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church and the right hand of fellowship will be extended to them in the near future.) An appetizing covered dish dinner was served in the church basement immediately after the baptism. Those who had been at camp were in Boulder for the Sabbath services and provided the afternoon program of music and camp reports. In the evening the Women's Missionary Society entertained at a social for all who were able to attend.

Correspondent.

Brookfield, N. Y.

On Sabbath morning, July 29, was held a special service, largely musical, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prati of Schenectady, who are members of our church in Berlin, N. Y. The First Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church joined us in this service, and we were invited to join them in a meeting at Leonardville on Sunday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Prati plan to show lantern slides as well as give a short musical program.—Brookfield Courier.

Shiloh, N. J.

Our Gospel Team is five months old now. Eight young men, with Charles Swing as director, are banded together to hold forth the word of life in any way that the Lord leads. The other members of the team are Charles Harris, Oscar Newkirk, Oliver and Everett Dickinson, Francis Saunders, David Davis, and Paul Osborn. A quartet has been organized which gives good music. Others have assisted in the work, both men and women.

The main project has been gospel meetings at the migrant camp at Seabrooks Farms, which began February 26, and have continued every Sunday night since. Usually the message is brought by the pastor, with members of the team substituting when he is unable to attend. Harmon Dickinson, Francis Saunders, and Charles Harris have assisted in this way.

The meetings consist of congregational singing, testimonies, special musical numbers, Bible reading and prayer, and a gospel message. There have been several conversions. During the service, members of the team do personal work in the lobby and game rooms and distribute tracts.

We have passed out several hundred tracts and several hundred Gospels of John, besides a number of New Testaments. We aim to get a copy of the Gospel of John into the hands of each person at the dormitories.

Attendance of migrants has run as high as one hundred sixty. Jamaicans, Bahamans, southern negroes, Japanese, besides many southern whites from different sections attend. Usually there are from twelve to twenty of our own church people who attend.

Pray for this ministry at the migrant camp. It is a wonderful opportunity the Lord has given us, and a fertile field of service. Naturally we cannot be there to follow up the contacts during the week.

Our monthly meeting at the county home continues.

Shiloh entertained the Eastern Association June 9-11. There were some forty-five delegates besides those from Marlboro. Meals were served at cost by the ladies. The meetings were well attended, around three hundred being present Sabbath morning.

Rev. Judson H. Stafford of Boston, a minister who has recently joined our church at Plainfield, was at Shiloh on Sabbath, July 1. He brought stirring sermons in the morning and evening. Brother Stafford is a fine addition to our ministry, being an evangelist of twenty years experience.

Nine new members have been welcomed into our fellowship during this last quarter: Mrs. Charles Wendell and Mrs. John Smith by testimony; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Saunders, Mrs. Lona Rankin, and Miss Isabel Prati by letter; and Marvin Davis, Richard Rankin, and James Burlingame by baptism.

The Joint Communion service was held at Marlboro June 24 with a record attendance. This was Pastor Cottrell's last service with us.

There have been special services on Friday nights, too. The Navajo Trio, from Faith Theological Seminary who are now working in Arizona with the Navajo Indians, conducted one service. The Dickinson-Saunders Theological quartet conducted another service for us. One Sabbath eve we went to Rhoda Lake for a baptismal service.

—The Shiloh Bulletin Extra.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
FOR AUGUST 26, 1944

Israel's First King
Scriptures—1 Samuel, Chapters 9-11.
Golden Text—1 Peter 2: 17.
Editors

OUR CONFERENCE MEETS

When this Recorder is read by most of our subscribers the General Conference of 1944 will be begun or well along its course. It is being held at Alfred, N. Y., a sort of mecca for many Seventh Day Baptists. It used—a bit lightly—to be said that heaven for Seventh Day Baptists must be via Alfred. Now I know that Alfred is a lovely place to go and an ideal location for a large religious gathering. This cool, commodious, and stately church edifice (see cover) invites us to meditation and worship. Its members and fellowship are earnest and congenial. They leave nothing to be desired in their exteriors. Presidents and teachers have always been leaders among us. Among its present teaching staff there are at least three former Conference presidents. University President Norwood is personally known and popular in practically all our church communities. As a challenging, convincing speaker he is in demand throughout the state and elsewhere. Here also is located our school for training young ministers: it has furnished the great majority of our pastors since 1901.

Alfred’s fine pastor, Rev. Everett T. Harris—one of the seminary’s products—is well known, especially throughout the East; his clear-cut gospel messages appeal to old and young.

For two years Alfred has prepared for Conference. Due to war restrictions, the meeting was omitted last year when Rev. Hurley S. Warren was president. Our gathering this year should contain a double blessing for us. President Albert N. Rogers has prepared a careful and constructive program, and with the prayers of the people and co-operation of the many, under God a splendid Conference is possible. I was glad when the text arrived, "Let us go into the house of the Lord."

OUR COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE DENOMINATIONAL FINANCE

Month by month in our columns appears the statement of the treasurer of the United Baptist Church. It is usual to present monthly receipts and expenditures. At the expiration of the year, the committee of Conference is appointed and directs its best thought and activity.

It functions by occasional articles in the Sabbath Recorder, by letters sent to pastors and clergymen of the churches, and by other published matter and appeals.

Because of lack of co-operation oftentimes and the failures of the people to respond—even in times of all our employment and high wages—by increased giving, the committee might well be discouraged and led to wonder if such a committee is essential and should longer continue. This committee speaks in another part of this issue in a letter addressed to pastors and other church leaders. Our committee has done fine work during the years, and any lack of response is no fault of theirs.

Rightly, they should expect co-operation of church officers in instructing the people relative to the work of the denomination and the needs of its support through the United Budget; Equality is its obligation and has prepared itself for a larger effort. Societies and boards through their officials or appointed agents to foster the work of the committee in giving facts, items of interest, pathetic plans, or programs. If we all work together, are thoughtful of the interests of others and sympathetically attack our special and common problems, all will succeed.

This editor is sure that we all feel that way and that if any failed it is through procrastination, due to worries and work rather than from willful neglect or careless indifference.

The subjects suggested in the letter are of vital importance. Their sympathetic discussion at Conference should be revealing and far-reaching in ultimate effects.

WHAT VALUE THE BIBLE?

Just how do you value the Bible? Someone says, "My Bible cost me $12." Yes, a valuable book—a clearly printed, durable morocco cover, silk stitched, and lastly, beautiful. Truly, a beautiful, valuable Book. But, is that all it means? For that only is it valued?

The Bible Society Record quotes, "We do know that the real value of the Bible exists only in the extent to which it is used." We believe that such value is felt by personal ownership, by study oftentimes and appointments to the various stated interests. To promote interest and support in and to the work of the society, the committee represents a committee of Conference is appointed and directs its best thought and activity.

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exalt it but work and pray that the church, in the words of Scripture, shall at last be found “not having spot, or wrinkle.”

Let us use a well-balanced judgment in self-evaluation “rather than blindness either to failure or achievement.”

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, July 31, 1944

Receipts

July
Alfred, First... $ 168.70
Battle Creek... 253.55
Boulder... 44.83
Brookfield, First... 36.00
Chicago... 19.25
De Ruiter... 13.00
Edinburg... 9.20
Farina... 23.00
Fiske... 17.34
Geary... 5.49
Hopkins, First... 110.00
Hopkins, Second... 2.00
Independence... 13.00
Individuals... 50.00
Little Genese... 42.80
Lox Creek... 57.18
Marlboro... 61.00
Middle Island... 7.33
Milton... 100.00
Milton Junction... 113.17
North Loup... 45.30
Pawcatuck... 253.66
Piscataway... 13.00
Plaistow... 17.34
Rochelle... 9.00

Disbursements

Budget Specials
Missionsary Society... $ 282.55
Tract Society... 169.15
Women's Society... 54.27
Missions Aid Fund... 30.47
Bible Literature... 70.19
General Conference... 246.60
China Relief... 10.00
Overseas Relief... 2.50
Institution for Chinese Blind... 5.00
Federal Council of Churches... 5.00

Budget for July
Three members of the board made disbursements for July to the amount of $1,892.52, 1,690.68

Now and Then

1944 1943
Budget receipts for July... $1,569.18 $ 951.32
Budget receipts for Special... 310.47 271.61
Total receipts for July... 1,892.52 1,962.93

ANNUAL REPORT
(Continued)

Holland and Java

In the annual report Holland and Java are combined in the name Baptist General Conference in Holland has been supporting for many years a mission in Java, and has used the funds sent to Holland from this country to aid mission work in Java, a colony of Holland.

The Missionary Board has received no word directly from Holland during the year; but from reports which relatives receive and statements made by officials of national organizations, we learn that the situation of our churches and their members may not be as serious as we feared. The board is sitting aside the appropriation for Holland that it may be used in rehabilitating the work when peace comes.

Germany

The situation in Germany, so far as mission work by the board of managers is concerned, is rather similar to last year.

Owing to the war, for more than three years the board has been unable to communicate with the churches in Germany. What their outcome will be, no one knows; but knowing the character of the members constituting the twenty-six churches organized by Elder Conrad and his consecrated helpers, we have reason to believe that they are holding steadfast, and that the work may be built up with help in case of distress. The board of managers is establishing a fund to help rehabilitate when opportunity offers.

British Guiana, South America

Seventh Day Baptists in British Guiana, under the leadership of Pastor William A. Berry, have had financial help for a number of years, and churches were organized.

For the first time our Seventh Day Baptist Church London, England, gave substantial aid to the workers in British Guiana. Owing to the war, the church in London has not been organized, and at the July meeting last year, the board made an appropriation of $50 per quarter to aid Pastor Berry. The request was granted.

The statistical report last year gave nine churches with a total membership of about two hundred workers. In British Guiana our missionaries have many problems, and Pastor Berry has often asked for a foreign missionary to advise and help.

Jamaica, British West Indies

Some months have been taken place during the past year in Jamaica, but the work continues to prosper. Last autumn Rev. Luther W. Crichtow completed five years as representative of the board on that field and, having resigned, returned to America in December. Since coming home he has enlisted as chaplain for the war, and at last report was serving somewhere in the Pacific.

The Missionary Board, not having found a minister in America to take up the work left by Rev. Crichtow, asked Rev. Charles L. Smellie, one of the leading native ministers, to represent it and to lead the war until another missionary was sent before that date. He consented to accept the call and is doing splendid work.

The home membership of the Jamaica Baptist Missionaries, N. H. Grant, pastor of the Waterford Church, and C. S. Lyons, pastor of the Wakefield Church, have been ordained to the gospel ministry. Every church in the colony has an appointed leader, ordained or unordained. Notwithstanding the limitations caused by the war, they held their conference last autumn.

There are thirty Seven Day Baptist churches and groups in Jamaica with a total membership of about six hundred, and one of the great needs of the work is the establishment of some plan for training ministers. As present the most feasible plan is to send some boy to America for study in our schools young men who have committed their lives to the gospel ministry and who will take increased funds, and great care should be used in selecting candidates.

The Home Field

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society is organized to conduct both home and foreign missions, and about one half of its funds are used for the home field.

For a number of years the salaries paid the workers have been painfully small, and one year past the board increased the salary of all its employees ten per cent. This was necessary in order to supply living; it included the home field as well as the foreign.

Home work as usually conducted by the board includes organization of churches, helping small churches support their pastors, assigning ministers as general missionaries over congregations, employing evangelists, sending out evangelistic literature, conducting the missions department of the Baptist mission boards, and using the money made from the sale of literature to support the work.

The churches of the home field are organized into seven associations. This arrangement was determined by geographical location, and for convenience this report considers the home mission work by associations.

(To be continued)

ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944
Kent G. Stillman, Treasurer

General Fund

Cash on hand, July 1, 1943... $ 3,169.17
Receipts for General Fund... $ 4,609.17
Expenses for General Fund... 3,236.93
Surplus balances... 2,981.30

Fund for Foreign Missions

Receipts for Foreign Missions... $ 3,023.97
Expenses for Foreign Missions... 2,368.49
Surplus balances... 655.48

Special Fund

Receipts for Special Fund... $ 131.98
Expenses for Special Fund... 131.98

Missionary Board Fund

Receipts for Missionary Board Fund... $ 375.20
Expenses for Missionary Board Fund... 375.20

Unappropriated Fund

Receipts for Unappropriated Fund... $ 2,523.40
Expenses for Unappropriated Fund... 2,523.40

Total over-all Surplus... $ 4,218.89
In the Washington much is being done to aid the men and women in the war activities to relax and get a bit of respite from the grind and routine of camp and army life. It is a great hardship with some young people to be routed out of their peaceful, happy home surroundings and thrown onto their own responsibilities and resources with no one near by interested in them except to see that they do their work and report on time for duty regularly. To be sure there is entertainment in the camps, but that is not sufficient.

Washington is the most interesting city in the U.S.A., and hundreds tell what comfort will bring forth; and it is all the more sym- bolic, therefore, that our next worship serv- ice program has been created for us in a country which has already borne peril with out panic and tragedy without hatred. The text will be: "That ye should show forth the praises of him which hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.'"

Four members of the British World Day of Prayer Central Committee (for England, Ireland, and Wales) have prepared the 1945 service program, it is in form and substance, a new loss in their London home. About the District of Columbia and its environs are twelve or more free service centers. During June eighteen thousand service men were lodged. At the Lutheran Center on Jacob's Square near the White house thirty-five hundred men used the facili- ties of the place in June. This center has forty-three beds free to service people. The building is owned by the United Lutheran Synod and maintained by the thirty Lutheran churches in the district. The women of each church furnishes care on detail or on furlough to spend a few days. On July 1, two hundred thou- sand people passed through the railroad sta- tion here. Near the Union Station is the United Nations Service Center. In three days not long ago sixteen thousand boys and girls in service were in the place. Several Foreign Day of Prayer are represented. Some of the beds are $1.00. Most of the service rendered is free—for shower baths, a chance to shine one’s shoes or press his clothes, or just to sit and write letters or relax. In June one hundred two thousand service men used the facilities of this one center, and 576 babies belonging to wives of men in the armed forces, and 100 children in the nursery. At this place one Sabbath night, seventeen hundred men asked for lodgings between midnight and 4 a.m. The beds are $1.00. The beds are limited to those who can only be lighted by the shifting searchlights on the watch for enemy planes—each shifting bar forming a new loss in their London home. In such a setting free to choose any theme and any Bible passage, what did this British committee decide was the most vital subject to stress in stress 1945? (Remember: their land uncomfortably crowded by soldiers of all nations, the word “invasion” active in every mind, rationing and shortages cramping every household.) It speaks for England’s large understanding of tomorrow that they choose the Church Universal as mankind’s hope, under God. This is important and even dra- matic news for those of us in a safer nation, more remote from storm and stress.

Since the British letter accompanying the program will bear quoting in every Council of Church Women across the entire U. S. A.:

“We British Christian women feel strongly that our Christian living needs overhauling—that something is essen- tial if we are to take up the task ahead to which we are called as part of the World Church. We of the older church have, in the freshness and seal apparent in the earlier years of our his- tory; the younger church (i.e., the Orient-M.T.A.) which have been born of the last one hundred fifty years of world-wide witness, in their keenness are ready for teaching and study in a rather different way. We would there- fore—this earnest desire—to sit and listen in every land to take time for preparation prior to the Day of Prayer and prayer in the study of 1 Peter... In the First Epistle the task of the Church is seen to be mustered, in the proclamation of the word, in the suffering of the church in its spirit of fraternal love, in all the service which God enables Christians to offer to the Church and the world for him, all these are worship because they are offered to the glory of God.”

The program sent from England is much shorter than our recent one. It opens with a Call to Prayer (verses from Psalm 50); then develops five brief sections on (1) Wor- ship (1 Peter 1:3-9), (2) Thanksgiving for the church—for its being placed in the world to speak of God in a moment like this; for its great inheritance from the past, its present condition, its courage under suffer- ing, its glorious renewal of life in spite of tribulation often because of it. (3) Confession—"Judgment must begin at the house of God” (1 Peter 4:17). (4) Prophecy for our specific shortcomings (indifference,
prejudice, ignorance, pride; thinking of the Church as "ours"; failure in brotherly love, human distinctions over class, color, race; forgetting the actual purpose of the Church."

(4) Intercession—that we may bear the marks of the true Church of God—brotherly love, spiritual growth, endurance of suffering, heroism. Herein lies a short but highly significant petition:

"We pray that persecution may never surprise us but that we may be willing to pay the same tax of suffering to the cause of Christ that the first Christians did; but become glowing parts of a letter from a man who once denied his Lord, and then was called to the rich, and become rich, and was made to feel what it is to be poor, and to be enriched by our Soverign."

(5) In a superfluous first reading these memorable words stand out to haunt the Church Woman. Then, reread, they cease to be phrases or even facts, but become glowing parts of a letter from a man who once denied his Lord, and then was called to the rich, and become rich, and was made to feel what it is to be poor, and to be enriched by our Sovereign:

"I fail, which is crammed with heiresses; is it?"

The Conference year is at hand, and the books have been closed for 1934-44. The new period has begun, and must be met. The Committee to Promote the Financial Program is suggesting that every effort be made to keep our people budget minded. These are the months when our treasurers find it difficult indeed to meet the regular demands. So, will you please stress the need for regular and sustained support of the denominational work? The Committee to Promote the Financial Program has been asked to present the program for the attention of the Sabbath at the meeting of the General Conference, which will begin Tuesday, August 22. The last part of the program which has been prepared is to be an open forum in which all delegates are invited to participate. The committee is taking this opportunity to place before you some of the topics that will be offered for discussion, in thinking that more mature thought might be secured if some had the matter under consideration before the hour of the program.

1. Is the Committee to Promote the Financial Program really essential or has it outlived its usefulness and need? If essential, why? What are the advantages of its continuance?

2. What other means has this committee to present its program and get information to Seventh Day Baptists, except to ask for information from the participating agencies and pass this on through the medium of the pastors and leaders?

3. Should each field worker be expected and asked to present the claims of the United Budget quite impartially as he visits the churches, or would it be better to limit the campaigning to the committee?

4. How may generosity be taught and induced? When may one be said to be generous?

5. Have we stressed sufficiently the inference in the statement of Christ, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"? Is it not true that the greater the financial support the larger the interest in the cause which is supported?

6. Do you think that our congregations, in general, are sufficiently enlightened on the needs and the activities of the various boards and societies?

7. How shall they hear without a preacher," etc., and how can they be sent if we do not furnish the means by which to send them?

8. Is the mentioning of "giving" at a worship service to be construed as the introduction of the secular into the religious?

9. Compare the value of the following agencies as a means of effective promotion for this committee: pastor's announcement, presentation by a layman, bulletin boards, printed page for distribution, personal letter, and Sabbath Recorder. 

10. How may our future denominational work be stabilized except through the formation or increase of endowments?

11. What suggestions or recommendations do you have for the coming year?

Milton, Wis., August 4, 1944.

"We confuse the number of appeals we hear with the number of times we give until, in very mention of appeal, makes us sweat with the sense of our own generosity."

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meant,' said Lucy. "We haven't seen him anywhere the last four weeks." She had been turning the dial, but had kept the radio tuned low so no one would be disturbed. "Miss Linda, would it be all right to have it loud when we're doing the dishes?" she asked. "There isn't very much static."

"Yes, we'll see if we can get some good music," Linda replied. "Don't you think some of the hymns we like to hear on at this time?"

Lucy continued to turn the dial slowly, stopping at a station or two. Presently the strains of a well loved song came into the room and Peter exclaimed, "Keep it there, Lucy. I like that better 'n chains' all over the place."

"What station is it?" Aunt Penny inquired. "You'd better write it down so we can get it again."

"I think the man said, 'Connecticut', but I don't remember the letters," replied Lucy. "I'll write it down in my "SABBATH RECORDER"

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By Alma Bond

Several times this morning there was no sign of a break in the heavy clouds. Hour after hour Linda had lain awake listening to the rain drops falling noisily on the tin roof and wondering what was happening down in the valley. Lucy had said, when she made a fire and spent a house last night, that it looked as if the river had risen a little since noon. It was a small river, but it had overflowed its banks a few times since Aunt Penny came to the farm. For several months there had been much less precipitation than the farmers had hoped for. Now the clouds and the snow, that had covered the ground so long, was melting fast. This added to the rain might make conditions serious in the field. John Langworthy was the efficient cook and nurse for the boys; the first half of the week she was assisted by Mrs. Ted Larkin, a leader in music, and a gracious counsellor. Many new choruses were learned, and old favorite songs were resung. "Mom" Wilkinson endeared herself to the boys and girls and young people to a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ and in learning along with him to understand the meaning of his Word.

The success of these camps has been through God's Holy Spirit—the only power able to change the hearts and lives of boys and girls or men and women.

BIBLE CAMP AT COTTON LAKE

By Alma Bond

The Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church had opened their door to the camp this summer. Mrs. W. B. Lewis and her committee worked faithfully to promote plans for the camp. Mr. F. G. Holton located a suitable cottage on Cotton Lake about eight miles from Battle Creek.

The first week, July 16-23, there were fifteen girls, four attending only part time. It would be impossible to tell what the camp meant to each girl and teacher who was privileged to attend, except at the end of the week there was an indescribable feeling of closeness to one another and to the Lord Jesus Christ and a deeper understanding of God's will and plan. Thursday night as we sat on the floor in front of the fireplace, opportunity was given for the girls to tell what they had seen or been taught during the day, or of new decisions. Three girls were on their feet instantly to witness to their love for the Saviour; most of the girls followed, giving testimony that Jesus was a real to them than ever before. Many voiced decisions to spend more time in private devotion.

Several entire camp by her own love to God, her handiwork, and by her calm good humor and cheerful mothering. Not only of a great look, but she was always on hand to doctor a scratch or a sore throat.

The girls' daily schedule included four classes and five activities: Bible Study, Pastor Hargis; Study, Wendell Stephan; Sabbath Study, Pastor Hargis; and Joyous Living, Alma Bond. Private devotions, problem discussion, swimming, hiking, camp chores, and stunts all had a place in the day's activities.

As well as Christian instruction, the camp furnished experience in fair play, sportsmanship, and living harmoniously with others. The boys planned and conducted chapel and vespers services using suitable songs, Scripture, poems, and stories. Several times when the boys had their discussion period, the time slipped away before they realized it. Some decisions were made known, but only eternity will reveal the far-reaching results of such camps.

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again. "We still have to learn what station that is," Mrs. Herbert said, "and I'm sure to count on this too much, Aunt Penny, for there might be more than one Frances Barnes. But I think I'm able to learn something about it soon. Did Don's wife play the violin?"

"Oh, I don't know, Linda. I wish I did." If it didn't storm so terribly, I'd go down to the Herbert farm and phone the studio though I try not to call long distance Sundays and holidays while the war is on," Linda said. "And this is Sunday. I'm afraid I'd find the telephone service cut off, too."

"I wouldn't hear of your going to the Herberts in this storm, Linda. I suppose I might send a letter in case of the studio."

"That's the best thing to do, Aunt Penny, if you feel equal to writing it. You mustn't get upset, you know."

"I must write it, Linda. Breathe a little prayer for me, please, that I may say the right thing."

Many tasks were awaiting Linda so she hurried into the kitchen after supplying Aunt Penny with stationery and fountain pen.

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

Our Letter Exchange

Dear Wilfred:

Your letter came right to the very bottom of my page so I had to wait a week to answer. I always say to myself, "I'll make my answers brief this time so as to have room for all the children's letters I have received this week. I'm always trying to run over. Ever since we lost our kitty, 'Skookum,' various people have offered to give us little yellow and white kittens like him. But much as I like cats, I guess I'll let boys and girls your age raise the kittens since I'm so much away from home. Don't you think I'm right?"

I'm puzzled to know just how that man lost fifty dollars when your wheat was combined. I guess I've heard that story more than once, but don't you? Yes, I would think it was a large sum to lose if it were mine, but it might not be to a millionaire.

Your sincere friend,

Mitzpah S. Greene.

My dear Mrs. Greene:

I would like to be one of the Sabbath Recorder writers. My grandfather has cows, Lucy was washing dishes and Linda picked up a dash and ran away from Linda's hand to the floor, breaking in a dozen pieces.

"Oh, Miss Linda, what is it?" cried Lucy. A moment later Aunt Penny called, "Linda, something serious must have happened. Do you see anyone down in the valley? I'm afraid that noise means that the Glen Falls dam three miles from here has gone out. The valley will be flooded and what will the Herberts and La Pietras and all the other folks do?"

Peter had been pressing his face against the windowpane to look out into the driving storm.

"Someone's trying to climb the hill," he announced excitedly. "Oh, it's Mrs. Herbert's little grandson, that's stayin' with her while his mother works in a war plant. She's trying to carry him. I've got to go help her. She can't do it alone."

(To be continued)

R.F.D. 3, Bridgeton, N. J.

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This morning when I happened to step out of the house I saw a splendid display of red, yellow, and golden blosso. It was so beautiful, you say, the turkey that I have thought of the beautiful things in the beauty of nature. I have learned to see beauty everywhere it seems there is something to be seen.

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work of the churches in providing chaplains for the armed forces, in assisting them and the military and defense camp communities in evangelistic and social service work, and in acting the part of the Good Samaritan to some of the victims of the war. He is to speak of this on our panel the opening night of Conference and I think he will not fail to make the most significant and pertinent comment among the many specific works of regular services of worship, local church fellowship, and pastoral ministry which are the bedrock of the morale of Christian patriots.

Thinking It Through

There are more than two hundred published postwar plans in the Woodrow Wilson Library in New York alone. What may be sensibly and attainably desirable from the Christian's point of view, calls for lucid thinking and a feel for history. We shall be helped at this point by the analyses of J. Nelson Norwood, president of Alfred University. As one of our delegates to the Delaware Conference set up by the Federal Council of Churches Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, Doctor Norwood will be able to tell us where other Christians stand.

Christian Leadership

One of the most critical problems facing the Church is that of leadership now that thousands of ministers are in the chaplaincy and opportunities and necessities for service are multiplied. Rev. A. J. C. Bond, dean of our School of Theology, has of course been thinking a good deal about how to meet this problem, and he also makes some concrete proposals at Conference. He intends, if I am not mistaken, to embrace the needs of our African American churches, and the need for postwar leadership in our China missions is apparent.

I have just returned from a visit to our church in North Loup, Neb. Pastor Clyde Ehret has just returned from service of interdenominational scope by preaching in two Methodist churches some distance from his home, and only one third of the churches in that Methodist conference cannot be manned by Methodist ministers. We have commended those of our men who have volunteered to do duty with the Army but unless others take their places at home we will lose.

Another Side

As Seventh Day Baptists we should honor the right of the individual to follow his own conscience in objecting to war as much as in participating in it. I do not know if any of our young men are in Civilian Public Service camps but many unquestionably believe in the role of non-violence as opposed to war. It is to be hoped that this group should be heard from and Rev. Paul Burdick of Adams Center is to be their spokesman. For conscience sake we ought to listen to the story of the men who serve without weapons.

Education in These Times

Milton College is my alma mater but I invited her new president, Rev. Carroll L. Hill, to speak for his own sake. He knows how many different opinions there may be as to our denominations, I venture to say, can offer the sum of what we and others are doing. At the same time, we may make as a denomination in meeting the new world crisis. I can only attempt this but I hope to have more ability to do it than many of us can and it will be good for us to hear what they say.

Our Contribution

It has been suggested that the Conference president should outline the contribution we may make as a denomination in meeting the world crisis. I can only attempt this but I believe that our close-knit fellowship, our adherence to a fixed religious principle, and—strange to some—our smallness of numbers are the three weapons we have to offer for others. As interdenominations, I venture to say, can offer the many rich and spiritual friendships we enjoy. Fewer of us think, have as enduring and beautiful a romantic point as the Seventh Day Baptist. No other religious body of our size has taken part in the significant Christian movement of our time.

Rev. Leslie D. Weatherhead tells of marvelling at an Italian conductor proceeded to conduct German music before an English audience containing Jews. But here we are, about one hundred thirty-five churches on four continents and the islands of the eastern and western seas, only God knows how many different opinions there may be. We have sophisticated New Yorkers, conservative down-easterners, ultra-progressive midwesterners, defeated Californians (I list these smiling) and yet mostly we have but one voice.

I predict that we shall be able to love our German Seventh Day Baptist brothers as much as ever when again we may. God grant that some of them may be spared to help in the reconstruction of Europe. I pray that this and greater things may be so because we have been true to our Lord Christ in this world crisis.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP" 

Battle Creek, Mich.

Sunday afternoon at the close of the Bible camp at Cotton Lake, about eighty of the church people gathered at the lake for a picnic. After a bountiful supper the older folks spent the time visiting; and the younger ones went swimming, boating, or played games.

We greatly miss our boys who are in service and are about forty years old.

Those who have more recently been called are George Parrish, Wade Cran dall, Harold Aurand, and Keith Thorngate.

The Christian Endeavor again sponsored a building fund drive to wire out our indebtedness to the bank this time. The $2,500 was raised in a few weeks. We are long forward to burning the mortgage.

Pastor Hargis spent Sabbath, August 5, in Walworth—his first pastorate. The church voted to give him three weeks vacation and his expenses paid to Conference.

We are happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Stephon with us during the summer. He very kindly took charge of the church service twice during the absence of the pastor.

Correspondent

North Loup, Neb.

One young man, Donald Clement, son of Deacon and Mrs. George Clement, of Mira Vista, went to Boulder last July where he attended the youth camp of Seventh Day Baptist young people. Five young ladies attended: Bonnie, Phyllis, and Belva Babcock, Marjorie Hamer, and Kathleen Clement. Donald and Kathleen are brother and sister. The party was in charge of Vesta Thorngate, who teaches in Dike, Neb., during the school year and spends her vacation with her father, Deacon H. H. Thorngate. On Sabbath Day, July 31, a very nice program camp impressions was given by those who attended.

On Sabbath day, August 5, baptism was administered to five young people: Donna Babcock, Merna and Leland Babcock, Harold and Donna Babcock, Merna and Leland Van Horn, and Evelyn Hamer. Mr. and Mrs. Gould of Pierre, S. Dak., were admitted to church membership by request made by letter.

The men's chorus has been revived and has given many appreciated selections. The chorus had charge of the vesper service Sabbath evening, August 5.

Correspondent

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Rev. M. S. Styer's friend. Four children survive: Mrs. Donald D. Taylor - 128 THE SABBATH RECORDER.

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S. D. B. Building Overpaid, refunding to Miss Society 5.47
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General Conference 310.47
Board of Christian Education 414.68

Respectfully,
L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.

In January, 1888, she joined the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church and remained a faithful member all her life. She was married to William F. Clifton, December 23, 1900. She leaves her husband; a brother, Edward; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Williams.

The funeral was conducted at the home; burial took place in the local cemetery.

Taylor - Ladd. - Mr. William J. Taylor and Miss Precilla Ladd, both of Black River, N. Y., were united in marriage at Adams Center, May 31, 1944. The grandfather officiated.

Whitford - Berger. - Mr. Clyde Whitford and Miss Helen Berger, both of Rodman, N. Y., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage at Adams Center, June 18, 1944. Rev. Paul Burdick officiated.

Obituary

Reorgan. - Eunice Maxson - Mrs. Carl Greene died at her home in Memphis, Tenn., July 24, 1944.

When a young girl she joined the Hartsville, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church and never removed her membership, though a resident many years of Memphis, Tenn., where she went as a young bride. Her home and family were Chris- tian. She was a true friend of Rev. W. Threlkeld, many years a Seventh Day Baptist minister, and a sister-in-law of Rev. M. B. Kelley, many years a Seventh Day Baptist pastor and evangelist. Her home was always open to visiting ministers and missionaries, and her heart was always open to the needs of others and to the support of her church, the denomination, and the promo- tion of the Sabbath truth through the Recorder.

She leaves to remember her beautiful life a son, three daughters, and six grandchildren.

H. C. V. H.