THE SABBATH RECORDER

Russell A. Churchward, F.C.3/c, of Norfolk, Va., was home for a few days, the third week in August.

Capt. Philip Loofbourrow of Tallahassee, Fla., was home for three days the last week in September.

October 3, Corp. Donald Loofbourrow, of Fort Monmouth, N. J., came home on a six-day furlough.

Corp. Dale Churchward arrived home October 6, and returned to San Francisco three weeks later. Dale has been in the South Pacific for eighteen months.

October 2, our church celebrated World Wide Communion with an appropriate service, both in the morning and the afternoon. There was a good attendance at both meetings. Dinner was served on the church lawn, and the social time together, along with the splendid meetings, made it an outstanding Sabbath day. Those who attended from away were: Mrs. Edna Dangerfield of Alton, Ill.; Mrs. Nettie Rood, of Loofboro, Rockford, Ill.; and much to our surprise Rev. and Mrs. Wayne R. Rood, who arrived the night before from the East. Mr. Rood assisted in the morning service, favored us with a solo, and at the afternoon meeting gave us a talk on the duties of a chaplain. Mr. Rood left Sabbath night for Camp McCoy, Wis., where he began his work as chaplain.

The northern Wisconsin and Minnesota churches held their semi-annual meetings at Dodge Center, Minn., October 22-24. Those from our church who attended were: Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills and daughter Miriam, Corp. Dale Churchward, Rowena and Clara Loofboro, Alton Churchward, who now works in St. Paul, Minn., also attended part of the meetings. All the services were well attended and proved inspirational and helpful. Beautiful fall weather added to the success of the meetings.

Two combined C. E. meetings and socials were held at the parsonage during the month of October. Pastor Mills led the first meeting and Rodney North the second. November 6, a C. E. meeting was held at the home of Clara Loofboro, with Juanita Loofbourrow leader. A social time followed. The Ladies' Aid has met once or twice a month all summer and fall and have been busy sewing. Many articles were sold as soon as completed. Our society has paid five dollars a month toward the pastor's salary since April. We voted to buy two copies of "China Letters," and place one in the Chetek Library, and one in the Bloomer Library.

The new year is not far off. Perhaps our church, with the aid of its earnest pastor, could carry out its New Year's resolution the words of Paul the apostle: "But one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."--Correspondent.

THE GADARENE'S SOLILOQUY

By Rev. S. S. Powell

Jesus came from Galilee,
Came from far and came to me.
I, erewhile in Gadara born,
Saw him, saw the Savior's form,
Knew that he had come to me.

First he stilled the blowing storm,
Then he stilled my storm for me—
Sent me forth from morn to morn,
Bade me tell his love for me,
Tell that Jesus came to me.

Forth I go to blast abroad,
Praising now the Lord my God,
Speaking of my Savior's love,
Gives he gives me from above.
Grace to tell he set me free.

Chained was I in Legion's power,
Dark the day, the evening hour,
Storms and tempests round me surged,
Storms within to fury urged.
Jesus spake his peace to me.

Peace now broods o'er all the deep,
Peace will o'er my spirit keep
Ceaseless vigil, endless calm,
Keeping me from needless harm;
Jesus spake and set me free.

RECORDEtl WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of a like nature, will be run in this column at one cent per word for each insertion, minimum charge 5c.

MAGAZINE subscriptions and renewals sold on over 3,000 publications. A card or letter will bring you prices on any you desire. Your orders will be greatly appreciated. Paul W. Campbell, 500 Olive St., Hamilton, La. 11-22-34

WANTED—Man, woman, or couple for voyage for winter or longer time to care for three cows and two general work only if desired. Accommodations and good wages. Write whether hourly or weekly wages are desired, or any other proposition. Mrs. Mabel D. Main, Pomona, Pomona County, Fla. 11-8-34

PLAINFIELD, N. J., NOVEMBER 29, 1943

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Japanese Exchange Ship, Teia Maru, Arriving at Port of Marmugos, Portuguese India

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is scheduled to dock December 2, and at this
closing week-end meeting. He doubtless will have
And, as always in his work, he has given us of his
be put away, but read again and again.
Bibles and Testaments for prisoners of war.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

The writer takes up his office work again.

UNIVERSAL BIBLE DAYS

December twelfth will be observed as

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at 356 feet below sea level.

We trust soon to be seeing

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Do not hallucinate.
The southern Californian says when its weather is criticized as "hot"-"Oh! Yes! But it's a dry heat." The Washingtonian, when weather of that state is berated as "cold,"-"Yes! But it's a cold rain!"-while the Oregonian admitting it's "rainy," comes back with "But it's a dry rain."

The rain with a temperate climate makes, with the fertile soil, for many various fruits of grapes, peaches, and other lovely flowers. In Oregon I saw a rose tree with trunk many inches in diameter, and covered with wonderfully bloom, though out of season for roses. Here also, I saw growing the popular fruit pear, and for the first time, filberts growing. The bushes, contrary to my expectation, are well formed, low headed trees. An orchard of filberts is valued at $1,500 per acre. It takes but three or four years for them to come to bearing. Truly, the Willamette River valley was worth saving to the United States, and the foresight and persistence of our early missionaries in settling this section of country lies upon us a large debt of gratitude.

Washington

From Eugene, reluctantly—except in the thought of continuing toward home—the writer set his face to the north and east.'

A day was spent in Milwaukie, Montana, with your missionary couple of the North Loop, New Church, Richard and Mabel Green. The latter has been a helpless invalid for ten years. They are both beloved by her husband and children. We were interested, too, in their children and grandchildren. A brother of Richard, Archie by name, whom we had known during the last seven years, came away in another section of this immense state of Montana. Had gasoline been available we would have made a trip to visit him.

The trip through this state with its mountains, plateaus, rivers and valleys: with its antelope herds and smaller wild life easily observable as we speeded along, was enjoyable and never to be forgotten. The Bad Lands of North Dakota, through sixty miles of desert scenery of prairies peppered in spots with ring-necked pheasants, prairie chickens, and wild ducks, was no small adventure. In hours that otherwise might have been more monotonous were made pleasant by conversations with a "buddy" seatmate and other men in uniform on furlough, doing just as much such you find the "good, bad, and indifferent." Our heart ached for some who seemed to have no regard for religion or any personal knowledge of a loving Savior.

A STUDY CONFERENCE ON DENOMINATIONAL LIFE

By Albert N. Rogers

President of the Conference

The Year Book is off the press and in the hands of the churches. This is a signal that the work of the denomination goes on. (If you have not yet received your copy, notify the manager of the publishing house.)

Because it was impossible for us to have the inspiration of a General Conference this year, it has suggested that local church leaders of a Study Conference on Denominational Life be held in each of our churches. Using the Year Book and recent numbers of our Missionary News and Review, these leaders should make a study of the names of each of our members of the Commission to sit with you as a consulting expert on our denominational work. These names are found on the inside cover of the Year Book and your pastor can supply addresses for each. Following a night of study, designed for use by a young people's society, a Sabbath school, a prayer meeting, or a group of speakers at a Sabbath morning service. It will prompt other to see also lives, and to doubt, to which may be discussed in a question period.

A Study Conference on Denominational Life

"What's Doing Among Seventh Day Baptists?"

1. Refresh your knowledge of our three major boards and the Commission. What is being done in the British West Indies, in India, in China? How much is still owed on the Denominational Building? What board wants an executive secretary, etc.? What board always needs secretaries, etc.? What board always needs secretaries, etc.?

2. Refresh your knowledge of the Conference and the Commission. What are the rates of which we pay our employees? What committee on finance, etc. What offices had to be vacated in the past? What is the present status? Does each committee serve your church?

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As I read the New Testament I am impressed with the importance given to personal names, particularly in the epistles. The early church was made strong by the interlocking web of personal friendships. Upon this foundation is the idea that our denomination is also rich. I urge, therefore, that the Study Conference be pointed toward men and women who are doing the work of our churches and abroad.

463 Hawthorne Ave.,
Yonkers 5, N. Y.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our sister, Daisy W. Melia, whose life and work in the church during many years makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of her.

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of one of our dearest and co-workers, we will remember her faith and her love in an immortal life beyond the grave.

Resolved, That we express to her family our deepest sympathy, with the earnest hope that through the clouds of bereavement they may feel the heavenly Father's love and care.

There is no death! Cesse then to mourn and sorrow When those we love shake off their shackles grim; For there is no death, but life, bright to morrow. And we should raise a glad Thanksgiving hymn.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our society and a copy be sent to our student body.

The Ladies' Aid Society,
Milton Junction S.D.B. Church,
Lottie G. Baker,
President.
Zona Green,
Assistant Secretary.
Jennie C. Greene, Committee.

MISSIONS


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

Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Billings, West Milton.

THE UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR OUR SISTER CHURCHES

The days pass swiftly by, the old year will soon end, and the new year will begin. For several decades Protestants have observed the first full week in January as the Week of Prayer for the Churches, and January 2-9, 1944, is set aside this year for that purpose. This year's theme is, "The Guidance and Power of God." Two paragraphs taken from a booklet prepared to promote the Week of Prayer make the following pertinent statements:

The Universal Week of Prayer is held annually during the first full week in January. It is a worldwide fellowship of Christians who unite together for the purpose of prayer. In some countries the Week of Prayer is sponsored by district committees. In several countries it is sponsored by the United Church of Christ in America, through its Department of Missions.

Perhaps there never has been a time when Christians needed to pray more than during these days of suffering and conflict. Christians need to learn the value of prayer, and may be true to Christ and the Church. Also, they need to fervently pray for others. Simultaneous and united prayer may help to find the churches of the world into an unbreakable fellowship. While there are of course things that we are not doing because of circumstances over which they have no control, yet there is always one thing...
they can do—they can pray. "Men ought always to pray" for weather, in times of war as well as in times of peace.

It is suggested that the meetings be carefully considered by the churches as a community unit, and that different leaders be selected. In some communities it has been found helpful to hold the meetings in private homes.

For a number of years the Missionary Board has held the Uni-

versal Week of Prayer, and in doing this has sent to the pastors and church leaders where there are no pastors, copies of a booklet giving help for each meeting during the week. The booklets prepared for the 1944 Week of Prayer have been mailed, and additional copies may be had at the department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Ave., New York City.

WELCOME NEWS

The fore part of this month Mr. Stillman, treasurer of the Missionary Board, received a letter from Dr. Grace I. Crandall, Chang-tan, Kingsville, China. It had been on route about two months. The most of the letter had to do with financial affairs, but there were included some specially interesting letters to the readers of the Sabbath Recorder, and these follow:

"I wrote you some little time ago and sent a letter to my sister, and I hope you have received it or will soon. But lest you have not received it, I will repeat what I said in it. I understand that the government has given to the Central Bank, Chunking, China, and from there it will be forwarded to you. This is the method with which Mr. Stillman has been using this fall."

Doctor Crandall says she has just learned how money can be sent to her. The plan is that the funds be deposited in the Chase Bank in Shanghai and from there forwarded to them. Doctor Crandall has been using this method with the money for the Sabbath Recorder.

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Pork is $30 a pound, very high, and enough to eat up most of the money for that. Chickens and eggs are out of the question unless one has his own, which we have and shall soon be able to begin eating them rather regularly, and I hope to have our own eggs, also. Milk is $1.50 per quart, fish and eggs are high. Vegetables are also very high and of very scant variety. I have a small garden, but it has not done well this year. Rabbits and rats are also feeling the famine, so that they eat up tomatoes and squash on the vines. Our cat was stolen, so we are overrun with rats. Kittens come faster than can be used, and are very expensive to keep."

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A PRAYER

Father, we pause to thank thee for all thou hast done for us; for life, for love, and above all, for thee. Help us to be more thankful to those about us and to thee, loving our heavenly Father. We ask in thy Name, Amen.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD

The Board of Directors, at the meeting of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination met in regular session November 14, 1943.

Devotional was conducted by Mrs. Otis Swiger who read excerpts from "The Sermon on the Mount," by E. Stanley Jones. She also read "The Twelve Verses," and "The Lord's Prayer." The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Venie Bond, was read, showing a balance of $792.39 for September and $841.25 for October. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the corresponding secretary was given, stating that Mrs. Marion Van Horn had accepted the position of the Women's Board correspondent for the Southeastern Association; also, that Mrs. Frank Hubbard and Pastor Victor Skaggs had acted as delegates at the Women's Board meeting in New York, November 10, of the C.C.O.R. and R.

The editor of the Woman's Page, Mrs. Davis, read correspondence from Mrs. Cecil Whorton of Columbus, Miss. It was voted that Mrs. Davis answer this letter. Correspondence was also read from the Foreign Missions Board and the Woman's Board of the Seventh-day Adventist Church regarding Christian literature and literacy. It was voted that Mrs. Davis present this matter through the Recorder.
The report of the committee on the spiritual life of our church was read, accepted, and placed on file.

Your Committee to Promote the Spiritual Welfare of Our Youth in the Service of their country addressed the following report: The committee met with all members present, October 30. Much spiritual work was done, and this committee could recommend to our various societies.

It was decided to extend a letter to each church society asking for the names of all of our young women in service of their country. We recommend the following report:

Mrs. E. A. Witter.

The report of the Christian Culture Committee was read, accepted, and placed on file.

The Christian Culture Committee would report that they have raised over five hundred dollars to pay for the discussion program which met each month for publication in the Recorder.

A letter from Elder B. C. Pelkey of Golden, Colo., has been received from the Women’s Society of Boulder, Colo., requesting pamphlets. Twenty-five copies of “How to Read the Bible” and “How to Use the Bible” were sent.

Elder Witter, who is now living in Salem, Ore., has submitted a report of his review of the booklet, “Christian World Facts.” We would recommend this booklet for study to the women’s societies.

Requests for copies of the booklet should be sent to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 156 5th Ave., New York City. They are free, with a small cost of mailing.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. P. Seager, Chairman.

A Book Review

A booklet of over three hundred pages was placed in my hands with a request that I write a review of it. The title is, “Christian World Facts.” No. 24, compiled by a large number of men and put out by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

A careful reading and study of this material will not fail to awaken in the mind of the reader a sense of the responsibilities of the foreign missions workers and other societies of the Methodist Church. It is a valuable book, not only for the foreign missionaries, but for our home workers also.

One cannot help but think of the words of Joy Homer, a journalist, who, after a trip through China, said, “I found mission hospitals well-equipped, well-staffed, and giving excellent service. America was called spectacular and heroic. I had not thought that China was the land of opportunity, but it is.”

Like Wendell Wilkie, in his famous trip around the world, one cannot help but think of the mission workers who are preparing the way for the spread of the gospel.

In this survey one is enabled to see how the youth of our country, and older ones as well, with lives consecrated to God in mission work in all parts of the world, are reaching out to all classes of men to Christ, but under God have been equipped and prepared to do all they can for the fulfillment of that angelic prophecy in the Bible, “And the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”

The price is twenty cents for a copy, and twelve cents each for twenty-five to one hundred copies.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. P. Seager, Chairman.

Monthly Report for October, 1943

To the Women’s Board, Salem, W. Va.

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A letter was read from Laura Lewis of Milton College, expressing appreciation to the Women’s Board of the use of the Mary Bailey Scholarship.

It was voted that Mrs. Okey W. Davis be invited to represent the Women’s Board of the Foreign Missions Conference and Jubilee to be held in January, in Chicago.

It is voted to send the usual expense allotment to Mrs. Martin Van Horn of Great Falls, Mont., for the work of the two boards which we represent.

It is a Sabbath week, and we are glad to know that Brother and Sister Van Horn and their families, separated by fourteen years, have been united in marriage. We wish to express our appreciation of our coming and felt greatly encouraged to continue Sabbath observance. They are highly appreciated by us in our work.

It was voted that Mrs. Otis O. Davis of Washington in order to see the work of the two Sabbath-keeping brothers, Dee and Elmer Green, with their families, separated by fourteen years, have been united in marriage. We wish to express our appreciation of our coming and felt greatly encouraged to continue Sabbath observance. They are highly appreciated by us in our work.

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It is voted to send $5 to the Emergence Fund of the American Bible Society.

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Members present, Mrs. James L. Skaggs, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Mrs. Ora O. Greer, Mrs. Oris S. Stutzer, Mrs. Oris F. Swiger, and Mrs. Roswell P. Seager.

Adjourned to meet in January, the second Sunday.

Mrs. James L. Skaggs.
Mrs. Roswell P. Seager.
Secretary pro tem.

Salem, W. Va.
It can be done! Someone has said, “the greatest unused resource of the church is the cooperation of the members in the church.”

Seven Day Baptists will begin to grow just as soon as we as individuals get right with God and each other, each with willingness and modernism, get a burdened heart for unsaved friends and neighbors, and go out to witness for Christ and the Sabbath in the power of the Holy Spirit, backing up our witness with a separated life.

Seven Day Baptist young people, what will you do about it?

L. G. O.

FAITH
Hebrews 11:1 and 12:1-3

Without faith we will never go into any profession. Without faith the farmer will never plant his crops. So it is with the Christians of today. If we do not exercise our faith it will not grow and multiply. The more we cultivate our faith the more we will become like our Master, Jesus Christ.

Think of a little boy going down a swelling stream on a piece of driftwood. He sees no way to keep from being drowned. All at once there appears a man in a boat who holds out a hand, saying, “Jump! I will save you.” At first the boy hesitates, then looks into the pleading eyes of his would-be rescuer and makes the leap. He is safe in the boat of safety.

Today Jesus stands with outstretched hands. He says, “Whoever has not already accepted him as his Savior going down the swelling stream of sin into the eternity of hell, I will help him jump—turn from the stream of sin and come with him. Have faith! Trust Christ today!”

Mrs. Cecil Wharton.

Box 132, Columbus, Miss.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Deuteronomy is a book of review, for it consists of eight discourses by Moses in which he gives the children of Israel and the church the chief provisions of the law. It is a long and earnest plea for heart and obedience for God based on a known and recognized relationship to him through redemption.

This book is characterized by a warm and earnest style, and is more spiritual and ethical than the other four books. Moses speaks with tenderness and urgency, and with a note of pathos, for it is his last address. This gives it a note of force and reality as well, for his time was short.

The chosen people, on the borders of the promised land, listen to their venerable leader, and God’s goodness to them as shown by all he had done for them. He reviews their history from the beginning, reviews the law in the hearing of the new generation, and pleads with them to obey God because of all his gracious dealings. The two grand motives for obedience which Moses gives them are love and fear, with emphasis on response to the divine love, but with the alternative clearly set forth in case of failure.

The fifteen to twentieth verses of chapter 30 are especially rich, setting forth in winsome tones the setting before them of life and death, good and evil, with the plea that they choose life and blessing.

At the close of Deuteronomy the people are just across the River Jordan from the promised land, opposite the key city, Jericho. Their long journey is ended. The land lies before them.

(Continued next week)

TREES OF THE BIBLE
Judges 9:10; Leviticus 23:40; Luke 19:4; Song of Solomon 2:3; Isaiah 44:14; Psalm 78:17; Ezekiel 14:3; Hosea 11:1; Daniel 17:13; Isaiah 41:19; 1 Kings 19:4; Isaiah 53:13.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 11, 1943

Golden Text—John 13:34.
**OUR LETTER EXCHANGE**

**Dear Mrs. Greene:**

This is the first letter I have ever written to the Children's Page. I have been wishing to write for some time and now I have my chance.

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade at the Sonoma Grammar School. I live on a ranch of sixty acres just a mile away from school. I earn fifty dollars on our ranch by picking up prunes and cutting pears this year.

We have Sabbath school in our own home and there is a little girl that is just my age. Our pastor is Mr. John I. Easterly, Berkeley, Calif.

I have a brother and sister, a sixteen-year-old and a sister aged eight. We have all been baptized and love the Lord Jesus.

My brother has had three years of violin lesson and now both he and I are taking piano lessons, but he still plays a hymn twice a day so he won't forget how to play.

We enjoy the Children's Page very much and think the stories are very nice.

Your friend,

**Evelyn Ritz.**

**Route 1, Box 412,**

**Sonoma, Calif.**

**P. S.** I would enjoy letters from other children. I will answer all letters.

**Dear Evelyn:**

I have enjoyed your good letter very much and am so glad you decided it was time you were writing for the Children's Page. I sincerely hope you will write often.

I think you are a "wonder worker" to earn so much in fruit gathering. I suppose now you have a plan up in your money. I hope you have earned and just where it will do the most good. I must have been about your age when I really earned my first money, picking corn and picking up potatoes for my father, and the next year I picked cherries and apples. I don't remember how much I earned, but I am sure it was somewhere near fifty dollars. I know I would have needed much more than that, however, if I had used it in all the ways I planned.

**Very truly yours,**

**Mizpah S. Greene.**

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**A CONFERENCE REPORT**

**Report of the Delegates to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.**

The biennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 8-11. In the conference meeting Herbert C. Van Horn was the Seventh Day Baptist delegates present. William L. Burdick was present also, in another capacity.

Something of the extent of the work of the council may be sensed in the fact that its published report makes a book of 329 pages. Anyone wishing to acquaint himself with the nature and extent of its labors should get and read this informing account of the co-operative activities of the non-Roman Christian churches in America.

The recent acceptance to membership in the council of certain Orthodox groups has caused some criticism. The council does not see why it should not welcome to the co-operative activities of the churches in America all who accept Jesus Christ as God and Savior, and who desire to affiliate with the council.

We include here the communication of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America, asking membership. After the Recorder has turned this petition, such a petition would seem to be doubtless treatment of a Christian body, and out of harmony with the spirit of Christ and his prayer for the Church.

In a desire to cooperate more fully with the members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, petition was submitted by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America, petition to be admitted to full membership in the Federal Council, and that its name be placed on the rolls of the Federal Council.

We are deeply conscious of the need for greater unity and spirit of cooperation by the Christian bodies in America, and the necessity of bringing those bodies closer together. If these efforts to save Christ and the church are successful, we must show the way by ourselves working in peace and harmony.

Therefore, it is our earnest desire to participate in the work of the Federal Council and we ask that our petition be considered at the biennial meeting of the council being held this year at Cleveland, Ohio.

These Christians were received into the council with no thought that either they or any other members of the council were giving up any cherished doctrinal beliefs or one iota of their practice in worship or church government.

A good deal of time was given to the discussion of the report of the committee which had been working on a proposal to federate eight leading interdenominational organizations of America into an agency to be known as the North American Council of the Churches of Christ. This new federation was not consummated at Cleveland, and is still being given consideration by the organizations involved.

Delegates to the biennial meeting of the Federal Council have learned to look forward with interest to the report on "The State of the Church," presented by a committee previously appointed to prepare such report. The chairman for the Cleveland meeting was prepared by a committee of which John C. Bennett was the chairman, and it measured up to the interest and value.

Besides the introduction and the conclusion, the report was given under five heads. The entire report would not give reading to all Christians interested in the progress of the kingdom's work in America. Much of it was taken up with work due to the present world situation, and the impact of the Church on the problems involved.

We wish to include in this report the first section "The Peaks and Functions of the Church," since here we find an index to the fundamental character of the program of the council.

Any selection of special tasks for emphasis which are the result of a particular historical situation must always be the result of a program. The Permanent Council is the permanent functions of the Church, which are only superficially affected by every situation. The Church should be primarily a worshiping community, for all of its activities gain their emphasis when seen through the eyes of the church.

It is here that the life of the Church is deepened and made ready for the hardest tasks in the world. Worship leads to service and teaching. God is not a hidden God, but he is known by what he does and the power of his supreme revelation and this can only be made known to Christians today if the Bible is ceaselessly taught in the sermon, in the church.
Seventh Day Baptists were represented at Cleveland on the Business Committee of thirteen members, before which came all reports presented from the floor during the general sessions. In other ways, also, your delegates sought to represent the denomination faithfully, thankful that for a full generation Seventh Day Baptists have had a worthy part in the united activities of the churches of Christ in America. Our membership has defined us as a Christian denomination, and the message, and a forward look, rather than as a narrow sect willing to avoid the great issues involved in the Church's united challenge to the paganisms of our materialistic world.

Co-operation, with no compromise of conviction or surrender of truth, is the duty of all Christians in this tragic hour of physical death, mental confusion, and lack of spiritual power—co-operation in bringing the saving message of the gospel of Christ to individuals everywhere, and in the application of its principles to the problems of the race. Finding one such opportunity through the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Seventh Day Baptists should accept the privilege and the responsibility. They should cherish the desire to make their witness and their service count, through the continued enrichment of their own Christian experience, in a deeper loyalty to their own cause, and a warmer devotion to the Master of all life, the Head of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. C. Bond,
for the delegates.

Husband (examining bills): “You will drive me to the poor house with your extravagant.”

Wife: “No, my dear, you will have to walk. The finance company has taken the car.”

EXCEPT YE REPENT
By Rev. Ralph H. Coon
(Pastor First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R. I.)

“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13: 3)

In these words Jesus emphasizes the need of repentance and then gives added emphasis by repeating the same words over again. Let us see how the context gives added weight to the thought and connects it up with present-day problems.

The Problem of Repentance

The disciples brought the age-old problem of repentance to the Master at that season some that told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” Then to emphasize this teaching he mentions a similar case, that of the eighteen on whom the Tower of Siloam fell, and asks his hearers if they thought these were greater sinners than the rest of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Again he answers and saith “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”

When we read a large number of lives being snuffed out by a plane crash, a train wreck, or a hurricane; or when we see the long casualty lists of the present war, we shudder and say, “Suppose I had been in that crash or at that spot?” Again we hear the question, “Why does God allow such horrors?” Jesus seems to be saying to us through the words of the text: Questions like these must be left to your heavenly Father. It is far better to trust in his infinite wisdom than it would be to know all of the answers. Then can you not hear him tell us what we do need to know and heed as things come to pass? He tells us, “Let the sobering thought that comes with these reports of death remind you of the spiritual death of those who have not repented and turned to me.”

Repeatance may be a turning from sin to salvation through Christ or it may be a turning from a fruitless Christian life to a life of prayer and consecration to the Master’s service. The parable leaves it clear, however, that the day of reckoning is only being postponed until the New Testament is full of the warning love of God, shown in the life and death of Christ and in the lives of self-sacrifice lived by the apostles. We also hear the note of warning in the oft-repeated command to repent, coming from the lips of John the Baptist, Jesus, and Paul that repentance was indeed the leader to cry, “What shall we do?” His answer you will remember was, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you.” Paul at Antioch, in his powerful pouring out of love that came upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets.” At Athens he said, “God . . . committed all things to the hands of Jesus Christ.”

In our Lord’s messages to the seven churches in Revelation we find the command to repent repeated again and again.

The Most Respected Men Need Christ

The problem today seems to be to show the so-called morally good unbeliever that he is in danger and needs to repent and turn to Christ. If he will not repent, he need not be surprised if Christ was sincere in saying that he had kept all of the commandments from his youth up. His sincerity is shown by his admission that he lacked something yet. Jesus called for a radical turning point in his life. He told him he must turn completely away from his infidelity, from the world and find faith in the meek and lowly Savior. That is the kind of repentance the Lord is calling for today. I believe that it is just as important that such repentance should occur among Christians as among unbelievers. The world and self are always present and we must continually be in the attitude of turning from them.

Children Need Christ

When the Lord said, “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish,” it included children, at least children who are old enough to know when they have sinned and old enough to understand the explanation of Jesus’ love. Even if there is not visible sin in the child there seems to be that in the race which will pull him down into sin if he does not repent and receive the Savior. How much better for the child that he be born again and receive a fresh Christ life, before sin becomes so apparent.

In the White House collection of interesting letters Peter the Apostle was perhaps the quaintest of all and shows beautifully the repentance of one child. This is what it says: To His Majesty, President Cleveland.

Those who are in a saner state of mind and I thought I would write and tell you all.
About two years ago—as near as I can remember it is two years—I used two post stamps that had been used before on letters, perhaps more than two stamps, but I can only remember doing it twice. I did not realize what I had done until lately. My mind is constantly turning on that subject, and I think of it night and day. Now, dear President, will you please forgive me, and I will promise you I will never do it again. Enclosed is the cost of three stamps, and please forgive me, for I was then but thirteen years old, for I am heartily sorry for what I have done.

From one of your subjects.

I believe it was only the love of the sinless Christ that could have brought such consciousness of sin. Would that more of us adult Christians were living so close to the Master that in comparison with his life our sins loomed up before us as did that of the little girl. We are too prone to make excuses for ourselves.

The Master’s Teachings

If our lives were lived on the plane of our Lord’s teachings about righteousness and the commandments, that example would in itself be one of the most powerful forces to bring sinners to repentance. The Lord would have us be as particular about sin in the church as a surgeon is about germs in the operating room. The effect is similar. Sin grows and spreads like infection in the body. Then, too, there are those who, like diphtheria carriers, do not show any outward signs of serious sin but nevertheless are spreading the disease wherever they go.

Present-Day Needs

If the much needed work of revival is to come, the nation and the individuals who make up the nation will have to be brought to repentance. If people are to repent they must see sin as it is. We need more preaching and teaching about sin. The Holy Spirit, we are told, will help us in the work. In fact, the first work of the Spirit as Jesus listed his offices is to convict or convince the world of sin.

We, surely should take great pains to spread the truths of repentance and of God’s grace as some do to convince people of the supposed value of cigarettes or alcoholic liquor.

What an encouragement it is to know that the power of Almighty God himself is available to us in this work. Also we need to remember that the connection with the Power is made through prayer. The Bible speaks of prayer again and again, as strife, so we see that in our praying, as well as in our witnessing, faith and works must go together.

“Lord, teach us to pray.” “Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yes establish thou it.”

ALONE WITH JESUS

Alone with Jesus; leave me here, Without a wish, without a fear, My pulse is weak and faint my breath, But is he not the Lord of death?

And if I live or if I die

Tis all the same when he is nigh.

Alone with Jesus; ye who weep,
And round my bed your vigil keep—
My love was never half so strong.

And yours—oh, I have been long;
But when had earthily friends the power
To comfort in the dying hour?

Alone with Jesus; oh, how sweet
In health to worship at his feet;
But sweeter far when day by day
We droop and pine and waste away,
To feel his arms around us close,
And in his bosom find repose.

Alone with Jesus; how secure!
Vie in myself—in him how pure!
The tempest howl, the waters beat.
They harm me not in my retreat;
But is he not the Lord of death?

We droop and pine and waste away,
And if I live or if I die

To comfort in the dying hour?

Alone with Jesus; what alarms
The infant in its mother’s arms?
Before me death and judgment rise—
Lean my head and close my eyes.
I know that he will bear me through.

Alone with Jesus, earth grows dim;
I see my friends through him.
Space, all things below, above,
Reveal to me one life, one love.
That One in whom all glory shine,
All beauties meet—that One is mine.

[Written by Mrs. Annie R. Sprague, of Penobscot, Maine, after her infant had recovered from a serious illness when it was thought that she would die—My mother’s sister, C. L. Price.]