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that the prayers are not an expression of the feelings, and prayers of the people. It may be that the preacher does not know how to preach. It may be that he or his ideas do not fit, fundamentally, with those of the congregation. If that is the case get another preacher, change the service, but find how you can best be led to worship God.

2. The second possibility is this. These things of the church do point the way to God to others, but not to you. Consider for a moment if this has not been so in your own life. If so, consider why. Consult those men or women whom you trust; consult your pastor if you will. Find out what is separating you from God; eliminate it.

Regular stimulation of worship within us is the anchor of the abundant life. Those who feel it as we gather here need no urge to use it, for they know that it brings them all they hold dear. Those who do not feel it need to find for the first time the value of coming close to God regularly—daily and weekly, alone and together—making use of the privilege of improving life, of finding God, and of living for him always.

IV

Weekly worship is important. It is one of the most important things in the Christian life. It is the great stimulus to Christian living, to private devotions, and to the adoring worship of God Almighty through Jesus Christ. It can point the way closer to your heavenly Father for you. Let no trivial reason keep you from worship. Let no trivial reason keep you from approaching the throne of grace each Sabbath day in company with your brothers in the faith. For if you do, you will find yourself poorer for it. You will find yourself lacking in the strength for God's work that you might have had. You will be less fruitful than you could have been in serving the Christ. Come to the church and find God. Let the pointers to him become your most treasured possessions. Learn to know him better in company with us all—and thus grow in spirit and into a more abundant life of perfection promised to those who love the Lord.

MARRIAGES

Barnett - Morley. — James Thomas Barnett of Muncie, Ind., and Miss Beverly Ann Morley of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage on September 2, 1944, in Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Barnett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morley and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wells of Parma, Ill.

Burck - Lippincott. — Rex Carroll Burck of Battle Creek, Mich., and Betty Merle Lippincott, of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage on September 3, 1944, in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor G. D. Hargis officiated.

OBITUARY

Smith. — Arthur H., son of Charles and Jane Stevens Smith, was born March 28, 1883, and died July 9, 1944, at Deaconess Hospital in Buffalo after a brief illness.

As a young man he attended Alfred Academy. He married Miss Lena Stukay of Alfred, March 15, 1905. He had been employed as a mechanical engineer in Nebelhauer Brothers' Machine Shop in Buffalo, carrying on work vital to the war industry. He was a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Theron; a grandson; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Everett T. Harris. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

R. T. H. Williams. — Zilpha, daughter of Julina and De Etta Sireven Williams, was born in Lewis County, N. Y., November 15, 1880, and died at Harrisville, W. Va., June 10, 1944.

For many years the family home was in Plainfield, N. J. For several years she served as assistant to the corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society. She was a devoted and faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Plainfield.

For some years she lived with a sister and a brother-in-law, Professor and Mrs. W. R. Harris, at Salem, Va. During her last illness she was cared for at a nursing home in Harrisville. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. W. R. Harris.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. James L. Skaggs at the Baptist Church in Harrisville; the body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.

J. L. S.

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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 $1.00. Cash most acceptable except advertisement.

WANTED—Owners of permanent home in New York State with home with a family, two well appointed rooms, larger apartment, or house for soldier's wife, 18 month old son, and 4 month old daughter in or near, Laredo, Tex. Have own baby bed. Babes are fairly civilized. Capt. M. Stinson Butte, 38201A03, Sec. C-1, Bks. 206, L.A.A.F., Laredo, Tex. 9-19-44
Editorials

PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH

The month of October will be set aside for the observance of Protestant Press Month under the auspices of the Associated Church Press. This event was inaugurated last year as a period for special emphasis on the value of the religious press. Forty-two publications participated in that way when the former experiment was repeated in 1940. Many more than that are planning to take part this year.

The committee promoting the observance has for chairman, Homer W. King, successful editor of the Protestant Voice. The president, vice-president, and secretary of the A. P. P. are: Dr. Bernard J. Mulder of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Nathan R. Melhorn of Philadelphia; and Dr. John Marvin of Adrian, Mich., respectively.

The Sabbath Recorder will again be one of the participating religious papers—publishing contributing articles, items of interest, and features designed to enlarge its circulation. The co-operation of pastors, church clerks, and others interested in a wider spread of our paper’s influence is earnestly solicited.

NATION-WIDE BIBLE READING

The American Bible Society has been publishing the Scripture without note or comment since 1816 is sponsoring a nation-wide Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Passages most helpful in times like these, have been chosen one for each day by a committee of more than one hundred thousand pastors and six thousand chaplains. Some of our own churches co-operated in the selection of the passages.

A bookmark listing the daily passages will be distributed free from the Bible, with wide spread means. A number of state governors, we understand, have already promised to include a paragraph referring to the Bible reading in their Thanksgiving Day Proclamations while the passage for the day will be read over the air at least once daily.

What Can Day without it?

One can help first of all by one’s own daily Bible reading. One can establish daily family reading in the home. One can boost Bible reading by talking about this plan. He can arrange on the church, business, newspapers, and organizations of his community. The value of ing in their Thanksgiving Day Proclamations of their participation in this program which holds large possibilities for the spiritual life of the nation. One can secure copies of the bookmark listing of passages for one’s self and extra copies to give to friends. They may be had from the pastor, or directly on request from the American Bible Society, 470 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

CHRISTIAN ENDUER REULTS

For more than sixty-three years Christian Endeavor has carried on its work. It has been the leading youth organization and influence in all walks of life. Many church leaders and workers today owe much of their ability, interest, and success to the training in Christian activity afforded by Christian Endeavor. The great Christian Endeavor leader, president, and statesman of international renown - Dr. Bernard J. Mulder, himself-expressed in his own words the value of the training afforded by Christian Endeavor through the Junior society on up.

In spite of criticism leveled at the Christian Endeavor movement: that it has outlived its usefulness; that it no longer is meeting the needs of youth—needs that are met, it is alleged, by "modern" organizations and youth movements—in spite of such criticism, Christian Endeavor can and does give God good returns. Recent messages from men of Christian Endeavor, who have found their young people’s society training unexcelled, have used the New Life, bar room, and public life, as well as the family, as an example of what recently has been received by the writer’s personal friend and former co-worker in West Virginia—Maryland, Christian Endeavor service, Carroll M. Wright. Mr. Wright is now executive secretary of the World’s Christian Endeavor Union and also executive secretary of the Script Union League.

The first is briefly by Mr. Wright from Jay Abrams, formerly in Lynbrook, N. Y., where in the past year: "I am more than I was once; there is no one who knows me today who hated me yesterday. He is a new creation; the old is gone away. I am ready to receive the new life; I am grateful for all that is meant by the plan. What a wonderful time talking about our Saviour. We attended the Sunday morning service and joint a church service and sang hymns and choruses following that service. The two of us, who had been meeting each evening for prayer and meditation, proposed that others interested join us that evening at eight. We sang hymns for more than an hour. Then I talked about God’s love and care for fifteen minutes. I can’t help thinking of the words of Christ, ‘Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren...’ These meetings continued for all the nights that the group traveled together. It is hard to describe the influence felt in all walks of life. My biggest and best experience abroad has kept me in connection with the group. The plan of the Colorado Christian Endeavor Union, wrote: 'My biggest and best experience abroad: has kept me in connection with the group. The chap with whom I bunked was active in Christian Endeavor in Pennsylvania and volunteered for the project.--We have had our first service. About fifty-five men came out for his first service. He asked me to take over a service which I was glad to do. We held it on the deck in the world-wide meeting and by acceptance of seventy-five.' On another occasion, he went to another office and substituted for an officer whose duties kept him from leading a service for which he was scheduled.

From another, one Albert D. Fulmer, comes the experience: At the close of the service one private in Uncle Sam’s army asked another, ‘Did you do this work back home?’ The man answered addressed that church work was his hobby and he was especially grateful for the training he had received in Christian Endeavor and for the many fine associations in that society. Regular ‘Atlantic Vespers’ were sponsored by the military government of that Christian Endeavor leader and a Salvation Army man.

Today the Christian Church claims over 500,000,000 enrolled members. ... When Christians were numbered by thousands they turned the world upside down. ...
The First Letter

The first letter with suggestions for the 1945 Conference program was from one of our young clergymen. Naturally enough he is planning a lot of work for the layman. His letter was in a different way from the admission of the address delivered during the last Conference when Rev. Harley Sutton presents his plan to you to please me if you cooperate with him 125 percent.

Possibly you ask why the extra 25 percent. I would have that be extra Bible study. Revive the old C. E. pledge with its promise to read the Bible every day: only do more of it than we used to do.

Read chapters instead of verses. Begin if you will by reading Matthew 6. Do that over and over; then begin at the nineteenth verse and read the remainder of the chapter many times. Read it so often you fairly learn it by heart. Finally, actually make lots of the last four verses.

Make out your goals for the year this: taking of spiritual food, Bible study and prayer, as systematically and regularly as you take of your physical food.

Sincerely,

P. B. Hurley.

MISSIONARY ADDRESS

By Rev. Earl Crusan

(Condensation of address delivered during the Missionary Luncheon.)

As ye shall be witnesses unto both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

During the last four verses, it is seen. It is seen and found the words of Jesus to his disciples we find the words of the text that I have chosen today. Ye shall be witnesses unto me.

The disciples had spent some time in doubt, indecision, and fear, and were in danger from the authorities, both of Jerusalem and of Rome. Jesus to his disciples we shall be witnesses unto me. Acts 1: 8. From the last recorded words of Jesus to his disciples, we can in a very brief time see something of the work they accomplished.

Beginning in Jerusalem they soon spread, just as Jesus had told them to, until at the end of the life of some then living the gospel had reached nearly every known land and nearly every corner of the earth. As this is the missionary program, I would like for us to think along missionary themes.

MISSIONARY ADDRESS


CHECKERS and money orders should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I. Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of R. I. Sutton, Westerly, R. I., to be strengthened by the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Christian religion from its very beginning has been a missionary religion and must continue to be if it is to continue to grow upon the face of the earth.

If we follow the lives of the disciples we can in a very brief time see something of the work they accomplished. Beginning in Jerusalem they soon spread, just as Jesus had told them to, until at the end of the life of some then living the gospel had reached nearly every known land and nearly every corner of the earth.

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That is the spreading of the gospel of Christ here on earth.

Christianity has its beginning in Jerusalem following Jesus' ascension and the descending of the Holy Ghost upon the disciples by way of pentecost in Jerusalem. Since the last Conference, among the last countries to receive the message of Christ was our own. And yet we have no reason to believe that it has been a bulwark for Christianity. Our forefathers, many of them, came to these shores in the search of religious freedom. That freedom was not truly found until Rhode Island was founded, and perhaps true religious freedom has never been entirely realized. But in our missionary efforts ever had it been held forth that we have been foremost in the spreading of the Christian gospel. We have proudly held to the slogan of the Church that "My kingdom is not of this world." Our challenge that statement today as we study the statistics that our government gives to us. With less than fifty per cent of our population belonging to churches and many whose names are on church rolls not actively Christian, that statement might well be challenged.

Christianity has had its beginning in Jerusalem. The church had a center there with James as the head of the church, and the church at Jerusalem was looked to for authority for a time, but since those early days the story has been somewhat different. Much of the life Jerusalem has not been a seat of Christian influence. And even we as Seventh Day Baptists have sent missionaries to Palestine. I think our mission there was not too successful. The very center of the earth today, the church has since that time been in great need of the gospel of Christ because the gospel was not to be found there.

I am speaking today as one of our home missionary pastors. I sometimes grow discouraged and wonder what is the good of some of the contacts that I make in my field work, because too many times there is not a very evident interest in Christianity or Seventh Day Baptists. There is a friendly atmosphere, and I have grown to have a great deal of respect for many of the people we contact. But from a Christian point of view, I sometimes wonder if friendship might not be about all there is to it.

And then again there are times that I live in hopes of what may be accomplished. But in most cases, we have been convinced of the Sabbath through study or who has seen the freedom and the truth and the Seventh Day Baptists. We feel there the pulse of a living organization.

Going back to Jerusalem and Palestine as the centers of Christian teaching and their latter need of the Christian gospel, I wonder if we as a nation who have proudly waved the banner of Christendom need not stop and think else we too become like Jerusalem of old, close enough as the teachings of Christ are concerned. Is there not a danger that we who have prided ourselves in sending missionaries and the truth of Christianity to other lands, may not be growing cold at home?

Let us think, and let us act upon our thinking. This is our home as a denomination. God calls us, we are scattered from Texas to Rhode—yes, and to California. We have sent our missionaries to China, to South America, to the Near East, and have done missions and groups in many other places. We are concerned and rightly so with the spread of the truth of Christ to the foreign fields where it is possible for us to labor. And the work of our missionaries is worthy of great praise.

But as we look at the statistics of our denominations, we find that we are far from the strength we hold, we should become alarmed over losses. True, we are not alone in this predicament, but we do live by a knowledge of the gospel and what it holds for them.

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same men the assurance that their physical needs and the needs of their families will be taken care of; we also want to see that assurance today with the funds that are at our disposal.

There is a message in the text that I have chosen, the words of Christ to his disciples, and to you, and to me, and to every Seventh Day Baptist, and every Christian upon the face of the earth: Ye shall be witnesses unto me. You must be a witness unto Christ; and you must start in Alfred, Alfred Station, Shiloh, Ashaway, Boulder, Riverside, or wherever you live. It may be away from any church contact, but you must be a witness for Christ, and you must be a witness for his gospel.

COMMENTS ON CURRENT DISCUSSIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER

To public leaders and our people:
The Commission on a Just and Durable Peace is deeply gratified that our nation is putting forth strong non-partisan efforts to achieve with other nations a world structure to promote durable peace. Decisions of world significance are now being reached. We therefore reaffirm certain basic convictions which we earnestly hope will be reflected in what is to be done.

There must be world organization. It must not be merely an agency for the maintenance of an existing order nor merely repressive. It must deal constructively with the underlying causes of war, foremost among which is the quest for power, economic and political maladjustment, exploitation in colonial relations, racial discrimination, and the denial of accommodations to individuals of various races and nationalities. In their existing forms these factors result in violation of individual freedoms. Only if world organization is curative and creative will man generally be willing to make the sacrifices necessary to sustain it.

We recognize the importance of power in any world organization when responsibly used toward a common human goal. Force as one exercise of power is an accepted element of public order, domestic or international. But force of itself cannot achieve results. Force is a negative power, saying it is at war with a group. If an organization of force is brought into being under such conditions that the purposes for which it may be used are ill-defined and unpredictable it will stimulate rivalry among those who will seek to control it and thus undermine the whole effort for peace.

In their origin, any international principles which are to govern the use of force and determine when and against whom force shall be brought into play ought to be reflected in the balanced judgment of all the nations. The greater nations have moral responsibilities in proportion to their power and therefore no arrangement for the use of force should, even in appearance, be a device whereby the strong impose their will upon the weak.

In their use, any international principles ought to be equally applicable to the great nations as well as the small. Any system which granted immunity from restraints to a few nations, even though from the beginning be lacking in moral authority and prove politically ineffective.

Any world organization ought, as quickly as possible, to be universal, and being not only neutral but also former enemies into association for peace. When effective and lasting peace is achieved, the only justification for the existence of the institution will be the work of securing the nation's freedom.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Through the cooperation of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, the Foreign Missions Conference of N. A., the Home Missions Council of N. A., the United Council of Church Women, and other missionary and church agencies, over one hundred fifty weekly and daily newspapers in the United States are now publishing once each week a three hundred word column of religious and missionary news concerning the world-wide activities of church women. It is entitled "Women in the Church," with the editors to be Anna Pelzer, and Mabel Talbot Powers.

"Women in the Church," is interdenominational and international in scope. It is strictly news in content, and has no propaganda or editorial material. It tells what women are doing in church work. It tells how the Christian woman moves with the rest of mankind in the field of missions and general church interests. For many pastors and church women this column is a great contribution to the Christian message of the church throughout the land. And it is free of charge to every church in the United States. It is not now being published in your hometown paper, why not use it? Why not be a promoter of a news column which has been the fruit of a cooperative effort which will give all the people a sense of creative fellowship.

We affirm that it is true realism to reckon with the moral law as it applies to both individuals and nations in the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. We believe that the only world organization which will contribute to a lasting peace is one which conforms to the law of God and opens the way for the expression of the spirit of Christ in the community of nations.

The Commission on a Just and Durable Peace.

September 21, 1944.
To the Church Women of the United States

The course of the world for the next thousand years may be determined by what the Christian Church does in the immediate future. The Church, in turn, is guided by the men and women who compose it.

These serious times demand that we deepen our awareness of the tremendous tasks confronting us. The church women of the United States, mobilized for study and action, may, if they will, constitute a most potent influence in building the kind of postwar world we covet for the generations to come.

"Forward Together in Christian Action" is the theme of the second biennial assembly to be held by the United Council of Church Women in Columbus, Ohio, November 14-16, Mrs. Ruth Mougye Worrell, executive secretary, announces. Church women of all denominations are urged to attend the meeting to plan unitedly a program of action for church women in all parts of the United States.

**NEWS ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

I have just completed a successful Vacation Bible School in Palatka. There was an enrollment of thirty-seven children and an average attendance of twenty. There were several more whom I could have rounded up if I had felt equal to handling them. As it was, the older children assisted me with the younger ones.

I will go to Georgetown for Vacation Bible School work for two weeks, beginning next Monday. This Bible School will be held in the home of Mrs. Padgett Hall. She is the sister of Mrs. Lela Price at Carraway. Mrs. Hall and family, husband and six children, believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and I have depended upon Mrs. Hall and most of the children to keep it. At present Mr. Hall is employed in defense work in Jacksonville, Fla.

You will be interested to know that the property for our church in Carraway has at last been surveyed. The deed to the property was made out yesterday—"A Warranty Deed." We conclude it is all right now to proceed with the building project.

Lumber has been so scarce that there is only one company in Palatka from which we have any promise of being able to secure it. We were told that unless we placed our order before August 1, it was very doubtful about our being able to get a priority permit for the lumber. Hence, believing that our title would be found clear, we placed an order for $320 worth of lumber. This is the estimated amount needed to put up a building, 18 x 20 feet, without a ceiling. This does not include the roll roofing material which will be needed, but which we are not able to pay for at present. We have windows and doors which have been donated, also screen for the five windows.

The project has been carried on by faith without any anxiety on my part about finances. When there have been sufficient resources we have proceeded with the necessary work, and when resources have been limited I have curtailed expenses and tried to catch up with important phases of the work that could be done with a minimum of expense. —Cleared from letters from Elizabeth F. Randolf.

August 4, 1944.

Promoter of evangelism, Rev. L. O. Greene, is working with the churches in the Central and Western Associations since the Conference in August. He reports that about two hundred have signed the pledge to try, each one, to win one this year.

The Annual Letter with the "Goals" will be in the mail this month, and another year of work for the Master has begun. If your copy fails to arrive, drop a card to Miss Lotta Bond, Lost Creek, W. Va. Let the women in your state work this year stronger and more wisely to "Help bring the kingdom of heaven in."

Pray not for lighter burdens but for stronger backs. —Theodore Roosevelt.

**RECEPTION AND TEA**

The reception and tea for all Conference women given by Alfred women, under the auspices of the Women's Board, was held this afternoon on the spacious lawns of Chandall Hall which is the present home of Dean and Mrs. A. C. Bond. The day was perfect, and refreshments were served under the trees from lace spread tables to nearly one hundred guests. Among those present in line and presiding at the tea tables were the presidents of Alfred church groups, the president and other members of the Women's Board of the denomination, the wife of the Conference president, and missionary representatives.

The women welcomed this occasion to become better acquainted.

Matilda F. Crandall.

**NOTICE**

The annual meeting of members of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held on Monday, August 21st.

John Reed Spicer.

**Christian Education**

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

**TO OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS**

Material has been sent to the pastors, Sabbath school superintendents, and teachers asking that they urge all workers in the Sabbath schools to read at least one book on Christian Education during the Religious Education Week. Reports of reading of the Central Association and special Rally Day programs will appear in the Sabbath Recorder.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK**

With the need for spiritual power in the lives of people throughout the world increasing as the war tempo grows, Protestant forces of the United States and Canada are working for a wider observance than ever of Religious Education Week which will give emphasis to Christian teaching for the fourteenth year, from September 24 to October 1.

Co-operation of four hundred denominations and one hundred eighty-two state, provincial, city, and county councils of churches and religious education will be given to community-wide observances which will have for their theme, "Power for These Times." Detailed programs for specific activities have been developed by many denominations.

"During Religious Education Week the churches of the nation and the dominion will attempt to marshal the missionary spirit in their educational work," says Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the observance.

"These chaotic times demand that we not only increase our programs of Christian teaching in our Sabbath schools, but we also must increase our efforts to reach the more than fifteen million children of school age who have had no religious training of any kind.

Increased church and Bible school enrollment and attendance, growing home-church co-operation, leadership education, and effective evangelism through the church school are some of the aims set for Religious Education Week by its leaders.—International Council of Religious Education.

**THE WHITE HOUSE**

Dear Dr. Ross:

In this time of our spiritual testing as a nation, it is good that we should strengthen our religious ties and reinforce the quality of our religious education. Our young men have given proof upon a score of battlefields that they have the stamina, the courage, the absolute moral force without which they could not stand up against this extreme trial.

In their need, in their searching for essential inner strength, they have exemplified the religious background of our culture. They
have found in prayer and in battlefield services before crude altars the renewal of their spirit while toiling on.

It is no less necessary for us at home to turn to the faith of our fathers; for we, too, have had our hours of testing, and many of us have known days of dark suspense and ultimate grief. Without supreme devotion to our religious beliefs, without devotion and faith in this cause for which we are fighting, the battle against the forces of evil would not have borne its burden. But we have borne them. We have grown stronger, and our dedication is the more intense because of these sacrifices. We will carry on, and we will fulfill our pledges to mankind. Our cause is just, our purpose clear. Under God, there shall be another victory.

It is therefore peculiarly fitting that there should be nation-wide observance of the fourteenth annual Religious Education Week. The children whom you will summon to the fine and uplifting principles of religion will be called upon to live in the world we are creating. If they follow the firm path of truth which we strive to walk upon, we will be confident of the ultimate victory to which we are dedicated—peace and good will for all men everywhere.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1944.

SABBATH SCHOOLS IN JAMAICA

By Mrs. Luther W. Crichlow

Our Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath Schools in Jamaica, British West Indies, are run in connection with our churches just as they are in this country. Also, as in this country, there are a few Sabbath schools which are run by themselves and not in connection with any church, as used to be the case with our Shiloh Sabbath School. But essentially our Sabbath schools there are what they are here for their model and ideal are our Sabbath schools in this country.

If you could, however, be privileged to visit some of our Sabbath schools in Jamaica as I have on numerous occasions, especially those in the rural areas, you think your first and predominant impression would be that of a loud and busy buzz. After you got adjusted to the situation and had time to look around, you would find that for the most part this was because some children in a class where the blackboards would be reciting rapidly over and over, in rote fashion, the verses of Scripture chosen by their teacher for them to learn that day. In the public schools of Jamaica, such as they are, children still learn their lessons by reciting them aloud over and over again, and they still learn to write them on the little slate boards with their slate pencils. So it is no wonder that you would notice this buzz first as you entered one of our Sabbath schools on the Sabbath day.

Your second impression, I think, would be one of openness. This feeling I think you would have in part from the open and sunny countenances of most children, as they turned with smiling and curious eyes to see the visitors from America. But it would come more from the openness of the places of worship; for our church buildings for the most part in that tropical country are openwork booths with coconut-thatched roofs and sides. There can be no question of proper criticism of air in these buildings, and they certainly are waterproof except to the very hardest and sustained of tropical downpours.

Your third impression, I think, would be one of smiles and eager curiosity. The eyes of men, women, and children would be turned toward you with frank curiosity. Your manner of dress and your bearing would be seen, noted, and shrewdly commented upon in short order. Your character, what you are deep down inside of you, would be fully sized up in a few minutes of skillful but polite interrogation and the judgment would often be correct. You might think you were doing the questioning and the sizing up, and it might surprise you to learn some time later after you became better acquainted with the people and they learned to have confidence in you that they had so shrewdly and accurately sized you up.

We have many Sabbath schools in Jamaica, some large and some small. Practically all meet six a.m. Sabbath morning and are over at 11:00 a.m., at which time the morning worship service begins. The ways of conducting and teaching the schools vary from place to place, varying with the skill and ingenuity of the superintendent and the teachers. For the most part our people are not found in Jamaica. They make up for that with a sound knowledge of and command of Scripture such as would put many of our brethren in this country to shame. The Sabbath schools which have been laboring in that field and the writer and her husband have done a great deal to improve the standard of our Sabbath schools.

From time to time we have the privilege of lesson materials of the highest order. This is your advan-

Dear Recorder Children:

Since, greatly to my disappointment, there are no children’s letters again this week, I think it is a good time to write instead some way you might learn the characteristics of the chameleon, which were written by Dr. G. B. F. Hallock, of Rochester, N. Y., for the Religious Telescope and sent to me by Editor Van Horn.

Dr. Hallock writes as follows:

This time I have for you Religious Tele-
scope young folks a true story about a very peculiar animal. It is a variety of lizard of which you have all heard, the chameleon. It is best known for its ability to change its color so as to look like its varied surround-
ings. That is not considered a good thing in people. We call them "turcoats." And we don’t like persons of that sort, do we? People who have no reliable character.

But a chameleon is famous for something else, which we may not know about or seldom think about. Let me ask you a question: What animal can stick its tongue out nearly twice the length of its body? Of course it is not a boy or girl! No; no; it is the chameleon. Though commonly celebrated for its color changing ability, it is marked still more by the chameleon’s rapacious tongue, almost twice as long as its whole body. It has the most amazing tongue in all nature. Suppose your tongue were that long, how long would it be? Five or six feet?

The chameleon lives on flies and other insects. First it has to catch them by being smarter than they are. Lying on the bark of a tree or bush, the chameleon hides itself by taking the same color as what it is resting upon. Then it lies patiently and very stealth-

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 14, 1944

Jesus’ Understanding of Isaiah

Scripture—Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8; Matthew 12:2; 9:21

Golden Text—John 2:23

Rev. Walter L. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

In Jamaica, as is equally true in this coun-
try, there always is room for improvement. Since the Sabbath school is one of the most important training grounds and auxiliaries of the church, those in Jamaica should not be overlooked or disregarded. As we help to raise the level of education among our people as a whole and as we prepare to help individuals who are capable of absorbing formal education and who can share with our people in Jamaica what they have ac-

From Jamaica there comes the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us."
Let us recommend to you a motto, said to be that of our former President Calvin Coolidge:

A wise old owl sat on an oak,
The doctor was called in his wake;
The less he spoke the more he was heard;
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?

In our Sabbath school lessons we have been studying about David, that great and good king, an ancestor of Jesus our Saviour. So this week I'll tell you a true story about him.

One day when David was just a boy he was out in the field tending his father's sheep as he did every day. Suddenly he saw a big, fierce-looking animal coming toward the field where he was. It was a young lion. Before David could stop him he ran into the very midst of the sheep, snatched one of the little lambs in his sharp teeth and started to run away with it. David loved the little lamb, and besides he was a very brave boy. He quickly ran after the lion and grabbed him by the hair on his chin. Of course the angry lion opened his mouth to bite David, and out dropped the little lamb and ran back to its mother. Then the old lion was so angry that he tried to get David and eat him up; but the brave boy again caught the lion by the hair on his chin, and the fierce lion fell dead. Another day he saved his sheep from an old bear in the same way. He always took good care of the sheep because he loved them.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

A picture like this, so fraught with peril and so rich with possibilities, turns thoughtful people to an examination of that force which has always influenced events and guided history, the magnetic force of human character. When the decisive battles are yet to be won, when the peace plans have yet to be established, and when the economic system has yet to be chosen, when the forms of government vacillate from fasci tyranny to democratic freedom—the one positive force with which a man may come to grips is the force of human character. Granted that our future is uncertain, yet here is an element with which we can deal that is constant. It is a single ingredient common in the formula of all eras of history. The question in Luke's Gospel makes its impact on us now:

"What manner of child shall this be?"

In the long run, the answer to that question is a more important and a more determining force in history than anything else: "What manner of child shall this be?"—the magnetic force of character. The issue is up to man because man can influence, direct, and mould character. The question is, "What shall we do with David?" We may influence that force, but we are not so liable to become a chronic disease. It is much easier to be critical than to be correct. The tongue of criticism is a fire weapon. It is terrible to become a chronic disease. It is much easier to be critical than to be correct. The tongue of criticism is a fire weapon. It is terrible.

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tion of human life. Have we not missed Plato's great truth: the primary purpose of education is the inculcation of the distinction of right from wrong?

Reason and knowledge are God-given tools which can be used for good or evil. So, the mind minus reason, can be at the service of evil as well as the service of good. We have greatly improved the intellect of the child, but not its character, its conscience. What manner of child shall this be?

Since character is taught and not inherited, we can say that no education can ever be neutral. No teacher can escape being a character building agent. No school can fail to make its impact on a child's character growth. It is either religion in the narrow sense, or it is not God-centered it is thing-centered. If it is not wedded to the Christian idea of man and the Christian concept of sin and redemption, it is irreligious. If it professes to be education, it is not spiritually neutral—and thereby ignores religion—it is irreligious. If we do not, in our education, build noble character we are teaching the ethics of the jungle. There can be no neutrality in the character building forces of education.

Professor Harold Rugg of Columbia put it this way: "As we begin to realize teaching is all we do for the child, we begin to teach. What we believe, the loftiness to which we hold, subtly determine the content and method of our teaching.

When I first read this statement, I remembered the young French teacher of mine who left a ship crossing the Atlantic. She told me with obvious satisfaction how, while teaching the French language, she introduced to her classes the teachings and propaganda of Communism. There is no neutrality in character formation.

The pleasing pages in a thoroughly secular school are actually taking the stand that religion has no necessary connection with the realities of life. This is dogma—as narrow as a medieval religion.

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And now, having undergone the price of educating minds without developing character, our leading college presidents are beginning to recognize that the purposes of education must be re-examined. They are beginning to realize that we have missed the mark. From New York there come the words of Nicholas Murray Butler: "The separation of Church and State is fundamental. But, the principle has been so far disregarded by putting the whole influence of the tax-supported school on the side of one element in the population — namely, that which sympathizes in religion in whatever way. And from California come the words of Robert Gordon Sproul: "While I am a firm believer in the separation of the Church and State, I do not believe that our people have carried the principle to an extreme. Without the vital issues of religion, students might become merely efficient in the Nazi manner. Something more than brilliance, cleverness, and gathering degrees is needed in our educational system."

It is not an appalling fact that in a country where through the centuries religion has held the central place in the life of a people, the educational system now largely ignores the subject? How can the principal task of education which is character building be accomplished unless we turn with new interest to our religious heritage and tradition? Learning without a religious outlook on life merely makes the student clever, relentless and self-seeking kind of success which eventually stifles the noble, the ideal, and the civilized in man. Until education comes to this realization, faith is either banished or regarded as a subject of fun. Teachers are not unlike builders who work ahead frantically at full speed while the fires are going out under the boilers. "What manner of child shall this be?

But, charging the trench of institutional education is not the only front. The issue belongs also to the family. Psychologists tell us there is an age between six and twelve when character may be set-tled during the first six years of a child's life. That is before he goes to school. Even after the child attends school, he spends about 15 percent of his time for his home. The child's response to life, his character is as so much putty in the hands of the parents.

If parents bring children into this world and begin to teach them concerning the meaning of life and the destiny of their souls, they fall short in their highest obligation. A parent is as much bound to train a child's mind as to clothe his body. Yet, how many children have ever had the deep spiritual experience of seeing their parents quietly reading the family Bible? Too often the United States is treated like a pagan concept. If children are wont to treat wedding cake: that is, they break it up in small pieces and sleep on it—little bit this Sabbath, a little portion next Sabbath.

But, who can measure the power and influence on character that a father or mother might have if his young child could hear him read the Bible? And then, at the day the Lord hath made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do unto me?...I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

What enduring power lies here?

"What manner of child shall this be?"

When the future is uncertain and the tests and strains are many, let us not betray our greatest duty to God and to our children: to build such character that they shall endure as souls built on foundations of rock.

DENOMINATIONAL "BOOK-UP"

Dodge Center, Ill.

The Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath school was royally entertained at a picnic last Sun-day by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Mosher, at home near Pine Island. Harry Bird and Miss Dorothy Payne were the committee in charge.

The usual picnic dinner with hot coffee and scalloped potatoes furnished by the hostess was duly enjoyed.

The usual ball game was played with vol-unteers. Pastor Thorngate and Orph Greene were captains and chose sides. Mr. Thorngate's side was the winner. After the game some time was spent in singing old hymns.

On account of the gas and tire conditions it was feared the attendance would be small—but through the ingenuity and forethought of Lester Greene, a truck was provided with gas and tires for the pupils who wished to have a means of conveyance.

All came away feeling the time well spent and that a vote of thanks should be extended the Mothers for their hospitality.

Milton Junction, Wis.

As the result of a "bee," the old barn at the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist par-song has been torn down and a two car garage will be erected. Other improvements are being made to the house which will be occupied soon by the new pastor, Rev. Orville Babcock, and family who are moving here from Pennsylvania.——Telephone.

New Auburn, Wis.

A large crowd attended the dedication services at the (Sampson) town hall Labor Day when an honor roll for the service men who have served during the war was unveiled. The high school band played several selections. A male quartette, a trio, and a sextette sang; and Kenneth Olson sang a composition, "Cream of America's Manpower," by Robert Woolley. Oscar E. Nelson, a veteran of both world wars gave a short talk and Fire Controlman Russell Churchward of the U. S. s. tug, "Catholic," brought the flag. Some have his credentials. Rev. Neal Mills of New Auburn gave the main address, stressing the problems facing us in concluding an enduring peace, and expressing his faith in this kind that those problems will be wisely solved. Rev. C. B. Loofoobourough and Rev. Alexander McElrath and Principal G. E. Luck and Principal G. E. Luck and made some remarks. The program con-tains the names of seventy-four men and one woman, Miss Agatha Avery, serving in the WAVES.——Chippewa Herald-Telegram.

S/Sgt. Merlyn Van Horn, who has spent some time in the Panama Canal area has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Van Horn, Darrell Barber AMM 1/c has been spending time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Barber.

The Service Committee is making plans to remember the boys in the armed service as usual on Christmas time. All the boys in the states and overseas will be remembered. Many of our young folks are employed in defense work in Grand Island. Left for the last time for higher learning, and those of our number who are teaching left the last of August for their work.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bab-cock and daughter Belva have decided to move to California and make their home there. Their daughter Mary is a junior in Milton College. The Junior President, Albert, has been aboard a ship to take a course in radio school and is expected to arrive in the states shortly. His new work will be in Chicago and will begin September 13. He
has seen much service in the Pacific theater and has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Solomon Islands.

The ladies of the church were entertained recently when they talked informally of work to be done. Light refreshments were served.

A pleasant guest at the parsonage the past few days was Mrs. Sarah Potter, of Alfred, a daughter of Pastor Ehret.

Plainfield, N. J.

Our city was quite visibly affected by the hurricane September 14, that traveled up the Atlantic Coast. We experienced again a complete blackout. The next morning showed large trees down all over the city, blocking streets and sidewalks. Probably the greatest damage would be felt by electric and telephone companies, because of so many of their lines being down. As this is written—four days later—the streets are still dark and some of the homes are without electricity and telephones. We feel, however, that we have a great deal for which to be thankful; for what does a little inconvenience for us mean in comparison with loss of life and homes? Perhaps it is a good thing for us, once in a while, to have to use candles for light, carry a flashlight when we walk on the streets, go without telephones, and make shift in some way when our refrigerators, electric clocks, etc., do not function. At least it should help us to realize the material blessings more and not take them too much for granted. Anyhow, we have no deaths to report and not any great property damage, just a few minor inconveniences.

The prayer meeting Friday evening was led by Mrs. Lucy Whitford. Her topic was Fear, which was quite appropriate at this time; and in spite of no electric lights, Miss Whitford was undaunted and conducted her meeting with the aid of candles. It was a helpful and interesting service. At the Sabbath morning service the electricity had not been restored to the church, so we used for hymns and anthems instead of the pipe organ, and a few candles up front gave the necessary light for the pulpit and choir. The change did not detract at all from the service, for we had a very inspiring sermon by Rev. Charles L. Coenfaever, minister of the Congregational Church.

We miss Pastor Warren very much, but the people are taking hold of the work willing—each one trying to do his part. The committee appointed to supply the pulpit is doing some good work. At our Sabbath morning service, September 9, Conference reports were given by four of our members. Miss Ruth V. Hunting talked on General Impressions; Miss Jeanett B. Dickinson talked on Young People's Activities; the Commission was the topic of Courtland V. Davis and L. H. North. We gave a good report on the Business of Conference. These addresses were interesting and instructive.

The Missionary Committee of the church, of which Miss Ruth Hunting is chairman, has been appointed to secure leaders for the prayer meetings for a period of three months. We are having some good meetings.

The Missionary Committee of the Women's Society, assisted by the Missionary Committee of the church, is sponsoring a collection of new and used clothing for the liberated peoples of Europe. This is part of a nation-wide effort.

The class in Evangelism has resumed its study, meeting twice a month, with Rev. H. C. Van Horn as leader.

Correspondent.

Marriages

Davis-Bowen.—St. Sg. C. Allison Davis of Milton and Pvt. Bernice Bowen formerly of Evansville, Wis., were married in the parlor of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 29, 1944, with Rev. Carroll L. Hill officiating. Davis has twenty-nine months' service in India and will report at Miami Beach, Fla., later. Pvt. Bowen returns back at Parris Island, S. C., on September 5.

Obituary

Hemphill.—Deacon James Wallace, son of Silas P. and Mary E. Hemphill, passed away at his home near Coudersport, Pa., on August 30. He was born in 1869 and married Elizabeth Mae Roberts on January 13, 1908. She passed away in January, 1939. He served as a faithful deacon in the Heron Center Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years.

Children who survive him are Leroy, Burton, Max, and Mae Hemphill and son. Also left are two sisters: Mrs. Vina Burdick and Mrs. Ruth Barrett. Two brothers, Walter and William, survive him.

Funeral services were in charge of Rev. Charles Bond assisted by Rev. Zwiebel.

R. E. Z.