WHAT CHURCH PEOPLE ARE DOING THE WORLD AROUND

Church membership in the United States has reached an all-time high of 72,492,669 persons, more than 52 per cent of the population, according to the 1945 edition of the "Yearbook of American Churches." In announcing its publication, Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of the yearbook, pointed out that the total membership figure, as officially reported by 236 religious bodies in the continental United States, represents an increase of 3,991,483 over that compiled for the previous issue two years ago. Total church membership, as well as the proportion of church members in the population, has been increasing steadily for many years, Dr. Landis said.

The number of members 13 years of age and over is estimated to be 59,717,107 persons, also the highest figure ever reported.

According to Dr. Robbins W. Berstow, of the newly-formed World Council of Churches, a preliminary survey of immediate need for the reconstruction of war-ravaged Protestant churches in Finland, Germany, and Belgium, totals $221,250. Of this total American churches are being asked to contribute $127,500 as an emergency aid. This money will be spent in Sweden and in Switzerland to supply temporary wooden churches, libraries for church members, bicycles for pastors, and other equipment to enable parishioners and workers to resume normal activities. Sweden, Switzerland, and England will contribute the remainder of the total needed.

"We cannot build a safe world by attempting to hate Germany and Japan," says Dr. Leslie B. Moss of the Church Committee on Relief and Reconstruction. "We cannot permanently put them in prison. They are human even though they seem not to have behaved that way. There is no magic of words by which we can solve the problem. But there is a magic in the dissolving of bit-terness. You cannot go to the corner drug store to purchase a prescription for this. The cultivating of relationships of justice and understanding is much more expensive than that. The time will come when they must be prepared to take a real share in making the plan for world co-operation work. And we must be prepared to help achieve that end. Martin Niemöller, the Christian minister whom Hitler held in prison for six years, is reported to have sent this message to the German people when he was recently released: 'Trust again to God.' It is the message of the prophets of long ago. It is important for our world today."

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The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has recently made a grant of $50,000 (Chinese currency) to the Department of a geology of mission-operated University of Formosa for the improvement of the crop of the soybean and for studying its resistance to disease. Without any knowledge on the part of the Chinese concerning calories, vitamins, or other scientific data, the soybean has for centuries been one of the nation's chief foods. Its sprouts are eaten when young; the green bean is eaten fresh or salted; soybean curd is a poor-man's cheapest dish; soybean milk is fed to children; the leaf is used as a green; oil is extracted for cooking; a sauce made from the bean is a great favorite. Now American and Chinese chemists and agriculturists will see what more uses can be made of the soybean.

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President Harry S. Truman is a Baptist, and generally regarded as a "religious man." He has not affiliated with any church in Washington, D.C., but retains his membership in the First Baptist church of Grandview, Mo., a church of the Southern Baptist Convention. As a senator, he was one of the group in the upper house that met regularly for prayer meetings, and his early addresses as President have been marked by a religious note and dependence upon God.

MY CHURCH AND I

By Harold W. Roppe

I am part of the church, one among many, but I am one.
I need the church for the development of the buried life within me, the church in turn needs me.

The church may be human in its organization, but it is divine in its purpose. That purpose is to point me towards God.

Participating in the privilege of the church, I shall also share in its responsibilities, taking it upon myself to carry my fair share of the load, not grudgingly but joyfully.

To the extent that I fail in my responsibility, the church fails; to the extent that I succeed, the church succeeds.

I shall not wait to be drafted for service to my church; I shall volunteer, and say, "Here am I, send me!"

I shall be loyal in my attendance; generous in my gifts, kind in my criticisms, creative in my suggestions, loving in my attitudes.

I shall give to my church my interest, my enthusiasm, my devotion—most of all, myself.

—Zion's Herald.
Editorials

TWO PLUS TWO EQUALS ?

Mathematical equations, English compositions, scientific formulas—these remind us of school. This week we should think of school and education in a special way, for we are in the midst of the fifteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week.

"Character for a free world" is the theme suggested by the International Council for our specific consideration, and that seems particularly appropriate for this victory year of 1945.

In this issue of the Recorder the various departments feature stories, and articles are designed to magnify the importance of Christian education in building the peaceful world of tomorrow. Education, as we know it in our public schools, is important—and we are thankful that American schools are second to none in the world. However, public school education is not enough; the churches were mindful of that when they established and fostered the first schools. It is right, undoubtedly, for public and educational institutions to pass from the church to the state. That makes for the separation of church and state which we cherish as one of our democratic principles, yet education is not complete without religion.

All education can be considered a part of God's plan for growth and development. Our powers of mind are divinely given, and to strengthen those faculties by accumulating knowledge and cultivating the ability to think is a part of a Christian's training. The human make-up, however, is not completed with mind alone, and therefore education should not be limited to the mind. In public school there is plenty to sharpen the wits, but there is too little to strengthen the character.

A great responsibility falls upon the Church and its school activities (through the Bible schools and church-supported colleges) to see that the educational program for humanity is completed, augmenting what the public school is able to give with the church should inspire. Where we receive from the religious, the moral, the Christian instruction and inspiration necessary if the church does not provide it?

Now, as we participate in Religious Education Week, let us resolve to do our share in supporting the educational institutions of our denomination, to help improve our Bible schools, and to encourage in our homes the type of education that does not omit Christian religion. Just as the mathematical proposition, "two plus two," cannot be made without both parts in the equation; so "character for a free world" cannot be taught without both public school instruction, honest and sincere, and church school teaching, conscientious and inspired.

EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

THE BIBLE IN THE HOME

With the Bible excluded from our schools, there is the greater need of making it prominent in the home. We too easily forget that the children have no natural source of acquaintance with Jesus and his precious precepts during the entire week of workdays, if the Bible is not read and respected in their homes. The single hour given to it in Sabbath school is but a drop compared with what is needed. Of course, the few moments in Bible class are something; and the voice from the pulpit will arrest men's thoughts and hold them for a brief time; but it needs deeper and more constant study to transform character. A home where the Bible is the main book, and where the parents make it the "man of their counsel," is after all the best school in which true men are made. Such homes are fountains whence flow all the influences that make a nation good and great. The education of the schools is, indeed, making strong men, but more strength. Many wicked men are strong. The strength that makes men noble comes from spiritual development. It is the result of careful study of the Divine revelation in and out of the public schools.

If the noble men in the days of Wyclif, Luther and Calvin could have foresaw the exclusion of the Bible from the schools of today, how they would have fretted and worried! It seems to me that if there is ground for great fears now, unless the Bible is enshrined in more homes, and to more families, within the homes, the coming age will be a godless age. The new Reformation needed today is one that makes every man one who cherishes the Bible, devotes study and praised over.

Over against the distraction of this bustling money-making age, we need to place the sweet, restful, uplifting influences of the Bible. There should be a "quiet hour" of sweet soul-rest, where all in the home can feed upon the Bread of Life, and grow strong for life's work. What think you would be the effect upon the life of the next generation, if every day parents and children would unite in a devout and careful study of the Bible for a half hour each evening? Such a habit not only brings great good to the individual lives, and to each separate home; but it would be a godsend to a sinful world.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

SMALL FAILURES AND GREAT EXPECTATIONS

"We should break our traditional silence, lift our self-imposed censorship, and tell the world of the bigness of Southern Baptists." Dr. Rollin Abingdon Sutton, in the address he made at the head of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South recently. Along with Southern Baptists and others, we are aware of failures inpublicizing and sharing our zeal, our methods. With them, we see many mistakes in evangelism, weekday religious teaching, temperance, Sabbath reform, missions, rural living, and spiritual demands.

Because Christ knew life brings opposition and failures, he lived and taught that faith and expectation in God meant his success in using our hands to "move mountains." He also taught persistence in prayer, watchfulness, singleness of mind.

Man has the faithless over which we spend so much energy in worry seem small in the sight of God, compared with apparent successes of "self-sufficient" men who deny Christ as Saviour and God as Father.

"How these scientists put us to shame for our lack of great expectations! The scientific investigator seems to say to us, I am excited with the hope of releasing the power of the atom. Why are you not excited with the hope of bringing the powers of the human soul? ... I try constant experiments. Why do not you? Most of them are failures, but if we do not have faith, where is the experiment of the scientist? Why do not your failures mean the same thing to you?" So Dr. Rollin Walker challenges the Christians of today in his book, "Jesus and Our Presuming". Abingdon Press, 1935.

Recorder editorials and articles have revealed pessimism about our own powers, and insight into some of our weaknesses. God
grant us great expectations! God grant our pessimism to turn us into willing instruments of his purposes! I believe we are on the verge of a new era of progress as Seventh Day Baptists because of this very pessimism!

Jackson Center, Ohio.

NOT MORE OBSERVANCE

Sponsoring Religious Education Week is the International Council of Religious Education, and in a descriptive folder published to promote the observance of the week, the council has listed a number of ways to make the week one of real profit. They are worth repeating here, for we may not let the week pass without mere "observance."

Make Religious Education Week

A Real Roundup—

1. To get a new church school year started with enthusiasm and punch.
2. To get in those irregular, absences, vacations, and newcomers to the community.
3. To replace teachers who have gone, secure new recruits, and start regular teachers meetings.
4. To get the sense of spiritual power and purpose, coming from farsighted planning of the total educational program of the church.
5. To have fellowship and co-operation with neighbors and other community wide task of religious education which you share with them.
6. To offer a week co-operation with public schools and other community agencies.
7. To have a week of effort such as increased home-school co-operation; regular, fully attended workers’ conferences; leadership education courses; more regular attendance; increased local, and regular church attendance of church school members; effective evangelism through the church school work; deepening of devotional life of leaders and pupils.
8. To rally the forces of the church for the year’s work.

Now, having read, let’s act!

CHARACTER FOR A FREE WORLD

That action in the present may bring fine results in the future is suggested by the council’s program for each day of Religious Education Week.

Beginning with Sunday, September 30, the thoughts center around “Christ at the heart of a free world,” followed on Monday with “Diligence to work in a free world.” As suggested for Tuesday, it takes "Integrity to live in a free world," and we have to be “Willing to sacrifice” (Wednesday’s topic). Thursday calls attention to the importance of “Concern for others”; Friday reminds us that a prime need is “Strength to build a free world.” Along with strength go “Courage to lead out,” the theme for Saturday, and “Vision,” the concluding day’s thought.

Looking forward to and building toward the free world of tomorrow, these topics and at least two others are the ingredients of character for the new day.

THE ROAD BACK

That World Communion Sabbath should come at the close of Religious Education Week seems particularly fitting and fortunate this year, with the raising of such a deep and pertinent spirit and sound of rebuilding the world just beginning.

All of the rebuilding will be in the realm of wood, steel, and concrete; rebuilding in the field of mind and spirit is imperative, too. As one writer aptly puts it: “With livestock, all the earth at an end, with churches in the former Axis nations making their first feeble efforts to reach their fellow Christians in the United Nations, and with the air filled with the discussion of recon- struction plans, the revival of the spirit of world Christianity is clearly entitled to a priority.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More 100 Percenters

I was guest at the Relay Club recently when one of its members was being honored. Service clubs make a great feature of regular attendance. They contend that a member who has only one club each week loses much of the benefit. Is it not so of church attendance?

This man had missed only four meetings out of a period of years. He had tried to make up for this by getting a group of other Vacationers Rotary together on each of these occasions. He did you ever call together a company of Seventh Day Bap- tists and friends for Bible study on the Sabbath when on vacation?

This man is also a 100 percent church and Bible school, a condition which too often does not apply. He also has responsible positions in other denominational or organiza- tions. I did not ask if any of these had ever given him “honorable mention.” To such men, services are accepted with little thought of the effort and sacrifice re- quired to make them possible. Why should we not take time to really give words of appreciation for such accomplishment? Do we require and expect too little of our church members? This is not the time to let it not be well to keep a record of church at- tendance as well as Bible school?

A little rivalry in church and school attendance, word of appreciation and com- mendation would cost us little and return rich dividends.

P. B. Hurley, Conference President.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES WILL GIVE CHEER IN WAR-WRECKED PLACES

The Christmas season is not going to be cheerless this year, even in the countries devastated by war. Church members throughout the country are answering the call for packing Church Christmas Packages; and the report is that, once packed, many of the packages may be shipped abroad free of charge by certain humanitarian-minded ex- port concerns thereby returning some of the funds to the individual denominations for other charity work.

Those who have already sent for and received their packages are aware of the thorough arrangements made by the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Recon- struction. Each package comes neatly folded and containing waterproof wrapping material, gummed tape, and simple, clear, printed label bearing the greeting, “Merry Christ- mas,” in many languages, and a comprehen- sive Christmas sheet.

Packers of boxes are asked to observe the instructions carefully. Be sure to detach the stub from the label and send it to head- quarters. A credit may be made in such a way that credit can be given to the denomini- nation responsible for sending that carton; creating no confusion.

Several packages will have to be opened for inspection, in accordance with shipping regulations. If something is packed which should not have been included, or the wrong number of items of any one sort is put in, export licenses for the shipment cannot be obtained without inspecting every package. A half million Christmas gifts might de-
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Prospects for the Year and Hopes for the Future

By A. J. C. BOND, Dean, School of Theology

Alfred School of Theology

The School of Theology is all set for another year, with a full schedule of classes for the semester outlined on the blackboard in the dean's room.

Courses

Dr. Ben R. Crandall will give his course in Rural Sociology; Dr. Walter L. Greene begins a full year in General Church History; Dr. Edgar D. Van Horn will teach two subjects: Christian Doctrine, and New Testament Theology; and the dean will offer two hours in Theology; and the dean will offer two hours in Soci ology; and

Faith for Today, two hours in New Testament Introduction and Interpretation. First Year Greek can still be available in the college. Later the students will have work with Pastor Everett T. Harris, Pastor Albert N. Rogers, and Secretary Harley Sutton. Our special lecturer this semester will be Rev. Leslie O. Greene, who will speak on evangelism, and will discuss that most vital subject with the students.

Students

Two first year students are registering for the above courses: Rex Burdock, A.B. (Salem); Wendell Stephan, A.B. (Salem); also Gerald Ridgway, A.B. (Houghton), a Wesleyan Methodist, who has had one semester with us. These young men seem to possess the same high qualities that have characterized our best students in the past.

Prospects

A college graduate now in military service will enter Alfred as soon as he is separated from the service. Another young man has decided for the ministry while in the service. A junior in college will enter the School of Theology as soon as he has finished college. Another in Civilian Public Service is taking part-time work in preparation for the ministry and plans to complete his training when he is released. A high school graduate awaits his release from essential work on the farm to start to college, and then to the School of Theology. With all these young men we have had direct communication. Several high school students will be good prospects, and high purpose are planning to prepare for the ministry at Alfred.

Needs

The notes for this article include the names of eight churches now eagerly and almost desperately seeking pastors. They present to young men of consecration, ability, and preparation a challenging opportunity.

The words of Jesus to his disciples come ringing down the centuries to Seventh Day Baptists: "Are you not saying, 'Four months more and the harvest will come'? Look, I tell you! Raise your eyes and see the fields, for they are white for harvesting." John 4:35

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The College and the Local Church

By Executive Secretary Robert W. Gibson (Board of Christian Education United Presbyterian Church)

What the Pastor Can Do

1. He can create in his young people, through sermons and interviews, an interest in going to college.
2. He can keep before his young people by occasional sermons the important place which the church college occupies in the life of both the Church and the nation.
3. He can counsel with parents about the ambitions which they have for their children and point out the part which the college can play in enabling them to realize those ambitions.
4. He can see that publicity regarding our college gets into the hands of his young people.
5. If he is a graduate of one of our colleges, he will find times and places to tell of the advantages which he found in such a college.
6. He can challenge young people to a life of service and urge the church college as the normal place to prepare for it.
7. He can encourage young people to attend conferences held on our college campuses that they may see the equipment and catch the spirit of the school.
8. He can keep the college informed of promising young people who should be placed, upon the college mailing list.
9. He can keep in touch with young people attending our colleges, and see to that, when home for a holiday, they have a chance to tell others of their experience.

What the Local Church Consistory Can Do

1. Make college financially possible for choice young people who otherwise could not attend.
2. When touring becomes possible again, make it a point to visit the college campus that is nearest, and take likely young people along that their interest might be awakened.
3. See that a Christmas party is held for young people home from college and do whatever else will enable the student to see that his church is interested in him.
4. Do a little reading upon the part which the church college is playing in preserving democracy.
5. See to it that when the missionary budget is under discussion that the congregation is informed of the place which the colleges hold in providing leadership for our pulpits and our future church leaders.
6. Take time in consistory meetings to discuss ways and means of developing a greater loyalty to our own institutions.
7. Include in prayer those who carry the responsibility of administering our colleges, and those who teach, and those who inspire them to service, and planning for leadership.
8. Remember that the church college is not something separate and distinct from the church. It is the church in action ministering the needs of its young people.
9. Pay attention to college young people spending the summer at home. Seek ways to use their talents and their ideals in the work of the local church. Use them lest you lose them.
10. See to it that copies of the church bulletin follow your young people to college.
11. Whenever possible have a college president speak from your pulpit that your church may feel a personal interest in your church college.

ANNUAL MEETING BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The annual meeting of members of the Seventh Day Baptist Educational and Missionary Society, School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Baptist Young People's Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference under the direction of a committee of nine members, New York, New York, June 12, 1940, will be held, according to the by-laws of the corporation, on Sunday, October 1, 1940, at the first hour in the Gothic, Alfred, N. Y., for election of directors and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Members of this corporation consist of all persons who are now life members of the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, and all persons who are members of a Seventh Day Baptist church. The only members entitled to vote at said meeting are those who are accredited delegates to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at its last session.

Albert N. Rogers, President, Board of Directors.
Milton College opened her one hundred second year of teaching service on September 18. At the time this is written the registration is incomplete, but it is certain that it will be much better than last year, although considerably below "prewar." Except for two, the faculty is at full strength.

There is a good group of Seventh Day Baptist students on the campus, and we are in correspondence with two men who wish to take theological courses. We most earnestly hope that they will select Milton for their college work. There is an excellent spirit among the students.

Plans are under way with the local pastors of the Miltons to bring all resident students into close fellowship with the churches.

On our faculty are members of the denominational finance committee, a Sabbath school superintendent, licentiate and deacon, an elder, the denominational treasurer, the church choir director and three members of his choir.

Dr. Edwin B. Shaw resigned as a member of the faculty during the year, but retains an active interest in the church and Sabbath school.

THE TEACHER

The teacher is a lighter of torches amid the darkness of earth, that his fellow men may follow and find the way.

The teacher enkindles the candles in the souls of men, that they may learn to know the hidden places of their own spirit.

The teacher is a learner who has sat at the feet of the aged and garnered from their golden treasures in silence.

The teacher is the friend of little children, moulding their gentle spirits after the heavenly pattern of the angels.

The teacher is a cupbearer, not only to earth's kings, but to earth's slaves, that all may drink of the wine of wisdom and be glad.

The teacher is he whose eyes have been opened to see the stars, and whose ears have been touched that he may hear the weeping of the willows.

The teacher is he for whom a book is a jeweled casket and a printed page is a mystic messenger of the soul.

The teacher's heart has been quickened from the death of self-interest, and made aware of the anguish of his fellow men.

The teacher walks with God and with man in reverent wonder that so great a privilege could be his portion.

The teacher feels with joy the touch of time's fleeting hours upon his cheeks, but his spirit lives and breathes in the quiet heights of eternity. — B. M. Christensen, Augsburg Seminary.

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More Seventh Day Baptist Students Enroll This Year

By CARROLL L. HILL, President, Milton College

Salem College has opened with a substantial increase in enrollment over last year. The girls are greatly in the majority, but there is an increase also in the number of young men enrolled. The freshman class averages a bit higher in scholarship than they have during the war years.

The college is adding four new teachers in order that all departments may be fully manned for the post-war years. Two new music teachers have been employed that have had training in a half dozen of the best schools of the East and Midwest. The students already reflect an increasing interest in the fine arts.

Arrangements have been made to give the religious element of the chapel exercises additional emphasis during this year. The Christian associations met this week and organized, planning to try to increase their membership, if possible, until it includes every student in college. Those organizations have been for many years leaders in promoting religious thinking and religious activities on the campus. They have taken the lead in the promotion of Religious Emphasis Week, usually held in February of each year.

Dr. Alva L. Davis teaches the Bible and other religious courses in the college.

Dr. James L. Skaggs, arrange meetings for the ministerial students belonging to their own denomination. Besides conference meetings with the pastors of these groups, the individual students are often asked to conduct a religious service, or, even at times speak at the morning worship service. All of them are given one or more opportunities to speak at the college chapel hour.

THE CHURCH COLLEGE SPEAKS

I am the church college.

I am the oldest institution of higher learning in America. Before there had been state universities or other institutions of college rank, I had been founded. For three hundred years I have served my country well. Three centuries of achievement vindicate my right to be.

I stand for the highest ideals. I search for truth, believing God's universe is free, and that I may light the torch of truth anywhere. I lay emphasis upon genuine scholarship. My graduates are among the nation's greatest scholars.

I believe in God. In the student's expanding circle of adjustment I open wide the portal to the unseen world of spirit. My sons and daughters are men and women of vision and spiritual power.

I am the Church College.—Anonymous.
Alfred University opens the present school year with the new president, Dr. J. E. Walters, in the chair. We assume that Alfred's traditional interest in the religious life of its students will be continued as a policy under his administration.

For some years now Alfred has employed as a member of its faculty a chaplain who devotes his full time to the promotion and direction of the religious life on the campus. Among his varied activities he conducts daily chapel exercises, teaches classes in Bible study and sociology on the campus beside acting as pastor to the University church which meets in the Seventh Day Baptist church on Sunday. Students and professors sing in the vested choir.

There is an organization on the campus known as the "ASF"—Alfred Student Fellowship. This organization in its religious and social activities offers opportunity for the free discussion of religious problems on the campus in a friendly and tolerant atmosphere. It is a strong factor in creating a co-operative spirit among the students. In a school where there are Protestants from various denominations as well as Catholics and Jews there is need of a broad-minded policy in meeting the religious needs of the young people.

Seventh Day Baptists, through the wise and vigorous leadership of Pastor Harris, who is backed by a fine group of our people on the faculty, are contributing greatly to the religious life of the university. We have a strong element both on the campus and off who are working faithfully to maintain the Christian ideals and traditions which have made the university what it is. Business places are closed on Sabbath and a large congregation, both students and professors, gather for worship and fellowship on Sabbath morning and will continue to do so.

On September 1 Dr. J. Edward Walters became the eighth president of Alfred University. He is a native of Indiana, educated in economics, engineering, and personnel work. His bachelor's and master's degrees were earned at Purdue University, his doctorate of philosophy at Cornell University. In World War I he served in the ordnance department of the Army as a first lieutenant. From 1922 to 1940 he was employed in various capacities on the staff of Purdue University and lastly as professor of personnel administration. In 1940 he entered the business world and for the past two years has been a member of a firm of management consultants in New York City. He has many and varied business and educational contacts.

Doctor and Mrs. Walters have no children. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of which he is an elder. Doctor Walters possesses a genial and winning personality and is rapidly making friends among the members of both town and gown.

Any consideration of the educational work in our denomination must incidentally make mention of Dr. John Nelson Norwood for the field of education. Those of us who are contemporary Alfredians have known him as a student, as a teacher, as a dean, as acting president, and as president of the university. In all these phases of his educational experience he has been outstanding. Every teacher looks for the student who is eager, responsive, and thorough. John Nelson Norwood was such a student. Every student appreciates a teacher whose organization and presentation of subject matter is so original and stimulating that even cold facts come alive. John Nelson Norwood is such a teacher. Colleges and universities need administrators who have not only learning but also wisdom, vision, and understanding of the needs of the individual. He is such an administrator. Hundreds of students testify to the inspiring and lasting influence of his teaching and leadership.

A Tribute—

To President Emeritus JOHN NELSON NORWOOD

By DORA K. DEGEN, Dean of Women, Alfred University

By J. NELSON NORWOOD

President Emeritus, Alfred University

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As the learning and the man have been inseparable, so that Norwood has been an integral part of his learning—something which has given purpose and character to his teaching and his leadership. Unlike many men with lesser responsibilities he has never been too busy to give the best of his thought, time, and effort to the work of the church and denomination. As member or officer of boards and committees, as speaker and writer, he has long been a leader in shaping and carrying out the ideals and policies of the church and the denomination. He is at the present time chairman of the Board of Managers of the School of Theology, a member of the Board of Christian Education, and a member of the Committee on Denominational Literature of the Tract Society.

Although he has nominally retired from active educational work we know that he will always be deeply concerned and actively engaged in education—education of young men and women—education whose objective is the making of better men and a better world.

J. Nelson Norwood

Retiring President of Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

Education, and a member of the Committee on Denominational Literature of the Tract Society.

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Into College Windows

By Alvin N. Rogness

When my children attend a church college, which I confidently hope they may, I hope they will sit under teachers who are able to keep God in the center of their courses. This, I know, is no small achievement for an instructor.

With ancient Israel, God was in the center of everything. If they lost a battle, it was God showing his disfavor. If it didn't rain, God was punishing them. If a man lost his health, it meant that God was frowning on him.

Of course, I wouldn't want God blamed for everything. But I would like a teacher who had recaptured somewhat the centrality of God, which was Israel's.
In a course of history, for instance. I would like my child to see the movement of mankind in the picture, that in which many either succeeded or failed, depending upon whether or not they heeded the eternal words of God. I would like him to understand that on this stage God himself was a constant, unseen actor, and that the nor players could not ignore him, except to their sorrow and consternation.

Or, in sociology, politics, or economics. I would like him to realize, as he appraised one social form against another, that no social form would be good unless the men and women who made it up were good. Society is only as good as its forms of organization; its only real change occurs when hearts and minds of men, one by one, become changed by the power of God. Also, in science. I would hope that the teacher would never let my child forget that advances in medicine which made men live longer were futile unless men lived better. Or, that to enable men to fly faster would be fruitless unless their errands were constructive and merciful. To build the necessary bridge might only delay life's anguish unless man himself, the builder, was undergirded by the eternal principles that were to hold the whole. Music that is based on the baser passions of men is great music judged by its success in producing its avowed end; but it is ignoble and shameful art judged by ethics and God. I would hope that both art and the artist would be measured by whether or not God and his ends were glorified.

The church of today, it seems to me, does not "play" objective in its program. Its teachers are "approved" by this world's best accrediting agencies. But, in addition, they are encouraged to tie all instruction together to God as the center, in whom we live and move and have our being.

Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Kent G. Stillman, Weaustet, N. L.

REPORT OF CHINA MISSION

By Professor T. M. Chang

Dear Secretary Burdick:

I hasten to write you this brief note, to send you and all our friends in America our warm greetings. We all rejoice that the war has at last come to its just conclusion, and we are grateful for the wonderful care and protection which you have received throughout these long difficult years. I am happy to inform you that our church and school here in Shanghai have come through safe and sound. I shall not attempt any detailed report this time, but instead I wish to give you a brief summary report on the existing conditions of the school, the church, the city chapel, and the hospital at Liubo, so that you may get a bird's-eye view of the whole situation in this China field.

The School

Since the death of Miss Anna West more than two years ago, the two schools, the Boys' and the Girls' Schools—have been united into one institution under a new board. There are seven members of the board—namely, Mrs. Koo, Mrs. Chen, Mrs. Yu, all former pupils of the Girls' School; and Mr. Sung, Mr. Stephen Wang, Mr. Tah, all students of the Boys' School; and Doctor Miao who was general secretary of the American Christian Educational Association for nearly twenty years. I was asked to be the principal, and in that capacity I have served during the past two years. We are, however, planning reconstruction.

The Church

Our church, which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into another, in which you that once visited on the last trip, is now united into 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TreASurer's Monthly Statement
July 1, 1945, to July 31, 1945

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer,
In account with the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society

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BIBLE STUDIES FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL
By Rev. Earl Crusan
The Salvation of Nicodemus—John 3: 1-21

Jesus Answers Nicodemus

The method of asking questions and listening attentively to the answer is one of the oldest methods of obtaining knowledge and perhaps one of the best. We have seen in these verses questions by one who was a ruler and a teacher in Israel, and answers by the Son of God. As Nicodemus approaches Jesus, certain conclusions have already come to his mind. Thou art a teacher from God and in this Thou art a man who believes God has a plan of salvation—that man can be saved only as he believes on Christ through his blood which was shed on Calvary as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of men.

Man must be born of the Spirit of God—he must be awakened to spiritual living before he can enter the kingdom of God. Water—baptism by water—is a symbol of that spiritual birth. But if the heart of man is right, the symbol of the washing away of his sins is effective in the service of the trinity opens his heart and his life to the spiritual rebirth.

Jesus Explains Salvation

Puzzled, perplexed, Nicodemus continues to question, and Jesus expounds to him the story of salvation. He uses an illustration that Nicodemus should understand, taking the incident of Israel's sins but as they were meeting death through the stinging, fiery serpent. Moses made one out of brass and fastened it upon a pole so that those looking on it might be delivered from the death of the serpent; even so must the Son of man be lifted up. The Son of man must thus be lifted up that those who believe on him and trust in his word might not perish in death but live a life everlasting. Jesus goes right to the heart of the story of salvation—that man can be saved only as he believes on Christ through his blood which was shed on Calvary as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of men.

WOMAN'S WORK

EDUCATION FOR LIVING
By Mrs. Harper Sibley (President, United Council of Church Women)

For some reason which I cannot explain, the "adult education" and "undergraduate education" not only leave me cold, but at times even annoy me. Is it, in the case of the former, because I feel so deeply the responsibility of the teacher? In regard to the latter example we have set and the training we have given our young people; and does a sense of understanding them and whether they have not done a better job? Perhaps my quarrel is that it is impossible to differentiate between these two groups. After all, we have seen mature young people assuming responsibility, selflessly serving, intelligently contributing to the well-being of others, both family and community. We have seen javelin, and other people adolescent in their self-centeredness, petulant and unreasonably in their demands upon the time and strength of others. As we look for the exact meaning, I find that "adult education" means that it means "one come to full growth" (Macmillan's Modern Dictionary). We are reminded of the description of the boy Jesus. He "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

I suppose the two words "immature" and "adult" mean almost the same thing except that the one thought I have in mind, and here we find such phrases as "underdeveloped," "incomplete," "in full age or growth," "complete," "perfected.

Today, what opportunities offer themselves to the women of America! The hard fought battle of admittance to colleges and graduate schools has been won. Sometimes we are bewildered with the idea of college life. In the field of education it would seem to divide itself into those things we should
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know to help us carry out our obligation as citizens, homemakers, business and professional women, and those things we would study just for the sheer joy of learning and discovery. At last we are free to choose what we would study!

Perhaps a few words about my own experiences in this field might be interesting. Some three years after we had married, I became my husband's responsibility to manage some family farms which had been acquired by his grandfather. Before that we did not, either of us, know the difference between oats, wheat, and barley, and had never heard of "legumes" to build the soil. So, after much inquiry and discussion we decided to spend the summer at Cornell in the New York State College of Agriculture, studying farming. I had two children and was expecting a third; but as I had one to help me, I went each day to courses from 8:30 to 12, and did field work from 2 to 4:30. The heat was record breaking, and I shall never forget those afternoons spent grafting fruit trees and testing soils. But we opened our eyes to the possibilities and joys of scientific agriculture, and as my husband has gone on studying and improving the farm, I feel that it has been one of our most valuable sources of interest, of income, and of conversation, which is important for a happy marriage.

Our next venture was also together, but in quite a different field. He accepted the responsibility as superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday school in Rochester, and again, because I had a small child, and we had to do things together, I volunteered to teach a class. We had both been brought up in the church, but knew nothing of such teaching as such, so we entered a teacher training class taught by one of the ministers of our city. We spent the next three years. The first year was spent on the Old Testament; the second on the New; and the third on principles of pedagogy.

As I look back on that experience together, although it always seemed that friends asked us out to parties on Wednesday nights and we had to refuse, I cannot say what it has meant to our lives: those evenings when we studied together for the New York State Bible school examinations, and our joy when the papers were returned with reasonably high marks, and the diplomas arrived saying that we were qualified teachers.

Our next experience together was in 1933. We had missed from our travels around the world and were more convinced than ever of the importance of religion in our colleges. We had seen so much done in every part of the world the leadership for good or ill, which was being assumed by university graduates.

My husband had been a trustee of the University of Rochester and I was to start in the fall as Y.W.C.A. secretary, part-time, on the women's campus.

We enrolled in the course on the philosophy of education which was taught by the head of the department. There we had to stretch our minds to the utmost and study into the mind, the education, and the scientific principles, which had been one of our most interesting experiences of interest, and joy. Our benefit greatly where we had, and what new interest and understanding we gained in the whole field of education.

Two years ago because of the new and growing relationship of the United States with Latin America and because my husband was especially interested in a rural project in the Y.W.C.A., I spent the summer studying Spanish. This course was so constantly interrupted by grandchildren that I did not do very well.

All through these years I have also been privileged to follow my interest in scientific interest which has been in the field of theology, which has been called the "Queen of Sciences." This has been one of our most interesting experiences of interest, income, and of conversation, which is important for a happy marriage.

DEAR PASTOR:

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And I would close with the words of the nineteenth Psalm, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." —The Church Woman.

GOAL THIRTEEN

Material for the observance of World Community Day may be procured from the United Council of Church Women, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. — F. D. 

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Religious Education Week is Here

During the past few weeks there have been under this heading statements by leaders about the importance of Christian religious education. It is indeed helpful to hear words from the President of the United States on this subject. It is helpful to have plans in the local church to make the most of this national emphasis, but the most important statement will be what you do as a person to make this week meaningful and helpful to you, and through you to others.

You—a person—are the very center of attention in all Christian religious education. The purpose prepares lessons on the basis of your needs and for the purpose of helping you to grow in Christlike humanity.

If you are a parent, how much you can do to help the teacher of the Sabbath school class get the word of God to your children. Talk to them about the lessons, before and after, and especially their relation to real life.

The only real measure of Christian teaching is something that is growing more Christian, and you are the only one who can make that teaching effective by putting these lessons into life.

Therefore, Sabbath school success, family worship success, Church work all depend on you, "Jesus never fails," and neither should you! This emphasis on Christian education should give us a more determined spirit for better trained teachers and workers for our Sabbath schools. The certificate of Progress plan needs more of a place in your personal plan for equipping yourself for Christian service either as a Sabbath school teacher or as a consecrated layman in the work of the Church. Please enroll now for this plan of leadership training. Some nearly finished before Conference time this year. They should finish soon. See your pastor for details.

H. S.
October also

He this fall.

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I you are here I say observe well the features of those engaged in routine tasks, cultivate friendships freely as you mix in social rela-
tionships, be not too critical of trivial weak-
nesses, search for hidden strength and power
within those you call fellow students and be
conscious of unfinished development. I urge
this because those who will become leaders
in many areas of the future America are a
part of this community of which you are a.

often we hear a voice saying, "I knew him
when . . ." but more often the truth
would be expressed by the words, "For
goodness sake, he was in my class and I never
even noticed him." Young people often
place emphasis upon superficial matters con-
ected with others, and thereby completely
overlooking the potential qualities of
greatness within their companions. Be not
too quick to judge. Your classmate may be
a future statesman or a coming star of radio.

A wise and observant college executive
once said he felt like tipping his hat to
every freshman because he might be tipping
his hat to a president. Doubtless he did meet
future leaders in many fields just as you are
now living with those whose careers will be
brilliant and stimulating.

We are all too prone to forget that human
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the Americans, and now that they have found that belief to be untrue they are glad the war is over and are willing to be co-operative. Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

LETTER FROM NEW ORLEANS
(Concluded)
The sight of so many pillars in the houses in New Orleans is interesting. The house where I am staying has eight pillars in front, four in the first-story porch, and four above in the second-story porch. Besides, there are two in the hall, two in the living-room, and two in the side porch, which make the house very firm. When heavy people walk there, there is no shanking or trembling of the house.

Nearby stands a large house which was empty and closed up when we were here two years ago. Though the rear has been damaged by fire and is falling out of repair, the front stands strong, supported by the pillars.

As I walk about the city and see so many houses with pillars, built to make them firm and strong, I am reminded of Jesus' message to the church in Revelation 3:12, 13, which I wish you would memorize. You see we can be pillars in the temple of God, by overcoming the evils that cause us to falter and weaken and shake our faith. If you would see all the pillars in this house, you would desire to be a pillar in the temple of God.

Last but not least of things that are interesting are the different stores that close Sabbath day. This does not profane any religious reason for doing so, but whatever their reason, they do it. In Friday's paper we often see an advertisement saying, "This store closes tomorrow." In last Friday's paper one advertisement read "Store hours today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Store closed Saturday." Among our business firms makes anyone wonder if we believe in the sacredness of the Sabbath whole awake about stopping our own work that day.

Mrs. S. S. Powell.

Dear Mrs. Powell:
Your letter has been very interesting and making me very glad of my trip to New Orleans myself. A good many of the houses in New Market, N. J., had high pillars in front, colonial style, which I great admired when I lived in Dunellen and attended the New Market church. So I have some idea of New Orleans many pillars. I believe we should all strive to be pillars in the temple of God. Sincerely yours, Mizpah S. Greene.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Extracts from the Journal of Rev. Lewis A. Davis
(Concluded)

At the time of our arrival in Ia., there were living in this vicinity the following churches, viz.: J. M. Buck, I. Davis, John Davis, C. Bates, John Babcock, L. Hurley—seven families. With our own, eight persons, there were 17 persons who had been members of S.D.B. churches. The same week arrived Uriah Davis and family, and increasing our numbers to nine families and 20 professors of religion in all. When I arrived on the field, I found the people holding meetings on the Sabbath under the care of Bro. John Davis as leader, who I found was possessed with the idea that field belonged to him by right of seniority; and when I was pressed by the people to take charge of the meetings, I did so with fear and trembling; and for months I had severe trials arising from that source, from which I was relieved in due time.

The meetings were held from house to house, and the small band of brethren and sisters were united in the worship of God. It was soon evident that there were religious awakenings in the people in the immediate number; and on, or about the 9th of Oct., 1854, I had the pleasure of leading down into the icy storm and stormy stream, which in due time weaver Davis. The church was erected.

When the building was started I was present, and prayed, that the building, when completed, might be a temple of God. Sincerely yours,
Rev. Lewis A. Davis

9. Mary E. Davis 15. Uriah Davis
10. Sarah Davis 16. Vienna Davis
11. Martha Babcock 17. Perrin Davis
12. James O. Babcock 18. Luther Davis

The sermon, by L. A. Davis, was from Matt. 5th, 16. After which they all joined hands in a circle. L. A. Davis and John Davis took each other's hands, and prayed, after which they rose and Mears Davis gave the right hand of fellowship. Shortly after the organization, I baptized the following persons; viz.: Thomas Jones, Isabella Davis, Rebecca Davis, who, with others, joined another church. It is to be feared that the church, they began to demur, saying they would knock that thing in the head. Mrs. Davis had known church ruined by choir singing etc. This I got along with; but one morning as I entered the building with axe on shoulder, I was met by the deacon, saying with his consent he would take that thing down,—a good many members of the church were opposed to it. This hurt me a great deal. My first impression was that I would take it down myself. Then my conscience smote me, for I knew I was wrong.

I then left the building, being deeply grieved, and returned home. After I left, the deacon took the thing down; and it was reported that I tore it down because I was opposed to their organization; and I was doubly opposed to anything, as much as I could have a house of worship which my conscience considered to be any thing. [Explanations followed which satisfied Eld. Davis; and later he bought material and lamp for the choir, and the choir was erected. L. A. Platts was secured and a singing school started in the church with full consent of Eld. Davis. A. & M. Association were strong.]

On the 6th of April, 1861, I failed to attend the meeting at the school-house for many weeks. From this time until the 1st of July, Brother B. Clement and Thomas Babcock supplied the church with preaching and instruction.

On the 5th day before the last Sabbath in June, 1861, the N. W. Association commenced preaching. There was no order, or fair delegation, considering this was the entire frontier church. This was the first Association that had met in the S.D.B.'s ever held west of the Mississippi River.

It was now deemed necessary that my successor should be chosen, and a meeting was convened. On the 1st of July, 1858, the loan was obtained of G. Greenman and Co. about the 15th of December. House was built, and dedicated to the following purposes: a school, a meeting-house, and a messiah, and other, which was as follows: I proposed to the mechanics that they construct a seat for a choir, remarking that I did not suppose that there would be any effort to introduce church singing in my time, but afterwards I might be desirous to have such a convenience. This was in accordance with their views and they arranged the building accordingly. As soon as this was done, the church, they began to demur, saying they would knock that thing in the head. This was a known church ruined by choir singing etc. This I got along with; but one morning as I entered the building with axe on shoulder, I was met by the deacon, saying with his consent he would take that thing down,—a good many members of the church were opposed to it. This hurt me a great deal. My first impression was that I would take it down myself. Then my conscience smote me, for I knew I was wrong.

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On the 5th day before the last Sabbath in June, 1861, the N. W. Association commenced preaching. There was no order, or fair delegation, considering this was the entire frontier church. This was the first Association that had met in the S.D.B.'s ever held west of the Mississippi River.

It was now deemed necessary that my successor should be chosen, and a meeting was convened. On the 1st of July, 1858, the loan was obtained of G. Greenman and Co. about the 15th of December. House was built, and dedicated to the following purposes: a school, a meeting-house, and a messiah, and other, which was as follows: I proposed to the mechanics that they construct a seat for a choir, remarking that I did not suppose that there would be any effort to introduce church singing in my time, but afterwards I might be desirous to have such a convenience. This was in accordance with their views and they arranged the building accordingly. As soon as this was done, the church, they began to demur, saying they would knock that thing in the head. This was a known church ruined by choir singing etc. This I got along with; but one morning as I entered the building with axe on shoulder, I was met by the deacon, saying with his consent he would take that thing down,—a good many members of the church were opposed to it. This hurt me a great deal. My first impression was that I would take it down myself. Then my conscience smote me, for I knew I was wrong.
the air remained cool. The invited Mr. (a),

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due to rain, Mr. (c),

the wedding of Miss Reva Steen and Clayton Stearns, students at Salem College

home on vacation.

Richard R., only son of Mr. and

and those who are sacrificing may feel that they

and they are not alone in their efforts.

Jackson Center, Ohio

Sabbath day, August 25, would have been Conference Sabbath at Milton, Wis, if Conference had been held. A special offering was taken for the Denominational Budget at the suggestion of the Committee on Budget Promotion. This offering amounted to $200. We pray this classified offering and the denomination’s work, may be rewarded doubly: first-, by a greater interest in what goes on; second, by the denomination’s being able to do more.

This Sabbath was also a significant Sabbath in other ways. The daylight went on, the sky was overcast, and it looked as though it might rain. After church a few patches of blue large enough to mend a sailor’s trousers appeared in the sky. The blue sections are as blue can be, with snow-white clouds fleeting across it.

Thirty-two people drove to the Great Miami River where baptism was to be held. Several older persons had reconsecrated their lives to Christ in the afterpart of the morning service. Three young people had postponed baptism for the sake of Christ, and had asked for baptism at the same time. Joys Miers, Doyle Zwibel, and Gene Morris were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The clearing of the sky and the exquisite beauty of its blue and white dome over our church is a frequent and legitimate expression of pleasure—his smiling face looking down on those young folks and their church.

The parsonage has had a big improvement made to it this August. The Ladies’ Society provided the money. J. D. Jones, J. L. Lawhead, S. C. Groves, and your pastor furnished the labor. The result: concrete back porch and steps and walk to the church.

Church Chatter.

Salem, W. Va.

Prof. and Mrs. Harley D. Bond, son

and daughter Nellie Joe have re moved to Pittsburgh and Coudercos, Pa. While in Pittsburgh they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Rogers and family. At Coudercos they visited at the home of Miss Reva Steen and Clayton Stearns, students at Salem College home on vacation.

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Mrs. H. D. Bond, left September 3 for A. S. T. P. training in the U. S. Army. At present he is stationed at North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Ga. Although only eighteen years old and a graduate of Salem high school, class of 1945, Pvt. Bond had entered the service in September last year, and is a Junior cadet, which begins October 1, the pastor calls on me on Thursday, I received a letter from Mr. Weyn, who apparently, have no regrets on that account. The church was organized in 21 members, and when I resigned, numbered 81. Finis.

DENOMINATIONAL "BOOK-UP"

Battle Creek, Mich.

In anticipation of the new church year which begins October 1, the minister calls several program items to your attention.

First, a few modifications will be made in the Sabbath School, Sunday School and Adult services. The first verse of "God of the Sabbath" will replace "Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy. Also, the Ten Commandments written in unison will take the place of the present congregational call to worship. During the remaining weeks of September, won’t you make a special effort to memorize these?

Second, we urge that everyone form the habit of bringing his Bible to church. Use it during the services. It is not difficult. Open it to the Scripture lesson to be read during the worship service. Carry your Bible always. To come to church without one’s Bible is as a farmer going to the field without his plow.

A special church business meeting is being called to be held Saturday, September 15 following quiet hour service. The pastor has received a request from the De Ruiter, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings there the first part of November. That and another matter or so will be considered.

The finance committee takes great pleasure in acknowledging receipt of $300 in special gifts toward the Memorial Board Loan Fund during the past two weeks. This amount includes special gifts from two of our over

five new converts, and adds, “I give Bible studies in private homes, three or four a week.” Another worker reports, “I have held two cottage prayer meetings, one with twenty present and one with eight, and a praise service for six hours on Sabbath day.”

A recent issue of the Advocate contained an article which was written to Mr. Juhi expressing their interest in the establishment of a Bible college in Des Moines.

MILLION JUNCTION PASTOR TO HEAD NORTH GEORGIA RESIDENTS.

Word has been received by Rev. Orville W. Babcock, pastor of the Milton Junction, Wis, Church, from the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains that, as of August 15, the National Chaplains Department will discontinue all appointments to the chaplain corps.

Mr. Babcock made application to the National department for a commission as a chaplain and to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains for Ecclesiastical Endorsement in July and these applications have been in the process of development. The end of the war has altered the need for chaplains in that service so all applications will be discontinued except those who are graduates of the Navy V-12 program, the letter disclosed.

This announcement from the General Commission clears the way for an inter-departmental transfer of Mr. Babcock and his family came less than a year ago.—Milton Junction Telephone.

Hopkinton, R. I. — Ruth Kenyon of Hop kinton has recently returned to the states after two years overseas serving with the Red Cross.

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—Hosa Ballou.

Our friend and we are invited aboard on a party of pleasure which is to last forever. His chair was ready first, and he has gone before us. We could not start conveniently together; and why should you and I, you and I, be ever at this same motion to follow, and know where to find him?

—Benjamin Franklin.
WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TWIN PILLARS OF DEMOCRACY
By John W. Studebaker
U. S. Commissioner of Education

The fifteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week, September 30 to October 7, 1945, serves to call attention to the vital importance of religious teaching in our American scheme of life and government.

The religious freedom guaranteed us by the Constitution was not intended to promote religious indifference. Rather it was meant to guarantee our right as individuals to achieve a personal awareness of unseen reality as revealed in diverse ways and as represented by various doctrinal beliefs.

Three unifying elements in our common citizenship are the belief in a loving heavenly Father, in the intrinsic worth of human beings, and in the imperative of moral duty. These elements are present in the spirit and the teachings of secular schools, and they are given added personal relevance and doctrinal reinforcement by the home and by the church school.

Secular education and religious education are not only compatible with each other but complementary in character. They are twin pillars of democracy. Upon them rests a responsibility for building citizens worthy of the spiritual inheritance which is ours as a people.

TRUE FREEDOM
By Dr. R. W. Albright
Evangelical School of Theology

True freedom is not a gift which one may give to another or any nation may confer upon its citizens. Freedom in individual, community, and world life is attained like freedom at the piano keyboard. It involves the discipline necessary to reading the master score and to skillful interpretation of that score.

EDUCATION
By Daniel Webster

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tables something which will brighten to all eternity.

VITALITY OF TRUTH
By Paul Bock
Student, Yale Divinity School

Today we work and pray for a world of freedom of speech and religion, freedom from fear and want. But without the vision of the Truth which Christianity offers, we could not have the perspective, faith, and power to make the vision real in a world of destruction and disillusionment.

These statements were written at the request of the International Council of Religious Education, endorsing the fifteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week in the United States and Canada.

NATIONAL PROGRESS DEPENDENT ON TEACHINGS OF JESUS
By Grace Noll Crowell
Poet

The cry of mankind today is "Progress!" Plans for future are dazzling in their concept, but if the religion of Jesus Christ is left out of those plans, our nation will surely go the way of godless lands.

Paradoxically there is only one way to progress, and that is by going back; back to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Make Christ the Head of the home and there will be no delinquent children; make him a counselor and there will be no corruption in politics; make him a leader and there will be no limit to our progress as a nation.

For years the International Council of Religious Education and its member agencies have been knocking at the door of all homes, striving to awaken men to the need of spiritual fitness by way of religious education. Now is the time to heed that clear, wise call. Let us go forward by going back to the too often neglected teachings of that great Educator: Jesus of Nazareth.

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Advertise your church if you are proud of it. Let the people of the community know it is a worthy representative of the Saviour. If you cannot do this with a free mind and with a clear conscience, then something is wrong—either with you or your church.

—Lost Creek Bulletin.