preserve our loyalty to this as an example of complete obedience to the clear and expressed will of God.

All time is sacred, but God especially blessed the Sabbath for man's rest and worship. I believe that God created the Sabbath as an institution for man's good, and that any other Lord's day is mockery of God's power to create those things necessary for man's good. I believe that Jesus Christ kept the Sabbath and that he taught the true principles of Sabbath observance which should be followed in his church. I believe that God's creation and blessing of the Sabbath sanctifies all men's efforts to bring the kingdom on earth. Whether or not our generation sees the kingdom of God established on the earth, the proper use of our six days' work and of the Sabbath of rest and worship puts the blessing of God upon all our days. Respect for the Sabbath makes the intent of our labors their real evaluation, rather than the number of days spent for God's work or the amount of money or property given to its upbuilding.

The Sabbath is a pledge of the eternal rest and a guardian of those deeds by which God judges who shall receive that rest.

XI. Evangelism

I believe evangelism is one of the chief tasks of the church and that the local and denominational members of the Christian body should organize agencies for the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ.

I believe that all Christians should promote through some channel the work of teaching and preaching the gospel, and that no Christian should be "ashamed of the gospel of Christ" in his personal contacts.

I believe that each Christian should follow the commission of Christ by considering in what way he can support the world-wide spread of the gospel and acceptance of Christ by those who hear that gospel. I believe that evangelistic efforts should be continually re-examined to find new means and ways of spreading Christ's gospel.

I believe that Christians should support by their own efforts the teaching and preaching agencies of the church.

Note: In giving my statement of belief, the statements of belief accepted at the 1937 Seventh Day Baptist Conference were read in their respective places as expressing my belief also.

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Marriages

North - Lindfield. - Mr. Merton Douglas North, New Auburn, Wyo., and Miss Lois Lorraine Lindfield, Chey. Wyo., were united in marriage at the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist church, Sabbath afternoon, August 19, 1944, by Rev. G. B. Loofbourrow. Their home is on a farm a few miles out of New Auburn.

Wheeler - Shipman. - Mr. Winton Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wheeler, Nortonsville, Kan., and Miss Eva Shipman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Shipman, Larkinburg, Kan., were united in marriage in the Larksburg Christian church on June 13, 1944, by the groom's brother, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler.

Announcements

RECORDS WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of like nature, will be run in this column at one cent per word for each insertion, minimum charge 50c.

Cash must accompany each advertisement.

FREE - Sabbath texts emphasizing that it makes a difference what day we keep. Original illustrations. Make the point clear. Also has a message on Sabbath. Any quantity, or single copies. Allen Rand, 60 Oak St., Salem, W. Va. 7-31-44
Outstanding service is being rendered by the churches to the Commission to Study the Problems of a Just and Durable Peace.

Dr. J. Nelson Nordwood spoke on "Thinking of Peace." What Christian hopes for from allied victory? It means this: getting a chance to go on perfecting a good way of life, living above bitterness and enthusiasm about war in life. In two respects we will be ahead: 1. With a new faith in ourselves and 2. A lot of rubbish brushed out of the minds of our enemies concerning us. Then we are going to get some kind of international organization to preserve peace. It will not be a full-grown plan to begin with —nor a perfect one. Readjustments must be made in the idea of national sovereignty — ideas too often mythical. The world is weighed down to the nation must live or exist in itself and for itself alone. A new organization will not be enough; a public opinion must be grown to support it.

Dean Alva J. C. Bond spoke on "World Christian Fellowship and Leadership of the Churches." The world's three, he said, "are down, and all of us must be our defense." The church is not to be found in a "whistle stop." The church was really a "fellowship." The churches are carrying forward "The Link." The churches are making for the international organization to preserve peace. The churches are going to the world with the teaching of Jesus and believes the world is "an old man" that must face itself four miles ahead by the route of non-resistance. He cited cases where advances had been made in the problem of Negro and whites in America and of gains made in India through the principles advocated by and illustrated in the experiences of Gandhi. He looks for a definite plan in the church's education. Seventh Day Baptists are proud of their four chaplains and are happy in the security afforded them in their work by the backing and support of a united and vocal Protestant America. Seventh Day Baptists help in the support of the Service Men's Christian League in its endeavor to spread the hope of salvation to the world. The arm of the church is extended with increasing usefulness through its chaplains in the armed service. Seventh Day Baptists are proud of their four chaplains and are happy in the security afforded them in their work by the backing and support of a united and vocal Protestant America. Seventh Day Baptists help in the support of the Service Men's Christian League in its endeavor to spread the hope of salvation to the world. The arm of the church is extended with increasing usefulness through its chaplains in the armed service.
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Sabbath Morning Hour

The afternoon of the third day of Conference was given to the work of the Missionary Society under the direction of President Harold R. Crandall. On the platform sat representatives of our foreign and home mission fields. By the president and some of the others it was pointed out that distinctions were growing less between “home and foreign work.”

You will be interested to have presented those on this program’s platform. As they appeared to the reporter at his right were Mrs. George Thorngate, Mrs. Luther W. Crichlow, Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, Dr. H. Eugene Davis, President Crandall, Rev. Orville W. Pottenger, Rev. Earl Crusan, and Rev. David S. Clarke; Secretary Burdick sat near the platform.

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The church is wrong in locking its doors so large a part of the time. Why not be open for a worshipper to enter at any hour? Why not set aside recreation and reading rooms? It is hoped that Mr. Whitford’s address will be furnished for publication soon.

THURSDAY MORNING

Action on Federal Council

An interesting session was largely occupied by the report of a committee on Relations with the Federal Council with Rev. Lester G. Osborn and Rev. Jay W. Crofoot as co-chairmen of the committee. The report is as follows:

After two years of existence and considerable correspondence and several meetings both before and during Conference, the committee finds itself unable to prepare any statement or recommendation with regard to the issue it was appointed to consider. The Executive Secretary finds himself compelled to disagree as to withdrawing from the Federal Council. Since the Recorder Church asking that this session of Conference do not withdraw, the speaker said that, as long as he lives, we therefore recommend that the present committee be discharged.

The report with its recommendation was addressed to the President. A resolution was offered from the Conference floor for Conference to appoint a committee to present the opinions of those who are dissatisfied with members in the Federal Council. The motion to adopt this resolution was lost by a vote of 91 to 63.

The Sutton Installation

Wednesday evening was devoted to the program of installing E. Whitford Sutton, as the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. It was conducted by the board’s president, Dr. Edgar D. Van Horn, and was an inspiring service from the opening song, “Our God Our Help in Ages Past,” through invocation, scriptures, historical statement by W. H. White and charge to the secretary by Pastor Everett T. Harris, acceptance by Mr. Sutton, and prayer of dedication by Dean Alva J. C. Bond. The secretary’s address of the evening on “Teaching the Truth,” the audience must have felt that, in choosing and setting him apart to this important field of service, the board had made a wise choice.

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A Gospel Sermon

The morning session closed with a stirring gospel message by Rev. Lester G. Osborn, of Sabbath. He spoke so all could appreciate which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow. It is discouraging for us to hear the opening of the platform and to notice which more of our ministers and public speakers should follow.

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Dr. Davis gave a good demonstration of the advice quoted above—of being seen, heard, and appreciated. Holding up a portion of a Chinese Bible he said, 'Our missionary Dr. (D. H.) Davis put the Sabbath in that book... You folks must go back home and start missionary societies among the boys—teaching them that God is doing great things. He told of a group of people (alumni of our school) who, though in most straitened circumstances, pledged $2,000 (Chinese money) monthly to care for Mrs. West because 'Anna was there,' during these times when American money is not reaching her and Mabel.

3. All must go back home and start work for the church abroad. In fact it seems to take less time to do so than to start work at home. If the students at Jamaica where five years were spent for some accredited young person to come to this country, the work abroad will suffer and die.

4. The Church must make provisions for this special work for Jamaica should individuals want to go to Jamaica. The church must make a provision for the home base. The home front. If the church is 'letting by the nose' the work abroad, the work abroad will suffer. If the home church is not supporting the work abroad, the work abroad will suffer and die.

5. Mrs. Crichlow described some of the feelings and reactions in reaching and finding out about Jalapa affairs were spent in the service. A school is greatly needed there and steps are being taken toward such an institution. Support of the mission can be effected, helping and sought and provided for some accredited young person to come to America for school scholarships. People giving for this purpose in the future should be informed and indicated to make their gifts whether it is for the future school fund or for the current use of educating a Jalapa in the Baptist church. Love gifts will be greatly appreciated.

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COMMISSION'S REPORT

The report of the Commission was adopted by Conference as recommended with a few minor changes. No amended report was printed or furnished to the Recorder for publication.

The fourth recommendation is given as amended and adopted by Conference.

The report was made in wording of recommendation six; the addition for $25 for Baptist World Alliance made to the budget for 1945-46 without changing the total asking: and a phrase.

The official list of members of the denomination has been drawn up for publication in the 1944 Year Book and is now in the hands of the secretary for examination by any who may be so interested.

After due consideration the Commission at its April meeting unanimously voted in favor of holding the annual meeting of the General Conference, August 22-27, 1944, as scheduled.

The Commission ratified the action of the president of Conference in recognizing William D. Burdick as an additional member of the Committee to Promote the Financial Program.

The Commission records its appreciation of the painstaking plans and aggressive action of the Committee to Promote the Financial Program.

Victor W. Skaggs was made chairman of the Denominational Committee on Relief Appeals in the place of Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard.

A report of progress by Lester G. Osborn, chairman of the Committee to Study Seventh Day Baptist Relations with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was presented to the Conference.

On the nomination of Lester G. Osborn, chairman, Loyd F. Hurley was appointed a member of the Committee on Relationships with the Federal Council to succeed Leon M. Malby, resigned.
Herbert C. Van Horn and Harley Sutton were appointed representatives of the denomination at the proposed triennial conference called by the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, January 16-19, 1945. The inquiring secretary, Alva C. Bond, who is a member of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace; J. Nelson Norwood, Elmo F. Randolph, and Marion C. Van Horn.

2. That the Conference approve the proposed organization of the Committee in the United States for the World Council of Churches and that our representative and alternate be included in the report of the normal committee responsible for such an organization.

3. That the Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches be continued and that it be urged to enlarge its work of disseminating all useful information and continually keeping before us the dire needs of humanity that we, as a denomination, may better serve our Lord and, in his name, our suffering fellow men.

4. That the editor of the Year Book wait not later than October 15 for reports and other materials meant to be included therein. No supplement of material received later will be printed.

5. That the name of the Committee to Promote the Financial Program be changed to the Committee on Budget Promotion.

6. That the Commission study the possibility of establishing a uniform plan for retirement for pastors, employees, and missionaries. That this plan should include minimum and maximum ages for retirement and a liveable retirement allowance depending upon the period of service.

7. That the Commission recommend to the Missionary Board that temporarily a revision be made in its budget, reducing the amount allotted for foreign missions and increasing the amount for home missions so that a pastor may be placed for a period of years on a living salary, in a promising field. The Committee has such a revision in the proposed allotment of funds to the Missionary Board from the Denominational Budget.

8. That the president of Conference be authorized to ask other members of the Commission to represent him in visiting the churches, with expenses paid by Conference within the limits of the budget for the traveling expenses of the President.

9. That the following be adopted as the Denominational Budget for the year beginning October 1, 1944, and ending September 30, 1945:

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Our hearts overflow with gratitude to God for every evidence of his goodness and the infling of his spirit in guiding our deliberations and activities.

Since the establishment of the Commission of the General Conference never have there been more extensive and more serious responsibilities imposed upon it than has been the lot of this present Commission—because of the omission of the session of Conference in 1943 and of the continued nervous and emotional strain caused by world conditions. Serious and arresting are the problems that have confronted the Commission and that concern General Conference and the Seventh Day Baptists denomination. In every session of the Commission the responsibility has been heavier and there is a greater dependence upon divine grace and guidance recognized. A devout spiritual tone has marked the devotional periods and a spirit of humility and reverence has always been present as we have sought to be true co-laborers with our heavenly Father in the advance of his kingdom in the earth. There is a gratifying unity of spirit and purpose as the business and problems that have been our has been freely, frankly, and fully discussed.

The Church of Jesus Christ never has had more imposing and far-reaching responsibilities than it has in these days. There is no time for bickering or quibbling. Divineness and彪効性 is acuteness of need. United effort continually is held before us in national affairs in these times. Unless there is co-operation and united effort among the nations and unless there is a unity of purpose permeated by the spirit of the Prince of Peace, there can be no hope of enduring peace. There will be no Christian spirit prevailing in the world unless it is apparent in the Church. The spirit of Christ can prevail only to the extent in which the individuals who compose his Church are willing to let his virtues, greatest of which is love, be apparent in their lives. This means you and I, yes, every one of us. The challenge is to the entire Church, the whole Church, the whole Church.

That the spirit of God may prevail in the life of each one of us to the advancement of his cause and to his glory, is our devout prayer as we submit this report.

Harold R. Crandall, Chairman, Courtland V. Davis, Secretary.


Our forefathers have had parts in the accomplishments of nineteen hundred years. The apostles and others who established Christ's kingdom and founded churches in all of the then known world were Seventh Day Baptists. Today instead of being discouraged because we are not a larger denomination, we may be proud that the gospel which he has given us the knowledge of the Sabbath of God, that he has called us to proclaim the truth, has given us grace to uphold the Bible Sabbath though others neglect it.

This is a day of great uncertainty and turmoil. The states and kingdoms of Europe and Asia are tottering. Some have already fallen and dark clouds sometimes appear on the skies of our beloved land. Christianity is the hope of one of the great movements to blot out our entire country. Christ established Christian missions that all nations might be Christianized and all the world saved. That Church must not falter in this day of crisis. Seventh Day Baptists must not fail him. As already stated they have had part in the advancement of his kingdom. There is no day or hour when children who have inherited so much, must dedicate all to him and carry forward Christian missions, home and foreign, with their new vigor, and then we may sincerely sing:

"Faith of our fathers! living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword, Of all that hate us, we are bold To praise our King, noble and bold Where'er we hear that glorious word!"

We will be true to the till death."

In behalf of and approved by the Board of Managers, William L. Burdick, Corresponding Secretary.

Westerly, R. I.
July 23, 1944.

Kern G. Stillman, Treasurer.

In more than 65 years, the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

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

Cash and money orders should be made payable to the order of Rev. W. L. Burdick, Westerly, R. I.

ANNUAL REPORT (Conclusion)

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The true is in America, and in some other countries the movements to blot out our entire country. Christ established Christian missions that all nations might be Christianized and all the world saved. That Church must not falter in this day of crisis. Seventh Day Baptists must not fail him. As already stated they have had part in the advancement of his kingdom. There is no day or hour when children who have inherited so much, must dedicate all to him and carry forward Christian missions, home and foreign, with their new vigor, and then we may sincerely sing:

"Faith of our fathers! living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword, Of all that hate us, we are bold To praise our King, noble and bold Where'er we hear that glorious word!"

We will be true to the till death."

In behalf of and approved by the Board of Managers, William L. Burdick, Corresponding Secretary.

Westerly, R. I.
July 23, 1944.

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The holding of missionary meetings has been a new item to us, and so we have staged three for the quarter. These efforts call for a lot of my time, but the benefits derived from them far exceed any direct compensation to the energy. Apart from bringing before the public and our people the way their contributions are used, the dedication to our missionary work is a positive blessing and encourages these meetings have added £10.16.5 1/2 to our support.

The town of Bowensville, the field in general for its moral and financial support.

It was just thirty years ago now that Rev. Gerard Velthuyzen, Jr., of Holland, was a delegate to our Conference held here in Alfred. He suddenly left in the midst of the sessions to hurry home on account of the war in Europe. And how remote from us the affairs of Europe seemed at that time. But it is not the plan of God now, no more than it was in Zechariah's time, to build new walls on the old foundations. Rapid transportation and communication await the end of the war. Co-operation and interpretation will continue and increase. All mankind must live as in unwalled villages, with God as their protector round about and their splendor within.

I have spoken of Elder Velthuyzen's experience in 1914. Holland stayed out of the war that year, but it was like a crooked vision. We were told to stay, but we are not. Our country is in danger because members of our own government are following Nazi leadership. There were no barriers against ideas or ideologies. But here is the fact on which to build: if there are no barriers against ideas coming in, there are none against their going out. The important thing is, what kind of ideas shall be cultivated and transmitted.

There are two important thoughts I want to say here that this is no time for any denomination or group of Christians to unthink from the team and tug at something less than the main load. They may be found guilty of dividing the body of Christ! Only those who are thinking in this direction shall be saved, for God's building of the Church was the work of God's people. In a sense, this is His Church. The B.C.D. Baptists have that others have rejected or overlooked should be preserved and strengthened. But why? First, because they add spiritual beauty to life. And second, because they enrich our contribution to the work of the whole Church in the world. Run, speak to that young man yonder. World terms, and nothing less, can express our total Christian interest. World needs challenge our efforts.

The encouraging thing about my conversation with Rev. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Herbert Sutton, was the fact that I was returning from his recent city of Utrecht with a constitution for a World Council of Churches. And let no one think for a moment that that movement is dead, or that the organization is not functioning. I believe with many others that the real movement is the centering of interest. World needs challenge our efforts.

From that far vision and broad picture of the world-field of Christian responsibility and opportunity I turn to the second thought in my topic, with no sense of being affected by assignment. I ask, what sort of conditioned vision or nearsightedness. I turn my thoughts to any young pastor of a small church and see him as a leader in the Church of God as he leads his own parish. God's protecting fire and gracious splendor reach beyond the horizon of that small parish to the outer rim of the world.

If walls are down and boundary lines of ideas are wiped out, then the potent ideas which he holds, and the vital, vibrant spirit which he and his people have and cultivate, and the Christian tasks which they perform, affect the life of the world through the Church of Christ. The half-gods must go.

And the half-hearted followers of the true God must sense anew the splendor of his presence and the power of his love.

I know our Conference president, who assigned me this subject, expects me to say something about our School of Theology and its place in the training of leaders in the Church. I shall make it brief. Our first graduate after I became Dean of the School was Rev. Alfred C. Crichlow, graduate of that year, I give you these young ministers as evidence of the quality of work done in Alfred School of Theology.

But let me pass on to you information concerning the teaching staff, by which these results have been secured. You know, we cannot know about the three men who do the largest share of the teaching. You may not know of the men in retirement who also teach. You know that students may elect work in the College of Liberal Arts. You may not know that, during the last three years, our students have taken work under six college professors. You know we have been able to secure our campus some of our leading ministers for a series of lectures. You may not know that they have included Secretary Back of the Missionary Board; Secretary Van Horn of the Tract Board; Secretary Sutton, now of the Board of Christian Education; Pastor Rogers, our Conference president; and Pastor Osborn, its recording secretary.

Besides the regular teachers and the supplemental teaching of the men now retired, and besides the opportunity to take work in the college, and the special lectures, next year three of our younger ministers will take classes. I would like to name them here. They are Rev. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Harley Sutton, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers.

We need your continued and increased financial support in order to strengthen our teaching force. We need your continued and increased intelligent co-operation and your sincere and earnest prayers. Together with all these things, which we need and must have to succeed, continue to send to Alfred your young men who have heard the call of God. Send your brilliant young men! Yes, if you have them. Let them continue to perceive its divine meaning, yes, send your young men of pleasing personality and who are good mixers, Wills, must you send them; if you have them means, yes, send your young men of good common sense and at least average ability; young men with warm hearts and open minds; young men with a will to seek the truth wherever it leads, who will put up their measuring...
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WHAT THE CHURCHES ARE DOING
(The panel address given by Courtland V. Davis on the opening program of Conference.)

Anything you may tell tonight of what is being done by the churches in this world crisis I shall base on the assumption that you and I know that the churches of our land are carrying forward their usual work, but we must also have a new conception of salvation to those about us and in strengthening and teaching those who have chosen Christ and are trying to follow him. There is much of this need. In some, the assumption is made, so that an even more vigorous approach to these tasks, for these are first things.

Are there others?

Extending itself of the church and widening its area of usefulness in these first things are the chaplains in our armed services.

Would that there were a part to their service in the chaplaincy for the rapidly increasing number of prisoners of war in this country.

The Bible must be today—as it has always been—the churches' source book, the background of the church and all its activities. More and more the church is called on to practice its historic function as a teaching institution. In a literate world that means a larger and yet larger circulation of the world's all-time best seller among books.

The responsibility for the use of the Bible and its circulation among all the nations rests primarily with the churches, not the publishers in the wide distribution; the American Bible Society has had the support of Seventy Day Baptists throughout the years. Through that agency we are having a part in meeting the tremendous demand for Bibles in the armed services and among people torn from their accustomed ways of life for which they lack chart and compass, the world around.

The churches, too, are realistically facing the problems of tomorrow and all the problems of present war and the great issues and changes which time and history present. It is the responsibility of the churches in this world, in their effort to bring about the reconciliation of warring isms through the inter-religious agencies, as it is the responsibility of the churches in this world to bring about the reconciliation of warring individuals through the local churches, and that is their task.

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**YOUTH AT CONFERENCE**

Although we were disappointed not to have the younger of the young people with us at Campfire, we were delighted with the number of those sixteen over who were there.

Activities for the young people began on Wednesday afternoon, when a special meeting was held in the Brick (college dormitory where most of the young people stayed). Rev. Everett T. Harris, pastor of the host church, presented the local committee in charge of young people’s activities—Norma Jacob and Lois Sutton, both of Alfred. Rev. Charles (Charlie) Bond, Little Genesea, chairman of the Young People’s Committee of the Board of Christian Education, was presented and discussed with us future activities.

A fellowship supper for young people was held Wednesday night; around fifty attended. While those in the main dining room were being served, Rev. Trevah Sutton, Rockville, showed us photographs and several points of interest to Seventh Day Baptists. This was not only educational, but was interesting as well. We joined in singing favorite songs until we were served.

Because of a felt need expressed by some of the young people, prayer and worship services were held Thursday, Sabbath, and Sunday mornings at 9:00, and a special meeting on Thursday afternoon, when a special meeting was held in the Gothic Chapel. These periods of meditation together were planned around the theme of Abundant Living. Melvin Nida, White Cloud, led in the singing of hymns, the scripture was read by Charles Bond, Victor Slagg, Piscataway, led in short meditation thoughts, and the male quartet brought a message in song. Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Lost Creek, brought a challenging talk at the close of the service.

**Special Conference Service**

The night after the Sabbath during Conference was in charge of the young people with Charles Bond presiding. Rev. Zwiebel, Hebron, was presented as having charge of the worship service. “Faith of our Fathers” was used as the opening hymn and was followed by a solo, “The Touch of His Hand on Mine,” sung by Rev. Stearns, Coudersport. The scripture of the evening was “A man without faith is half a man.” The song was presented as having charge of the Baptist churches.

The pastor of the Boulder Church, Rev. Earl Crzuan, told us of the Rocky Mountain Camp. He said that the camp is to be a place to get to close to God.” The results being that all but two who were at camp are now members of one of our Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Rev. Loyd F. Harly told us of the three camps running consecutively on the Pacific Coast. “Our young folk had some experiences which very few tell your young—ever had.” The camp location is such that they are alone with each other and the Lord. He said that one thing is different; young people from other churches and denominations request the privilege to attend this Seventh Day Baptist camp. He gave the results of this camp—salvation or assurance of salvation; some, consecration of their lives to the Lord; and others, understanding of what the Christian life is all about. “We pray that you will pray that we folk way out on the west coast will hold up the Lord Jesus before the children there; we covet your prayers.”

Mr. Harly said they were happy to have Chaplain Leon M. Maltby with them at camp for the time.

The Board of Christian Education sent Rev. David S. Clarke, Jackson Center, to the Lakeside Conference of Christian Youth. David hopes that Seventh Day Baptists will send at least one representative to the World Conference of Christian Young People. “Making part in such conferences may play a large part in moving us along in the present work.”

An interdenominational leader who heard the conversation remarked, “You better watch out—you might make a convert.”

The young people’s Conference program was closed with a song, “Those Pals of Ours,” rendered by the male quartet and dedicated to the service men and women attending the Conference and those who were absent because of duties for our country.

Such meetings as summarized above, far from covering all the activities of young people during such a Conference; it would be impossible to tell, or even for one individual to know them all. We feel special mention should be made of the splendid service rendered by all the visiting people in the kitchen and dining room; it was impossible for them to attend all of the meetings because of their working hours—we missed them, especially at some of the young people’s meetings.

President Rogers assigned young people to the committees to consider the reports of the various camps and to make possible for each young person to have a better understanding in at least one line of denominational work.

We were sorry that Willard Burdict, De Ruyter, found it necessary to remain in bed most of the Conference time because of an infected foot. A group went to his room Sabbath morning and had an informal service of songs, scripture, and prayer with him since he could not attend the Communion or regular church service.

Another high light for all those young people who wished to take part, was the informal hymn and chorus sing in the Brick after some of the evening meetings.

In thinking about young people at Conference, we wish to express our appreciation to those in Alfred and Alfred Station who helped to make our stay there such a delightful one.—J. B. D.
ADJUSTMENT OF YOUTH TO ABUNDANT LIFE

By Rev. Judson Harvey Stafford

(Several of the young people who attended Conference had the privilege of meeting Mr. Stafford and were greatly benefited. Meeting Sunday night when he was received as a newly recognized Seventh Day Baptist minister.) He loves young people and has a message for the young!

Many young people of today are experiencing difficulty in adjusting themselves to this modern world of its confusion and strife. Boys and girls are very apt to get reckless in their thinking, and that makes for carelessness in living.

First of all, and in spite of global strife, and keeping your hope shining, you will walk in Christian cannot

the walking. We know that worldly-minded objectors to the mess-


ging God. By Alice Annette Larkin 180 THE SABBATH RECORDER

Quiet had come again to Hilltop Farm. For a few days after the freshet Mr. Herbert and his wife had been working at the bridge to take the place of the one washed away, and one could hear the sound of their sledge wheels as they rode over the bridge they had built,


and the way to the true abundance of life. I, who years ago found God's highway after treading other paths where I found bristles and sorrow, urge you who read these lines to turn completely to Christ Jesus who alone is 'the way, the truth, and the life.'

The Story Thus Far

Chapter XVII

Linda Sherman, a consecrated Christian, is now at Hilltop Farm helping to care for her Aunt Penny who was seriously ill. Living with Aunt Penny are two young children, Lucy and Peter, who are grateful to have such a home and this opportunity to build a bridge. That would have to wait until later.

As the days went by, and more and more reports of the freshet came to the farm—stories of houses surrounded by water (the only access to them being boat), stories of small buildings rushing down the river. When the water had gone down and the homes of the Herberts and the La Piatras had had a chance to dry out, the families returned to them. Their gratitude to Aunt Penny and Linda was unbounded, but both felt that the favor was not all on one side. Never could one find more helpful guests and they were no longer strangers; they were members of the family.

It would soon be time to think of gardens, too; for every day the sun was shining longer, and it seemed to them that they should be seen on the farm. The air was still cold and snow might fall at any time, but Aunt Penny was not afraid of the hard tasks, she had seen catalogs and garden books though she kept telling herself she would have to cut down drastically on the planting. Lucy and Peter wouldn't be able to do things in the same way they had done before, and it wouldn't be right to ask Linda to stay through the summer.

Aunt Penny could walk about the house now, and she insisted on going with Linda and Peter to the garden. She was peeling apples one afternoon when Linda came in from the mail box. Looking up from her work, she asked the question she had asked many times, "Any letters for me, Linda?"

"Always the answer had been the same, "No letters, Aunt Penny, but I'm sure there will be soon.""

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"Well, it seems strange I don't hear from the letter I sent to that broadcasting studio. Are you sure it was mailed? In all the excitement the freshet it might have been forgotten. I know I finished it but I can't tell what I did with it."

"Lucy says she took it out to the mail box and dropped it in a day or two later."

"Then I'm sure she did. Perhaps that violinist isn't Donald's wife, but I've hoped and prayed it might be."

"And you must keep on praying that this will all come out right. We mustn't forget that mails are slow now. Are we going to have apple dumplings, or apple shortcake, or just plain apple sauce for supper?"

"Peter said apple dumplings. How does he love them?"

"So do we all, Aunt Penny. I guess I'd better be making them, for the children will soon be here and they'll be hungry.

Putting on a pretty blue-flowered apron, Linda went into the pantry and began measuring the ingredients for the dumplings.

Aunt Penny walked slowly into the living room.

There stood a radio to her, to look at her collection of minerals; and taking a key from a basket on the table, she unlocked the door. The room was kept clean and tidy. Inside, the minerals seemed to awaken an interest in the places from which they came; they were a delight to see. Suddenly she shivered—the room was cold. Yes, the minerals were cold too.

Never again would she allow any hobby to fill so much of her life that people would be shut out of it. Hastily closing the door, she walked slowly into the hall. Had she been more certain, she would have said. Linda had come in from the window showed her that it was a taxi and two people were getting out—two young people.

"Donald and his wife!" she exclaimed. "Oh, they have come home. Thank God, my prayer has been answered."

A moment later the door opened and two young faces came in, saying, "Mother! It was the dearest greeting she had ever received."

Linda heard the voices and realized what had happened, but she didn't go to the living room from which the voices came presently.
Aunt Penny was to want to be alone with Donald and his wife for a little while. Then, too, there was work for her in the kitchen and pantry. The number of dumplings must be increased and other items added to the menu. But it was hard to keep her mind on food when such a wonderful surprise had come to Aunt Penny. Oh, she was so happy for her—for them all. Now, how much did this mean to Donald and his wife? How could they help to make her wish come to pass? She would be going home to her beloved family soon and the work she was to do until Bob returned. Oh, would she have time to read Bob's letter again right now—even though she had read it three times on the way back from the mail box? It wouldn't take long. Out from the pocket of Linda's apron came a thin envelope.

But Linda was not to read the letter just then, for Donald Barnes suddenly appeared and he was closely followed by a radiant-faced girl who must be Frances. Aunt Penny, her eyes shining with happiness, brought up the rear.

Linda Sherman, why didn't I know you were here?' Donald demanded. "Been hid­ ing in the pantry eating bread and jam like we did once? Let's see your face!"

Back into the pocket of the blue-flowered apron went Bob's letter.

(To be concluded)

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plain­ field, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 17, at two o'clock.

Laver C. Bassett, President
Courtland V. Davis, Recording Secretary

Hymn books are almost unobtainable in Denmark, the paper originally allocated for that purpose being needed to make cigarettes.

—United Presbyterian.

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(Continued from page 166)

Editors

H. D. Tuttle.

Readers have a real problem; like the wise farmer who plows under green cover crops instead of depending upon mineral fertilizer, the Church must use spiritual means of en­ riching minds and hearts of its constituency. We must urge the passion for souls that are lost.

Rev. Earl Cruzan of Boulder, Colo., ex­ pressed the feeling that too much of the con­ tact value of field work lay in that of friend­ ship. This has a great value, but the interest must be deeper and founded upon conviction of the truth of Christian experience and life. There is danger that while we may be inter­ ested in spiritual service, the early Jerusalem Church we may show a lack of promoting the gospel at home. We need more pastors, but what do we offer young men looking toward the ministry more than oppor­ tunity for a Christian service? Ministerial sup­ port must be enhanced.

This entire program was compelling, inspir­ ing, and challenging. We are thankful for our folks who have spent years in the service in China, proud of those who have served in Jamaica, and hopeful for the future in the hands of such young men as are beginning a fruitful ministry.

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FRIDAY

Economic Reports

Among encouragements reported to Confer­ ence that of the Committee on Ministerial Re­ tirement by Mr. L. Harrison North was very heartening. We were pleased to learn that our beloved and appreciated retired ministers and widows of retired ministers had recently received a modest increase in monthly pay­ ments—about 1 2/3 per cent above that re­ ceived since a heavy "cut" was made in 1938. Seventeen people have been receiving payment from the funds available. We quote from the report: "If gross monthly pay­ ments are continued for the coming year at above rate there will be needed $4,815.00, a little more than $200.00 greater than the expected income. The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society also has a small fund for these, the purpose of which is to supplement total $7,086.84, while expenditures including balance as of May 31, 1944, of $2,633.88 equal the receipts."

The general basis for determining benefits under the retirement plan at seventy is to allot $1.00 per month for each year of active service as a Seventh Day Baptist pastor—up to a maximum of $200.00. The Committee in this case reports that the funds are being administered with a cut of 12 1/2 per cent in the amounts allotted because the income is not sufficient to pay in full.

"You will note that the pastors and churches paid into the income fund $776.88 last year, and that this amount was paid into the endowment fund for ministerial re­ tirement. Pastors participating paid in 2 per cent of their salaries and the churches 4 per cent of the pastor's salary." This is significant. If the practice continues and more churches and pastors participate a fund event­ ually will be enough to give aged ministers a more nearly adequate support.

Neurology

The Obituary Committee reported through its chairman—Rev. Walter L. Greene—losses to the denomination of one minister, one deaconess, and seven deacons; Rev. Mr. Temple Babock of Hope, Idaho; Deaconess Myra E. Greene, Berlin, N. Y.; Deacons T. Sherman of Jamaica, N. Y.; James A. Sau­ cers and John H. Austin, Westerly, R. I.; Robert G. Jones, Marlboro, N. J.; Horace R. Loofboro and Charles Allen Davis of Milk River, Alberta. We are again pleased to note that people have entered the Sabbath Rec­ order. Prayer in memory of these departed servants is often most needed. Rev. Dr. Greene, the congregation standing reverently with bowed heads.

Activities of the Women's Society

The Women's Society of the General Con­ ference was assigned the hours from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. on Friday.

On Thursday night Rev. L. O. Greene made a stirring address. Among the results which followed was the film, "The Power of God," was shown on the screen as the program for the evening. This film pictured the way the power of God is often felt in times of crisis in life—such crises as may come to any one—and doubtless helped those present to a larger faith in God's willing hand to come to the aid of the power is sought.

On Friday the program was directed by Mrs. James L. Skaggs, president of the board of directors. A devotional service was con­ ducted with Mrs. L. O. Greene who expressed her indebtedness to those who made it possible for her to attend the Northeastern Asb­ ram. The audience gathered to hear the words that she was about to present were largely gleaned from what she had heard there. Her theme was "How Can We Know the Way." The work of the board was presented in an interesting manner by the corresponding secre­ tary, Miss Lotta M. Bond. She said its work was carried on by such committees as Ways and Means, Peace Committee, Committee to Stimulate the Spiritual Life of Men and Women in Service, Christian Culture Com­ mittee, etc. The work of Rev. L. O. Greene was particularly mentioned.

This report was followed by a stirring ad­ dress by Mr. Greene on "A Larger Evangelism for Seventh Day Baptists." Once we were more active in evangelism than now. More leaders are needed for which we should pray; fields are waiting for them to enter. Is the church failing in the very purpose for which it was created? Christianity must be revitalized in both pulpit and pew. We should have one thousand workers, each to win one soul to Christ in 1944. Christ and the Church demand our first and greatest loyalty.

The morning session closed with a stirring message by Rev. Loyd F. Hurley of Riverside, Calif., who spoke on the theme "You All," and the words being often found in Paul's letter to the Philippians—a letter of love and appre­ ciation.

"You all" includes all of us who should remember that in spite of differences we are one in Christ, bound together with the un­ broken bands of Christ's love. In passing hazard someone on Japanese or Germans—we are not passing judgment on them but on Christ, the judgment that he cannot transform, "you all."

"Only one band holds," he assured us, "the love of Christ."

Treasurer Board Program

The corresponding secretary of the Ameri­ can Sabbath Tract Society, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, presided over the opening part of the board's program on Friday afternoon.
After the opening hymn, ‘All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name,” Rev. Judson Harvey Stafford led the choir in using his text Romans 4: 4, 5 and commented that “the great human tendency is to do good and in so doing recommend themselves to God.” He urged us all to stop trying (to be good) and start trusting. He continued that God’s way is to give life eternal to those who believe on him, and said, ‘Look up into the face of him who hung out on Calvary and died for you. . . Trust wholly, completely, and unreservedly in the Christ. . . Good works should come as a result of our love for God and for his sending Jesus Christ to save us from our sins."

Highlights of the work of the Tract Board were presented by Mr. Bauwens. In concluding his annual report he earnestly stressed the importance of the problems caused by world conditions. He told us that the number of our publications and the problems of our publications and the publishing house were discussed by the manager, L. Harrison North. He told us that while hundreds of publications have been forced to close, ours has not only held its own but has forged ahead. He reminded us that Mr. Van HORN has been editor of the Sabbath Recorder since its founding. The problems caused by world conditions he told us that the number one critical restriction is paper; and that is really serious. We must expect our tracts, Recorder, and other publications to be of much lighter paper in the near future. Mr. North concluded, “We believe that the publishing house is in the best position it has ever been in over a period of years. We shall have a real day of hope. It is only as we make it possible that we will be bringing real romance into finance. She reminded us that the amount received from the Denominational Budget is not enough to carry on the program of the Tract Society. The work has to be supplemented by income from endowment and special gifts.”

Mr. Van HORN told us of the many doors opened wider today for Seventh Day Baptists than ever before; many calls are coming to the office for evangelists and leaders. “I think it is time to shove our thoughts into action and do something for Almighty God. . . Go out and put into action ways and means that we have been discussing and planning by our thoughts and do something about this great need in the world today which we are being asked to help meet. . .”

“The Wayside Cross” was then rendered by the male quartet consisting of L. Ford Lewis, Rex Zwiebel, Kenneth Van Horn, and Sgt. Gerald Bell, of New Market, Va. Mr. Davis represented the distribution committee and among other things stressed the importance of the Tract of the Month Club. He has found from personal experience that the giving of tracts opens up new situations. He told of a woman who, on seeing him hand a tract to another person working at the same place, said, “I know you are a spiritual man—won’t you pray for my son?” A challenge was presented to the Conference when he asked, “What would happen if six thousand members of the Tract of the Month Club and give at least one tract each month to someone who knows how to get in touch with us after reading the tract?”

During the discussion period several questions were asked of Mr. Davis. One was, “Do we have to give the tract out if we disagree with what it says?” Mr. Davis answered, “No, send it back, and we will send you another one.” Chaplain Malby asked if giving out just one tract a month doesn’t seem rather meager. He said many people are so interested that has put hands into his pocket to put his hand out to others. In concluding his address he asked, “Are we going to be ready to do our part to help those millions of men who have done their part to make this new life? . . . We as a Christian people have to ‘come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and our Christ—who bid us to come up to God and receive the Sabbath?” Mr. Davis replied that it is not the purpose of the club to stop with just one tract; it offers an opportunity for every Seventh Day Baptist to get started along the new order. . . We need new tracts and new methods to bring people to the feet of Jesus and to the family altar. . . Tracts are needed more in more places. Your board is trying to fulfill its mission; we feel there is a place to fill in this new order.”

We must always remember to stress salvation through Jesus Christ; if a man is not interested in Christ he will not be interested in the Sabbath. The best ways we can promote the Sabbath is to be a peculiar (Christ-like) people—zealous in good works.—J.B.D. (continued on page 185)

THE SABBATH

The coming of the Sabbath is looked upon as the “high day” of Conference. Then come in the many from not too-far-away places to swell the attendance at auditorium seating capacity.

Sabbath evening was ushered in by the afternoon cantil program by Dr. Wingate. The grand old Belgian bells dedicated to the memory of the late President Boothe C. and Estelle Hoffman Davis rang out over the peaceful valley as the sun was sinking in the west toward the rim of the Allegheny hills. A little later the vespers service again led the way into the service.

Rev. Orville Babcock conducted devotions, and a sermon was preached by Victor W. Skaggs of New Market, N. J. The message centered on the theme of war, its effects upon the nations, and emphasized the needs and practical ways in which the Christian Church can help. Mr. Skaggs were taken on this or other Sabbath matters; so only a general report is given. It is the hope that sermons and addresses will in time appear in the Sabbath Recorder.

The evening meeting closed with a “Conference” conducted by Rev. Verney A. Wilson of Nortonville, Kan. In twenty minutes many had borne brief heartfelt testimonies. Practical every one in the house stood expressing his faith and desire to testify for Christ as Saviour.

The morning worship in the hands of Pastor Everett T. Harris was dignified and warm, leading into the sense of God’s presence. The sermon was preached by Chaplain Hughley, and Mr. Warren was strongly presented on Christ’s words, “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.” Seldom have we heard Mr. Warren speak so strongly and convincingly or with such assurance as he did in delivering this message of encouragement. We are sorry he could not have had the opportunity to speak to the Allegheny people who would have been president—had it been held last year. After the afternoon session he and
Chaplain Malby answered many questions asked by interested people.

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In view of exigencies of war conditions the sessions have all been well attended, inspiring, and unifying. In no small measure to the service rendered by those entrusted with the several tasks of organization and administration of the functions contributing to that end, the General Conference therefore recommends the following resolutions to all who have contributed to that end; and to the state churches for their chapter of the same.

To the President of Conference who has presided over this assembly and the board, and has presided with all due dignity, with impartiality, and with graciousness of manner throughout; to the directors and moderators for their interest, and to those who have patiently guided us on a lofty, spiritual plane at all times and who have likewise inspired our sessions with hopeful, inspiring cadet recitals.

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But is that the most important thing of this Conference? Or the fellowship we have had here together? No! The most important thing is we have found God here. What we need most—what this country and other countries need most—is God. "I have felt him here.

The most striking thing to Dr. Norwood, as said in this Conference, was "God sent his angel as Jesus as a messenger of truth, what we might know God better." "It has been six days of spiritual communion with God," the speaker felt. He then quoted a verse each of two hymns:

"O thou, who dost not slumber, Whose light grows never pale, Teach us aright to number Those who join in flight. 

Thank thee, good Shepherd, That in this house have called upon thy name ..."

"Great art thy peace, Lord, on our homeward way. With thee began with thee shall close the day. Guard thou our lips from sin, the heart from shame, That in this house have called upon thy name."

"Yes! It has been a good Conference.""The benediction was pronounced, and the One Hundred Thirty-first Session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference was adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society was held in 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 afternoon, September 17, at two-thirty o'clock.

LaVerne C. Bassett, President. Courtland V. Davis, Recording Secretary.

"Many Christians are saying: We want the church of India to be one—we have inherited from Britain and America such a rich variety of order and of worship which we do not want to lose, but we would like our church to be a united church including all that have spiritual meaning to Indians." —Rev. Geoffrey Cranswick.

A HISTORICAL STATEMENT

By Dean Alfred E. Whitford

(Given at General Conference August 23, 1944, at Alfred, N. Y. under the sponsorship of Christian Education hour.)

This occasion marks a climax in the denominational plans and program for religious education. Previous to 1940 the promotion of educational training in the denomination was in the hands of three boards, or societies—each in a separate phase of the total program, but each often overlapping the efforts of the other two. Now, by a consolidation of denominational programs, carried on by one organization, the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, which was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on June 12, 1940, and was the merger of three organizations—the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, the Sabbath School Board, and the Young People's Board. And, to cap the climax, this service tonight is an official recognition of the fact that our educational program is headed and led by a man who is giving his full time to this important work. He is the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

But let us go back historically and see what has led up to this united effort and plan.

The Seventh Day Baptist Education Society was incorporated in 1856. Its purpose was comprehensive, as stated in Article two of the By-Laws, "For the purpose of carrying on, enriching and fostering the denomination by the founding of a denominational national college and theological seminary; likewise the support of all institutions under the denomination; and to consolidate the funds and utilize the work of all institutions, and the advancement of the interests of education generally in the denomination." As a matter of history, the society has been concerned with the least expenditure with higher education, the fostering and support of our denominational colleges, and especially the School of Theology. And, by the aid and support of our School of Theology where our young men can secure their preparation for the ministry under denominational auspices. This society has through the years accumulated endowment funds, the larger portion of which has provided income for the School of Theology.

The Sabbath School Board has had a long and fruitful existence. It was formed as a standing committee of the General Conference in 1872. Very definitely its work was the organization of Sabbath schools in the churches, the development of a curriculum of teaching through institutes and conferences, and the publication of lesson helps and periodic to the general use of Bible study. Much valuable work was done in all these lines by many volunteer workers, but none was called to give him full time to church school promotion until 1905. At that time the board was located in New York City. The members of the board had the courage and the faith to try the adventure of employing a full-time representative. Walter L. Greene was called to this work and served the denomination as field representative of the board for seven years, the first two years as a full-time worker and then five years in part-time, giving at least half of his time to this important job.

During this period the board members, feeling the importance and permanence of this type of work, took steps to give the board legal status. This was accomplished in 1908 and the Sabbath School Board. By the December General Conference was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York.

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he did effectively for five years. Some of his time was taken up in the preparation of lesson helps, particularly a series of graded lesson helps.

Two years after Mr. Holston resigned, Erlo E. Sutton was chosen by the Board in 1916 to be its director of religious education. He not only trained extensively in the denomination but he became the editor of the Helping Hand, and a member of the Lesson Committee of the International Council of Religious Education. Mr. Sutton continued in this important work for fourteen years. He gave of his entire time to this work. He was chosen by the Board in 1926 to be its director of religious education. Two years after Mr. Holston resigned, Mr. Sutton was appointed to the position of director of religious education. He served four years from 1930 to 1934. In 1934 the board was moved to Alfred, where the Alfred group carried on its work until the merger in 1940.

About eight years ago, both the Sabbath School Board and the Young People's Board produced the plan of combining these two boards with the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, and of having one denominational body whose function it was to carry on a total program of religious education. This plan was proposed to the General Conference, which appointed a special committee to make a study of the proposition. This committee in its report in 1937 favored the plan because it would result in a more comprehensive program, and in more efficient use of funds provided by the denomination. (And may I quote here from the report):

In the opinion of the committee there is a more important reason for consolidation than finance alone. It is this wisdom which includes all forms of religious education. There is a need for comprehensive work for children, which extends from cradle to the grave in a child's life, for which the Sabbath School and the Young People's are serving the educational needs of all our young people until they have passed the college age, and the committee feels also that a new Education Board, if it is to be an efficient and vital Board, should be able to serve the needs of our denomination. It should be understood that the organization and functions of the new board would require a new comprehension of our religious education and an entirely new plan for our religious education.

At the General Conference in 1937 a larger committee, which by the way included most of the members of the first committee, was appointed to study more intensely the details of the proposed merger. This resulted, as will be seen in the present denominational body—the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education—in 1940. It was hoped that this important and challenging task the new board, most of them unfamiliar with the details of the work, approached their job earnestly and carefully. The fact that they saw no way of supporting the board solely on the Consolidation Fund or for salaries, except that provided by the General Conference in the budget. The incorporators realized keenly the need of experienced and expert, leadership in the board, and so made provision in the by-laws for an executive secretary—a person who is to give his full time to the task of heading up this important program.

At the outset the board formed three main committees—a committee on church schools, carrying on the program of the Sabbath School Board; a committee on young people's work, continuing the activities of the Young People's Board; and a committee on higher education, a field peculiar to the old Education Society. This last committee has responsibility for the promotion of special training for young men preparing for the ministry and especially for our School of Theology. The activities of these three committees during these four years have been limited to correspondence and to the employment of special workers for limited periods of time. But the entire board has kept constantly in touch with all the needs and an entirely new plan for our religious education is eludes all forms of religious education. There is a need of finding young men who will enter the gospel ministry. All of this, and more too, your Board of Christian Education is trying to do, and in the last few years we have provided the necessary budget funds and created a new program to serve the churches by providing a unifying and stimulating program. We invite your full cooperation in this endeavor.

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CHARGE TO SECRETARY HARLEY SUTTON

By Rev. Everett T. Harris

(Given during the installation service at Conference) In the Apostle Paul's description of the Christian's armor, there is no provision for the protection of his back. It has been pointed out that this is because the Christian leader is always on the defensive. There is no protection of heading up this important field, and the committee feels also that a new Education Board, if it is to be an efficient and vital Board, should be able to serve the needs of our denomination. It should be understood that the organization and functions of the new board would require a new comprehension of our religious education and an entirely new plan for our religious education.

The rest of the story you know. Rev. Harley Sutton was the unanimous choice of the board, and he was called to undertake this most important work. He began his labors on June 1. In the opinion of the writer, no phase of our denominational program is more important than its educational phase. No other board is more vital to the life and the growth of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. Every church should have a well organized religious training program. No such work is ever done so well that it cannot be done better and more effectively. There is constant need of a careful re-study of methods and results and of a more complete and practical program of study and training for the present generation. In the last few years we have provided the necessary budget funds and created a new program to serve the churches by providing a unifying and stimulating program. We invite your full cooperation in this endeavor.
an inner discipline. This is the way our Master lived and this is the way in all humility, I charge you to live. Keep studying, thinking, praying, and growing in spirit, disciplining yourself by the Spirit of Christ within you.

Again, I charge you to give yourself wholeheartedly to this work as worth of your best powers and talents. There is no higher calling than to be a coworker with Christ, to be yoked with him in the great redemptive work of our heavenly Father—the building of the kingdom of Christ in the hearts of boys and girls, young people and adults. So burn your bridges behind you and make no mental reservation as you "launch out into the deep" with Christ. We who are leaders of the church, whether pastors or denominational leaders, must retain no lingering notion that perhaps we could have done better powers of the church, whether pastors or denominational leaders, must retain no lingering notion that perhaps we could have done better. National leaders, lawyers or in a big salaried job in a defense plant. If we do not see this work as a calling of God demanding the best we have and are, if we do not go "all out in our consecration, if we are retaining a lingering notion that our present work is just a stepping stone to something we suppose to be higher, then we probably will fail in our calling and we will deserve to fail. Without divine impulsion we or others had best not begin on a calling that is bound to contain heartaches, criticism, hard work, and small pay—at least at smallest in the realm of finance. But in this calling there are rich rewards, wonderful rewards of fellowship with Christ and of peace with God that passeth understanding. These things the world can not offer and neither can it take them away.

So I charge you, be not in a hurry to succeed from the world's point of view. Count not the measure of your success by the number of people that slip you on the back. You will know the measure of your success as you stand in the secret place before God. And when you have your approval nothing else really matters.

A charge would not be complete without Paul's words to Timothy, preach and teach the Word of God. "For the word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit... and is a discriminator of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

As one who will have much to do with the hearts of men you will need an instrument that can reach their hearts.

But the Word is not magic; it must be quick with life. You must live that Word that men may understand it. A large group of the people you meet will never read further than "the gospel according to you."

And preach Christ central in the Word. He is the key to the understanding of all the Bible. He is the one who will give power and urgency to your message. E. Stanley Jones tells of his attempt to preach equally all the heroes of the Bible along with Jesus the Son of God. He found himself defending this one's actions and that one's words always on the defense. Then he took a tip from Paul and decided to preach Christ, the power and wisdom of God, Spirit power, and all other things secondary. He tells that at once he moved from the defensive to the offensive. Now sinful men were on the offensive and Christ was changing their hearts and lives. Thus I charge you, preach Christ the center and heart of the Word of God.

And finally, Paul charged Timothy, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose them... and to this end to carry out, "gentle, unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledgment of the truth."

We of the board, and I believe I speak for the denomination as well, feel that you qualify in these things and that you can carry out these instructions that Paul challenged Timothy to perform. But they are worthy of your thought and determination to carry out, "gentle, unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves. There can be no mistaking the tenor and spirit that runs throughout these instructions. And the end and goal is "God may peradventure give repentance unto the acknowledgment of the truth."

This is the goal and aim of our board—"the acknowledgment of the truth." I charge you give yourself wholeheartedly to the accomplishment of this goal. And may God give us grace and strength to stand behind you loyally and to uphold your hands as you lead the way.

FREEDOM
By Mrs. W. C. Miller

Oh, I shall go a gypsying
And climb the highest hill
And feel the wind upon my face
And hear bird voices trill.

Oh, I shall go a gypsying
And watch the sun's last ray
And wait to see the stars come out
To light the milky way.

Oh, I shall go a gypsying
For God will set me free,
And I shall roam in glory
Through all eternity.

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