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How true it is that we are not saved by the "works of the law." How blessed that fact is, for no one could be saved in that case, because we cannot keep the law as Jesus taught, and demonstrated, that it should be kept. Praise God, we are saved by grace! The difference in the old and the new covenants is not in the will of God; where the law, under the old, was written on tables of stone, an external, threatening thing, which we had to strive to keep, the principles of this new law are written in our hearts and minds.

Hebrews 8: 7-10; 10: 16. There is a real desire in us to please God and to show our love for him by obeying his commandments.

Not only that, but "under grace," having been delivered from sin's penalty, we have a new power within to enable us to obey—to deliver us from sin's power. "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under law, but under grace." Romans 6: 14. When we believe on him and are born again, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8: 3, 4. So, as we yield to his sway in our lives, we do not transgress the law of God. Not by our striving, but by his working. Scofield says, "The Spirit works in the yielded believer the very righteousness which Moses' law requires" (Note on Romans 7: 21).

Let us not forget that though we are not saved by works, but works are the fruit of our salvation. "By grace are ye saved through faith ... not of works, lest any man boast." For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2: 8-10. Works are the evidence to men that we have been justified by faith. The Spirit says through James, "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead. ... I will show you my faith by my works." James 2: 18.

"The carnal mind ... is not subject to the law of God." Romans 8: 7. But after one has been saved, and has the mind of Christ Jesus, he proves his love and gratitude to God by obeying him in the power of the Holy Spirit. "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments." 1 John 5: 3.

Apparently, too, our obedience has some bearing on our reward and on our position in heaven, for we read in Revelation 14: 12, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus."

"I would not work my soul to save, For that the Lord hath done; But I would work like any slave, For love of his dear Son." Shiloh, N. J.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Davis Genealogy

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph

Within a few weeks, perhaps about the first of February, next, the "Alfred Sun" will begin the publication, in serial form, of the "Davis Genealogy," namely; that of the descendants of William Davis, "of Wales," as compiled by the late Thomas Clayton Davis, formerly of Nortonville, Kan., and enlarged, with corrections, by W. Guy Tetrick, of Clarksburg, Va.

William Davis was the founder of the Shrewsbury Church, near the Manasquan (often abbreviated to Squan) River, and not far from the present Ashbury Park, N. J. Subsequently this church migrated to western Virginia and became the present Salem Church, of Salem, Va.

William Davis' descendants scattered throughout almost all the states of the Union, from Rhode Island to California, and today are found in almost every Seventh Day Baptist family in this country.

This genealogy will occupy well nigh one hundred fifty double columns of the "Alfred Sun." It is expected that it will ultimately be published in book form, making a volume of some estimated 600 or 700 pages, printed after the style commonly followed in such books. The genealogy closes, for the most part, with the death of Mr. Thomas Clayton Davis, which occurred at the home of his daughter, in Oneida, N. Y., more than twelve years ago.

A very brief description of this genealogy may be found in the Sabbath Recorder of October 30, last, on p. 310.

COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE


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EDITOR VAN HORN RESIGNS

At the meeting of the Tract Board on January 14 the resignation of Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn from the editorship of the Sabbath Recorder was accepted. Mr. Van Horn feels that he is no longer physically able to carry the burden of the two offices he has been holding. The board voted that Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs be a committee to carry editorial responsibility until February 11, 1945, pending the completion of other arrangements. Rev. Alva L. Davis of Salem, W. Va., was requested to furnish editorials for the Sabbath Recorder until other arrangements are completed. A committee was appointed to consider the matter of securing a successor and to make recommendations to the board. Please continue to send material for publication to the editor’s office as usual.

Mr. Van Horn plans to continue his duties as corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

MAKE CONFERENCE PLANS NOW

Plans for the 1945 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Milton, Wis., provide for a program full of spiritual inspiration and practical help to laymen, young people, and ministers.

Young people will be glad to know that definite plans are already in the making for the pre-Conference camp. Those groups or people who plan to help young people can arrange with their prospective employers to take their “vacation” at that time. President Hurley tells us that the morning and evening meetings of each day of Conference are being planned with young people especially in mind.

A big treat is in store for all young people this year:

The Conference Commission plans to begin meetings Wednesday morning, August 15, to study the problems and make recommendations to the Conference.

The pastors’ pre-Conference convocation starts Sunday night, August 19, and continues through Monday night. Each church should encourage its pastors to leave early to attend these four meetings planned especially to meet their needs. Don’t neglect to vote now to send your pastor if you haven’t already done so.

Conference for everyone begins officially on Tuesday morning, August 21, and continues through Sunday night, August 26.

In the afternoon session, August 22, we are confident that each one will be blessed by these meetings planned around the Conference theme “First Things First.”

THE SABBATH RECORDER

ARE WE GUILTY?

(Guest Editorial)

Did it make your blood boil? It did mine! Did you give it a second thought? I did not.

Abuse and advent of a language that quasi-justifies profanity and obscenity is a matter that should concern us all. This is our time of redemption; an era of peace, a time of reformation. Let us not lose it.

Dr. White, in his sermon at the present convention, said that we need a new language that is kept away from profanity. There is a need for a new and pure language that will glorify God and be a call to His people.

But there is also a need for a new language that is free from vulgarity and obscenity.

It is not enough to say that we are Guilty by association if we do not take responsibility for our words. We must take responsibility for our words and actions.

Are we guilty of “abuse” in our language? Is it not true that we are guilty of “abuse” in our language? Should we not be ashamed of the language we use?

A language that is full of profanity is a language that is full of sin. A language that is full of sin is a language that is full of God’s love.
and plan because of their disobedience and waywardness into reconciliation and fellowship with him. The readiness of God to forgive and his longsuffering patience Jesus pictured in the story of the prodigal's father. When a lost son returns, there is a great way off his father ran to meet him and would not listen through his tale of sorrow and sin. The ring on the robe, and the feast to be prepared for him. "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

No longer does an apologist have to be made for a program of evangelism. Many who in former years were opposed to evangelism now are strong promoters of it. Even naturalistic thinkers are beginning to urge its need and value. It is implicit in Einstein's thought that the greatest need, development needed is that dealing with men's spiritual needs; and in the words of much quoted Roger Babson, "What America needs most of all is a revival of old-fashioned religion."

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Better Salary — Better Service
First of a new year, first business meeting, first raise in the pastor's salary. Yes, it was my privilege to "sit in" on that business meeting. They really did first things first. The first item of new business was balloting for the pastor. This ballot, I think, should be taken a little more seriously than the other. The pastor told just how the ballot stood. In this case every ballot was for the present pastor. Before he and his wife were called, I understand that the board had risen and his salary should rise accordingly. A very liberal raise was voted and the pastor and wife called in and told of the vote. I am sure they can give better service for the better salary. It will not be necessary for the future to try to make ends meet—and too, not so much thought of extra work which might detract from work of the station.

Their next business was a vote to support the ministerial retirement plan—both pastor and church doing their part.

No action was taken, but it is my hope they will support the denominational budget more liberally than before and make it clear that this God's will. Women's Board of Missions has taken special extra work which should be supported by special large contributions. Give those gifts to your local treasurer who will send them to the denominational treasurer who in turn will pass them on to the Women's Board.

When the balloting of the ministers was called later, the Rev. W. B. Hurley was a great way off his father ran to meet him and would not listen through his tale of sorrow and sin. The ring on the robe, and the feast to be prepared for him. "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

Now if you failed to remember your pastor with a raise at the annual meeting, I am asking you to ask for a call meeting and do it yet.

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

COMMISSION ACTION

Some of the actions of the Lima Commission have already appeared in the Sabbath Recorder in the issue of January 8. Other actions include the following items:

Use of funds from the Contingent Fund of the General Conference was authorized as needed to refund the purchase price of any Commission set purchased by any Seventh Day Baptist Chapel for use in his work with our Army or Navy. This is in line with the practice of the Protestant denominations.

It was voted to recommend to Conference that the editor of the Year Book be directed to wait not later than September 15 of each year for material to be published in the Year Book, and to publish earlier than September 15 if possible. It was understood that this 1946 Year Book have two minutes of the annual meetings of some of the societies and boards in the Year Book of the succeeding year.

The report of Alva J. C. Bond as our visitor to Conscientious Objector Camps was read by the secretary. The report was received, and the secretary was instructed to express to Mr. Bond the appreciation of the Commission for his service.

Greetings were extended to be sent to the annual session of the German Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (U.S.A.) in June, 1945. A letter was to be sent to them to send fraternal delegates to the meeting of our General Conference in August, 1945.

The Conference president presented to the Commission a proposal for the Pastors' Conference to be held just before Conference. This proposal was commended and Mr. Hurley encouraged to work out the details of such a plan in consultation with the faculty of the School of Theology.

The Rev. Kenneth A. Babcock were elected the Commission's Committee on Official List of Seventh Day Baptists on recommendation of Conference as recommendations. Only Conference has the power to take final action. The Commission is anxious to have your reaction to these proposals as it is working on further additions. Let the Conference members know what you think.

It is proposed to recommend to Conference:

Accreditation
1. That Conference recommend that our churches take the following steps before proceeding to ordination of a minister coming to us from another denomination:
   a. Carefully examine his education to be sure that it parallels that of ministers educated in our own School of Theology.
   b. Carefully examine the candidate in oral examination on Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and practices.
   c. Provide for a year's probation as a licensed preacher before proceeding to recognition of ordination.

2. That Conference call to the attention of the churches the importance of an adequate number of approved workers for mission work. Let our workers and workers not be trained and not skilled in the ministry of the gospel.

3. That Conference recommend that Seventh Day Baptist ministers in preparation for their work, have the opportunity for four years in college and three years in theological school of which at least one year should be in School of Theology and at least one year in some other accredited school of theology; and require for accreditation as a Seventh Day Baptist minister a minimum of three years of preparation above the baccalaureate degree which shall be in our own School of Theology.

4. That Conference recommend to our churches that they invite the president of our School of Theology to attend as delegates any council of ordination called by them, and that Conference shall consider the recommendations of which it proposes for the study of our churches during the time before the next Conference. It should be understood that each conference, not acting, and that, if they are finally approved by the Commission at its pre-Conference meeting, they will be presented to Conference as recommendations. Only Conference has the power to take final action. The Commission is anxious to have your reaction to these proposals as it is working on further additions. Let the Conference members know what you think.
at the ordination of any person for whom accreditation as a Seventh Day Baptist minister is sought. It is understood that traveling expenses of these persons would be paid from the expense fund of the General Conference.

5. That Conference recommend to the churches that members of the council for ordination be selected from their official membership and that the number of council members be equal for each church represented except that the church calling the council may be represented by a number not in excess of one half the total number of members of the council.

6. That Conference recommend that in council for ordination, following examination, the vote on the candidate shall be by secret ballot by members of the council only and on one of the following courses of action:
   a. That the council or church proceed to ordination.
   b. That ordination be deferred.
   c. That no action be taken.

Retirement

1. That all ordained persons who are employed by our denominational boards and agencies be included in our Ministerial Retirement Plan on the same basis as pastors, and that the boards and agencies be requested to contribute to the Ministerial Retirement Fund for each of its ordained employees on the same plan as that provided for the ordained employees of the same church.

2. That service of at least seven years be required for eligibility to receive a retirement allowance from the Ministerial Retirement Fund.

3. That for the purpose of computing contributions of both churches and pastors to the Ministerial Retirement Fund, there be added to the net cash salary fifteen per cent of that salary in all cases where living quarters are furnished.

4. That beginning January 1, 1946, the contribution of each pastor or other minister to the Ministerial Retirement Fund be equal to one per cent of the salary received computed as above, if such salary is at the rate of five hundred dollars per year or less; and such contribution be increased at the rate of one tenth of one per cent on every one hundred dollars or major fraction thereof that the salary shall be more than five hundred dollars.

5. That the retirement age of the ordained person be set at seventy-five, with the provision that he may be employed by two-thirds vote on a secret ballot for not more than one year at a time after that age and until sixty-five. Each ordination to a ministerial position by the church should be accepted to expect regular employment after the age of seventy-five.

6. That retirement allowances be based on at least fifty years of service as hereafter defined. That in the event of failure to contribute to the fund after January 1, 1946, retirement allowances be paid only to accredited ministers or the widows of accredited ministers not at that time already receiving retirement allowances.

7. That Conference recommend to the Committee on Ministerial Retirement that after January 1, 1946, retirement allowances be paid only to accredited ministers or the widows of accredited ministers not at that time already receiving retirement allowances.

8. That Conference call the matter of retirement plans to the attention of all of our churches, boards, and agencies employing ordained persons. Such persons can be included in the Ministerial Retirement Fund, and the employing body should take other steps to provide suitable retirement allowances.

Courtland V. Davis, Corresponding Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 3, 1945

Jews' Concern for All Scriptures—Mark 8:28 and 9

Memory Selection—Matthew 7:12

BIBLE READING

Increase by Young People

Readership of the Bible by young people is on the increase. Recently a poll on this subject was taken which revealed that in 1943 only 48 per cent of all civilians between the ages of 21 and 29 had read the Bible at any time during the previous twelve months. That proportion is considerably higher—57 per cent.—A. B. S.
ward, Vila, and Winfred Loufboro to the semi-annual meeting at Dodge Cityner October 13 to 15. He preached two sermons there. The state convention of the Anti-Saloon League was attended October 23 and 24, in Milwaukee.

During the year your pastor was invited to address the U. B. Brotherhood, and the Pine Grove Parent-Teacher Association, and to give services and supply the New Auburn and the speech of dedication of the services' honor roll at the Sampson Town Hall.

Besides sponsoring the Christian Endeavor society and teaching the young people's class, a three weeks' Vacation Religious Day School was held in the church with an average attendance of twenty-eight. Its cost of $10.73 was covered by contributions, and a balance of $6.86 was sent to the American Bible Society.

One hundred fifty-three calls were made during the year, and an increasing correspondence with absent members and friends was provided. In this, as in much of his work, the pastor's wife has given valuable assistance. Copies of the Secret Place, church bulletin, and many acts have been sent to interested people.

Our church has raised $916.58 to maintain our local work, $93.85 for the Denominational Budget, and $106.00 for special worthy causes.

Let us endeavor to meet with God-given occasions. It is the challenge of the day to build up our church, promote the kingdom of God, and help to build a more decent world in which the teachings of Jesus Christ will be more widely known and followed.

Respectfully submitted,

New Auburn, Wis.

January 7, 1945.

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer.

THE SABBATH RECORD

December 1, 1944, to December 31, 1944

The Christian Culture Committee submits the following report.

Mrs. M. C. Van Horn gave a verbal report for the Peace Committee. Her report was accepted as a report of progress.

Mrs. Joseph Vincent read the report of the Committee to Promote the Spiritual Welfare of Seventh Day Baptists in the Service of their Country. This was discussed after the report was accepted to continue study of Chaplain Wayne Rood's suggestions and to use its best judgment in the matter.

The report was accepted and placed on file.

To the Board of Directors:

Mrs. E. F. Raymond, Chairman.

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MRS. M. C. VANN "DAVIDS"-BALTON, W. W.

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination met in regular session in the Mrs. G. H. Trainer Sabbath School Room with the following members present: Mrs. L. A. Slagle, Mrs. M. C. Van Horn, Mrs. Otsi Stotler, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. Joseph Vincent, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Mrs. A. T. Brisey, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. Roswell Seager led the devotions, reading I Corinthians 12 as a basis for her comments; she ended the period with a prayer.

Mrs. S. O. Bond read the report of the treasurer showing a balance of $1,128.28. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Okey W. Davis reported, as editor of the Woman's Page of the Recorder, that the United Council of Church Women requested for its files two copies of the Recorder, December 18, 1944, containing the report of Mrs. Roswell P. Seager of the Biennial Assembly in Columbus, Georgia, on the report of progress for the Christian Culture Committee.

To the Board of Directors,

Mrs. E. F. Raymond, Chairman.

The Christian Culture Committee submits the following report.

The committee has had one meeting since the new year with all resident members present. Mrs. Skaggs was absent. We held what was most helpful in making plans for the year.

We hope to have Mrs. Bessie Hubbard, who is now a resident member, give several reports during the year. She has been asked to review first, "The Indian in American Life." by G. E. Lindquist.

We have also asked Mrs. Luther Critchlow to contribute something for the Woman's Page on the life of the Jamaican.

Mrs. Seager gave no report yet not been carried out will be announced later.

Respectfully,

Ogaretta Seager, Chairman.
Christiant Education

YOUTH WEEK

"I am interested in all young people; and your group represents to me one of the greatest tastes of my life. That is why I feel sure that the organization which you represent will be helpful to young people." 

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

This statement by Mrs. Roosevelt was written at the invitation of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, endorsing the continent-wide observance of Youth Week, January 28 - February 4, in the United States and Canada. The Youth Day is a Baptist denomination and forty-one other Protestant denominations as well as one hundred eighty-three state, city, and provincial interdenominational church youth and religious education are co-operating in this observance.

Stressing the need of high spiritual and moral principles for youth facing the world today, prominent national leaders are giving hearty endorsement to the observance of Youth Week. Statements from these leaders have been released by offices of the National Council of Churches and religious education organizations, sponsors of the observance, which is administered through the International Council of Religious Education.

Senator Joseph H. Ball of Minnesota expressed the belief that the observance of Youth Week "highlights a tremendous challenge to youth presented by the world in which we are living." "Both on the national and the world levels," he said, "we are facing political, social, and economic problems which can be solved only by the courage and vision of youth thoroughly grounded in a fundamental faith." Urging understanding guidance of adults, Mrs. Grace Loehr, president of the national board of the Y.W.C.A., declared: "In these moments of history, society is making new demands on teenage boys and girls. They need a religious faith which will help them meet the problems they face." Certain sections of the observance are specifically pointed to foster understanding guidance of adults, Mrs. Grace Loehr.

A booklet explaining the observance of the week which includes a suggested program for each day, two suggested worship services, and a youth leader's guide to the service is available through the International Council of Religious Education, 203 North Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. The price is fifteen cents.

Don't forget the contest mentioned in last week's column. The more that your group has a number of members who enter.

Since one idea which is to be emphasized is co-operation of different groups, it would be fine if you group entered one group either of our denomination or of other churches.

Mrs. Oris Butler read the report of the Ways and Means Committee and the report of the convention of Promoter L. O. Greene. These reports were discussed at length. The report of the committee was accepted and placed on file.

To the Board of Directors:

Your Committee have had two meetings with Promoter and Mrs. Greene present. Plans for the Florida field are not at all definite yet. That situation seems to lack sufficient financial certainty. In cooperation with others this board is working in efforts to meet the field. In view of this fact and the definite need for another worker on this field, your committee is giving it careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Butler, Chairman.

Mrs. Seager gave a very interesting report of her trip to Columbus, Ohio, to the Biennial Assembly of the United Council of Church Women.

Voted that the treasurer procure stationery for the board.

The corresponding secretary reported that Misss Emma M. Bays, Minerva Burdick Scholarship in Alfred and Wilton Hurley, the Mary Bailey Scholarship in Milton.

These minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet the second Sunday in March at 2:30.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, President,

Greta F. Randolph, Secretary.

Salem, W. Va., January 14, 1945.

Colgate Citation

Selected by 1,288 Protestant laymen and women of the United States and Canada, Mrs. Clinton Stutler of a Pittsburgh family, has been chosen as the 1937 winner of the National Russell Colgate Distinguished Service Citation for her "outstanding contributions to the advancement of Christian education through personal leadership and influence," according to an announcement by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education.

The award will be made to Mrs. Heinz at a luncheon February 7, during the twenty-third annual meeting of the Council at Columbus, Ohio.

Awarded in memory of the late Russell Colgate, president of the council from 1926 until his death in 1941, the citation will be presented to Mrs. Heinz in the form of an illuminated testimonial giving evidence of her outstanding service in Christian education.

The first annual award went to Mr. James L. Kraft, second chairman of the council. A member of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Mrs. Heinz has long been identified with the Bible school movement, and on the council is active, holding many positions of leadership in religious education which include director, Council of Religious Education, Allegheny County; director, Pennsylvania State Council of Christian Education; vice-president and member of the executive committee, National Administrative Committee, World's Sunday School Association; representative from Pennsylvania, official body, International Council of Religious Education.

Members of the electoral college for selecting the winner of the National Russell-Colgate citation are named by Protestant denominations and state; provincial, and city councils of the Christian Education Associations, which are constituent and related members of the International Council. Voting was conducted by mail on the names of three nominees, from the districts of an administrative committee of which Dr. Walter M. Howlett of New York City is chairman.
I believe in God, the one person, perfect, and eternal Spirit, Creator, and Sustainer of the universe. He Who made man, who02fifies a holy, redeeming love toward all men."

Jesus Christ

I believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Saviour, Teacher, and Guide, through whose name we who believe in God are saved. He leadeth me into the Holy of Holies of prayer and the Lord hath taken his flesh to himself, the pure, and free from every sin and evil into a life of worship of God and to witness and be of service for his kingdom on earth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the indwell- ing of the children of God, active in the hearts and minds of men, who reproves of sin, instructs in righteousness, and empowers for witnessing and service.

The Bible

All scripture is given by inspiration of God to the holy scripture, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but by the will of God, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1:21.

I believe that the Bible is the handbook of faith and duty, and that Jesus warned us against ignorance of its contents and instructions. I believe that the promises God is contained therein, and that the power of the knowledge of the revelation of God influences us to keep the laws and to obey them by the will of God. Throughout the entire book we are continually instructed to read: "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read." Isaiah 34:16. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme Interpreter; and that it is our final authority in matters of faith and conduct.

Man

"And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Genesis 1:26, 27.

I believe that man is the goal and crowning effort of creation and is an embodied living from the将以和jatural faculties and therefore capable of great ethical and spiritual achievements. I believe that man was cre-
to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," Galatians 6: 8. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives eternally with the Father, and that he will come in heavenly glory; that because he lives the spiritual life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, will be the reward of the redeemed.

I believe that man is the recipient of the abundant life from God through Jesus Christ, and that it begins in the time at hand and includes the world's history and the whole of life. I believe that Christ will come in heavenly glory, even through the Holy Spirit. I believe that the Seventh-day Sabbath is a temporary abode for the divine life in man, and that "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." I Corinthians 15: 44. I believe that the formula or instruction for us that guarantees our entrance into eternal life is found in its simplest form in the famous, well-known passage John 3: 16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

The Church

I believe that the Church of God is the white company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body of which Christ is the head, and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions.

Within the universal of which the local church organization is the outward expression, all members are in a sense co-laborers, who have been given special offices have no right nor privilege to consider themselves above those without. But all live and work together to the mutual benefit of each other and the cause of Christ.

The Sacraments

I believe that we are enjoined by the example and instruction of Christ, and by the instruction of the Holy Spirit to keep only two sacraments: that of baptism by immersion, and that of the Lord's Supper. I believe that baptism is the rite in which water symbolizes the cleansing of the soul from sin, and that immersion signifies the death and burial and resurrection to new life in Christ. Essential to baptism is repentance and faith and the acceptance of Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Thereby the individual, if he can be "baptized" with the water, is saved by the Spirit. Mark 16: 15. I believe that we are commissioned, each one, to be missionaries of Christ either at home or abroad. It is our duty to promote the gospel of Christ, and to teach the things of the Spirit. I believe since the Church is the organized body of believers for the quickening of the Spirit that it is the logical and true instrument for the promotion of evangelism, missions, and religious education.

Christians Page

children's Page

Our Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:
I have made some new year's resolutions.
I have never been a merry Christmas. I had a very merry Christmas. My little sister, Vivian Kay, got some dolls and dishes. I got some, too, Vivian Kay's dishes are plastic. My dishes are Perch glass dishes. I got a New Testament story book for my Christmas.
I have three dogs, these names are Sandy, Sport, and Puppy. I have three cats, too. Their names are Bean Pole, Blacky, and Pan. Don't have four ducks and quite a few guinea fowl.
I will close for now.
Wishing you a happy Christmas,
Lucile Ann Swanson.
Frison, Neb.

Dear Mrs. Ann:
Two important events made our Christmas a very special one. It was our daughter and her family; second, we received a letter from our son in the Philippines saying he would be home for Christmas. We had been looking forward to a real Christmas dinner with turkey, pumpkin pie, and everything that goes with them. His letter told us how good that taste tasted; of course, he would have enjoyed it more if he could have been with his family. God willing, we pray he may be with another Christmas.
You and Vivian Kay had nice presents, but nicest of all, are your pets, I think.
Don't know when our next will be.
I must close now to leave room for an interesting letter from a very good friend of children, Pastor, Harold R. C, of Weserty, R. I. I am sure you and the other Recorder children join me in thanking him for this fine contribution to our page.
Your true friend,
Mitzap S. Greene.
Dear Recorder Children:

Before I send this contribution on its way I want to tell you another little incident about the tiny snow birds who come to our porch for food several times a day. There is only one church between the Methodist parsonage and our parsonage. Some of the little birds have been seen carrying crumbs from our porch and eating them on the porch at the Methodist parsonage. The Methodist pastor remarked that he knew the crumbs were not his, for they were not his kind of bread. You see, even the Seventh Day Baptist and Methodist birds are good friends.

Here's hoping there will be no pause in my receiving many children's letters.

Sincerely yours,

Misop S. Greene.

DEOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Bere, W. Va.

Rev. and Mrs. John Fitz Randolph arrived here soon after the Alfred Conference to begin the pastorate of this church on September 1. Although their household goods did not arrive until three weeks later they were able to keep house comfortably in the parsonage with furnishings and provisions furnished by the church people before their arrival.

On the first Sabbath they were properly installed with words of welcome from representatives of the trustees, pastor, and brief responses from the pastor and wife.

The Sabbath school sponsored a church dinner after the morning service, September 9. A fine program of music, skits, and visiting helped the pastor and wife get acquainted with the people.

On Sunday night, November 5, a church supper and Lord's Acre meeting was held at the church. Reports for the year were given; pledges for the new year were taken. Over $200 was raised to apply on the church debt. Pledges for the new year included one veal calf, ten lambs, hens, eggs, and cash. Other projects are to be pledged later. Fifty people sat around a bountiful table and later enjoyed an informal sing. Standing, walking, sitting, singing, listening, or visiting, every one followed his own inclination; but everyone at one time or another stood near the piano and added a voice to the singing of church hymns.

On Hallowe'en night the Christian Endeavor society enjoyed a party in the church basement. Many auspicious characters of different nationalities appeared at the scene. A ghost hunt was successful in locating three of the pale spirits in the Pine Grove Cemetery and near a barn on a hillside. After a pleasant evening of fun, Hallowe'en night was quiet about Bere.

On Sabbath day, November 18, Rev. L. O. Greene, field evangelist of the Women's Board, and Mrs. Greene were with us to present his plan of personal evangelism. Mr. Greene spoke four times during the day, and dinner was served at the church. Eighteen pledges were signed for personal evangelism; literature for study has been distributed. Classes for study and discussion have been planned.

The Ladies' Aid Society served a chicken supper at the church on Thanksgiving night. A West Virginia chicken supper with all the trimmings at thirty cents would cost one as far as his gasoline ration would allow him to travel.

In spite of "unusual" winter weather, Christmas was observed on Sabbath, December 23, at the church service. The sermon, music by the young people's choir, and other items all added to the spirit of the season.

The new year comes in with another young blizzard.

Correspondent.

Obituary.

Todd.—Ethel Maude Whitford, daughter of Asa Adelbert and Mary Gandall Whitford, was born near Dodge City, January 17, 1880, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. K. W. Sturkey of Effingham, Ill., December 5, 1941.

While young she came with her father's family to Potosi, Ill., and at the age of thirteen she was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist church. She was united in marriage with Halle B. Todd, August 6, 1903, at Brookfield, N. Y., and to this union two daughters were born: Mrs. E. W. Sturkey and Mrs. R. H. Young.

During her lifetime Mrs. Todd held membership in several Seventh Day Baptist churches and was always a consistent and faithful worker in the Ladies' society and in the church. When her health failed and with her husband she moved to Effingham where she might be cared for in the home of her daughter.

She is survived aside her husband and daughters, by a brother, Arthur Whitford; a step-sister, Mrs. Lena Davis; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. C. L. Hill, and burial was made in the Farina Cemetery.

C. L. H.