging and futile the efforts of teachers of the
Like it or not, there is no getting
around the fact, that under the influence of
the teacher, the student will go beyond certain
limitations of the teacher. How significant and
total the teacher's privilege and task become!

The Apostle Paul has a direct word on
some phases of this matter. Let us hear
him say to the Christian Church at Corinth:

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto
you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal,
even as unto children of this world.

"I have fed you with milk, and not with
meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear
it, neither yet are ye able.

"For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there
is among you envying, strife, and divi-
sion, are there among you mature men?

"For while one saith, I am of Paul; and
another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos,
but ministers by whom ye believed, even as
the Lord gave to minister each one?

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God
gave the increase.

"So then neither is he that planteth any-
thing, neither he that worketh; but God
that giveth the increase.

"Therefore let no man glory in men. For
all things are yours;

"Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or
the world, or life, or death, or things present,
or things to come; all are yours;

"And we through him are ambassadors for
Christ; as though God did beseech you by
us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye
reconciled to God.


Can we not as Christian brothers and sis-
ters, prepare adequately for the greatest
the call and claim of Jesus Christ we offer
our all upon his altar and become his through
times for him? This is highly necessary.

On May 4, I attended a meeting of the
Department of Evangelism of the Federal
Council of Churches before which Dr. Daniel A. Polling, who was with me on our
overseas visit to several of the military
fronts from which he had recently returned.

Deeper into the Christian life you will
find the more intense I found the unity.
It was not only a unity of compulsion, but
it was also a unity of comradeship.

Friends, I submit that we are on the great
spiritual front today. Our unity in Christ
ought to be intense. There is nothing in
all this wide world more important to
divide Seventh Day Baptist comradeship in
Christ. Even the powers of death shall
not divide us.

III. Christ at the Center of Our
Quest Through His Church.

Life is a real battle. It is a constant con-
quest. This is true of personal life as well
as group life. We can and are apt to spend
so much time and effort in the race from
that we miss life's inner, fuller values. As
one has recently remarked, "We need to be all
the while transcending ourselves." Spir-
ituall human Ess include a constant
quest in personal and group endeavor is
through the Church of Christ.

The Seventh Day Baptist achievement in
terms of the co-operative kingdom task
there is much to encourage. The Church
now is more increasingly evident as the
reports of the churches are received and
work of the boards, societies, and committees is
presented.

We have come to the One Hundred Thirty-
first Annual Session of the Seventh Day
Baptist General Conference in an expectant
spirit. These hours and days together are
to be the means of binding us more closely as
brothers and sisters in Christ. This Con-
ference will be the turning point in some of
our lives.

In other words, this Conference is charged
with the privilege, yes, the responsibility
of making its contribution to the lives of
the folks here, to the fellowship and sacrificial
service of the churches represented here, to
the total program of the Seventh Day Baptist
denomination of which we are a part, to the
larger sphere of Christian co-operation, and
to the eternal elements and crowning joys
of the kingdom of God in the realm of man.

The Spirit of God is brooding over our
spirits day by day. He is waiting
to enter some life in a special way today.
He is ready to enter all of our lives in full-
ness and with power. Only as we allow him
to enter can we become conquerors with
him.

We would now dedicate ourselves
to the high privilege of making this
session of Conference the means toward
holier thought, loftier word, and nobler deed.
It is a privilege and a joy to meet and
greet our brethren and sisters who are living 
their lives...

But, friends, had it not been for
Another who lived life courageously, vic-
toriously, and gloriously, none of us would
be here today.

It is related that when George Nixon
Briggs was governor of Massachusetts, three
of his friends went to the Holy Land. One
day when they visited Calvary's knoll they
remembered their friend, Governor Briggs,
and sent letters to him from one of the
trees near there. After their return
home they called to present the case, saying,
"Governor, did you think of us when you were
at Calvary."

He replied, "Gentlemen, I appreciate your
thought of me, but you were there, but I am
profoundly grateful that Another thought
of me on Calvary."

Friends, it is he who conquered the last
enemy of man and who has declared that
the powers of death shall not subdue his
Church.

"Blessed be God for him! For his sacrifice!
For his victory!
Let us allow him to be at the "Center of
His Church," both now and even forever
more. Amen.

MARRIAGES

Slingeland - Kenyon. Robert Slingeland of
Gevin, N. Y., and Louise Kenyon of Whites-
ville, N. Y., were united in marriage in
Gevin, N. Y., on September 5, 1943.

The wedding service was solemnized by
Rev. Everett T. Harris and David Clark.

Sleeth - Kennedy. Paul Edward Sleeth and
Thel-
ma Lillian Kennedy, both of Olbuguay
were united in marriage at a Baptist church in
Clarksburg, W. Va., on May 7, 1943.

Mrs. Sleeth is the daughter of Mrs. Nora Ken-
ney of Mt. Olive Baptist Church at the
Seventh Day Baptist Church of Lost Creek. Mr. Sleeth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John
Baptist Church of Clarksburg. They will not
establish a home until Mr. Sleeth returns
home from these accredited preachers.

Babcock - Arthur H. Babcock was born August
13, 1865, in Dakota, Wis., and died in his
home in Clarksburg, W. Va., on February 24,1943.

He was the second son of Rev. Oscar and Meta
Bristol Babcock. When he was three, his father's
second child, he, came with his father, two brothers, and one sister to North
Carolina. The first grade schooling was obtained in the country schools, and
attended Alfred University, and one year at An-
other Law School. Wide reading and study made
him a well read man.

July 3, 1893, he was united in marriage to
Bether Davis. This marriage was blessed with
three daughters作为一种, Alberta of South, N. B., Beverly T. of
Shelby, N. C., and Alberta of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Mrs. Myra Gowen of
Long Beach, Calif.; seven grandchildren, and
four nieces and nephews.

In early life he became a member of the North
Lewis Seventh Day Baptist Church, the church
which he attended all his life. He was a great
cover of people and was loved by everyone. He
is greatly missed by the community as he was one of the early settlers who helped build the
community.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor
in the Clarksburg Church, of which he was
frequently worshiped. Burial was in the local
cemetery.

Bond - Emery. Alonso Bond, son of Emery
Bond, and Mrs. Bond, was born November 17,
1869, at Roanoke, W. Va., and died at that
place on March 17, 1903. He was married to
Mary L. Little, also of Roanoke, August 8, 1943, after an illness of
seven months.

He was baptized and joined the Roanoke Seventh
Day Baptist Church as a young man, and was
a member at the time of his passing. He was
faithful in attendance and service when it was
possible.

Surviving are one brother, Everett Bond, a
half-brother, and one sister, Mrs. Jennie Grubbs
of Akron, Ohio. The deceased was a member of the
Baptist Church of Westover, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Harley
Sutton, and burial was in the local cemetery.

H. S. Bond.

Bond - Mrs. Nellie Isabelle Corwin Bond was
born near Scranton, Pa., September 5, 1923,
and died at her home at Quiet Dell, W. Va.,
August 30, 1943.
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She was married to William Franklin Bond, May 16, 1846. The following children were born to this union, and surviving are: William Everett Bond of New Market, N. J.; Mrs. B. F. Johanson of Battle Creek, Mich. In February, 1950, Mr. Thomas moved to Milton, N. Y., in the employ of the Burdick Company till ill health caused his retirement, May 3, 1943. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carroll L. Hill. Interment was in Milton Cemetery.

ANNUAL MEETING
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held on Sunday, October 10, 1943, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Gothic, at Alfred, N. Y., for election of directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

(Signed) David S. Clarke.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Albion, Wis.

For the first time in years Albion has had a Sabbath school picnic. Due to the gas shortage it was not held, as formerly, on the shores of old historic Lake Koshkonong, but on the beautiful campus. This is so central a place that no one had far to go and a crowd of seventy or more gathered under the beautiful old trees to enjoy the dinner and general good time.

During the summer we have been blessed with a resident pastor, Kenneth Van Horn, who has been very faithful, preached inspiring sermons, and been very helpful to the young. He had planned to leave for Alfred, N. Y., for the opening of the school, but was prevented by a heart attack on August 10, 1943.

Besides the daughter, she leaves to mourn her loss a brother, J. Alfred Wilson of Dunellen; a grandson, James Alexander of Knoxville; and a nephew, Austin Wilson of Cranston, R. I., all of New Market, N. J.

Mrs. Van Horn attended a sum of money was presented her as a presented to her husband, as long as she was able to do so.

H. S. Greene.

—Arthur E. Greene, born September 25, 1861, in Berlin, N. Y.; passed away on August 9, 1943. He was a life member of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, and until the end was treasurer of the church. He was the son of Edgar E. Greene and Eliza Greenman Greene, all of Berlin. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Whyland Greene. They were married on May 3, 1888. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Cowee of Berlin and Mrs. Ida Dennison of Riverside, Calif.

In the absence of his pastor, who was attending the Southwestern Association, farewell services were conducted by Rev. Albert T. Strobel of the Methodist Church of Berlin.

Mrs. Greene was apparently in the best of health until she was stricken with a heart attack on Sunday afternoon. He passed away on Monday evening.

L. M. Peddie.

—Mrs. Edith W. Peddie, widow of John W. Peddie, formerly of Dunellen, N. J., was born in North Plainfield, September 3, 1880, and died at Knoxville, Tenn., August 11, 1943. She was the daughter of the late James Y. and Sarah Stillman Wilson. She was a member of the Fucataway Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Market, N. J.

For some time she had been living with her daughter, Mrs. John H. Alexander of Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Peddie's husband died January 17, 1940.

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Funeral services were conducted from the Runyon Funeral Home, Dunellen, Rev. Clarence E. Gett officiating. Interment was in Hillsdale Cemetery, Plainfield.

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—Harry Ellsworth Thomas, son of Rand- old and Sylvia Van Horn Thomas was born January 12, 1875, at Albion, Wis., and passed away in the employ of the Burdick Company, Milton, N. Y., on August 2, 1943.

He was baptized February 27, 1892, by Rev. E. A. Witter, and joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, where his membership remained till he later moved to Milton, N. Y., October 10, 1935, he was married to Edna B. Thomas at Albion, by Rev. E. A. Witter. To them were born two daughters: Eloise, at home; and Eunice, Mrs. Frank-lin Walsh, of Hebron, Ill.

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