in which justice may bring welfare to the people of the world!

What can the average citizen do to help in making lasting peace? It seems as though he can do nothing but go along with the decisions made by our leaders.

But more and more we see that everything depends on the individual citizen. He helps to make the "social mind" which the President and our senators are so eager to catch. It seems to be the deciding factor in this country at least—where there is a free discussion of world problems. For this we should thank God and take hope—keep on reading, thinking, and praying. Never before has personal conscience counted so much as it counts today in the shaping of national destinies.

The matter of peacetime conscription of all our youth is before the nation. Think on it, pray about it; help to mold public opinion on it. The Church people have a right to express their conscience as it is enlightened by thinking of Jesus Christ and his way. It will be our boys who will be affected. We have the right and the duty to think it through and express our opinions—helping to mold the "social mind."

By our attitudes and speech we can help to create the social aptitude for peaceful settlements based on justice tempered by mercy. We settle our private quarrels no longer by a duel whereby one or the other is shot to death or run through by a sword. In the development of orderly government, courts of justice, and police to enforce the decisions, we have come to a place in civic life where it is a comparative paradise. It is our firm faith that this can be done internationally, and the World Security Council is a step in that direction.

The greatest danger to peace is not merely "mob passion." I think that will become less and less a peril as the world becomes interdependent and bound closer together by radio and plane. No, the final danger will be the subtle idea that there must be a "cracking point" where war is inevitable and the only remaining argument is force. By the grace of God we have knocked that notion out of the heads of people in their civic relationships. Let us dispel it from our international relationships as well. There is to be no "cracking point." We are resolved that we shall settle our disputes by arbitra-

tion, and God helping us, we shall let justice bring the people welfare."

Conclusion

Thus far we have been speaking of peace with understanding, but there is a peace that passeth understanding. It is the peace of God. It is that inner state of being that undergirds and sustains the soul that puts its complete trust in the overruling providence of God. As the ocean depths remain quiet and calm even though the surface is being whipped up into towering waves, still the great body of the ocean is un mouved and quiet. So it is with the soul that has a deep, abiding faith in Almighty God.

Those who have this peace that passeth understanding are best fitted to help build a peace with understanding, for they will refuse to be daunted by fears of failure, by fears of atomic bombs, by fears of Russia’s great power, by bogey fears that never will materialize. The peace of God which passeth understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

When Peter saw Jesus walking on the water he wanted to be unafraid. He made an impetuous start and leaped out of the boat. Then he saw a wave coming. "It was a big wave. It was coming right at him. He began to worry. He looked at the wave instead of Jesus. Then he began to sink, and he would have sunk if it had not been for Jesus. Jesus stretched out his hand to Peter and saved him from the results of his worry and lack of faith.

We have our waves of worry and fear today. We see them coming. They are coming fast. We begin to think they will sink us, and sure enough we begin to sink. We forget the Master of the waves standing there with his arms outstretched in mercy. If we would only keep our eyes on him, we could do all things.

The way of doubts and fears never built a stable life, a stable home, or a stable nation. More faith in the God of the nations who has granted America this hour of leadership is the great need of the day. God has brought us to the kingdom for such a time as this. Pray not for smaller problems; pray for bigger men and greater faith.
Everyone will agree that it is best. The incident calls for our boys in the most out-of-the-way places. The theory that any religion others have developed for themselves is probably best for them would have more appeal if the peoples of the earth were completely isolated from each other. But in our shrinking world isolation is impossible. By choice or by circumstance we may have contact with the people of every race and earth, and we prefer to meet Christian friends rather than hostile head-hunters. This reasoning alone might be called selfish, but probably most everyone will agree that it is best for the natives of the corners of the earth also.

Our hats off to the missionaries, forerunners of peace and good will among many peoples. It is not on account of those who receive their teaching that we are in the synagogue on the Sabbath, but on account of those who reject it.

The name Christian furthermore was a unifying influence between two groups, strangers, and therefore hostile under other circumstances. Would that more hostile groups might approach each other with the identification card of Christian. If labor and capital could meet and say, “We are Christian;” if Protestant and Catholic could come together and be identified as Christian; if black and white in our own land could lay mutual claim to that name, there would be more unified effort for good and more mutual protection against evil. Who can look in the glass and tell the fellow he sees there, “I am Christian?" J. F. R.
In the time of the Civil War a family lived in a lost spot where the present empty house stands. A barn stood near the spot where we just made a haystack. Two other families, relatives by marriage, lived near by. These farms are now without tenants. Among the three families were six young men. Three of them enlisted in the Confederate Army. The other three joined the Union. Thus were the community and the family divided, as was the nation, on a question of vital human welfare. We all know how nearly we fulfilled the saying, "Divided we fall.

The full extent of the division within this household was illustrated as the story continued. One of the Confederate boys, home on furlough, sent word to his wife and her mother: "I fail to see why we must come where she was. This he did, but the feeling that he was being watched by the barn that then stood where we were making hay. His suspicions were correct. He left the barn to come out and surrender to his boyhood companions and march off to prison camp.

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The future for Seventh Day Baptists is bright! If you could have listened in on the Commission proceedings at Williams Bay just mentioned, above, to come where he was, as he wished to see his wife. The mother's answer was that she would not be caught in a rebel home; if he wanted to see his wife, he must come where she was. This he did, but feeling that he was being watched he bid the barn that then stood where we were making hay. His suspicions were correct. He was forced to come out and surrender to his boyhood companions and march off to prison camp.

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He was taking me to task for so insistently calling attention to the fact that we far from have consistently lost members. This year very few were lost as compared with other years, but still there was a loss. Then he told me that if I had hoped so much we might once actually raise it in full. Sure, it was only $496 short, but it was not 100 per cent. Yes, I look at and am thankful for that 99 per cent, but so little extra effort might have made it "Scripture measure," pressed down, and running over.

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OUTLINE OF CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

A full report of action taken by the Commission, meeting this year in lieu of General Conference, will be published soon. In the meantime, here are some of the highlights:

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Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

(Annual Report Continued)

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Following the meeting one year past, the treasurer and I supervised the printing of the annual report. Copies were sent to the board members and distributed at the General Conference. In August I attended the General Conference held in Alfred, N. Y., and had many interviews regarding missions and denominational affairs. The conference was at the State Normal School at Alfred, three days were given to the work of the Committee on Denominational Literature of the American Sabbath Tract Society. In October I attended the meeting of the Committee on Denominational Literature held in Plainfield, N. J.; the first week in December, upon invitation of the State Superintendent of Religious Education, I attended a meeting held in Boston to discuss the Dumbarton Oaks document and its bearing on the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council was attended the middle of December.

During the year much material for the Missionary Department of the Sabbath Recorder has been provided weekly; much work has been done as chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee of the General Conference; considerable time has been given to the work of the Committee on Denominational Literature; work of the Department of Correspondence has been sponsored; the amount of money sent for the promotion of the Sabbath Recorder was substantial; and the Fellowship of Prayer, six weeks before Easter, was fostered.

Due to my severe sickness in January, no field work has been undertaken the last six months; but with the help of my efficient secretary, Mrs. James G. Waite, the affairs which could be conducted from the office have been well cared for.

Conclusion

The foregoing pages together with the treasurer's annual report, present an outline of the work undertaken by the board during the year, but the doors of the many open doors and unopened calls.

Many of our churches are unable to support a pastor without help. As the report shows, some of these are being aided, but others are not. If any one of these churches fails in the effort, it will be a great loss not only to the community and families therein, but to the entire denomination. With efficient, humble, God-supported ministers, these little flocks can be towers of strength in their own communities and to the denomination, as some of them are now demonstrating. The situation regarding these pastorless churches cannot be passed by; it cannot be neglected with impunity. Ministers and Treasurers, the Department of Missions and a meeting of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council will be held in Chicago, beginning July 1, 1945, according to a statement issued today by Rev. Leslie Bates Moss, executive director of the Board of Home and Foreign Relief and Reconstruction.

Relief and Reconstruction

Protestant churches of America plan to raise over $20,000,000 for their united overseas relief and reconstruction program during the period beginning July 1, 1945, according to a statement issued today by Rev. Leslie Bates Moss, executive director of the Board of Home and Foreign Relief and Reconstruction. Present valid calls for $19,132,500, but Doctor Moss pointed out that the present allocation of $5,000,000 for Asia will undoubtedly be greatly increased when the war in that part of the world ends and it is possible to prepare a realistic estimate of the opportunities there for Christian service.

Denominational co-operating in the United States in the current year to raise $19,132,500 include: Northern Baptist, Southern Baptist, Seventh Day Baptists, United Brethren in Christ, United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution), Church of God, Congregational-Christians, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical, Evangelical and Reformed, Friends, Lutheran, Moravian, Reformed, Presbyterians (U.S.A.), Presbyterians (U.S.), Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian Church of China, Protestant Episcopal, Reformed Presbyterian Church of New York, Reformed Presbyterian Church of New York, Presbyterian Church, Churches of God in New York, and others. The Board of Overseas Relief and Reconstruction (CORR) is a co-operative overseas undertaking, in addition to the ongoing mission program, or such help as each church may undertake, to the work of other agencies, specifically within its own denomination.

Although plans are being made for a four-year period, said Doctor Moss, "the greatest needs in Europe are already confronting us; this is a year of crisis. To help the churches of the devastated areas in Europe and Asia calls for $6,440,000 before July 1, 1946 — approximately five times what the churches gave last year."

Of this amount $3,585,000 will be spent to help the churches of Europe get on their feet and re-establish their program of service and evangelism. This will help to provide temporary church shelters or repairs in completely devastated areas where a Protestant church is in usable condition, and will help provide a supply of Bibles, hymnals, and other literature which have been destroyed and for which there is an increasing new demand.

Dr. Charles Mayo

Worry affects the circulation, the heart, the lungs, the brain, and profoundly affects the health... I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt.
**GOD'S GARDEN**

The Flowers of All the Tomorrows Are in the Seeds of Today

As the girls of a mission school in India went to their villages for the holidays, many of them crammed suitcases along with their tin trunks and bed rolls. They were taking to their homes slips of a pink flowering shrub that had bloomed in the school garden. Into the mind and heart of the missionary as she bade them good-by sprang the prayer that, like the flowering shrub which would bloom in many village gardens next year, the spirit of Christ and the influence of this Christian school might be carried to the hearts of the villagers and flow there with the fragrance of many lives dedicated to him.

Many are the instances in which the message and spirit of Christ have been taken to the villages by young women trained in the mission schools. It is said of one Chinese college girl often means as much to a community as a pastor.

The flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today — an old Chinese proverb. So will the seeds being sown in the hearts of thousands of little girls in the mission school of one foreign field Sender for all the tomorrows in Christian womanhood, speeding the growth of the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.

What a joy and privilege it is to help the Chief Gardener prepare the soil and tend the growing.

Our Father, reveal to each one of us what our part is to be in furthering the growth of thy kingdom. Amen.

— Hazel F. Shank

**MISSION STUDY TOPICS FOR 1935-1936**

**"AFRICA"** and **"THE CHURCH AMONG UPROOTED AMERICANS"**

How can there be any connection in the mission study topics of Africa, Uprooted Americans—and of The American Indian? Although the representatives from different national boards composing the Missionary Education Movement undoubtedly did not select these subjects because of their similarity with and dependence upon each other, it is quite astonishing to find unexpectedly, here and there, a strong thread of unity of thought and experience in these three groups of people.

Deeply religious are the Africans and the American Indians. In all experiences of life they dwell with, they pray to, the spirits in rhythm, often fantastic; they both give expression to their joy but equally to their sorrows; they exhort their ancestral spirits for guidance.

In both instances so-called civilization, through the white man, has brought similar needs and requirements. Both groups have truly been uprooted in physical, mental, and spiritual realms. That this has ultimately, in many cases, resulted in vast improvement in land production, in education, and in a deeper, truer religion is definitely shown. There are outstanding examples of devout, educated men and women today who are helping to lift up their own peoples, and, as well, are bringing inspiration to us.

Books on all these phases are claiming attention today; newspapers run items about places now somewhat familiar in name to us and still better known to our boys: Casablanca, Tunis, Soudan, Belgian Congo, Algiers, and Tahiti. We are all eager to know and learn more about these places and peoples. From the many books offered there have been culled just a few for suggested study.

**Look at Africa**, arranged by the Foreign Policy Association, gives in concise form a most excellent background geographical, historical, political, racial, industrial, educational, cultural.

**Consider Africa**, by Basil Mathews, is a book which was on the reading list when Africa was studied in 1935-1936 and is up-to-date now as then for it deals with basic things. New industries and therefore different modes of living; education and therefore a new and wider expression of living; new religion and therefore a higher interpretation of living, have brought confusing standards and difficult adjustments. A remedy? Yes—if our people will understand and participate. How? Read and see.

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

*More About Africa, by Helen E. Baker, is particularly for leaders of junior groups, but interesting in itself. It found references and true stories in which pleasingly lighten the heavier reading for adults and give information as well.*

No one is "too old" to enjoy Nyanga's Two Villages, by Esmé Rideout Booth. Although written especially for juniors, it nevertheless holds much of interest for older pupils.

Maps also which are helpful to all age groups are available.

Most interesting additional reading should be obtained from libraries in the home towns. It is hoped that Out of My Life and Thought, by Albert Schweitzer, is procurable; if not, any library would doubtless be glad to have it and lend it freely.

A master of the organ, a world-renowned interpreter of Bach, and holding a position of honor, he found greater east in serving the medical and spiritual needs of the peoples of Africa.

Two sentences from a recent letter from Doctor Schweitzer in Africa are interesting: "It is a great joy to me to be able to keep my hospital going in spite of the difficult war. My wife has been here at Lambarene since 1941. . . . Every evening I practice on my piano with organ pedals which the Bach Society of Paris gave me at my departure for Africa.

Of course Livingstone and Stanley will be a part of our additional reading. Stanley's Africa, by Rafaelo Busoni, is delightful.

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In Africa today we find Americans uprooted from home surroundings, contributing their service toward establishment of "New Man for Africa." There the American Indian, far from native surroundings, is found also, taking his part. In the study club does one find Uprooted Americans—but also at home. Because of changing conditions and new opportunities, home has caused uprooting of location—but, more serious still, it has caused uprooting of previous fundamentally sound thinking. Some reasons contributing to the denominationally hopeful ones.

Moving Times, by Hermann N. Morse. A couple of booklets, Uprooted, Yes, but Deep-rooted and Spanning a Continent, add to this knowledge and understanding.

Friendship Blaże, a story for children, is thought-provoking and helpful also to people of older years. (Books more definitively on the American Indian have already been mentioned in a previous article.)

A strong thread of unity of thought and experience may be found in the three groups—African, Uprooted Americans, and the American Indian? Rather, we should say a cord, unbreakable which unites interests and connects reciprocal tasks with all peoples of all continents.

Basil Mathews, in Consider Africa, says: "The goal of life is to find freedom and growth in fellowship. So Christian education is not simply teaching men about the facts of life, but discovering the meaning of all life everywhere, in the light that Christ throws upon it."

A Few Books Suggested for Mission Study of Africa

**Adults and Young People:**

*Look at Africa, arranged by Foreign Policy Association, 25 cents.*

**Consider Africa**, by Basil Mathews, 25 cents.

**Wall Map of Africa, 25 cents.**

**Out of My Life and Thought, Albert Schweitzer; and Selected Stories by Rafaelo Busoni.** (Get the last two from libraries if possible.)

**Juniors:**

*Fun and Festival from Africa, by Catherine Miller Balm, 25 cents.*

**Nyanga's Two Villages, by Esmé Rideout Booth, 60 cents.**

**Picture Map of Africa, 50 cents.**

**Outline Map of Africa, 50 cents.** (For leaders of junior groups and adult reading.)

**Moving Africa, by Helen E. Baker, 50 cents.**

**The Church Among Uprooted Americans**

**Adults and Young People:**

*These Moving Times, by Hermann N. Morse, 60 cents.*

**Booklets:**

Uprooted, Yes, but Deeprooted, 15 cents. Spanning a Continent, by John R. Scott, 10 cents.*
CHRUCH CHRISTMAS PACtAGES

Our people have lost so much! You cannot imagine the happiness that the simplest gifts will bring. During the war people have learned to look to the Church as never before. It will be wonderful for the churches to have these boxes to distribute. Bessie E. Hubbard, Wife of the Head of the French Protestant Federation.

Christmas bells—long silent—this year can ring again in many lands, pealing forth their story of good will to men.

Christians of America plan to send out five hundred thousand packages this Christmas. The churches will be asked to name the church and the pastor. It was evident that more instruction is needed along this line.

During the Sabbath school hour on Sab- bath morning, August 25, it was my pleasure to visit the worship services of the various departments and the classes in the primary department of the Milton school. They have a large number of young folks in the inter- mediate department under the direction of Professor D. Nelson Inglis and also in the primary under Mrs. Lucille Todd. The children are placed in classes according to grades in the public school.

Pastor, choir, and congregation in cooperation made possible a fine worship service for the church hour. There was unity and smoothness in the service which gave me a real lift spiritually. It was my first visit to the worship services of this church, and I truly enjoyed it.

With Pastor Kenneth Van Horn I visited the church service at Walford Sabbath afternoon, August 25. This was my first visit to this church. This church, which will be celebrating its centennial fall, is not strong on church school, but has grown in faith. That faith is expressing itself in determination to have a pastor on the field.
It is a beautiful building and is located in a nice part of this beautiful town.

After the church service the folks were very co-operative in their willingness to remain another hour, thus giving me a chance to tell them about the board, my summer visit to camps, and to talk about Sabbath school work in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bond, who live in Chicago where he is in the seminary, also were there for the service.

It was interesting to meet Minnie Godfrey, whose name has appeared on Sabbath school reports. It was good to meet the other laymen who are members of the local group of Seventh Day Baptist workers of the United States and Canada. The typical Seventh Day Baptist minister's qualifications of faith, vision, and enthusiasm. Thus ended my long journey from Alfred, where Horn was launched as the star Adventist leader, back to New York City.

Religious Education Week

Religious education will be given a national emphasis during the week of September 30 to October 6. This will be observed by Protestant churches of forty denominations in the United States and Canada, which together have eighty-three state, provincial, and city councils of churches and religious education. This announcement was made by Dr. Roy Ross, general secretary for the International Council of Religious Education.

"Character for a Free World" will be the theme for the week. This special emphasis gives an opportunity to the American people through local churches and community agencies to unitedly express their convictions regarding the indispensable place of religion in the life of this continent, says Doctor Ross. He also says that America today enjoys an enviable place in the world of nations. Her political, moral, and social leadership stem from the fact that her institutions and policies have been founded on spiritual foundations. The quality of her own life in the future and her lasting influence upon world affairs will depend upon the extent to which she keeps those foundations secure, he avers.

A rallying point to help put into operation educationally the activities of the whole church in the week following this opening day services will be held on the opening or closing Sabbath of Religious Education Week. Special features will mark the week. These might well include church school leaders' conferences with some communities launching leadership training schools for the year; family night at the church, or at home, to emphasize the place of religion in forming Christian character in the family; "Youth United" and their efforts to help the denominational and interdenominational; and the World Wide Communion service, with emphasis on "the unifying power of world Christian fellowship to build a free world."

"Aims set for Religious Education Week, according to Doctor Ross, are increased enrollment and attendance in church and church school, more up-to-date home church cooperation, training of leaders, and effective evangelism through the church school.

President Truman's Letter

Dear Doctor Ross:

Every thinking person is comforted by the knowledge that divine guidance directs the world. During times of great spiritual stress, this consciousness of the benevolence of a higher power in the development of our people is especially manifest.

Chaplains with our armed services report constantly on the increased interest in religion among our fighting men. Every one of us can respond to the call of our country by urging that the extension of religious education in our public schools, as is a national event of significance.

I am glad you have such a nice cat, for I am fond of a good cat, too, though now-a-days a pet is often away from home. Joyce and Gretchen once had a dog named "Boots," but he was so destructive that their father gave him away, but now they dearly love their little rat terrier, Blackie, who is a very well behaved little dog and very attached to Boots. He is a nice cat and I will be glad. I like to go home from work. Miss Ethel Allen Bond, who live in Washington, D. C., was here the other day. She is very co-operative in their willingness to return home if I were you.

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We had some pretty flowers in church this morning. I will be starting to school next week. I will be in the first grade. I have to go on the school bus this year as Mother and Daddy bought a new home just outside of Shiloh. We got a new couch for the living room.

We have a grape arbor, and Mother picked a lot of grapes off of it this year and she gave some to our friends. We want to get some pigs and chickens.

I have to help my sister Lorraine do the dishes now, for Mother said that now that I am six, going on seven, I must help a little around the house. We surely have lots of fun up here in our new home.

I will look for a letter to my sister in the Sabbath Recorder.

Sincerely yours,
Julia Ann Rainear.

R. D. 3, Bridge ton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Did you enjoy reading the "Story of Kippie Brooky?" Perhaps you can teach your little kitten some of the cute things Kippie learned. Our kitty Skeezick used to ask to get in the house by rapping on the door with his tail. When the screen door was shut he would climb it and then shake it with all his might. He always followed me when we went to the church. When we came home in the morn ing, and when I reached over to tuck the bed clothes back of the bed he would reach up and grab them for me. He never hurt my fingers with his sharp claws but kept them hidden in the soft fur.

I am glad you are enjoying your new home named Mitzi and a yellow kitten. I want to go to Shiloh and Bridge ton I'll have the pleasure of seeing you in that new home. I hope so.

Yours truly,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

There are seven girls in my Sabbath school class and we like to go every week. My sister Virginia and I have a yellow cat named Mitzi and a yellow kitten we call Goldie. We have lots of fun with them, but Mitzi tore my mother's window curtain.

I am seven years old and will be in second grade this fall.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Babcock.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

NORTH LOUP CHURCH OUT OF DEBT

Two mortgages totaling $2,285.54 were burned Sunday night at a special candlelight service held in the Seventh Day Baptist church following the regular August church social. One hundred fourteen candles were lighted, each one representing a giver to raise money to pay the debt, all of which has been paid off. Rev. W. Y. Spicer, who was in the charge of the program which consisted of speeches, prayers, and appropriate music. Of much interest were letters from Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw, pastor of the church at the time it was built in 1913, following the burning of the old church when struck by lightning.

Total cost of the church was $15,000, all of which was paid by subscriptions for the insurance on the old building, and $1,000 bor rowed from the Memorial Fund. The second mortgage was paid off by the Memorial Board and was on the mortgage which was built in 1926 at a cost of $3,500. Matches used to light the papers were sent by Rev. Mr. Shaw.

Arthur Stillman, moderator of the church, lighted the matches which burned the papers, making the church entirely free from debt for the first time since 1915. A large crowd was present for the service which was interrupted and postponed but was a wait ing final acceptance of his application.

Dr. Richard Davis, who has had charge of the 6th floor East in the Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, is now resident doc tor in the surgical department of which Dr. Breed was head. During her stay in Milton, Doctor Davis was associated with Drs. Geo. E. Crosley and Milton D. Davis. Maj. the Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, former Seventh Day Baptist mission aries in China.—Alfred Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Whitford have ar rived in Milton and have taken up their residence in the former Ousted house at 736 Madison Avenue which they have purchased. Having resigned as principal of the Bolivar (N. Y.) central school, which he started in 1930, Mr. Whitford will serve as director of publicity at Milton College. Previous to going to Bolivar, he was professor of education at the college.

—Milton Junction Telephone.

TWO MARRIAGES AT MILTON

Two marriages took place on Sunday, the one at the Freehold Presbyterian church in Milton, and the other at the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist church in Alfred. The couples were both engaged to be married for some time. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. T. Harris, officiating. Of the ashes was made later.

Frank and Irene Smith were married in Milton at about 10:30 a.m. Rev. Curtis Harris performed the service. The bride and groom were from out of town. The bride is a Milton native and the groom is from another place.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Black were married in Alfred on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Harris performed the service. The bride and groom were both from Milton.

The—Mr. Black is a Milton native and the groom is from another place.

No reception was given on account of the bride and groom being married in the morning and evening.

The—Mrs. Black and Mr. Black are both native of Milton.

S. S. Anderson, who is the secretary of the Milton Methodist church, was married to Miss Edna Abbott of Milton.

The—Mr. Anderson is a Milton native and the bride is from another place.

The—The couple were married in Milton at about 10:30 a.m. Rev. Harris performed the service. The bride and groom were both from Milton.

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A CALL TO THANKS AND PRAYER

Psalm 29: 11 — The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Now that the Peace is Signed—

LET US GIVE THANKS

Let us give thanks to God for:

1. He has guided our nation to victory over her enemies.
2. He has lifted us from the slough of seeming defeat into victory.
3. He has given us power over our enemies.
4. He has kept us from retaliating in kind to the viciousness of our enemies.
5. He has brought to an end the terror and sorrow and new bereavements, the noise and confusion and heartaches, the bloodshed and shrieking death that is war.
6. He has brought us a new sense of responsibility for the welfare of all men everywhere.
7. He has become nearer and dearer to us during these war years.

Let us thank God!

LET US PRAY TO GOD

Let us pray that he will:

1. Guide us and lead us as a nation that we may help to build a righteous world order—unselfishly serving the whole earth.
2. Inspire our leaders with wisdom from on high in their work of dealing with conquered peoples and conquered nations.
3. Give us peace—an end of war, an end of fear, an end of sorrow, an end of hate, and the fulfillment of love.
4. Give to us each, as individuals, a sense of our responsibility for maintaining peace in the world.

Let us pray to God!

For the Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. Let us then be HIS PEOPLE.

Victor W. Skaggs.