programs ten months of the year, monthly devotional meetings at the County Home in Bridgeton, the Shiloh quarterly News Bulletin, the distribution of Testaments and tracts and the sending of Testaments to the boys in U. S. Service, an increase in church attendance, a new C.E. group organized, also a new Sabbath school intermediate group formed, the opening of a Building fund, and a more definite "Bible study and knowledge" among our members.

Pastor Osborn had arranged a program in five parts with the main topic, "Our Responsibility. These topics were briefly touched on by members. The following is a summary of them:

1. Our Responsibility to Our Church—by Mrs. David S. Davis.

2. Our Duty to Our Fellow Members—a general discussion by those present.

3. Our Responsibility to Our Community—general discussion.

4. Our Duty to the Unsaved—by Mr. Everett Dickinson.

5. Facing Our Responsibilities—by Harmon Dickinson. (This article appears in full elsewhere in this issue.)

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**MARRIAGES**

Maxson - Fargo. — At the Seventh Day Baptist church in Battle Creek, Michigan, October 20, 1943, Pvt. Earl Edwin Maxson and Miss Anna B. Fargo were united in marriage. Rev. Henry N. Jordan officiated. Their present address is Infantry Bldg No. 1, Camp Roberts, Calif.

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**OBITUARY**

Burch. — In Canaan, Conn., October 8, 1943, Mrs. H. R. Burch was born in Westerly, R. I., September 21, 1881, the daughter of Henry and Emma (Davis) Leonard. Early in life she was baptized and became a member of the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church. Forty-three years ago she was united in marriage with Mr. Burch. Burch became business manager of the Recorder office. Her church membership was transferred by letter to the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Plainfield, where it has remained until her death. She was a cheerful Christian.

Funeral services were held at the Avery Funeral Home, Westerly, R. I., on Tuesday afternoon, and interment was on the Leonard family lot in First Hopkinson Cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor of the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiated.

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**THR NEIGHBOR — THYSELF**

By Edith Lovejoy Pierce

When I glance in the mirror upon the wall

It's not my face I see,

But tear-starred eyes that have wept all night

Keep looking back at me.

Gaunt care has clawed in that younger face

Deep lines where they should not be.

When I raise my hands in prayer to God

It's not my hands I raise,

Nor mine the voice whose urgent tones,

Forgetting words of praise,

Cry only for bread, for daily bread,

In the empty war-torn days.

Do I lightly swing my broom to sweep,

Not mine the back that aches

In sudden weakness—no, nor mine

The sad nights' doleful wakes.

When I think of children in far-off lands,

It is not my heart that breaks.
It is passing strange to have a cold Christian pulpit, and to hear the wonder of the cross of Christ so near. The Church needs nothing more imperative than a revival of the actual values of Pentecost. The revival will come when the pulpit becomes alarmed about itself and the souls waiting in the pew. But even before this, the pastor and people need to get to their knees, and to drink the cup of a new Gethsemane.

A. L. D.

THE AMERICAN HOME

Marriage Is Holy in Its Ceremony

The marriage ceremony is a Christian ceremony. It is not simply a civil contract. It is that, of course, for every Christian is a citizen, and it is his duty to obey the laws of his state. But marriage is more than that, for the Christian's "manner of living is heaven," and he has a higher allegiance to the law of God. If there is one procedure in our laws that has outlived its usefulness it is the civil marriage, it is no longer expedient or necessary. Today we have members of the clergy in every city, village, and township in the nation. There is no sanctity or dignity in a civil marriage. There is no preliminary conference, no preparation. In most cases it cannot be called a service. One might as well apply for a license and omit the farse of a ceremony.

When the marriage took place in Cana of Galilee, there were a few simple words in each instance and the ceremony was over. And where Christ and his disciples are, there is the Church. By his presence, our Lord sanctifies any place. A rowboat was once his pulpit, and then beside his hospital. The most lovely home, if it invite him to be there, may become his Church where, as in Cana of Galilee, he shall bless the marriage.

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SALARY LESS

A special organism, the foundation of society, built on the law of God, revealing the love of God, carrying out the will of God, and doing the creative work of God. Patience is required; love is essential. There are trials and galling burdens. "But be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

"Better to weave in the web of life than to love a dead life."

"And do God's will with a ready heart."

"And be not rash in the use of words."

"Then to neglect the delicate, slender threads of our conversation!"

"And then blame heaven for the tangled ends."

"Of necessity, the foundation of society, built upon the word of God, is never complete."

"The quarterly report of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Mis- sionary Society was held Sunday afternoon, October 17, 1943, in the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist church."

"We are grateful to the Eastern, Central, and Western Associations for sending to the Deer Park Church, Bridgeton, N. J. Mrs. Davis made a few remarks, saying that she and Mr. Davis were glad to be with the board, and she was interested to see such a large attendance and interest manifested. Mr. Davis also spoke."


"Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Luther S. Davis of Bridgeton, N. J., Mrs. Walter D. Kenyon, and Mrs. Trevah Sutton."

"The monthly and quarterly reports of the treasurer were read. The quarterly report and report of the condition of the society were ordered recorded."

"Statement of Condition, September 30, 1943"

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"Costs higher - Salary less"

A layman observes that living costs have risen materially in recent months.

"Men on salary have incurred the income tax before receiving it. Our already underpaid pastors are in need, suffering in silence."

Let's give them a good raise in pay, and do it now.

P. B.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

The quarterly report of the corresponding secretary was presented, approved, and ordered recorded.

Quarterly Report of Corresponding Secretary

As corresponding secretary I would report that during the quarter much time has been given to the work at special meeting, September 19, the promotion of special evangelistic work, which in years past received much attention. The promotion of the Sabbath Recorder has been started and the response is good.

The third week in September a trip was made to New York City for the autumn meeting of the administrative committee of the Presbyterian Church, held with our board at Thorngate. The Board has about a considerable time been involved in bringing them home. The Tropics Committee said there had been no report.

The corresponding secretary read a letter from Rev. C. L. Smellie, who asked for more information about his status, another year, December 1, 1944. At the last meeting of the board Mr. Smellie was given a power of attorney.

The minutes were read and approved. The appeal for funds necessary to bring the missionaries home, made by Rev. Ralph H. Coon, was paraphrased by Rev. Dr. William Barrow Pugh, of the Federal Council of Churches.

The president was instructed to name the special board of elections, which is to be called the church."
were presented to the Chinese people as the Three Abolitionies—the corner-stone of democracy which Free China is now fighting to defend and perpetuate.

Loved Liberty

From his early childhood until 1925, when he died, Sun was inspired by American ideas. He became exposed to the American ideals of liberty as a boy of twelve, when he went from China to Honolulu to visit his older brother. (He attended a mission school, learned English, played with English and American children.) When he returned to China three years later, he returned as a rebel, determined to free China of her prejudices and superstitions, to overthrow the detestable Manchu, and to promote Western ideas of education, science, and industry for China.

In his youth, Sun Yat-sen became a medical student and practiced as a doctor for many years. When he reached his twenty-ninth birthday, he had become so prominent and well known as a plotter of revolution that a Manchu Empress put a price of half a million dollars on his head, and Sun Yat-sen went to Japan for his own safety. His friends—the English Foreign Office, the British and American consuls, and the Chinese government—waited for a chartered boat that was to return him to China. He was watching the street for a chartered boat that was to return him to China.

WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Salem, Va.

DODGE CENTER SOCIETY

Since we have been requested by our Women's Board and Recorder readers to send in histories of our "Aids" or "Ladies' Societies" of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, we have considered it proper that Kendall Fruit, chairman and general director for the Dodge Center decided to acknowledge the request and send in a few notes relating to the history of our society:

We find that the Ladies' Benevolent Society is and has been a most important factor in the financial prosperity of the church. The society was organized October 4, 1874, at the home of Elder Zufiel Campbell. Mrs. Jane Platt was elected first president, Mrs. B. S. Babcock, vice-president; Mrs. M. A. Orcutt, secretary; Mrs. Joel Brown, treasurer; the Misses Etta Saunders and Mary Brown, solicitors.

The first song book was placed in the entry of the church, to be sold for $17.55 to raise a fund for the church floor. All through these years of exile, the members have contributed to the support of church missions by sending $3.97 to the church. In 1929, the society's collection of used articles was sold to go toward buying carpets for the church floor. All through these years the church was supported by a missionary meetings a collection of $9.70 was taken to help a teacher for the boys in China. The society was organized to be applied on the teacher's salary. In 1900, the sale of useful articles in town hall yielded $49.57. Throughout all these years the society has contributed to the Woman's Board of Dodge Center, and has provided for the poor, and for and assisted in Red Cross activities.

In 1929, the society put on a play, entitled "Sewing for the Heavens"; the members were the actors; the play was a huge success—netting $17.34 for the treasury. The society was asked to repeat the play in the opera house, but refused.

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house; and the "As You Are" breakfasts, where the hostess is prepared, but the guests are not. We are compelled to go, no matter in what work they are engaged or the manner of dress.

The last public effort of the society took place recently when we served pie, coffee, wheat cakes, and sandwiches at the Million Hotel, the proceeds to purchase a War Bond.

The last session of the society was held October 6, 1943, with Mrs. Lester Green—Mrs. Wallace Greene assisting—and thirty-five were present.

Some of the officers who have served from the beginning: Presidents—Mrs. Clarissa Burdick, Mrs. Jose Tappan, Mrs. S. R. Wheeler, Mrs. George Wells, Mrs. D. H. Brown, Mrs. Flora Tappan, Mrs. H. D. Clarke, Mrs. J. H. Harley, Mrs. Lottie Langworthy, Mrs. Nellie Ellis, and Mrs. Mabel Sayre. Secretaries—Mrs. Orcutt, Mrs. Edwin Babcock, Miss Etta Saunders, E. C. Tuthill, Ellen Churchward, Mrs. Lulu Ellis, Miss Elsie Lyman, Mrs. Flora Tappan, Mrs. Ellis Lewis, Mrs. Churchward, Miss Edna Langworthy, Mrs. Charlotte Lindahl, Mrs. Eva Payne, and Miss G. Lucy Carpenter. Mrs. Jane Houghtaling, Mrs. Eli Ayars, Mrs. Sarah Wells, Mrs. Annie F. Olin, Mrs. Lucy Sweet, Mrs. Lavine Langworthy, Mrs. Etta North, Mrs. Jennie Babcock. All these and many we cannot mention by name have wrought by their work and effort, in what work they are engaged or the manner of dress.

ONE'S CHRISTIAN RELIGION: A PRICE-LESS POSSESSION

I have rediscovered my Christian beliefs, or did I not fully discover them when I was just a civilian? This question has coursed through my brain particularly since I have become stationed in Alaska.

In the first place, one cannot run away from God. He is everywhere. The only way we can, in effect, run away from God is our own self-deception. "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139: 7-12). Someone wrote me: "I had been afraid to fly to the states from Alaska. My reply was that I had no fear. We know that an airplane does not disobey God's laws, but it overcomes one of God's laws, gravity, and it then makes use of God's law of buoyancy of gasses (air). In addition, if one's heart's mission is to end according to God's plan, one must leave this earth regardless of where he is at such a time of beckoning. If we have such faith in the human application of God's law, how can we lose faith in God's promises and his welfare for us?

In the second place, I rediscovered the value and meaning of prayer. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." This quoted line is so familiar to me that it is almost a trite acceptance of the truth of it daily. When the way seems hard and monotonous, as it will, take your problems of the day to Jesus in prayer and he will refresh you. Take it from me, a soldier, it works every day.

In the third place, I also rediscovered the value of the Bible which I now read daily, if possible. A thoughtful reading of the Holy Book adds to one's vision and vistas and helps to chart the proper course of life.

In the fourth place, I also rediscovered that one should not hesitate to state his Christian beliefs. One's faith is often demonstrated by one's action, and at the same time one's stand for Christ is strengthened. It is always to be remembered that one's integrity is stronger than one's probabilities, whether for good or ill. The little things as attitudes, a smile, the tone of one's voice, the word of kindness and sympathy, the effort or position taken to see that justice be tempered with mercy, performing acts of consideration, the attitude with which one does his work—these factors add to or detract from the progress of society and Christianity.

Luke states Jesus' advice, "But seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12: 31). One fails to follow this advice so often, seeking to do one's own will and then, as a last resort, seeking God's will. God promises that if we seek his will first, all things shall be granted us which are in harmony with God's plan for us. One challenge I make to the readers of this article: test your faith in the promises and ask yourself, "What would Christ have me to do under my present circumstances?" and discover or better rediscover, in the case may be, "a more abundant life."" —Pvt. Frederik J. Bakker.

A BIRD’S-EYE VIEW OF SACRED HISTORY

(Outlined by Rev. Lester G. Osborn and continued from last week)

From the Creation to the Beginning of the Monarchy (Genesis to First Samuel 12)

EXODUS—THE BOOK OF REDEMPTION

Historical—Chapters 1-19. Bondage; Deliverer; Deliverance; Journey. This section tells of the bondage and deliverance of the people of Israel.

Part II

Legal—Chapters 20-40. Law and Covenant; Tabernacle and Priesthood. This section tells how the people were welded into a nation.
The chosen family, grown to a great people, and in four hundred thirty years since the close of Genesis, is in bondage in Egypt, for the old Egyptian dynasty came back into power, and "a king who knew not Joseph, fearing that the people would revolt and bring back the Hyksos kings, set out to prevent their growth. Their bondage was hard, they were sorely oppressed, and they were threatened with death.

In Exodus we see this chosen people delivered by the power of God; we hear their joyful psalm of praise for deliverance change to them. God is caring for his people would revolt and fear that his people would revolt and God gives them their gratitude and joy turning. In Exodus we see this chosen people delivered by the power of God; we hear their joyful psalm of praise for deliverance changing to them. God is caring for his people, just before the: they were sorely oppressed, and they were threatened with death. They were rationed, or we would not have lied to our own poets, after four hundred thirty years.

In hunger they are fed, when thirsty they are provided for; (2) the ceremonial law, the works and waits for God's house; he is in and out of our people. We were liars before we were rationed, or we would not have lied under the system. "Our own poets, after four hundred thirty years, are given drink, in danger they are protected.

Just three months after leaving Egypt they arrive at Mount Sinai, where they are to be our son is. In every generation, this chosen people developed a race with Bridgeton, N. J. Are you? They were almost shocked when we got there, for they looked so much like the one in the movie that we decided the name was just right for her. Today we sent some presents to our uncle overseas. We got some books for them at the corner book store.

"Little mistress Nedra, let me in! Let me in!" And sure enough, out came Nedra and let a very happy little dog in. Some one went off with Nedra's daddy's hunting dog last week, so they try to keep Gyp tied up when she is outdoors. Your true friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I haven't written to you since last summer, so I decided this was a good time to write since I am home from school with last year. While I was in the hospital, so it seems I have to get sick to find time to write. I was pretty busy this summer but I guess everyone is these days. I'm in the sixth grade this year. Frankly is three years old now. At last he is taking training. He never has said much but now he repeats words a lot.

I have a Guernsey calf named Bonnie that I got through a team made a great effort. Georgie, a Jersey calf named Sylvia. We showed them at the fair and Bonnie got first prize. Sylvia got second prize. I was at the fair every afternoon, taking care of them and keeping them clean. Paul showed three chickens and got three first prizes. He takes care of all our hens and pullets.

Philip Thorngate, our second cousin, visited us for a week this summer. We rode horses in a lot of places. We have three riding horses, Muff, Silver, and Dick, and a colt named Flicka. We saw the movie, "My Friend Flicka," and when we got home and after leaving Egypt, for they were threatened with death. They were rationed, or we would not have lied to our own poets, after four hundred thirty years. In every generation, this chosen people developed a race with Bridgeton, N. J. Are you? They were almost shocked when we got there, for they looked so much like the one in the movie that we decided the name was just right for her.

Our little granddaughter, Gretchen, was three years old last April. We thought she was pretty slow about learning to talk, but she talks fast enough now. They tell about Kate Smith, whose programs you have perhaps heard over the radio, that she didn't talk until she was four, and hasn't stopped talking since. Maybe Franky and Gretchen are some kids, so they are. I never saw the movie, "My Friend Flicka," but I read the story and also its sequel, "Thunderhead," and enjoyed reading them. Your sincere friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

OUR PULPIT

THE HIGHWAY OF THE UPRIGHT

By Rev. Herbert L. Polan, Verona, N. Y.

"This is Christ's house and he is in and out of it than his house is now. As my heart is, and yours, and is as great even as the void between our lives and his.

"This is Christ's house; he enters, he speaks, he leaves. Among these corners, and in these corners, and in these corners, and in the corners of every room. Who hear his Come, and answer 'Here Am I.'

"This is Christ's house. He speaks here. From the depths Of this eternal order to the depths. Of man's mundane confusion here, he speaks. He still lives, and has his works for life.

During the past few weeks it has been our privilege to go from Verona down to Alfred, from Alfred up to Keeseville, and back home again. One cannot make such a journey as we ventured to do and not get homesick. This is Christ's house. He speaks here. From the depths Of this eternal order to the depths. Of man's mundane confusion here, he speaks. He still lives, and has his works for life.

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A group of women were together and one the of some of the leaves the grandeur still remained, though in darker colors. Our little granddaughter, Gretchen, was three years old last April. We thought she was pretty slow about learning to talk, but she talks fast enough now. They tell about Kate Smith, whose programs you have perhaps heard over the radio, that she didn't talk until she was four, and hasn't stopped talking since. Maybe Franky and Gretchen are some kids, so they are. I never saw the movie, "My Friend Flicka," but I read the story and also its sequel, "Thunderhead," and enjoyed reading them. Your sincere friend, Mizpah S. Greene.
The way of holiness; the unclean shall not be used if they were ways of holiness and wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err pass over it; but it shall be for those: the be there, and away, and it shall be called need to be changed and they speak the truth.

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In the days of the Judges arose a mother in Israel."

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The other night I had a dream. Now dreams are strange as they shape themselves. But in my dream Elder Babcock—a man who to my boyish mind (for as a boy I knew him) radiated strength of character, true manhood. And other things were climbing up on a roof, and lost his footing. I was within reach of him and could have reached out and caught hold of him and both of us would have dropped about forty feet to the ground, as it seemed. Instead, I grasped timbers above my head, and holding on extended my foot, and hung on. He looked up at me and in that quiet way of his said, "It doesn’t matter; I’m only going home alone."

If the unclean could not pass over them? And at the war or now as ways of holiness? How shall it be in the years to come?

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Bakker. — Geermina Schuur Bakker, daughter of Pieter and Lammechiena Schuur, born December 12, 1878, Oude Pekela, The Netherlands, passed away October 13, 1943, at Plainfield, N. J.

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1912, the family came to Plainfield where the home has been since.

Mrs. Bakker joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ by letter December 21, 1912.

She is survived by her husband, son, and daughter, other relatives, and close friends.

Memorial services were conducted October 16 by her pastor, Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hilker Cemetery October 19, following Fredrick's arrival from a distant military post.

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