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Homes—the Heart of the Universe

By Helen Angel

New Zealand is literally God's own country, and if it only follows the Light, great things lie ahead for it. By providing a peaceful, beautiful, tranquil home, we are helping forward peace and serving our Creator.

Don't you see? Homes are the essence of God's power on earth. Homes be intended to be his sanctified sanctuary of the souls dwelling within them. Homes—the emblem of the Godhead on earth, the center from whence all sally forth to do deeds great or small and give their services to the world.

Through a harmonious home we gather strength of body and mind by procuring tranquillity and poise. These centers are the crux of the universe, the core and heart of life. As a home is in miniature, so is the country that home represents. Make your home as beautiful as possible in material ways and in mental ways. Then tranquillity, love, poise, thoughtfulness to others will spread therefrom over these fair isles—yes, overflowing beyond to lands afar.

Mother Love and Father Strength make your homes as beautiful as possible, attractive to the eye, and attractive in good will, the absence of which will cause the young of that home to seek undesirable channels of life to the detriment of their own lives and the community in which they live. Open your homes to Light. Joy unutterable will be yours, and children, instead of wandering off for thrills anew in places of din and dust, will walk joyfully homewards to a sanctuary of security, gladness, laughter, and Light Divine.

Homes, the heart of the universe, should send forth the young built up in strength of body, mind and soul, with harmony inculcated in their hearts, so they will spread this spirit of Light around the world and do their part in frustrating cruelty and wickedness. Home builders, this is your duty—yes, your responsibility.

THE BIBLE

By O. G. Russell

O Blessed Book for every age,
Wiser than the wisest sage,
Guiding mortals on their way
To the land of endless day;
Giving courage in the fight,
Shedding on my path its light,
In place of doubt and dark despair,
It points me to a city fair;
Gives joy in life and in death peace.
It buoys the soul for its release,
And helps me love my fellowman,
Revealing God's eternal plan
To save a lost and ruined world.

Then let the banner be unfurled
To every caste, and creed, and race,
To show the saving plan of grace,
Its rich treasures to unfold
That shine within as precious gold.

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Editorials

NOT HALF LONG ENOUGH

"If the Christmas spirit could only last the year around." How often we hear such a lament at this season of the year, when people's hearts are warmed by kind thoughts for others and a high degree of gay comradeship is in evidence.

There is a glimmering of eternal and divine longing in the desire to have Christ-mas ideals last throughout the year and permeate all of mankind's activities; it is God within, that part of a man's being that inevitably and persistently reaches out toward the Creator, whether the individual will accept the Christian truth or not. For, if the true spirit of Christmas were to be applied in daily living, the world would soon come into the full glory of that "peace on earth, good will toward men" declared at Christ's birth.

While it is not feasible continually to celebrate the Nativity, it is highly desirable to keep in daily communion with the Power evidenced on that holy night. Such contact with the Divine is possible for all, those who accept God's gift of salvation rejoice in the privilege of coming to the throne of grace through prayer.

Perhaps the Recorder can bring double emphasis to the significance and meaning of Christmas by publishing two issues which carry the messages of Christmas. Realizing that some subscribers do not receive their copies until nearly a week after the publication date, we are making this December 17 Recorder a Christmas special. However, other material appropriate for this season will appear next week, and it is our prayer that the blessing and peace of Christmas will remain with you throughout the year.

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Franklin.

STARS IN THE SKY

Christmas is the time of year when we focus our attention on the stars—and particularly the Star of the East!

A saying popularly expressed through the years testifies that all we need to do is hitch our wagon to a star, and there we are. To have a goal as high as the stars is commendable, that is true. High desires inspire us to high attainment.

To be certain, however, that we have hitched our wagon to a really "high" star is sometimes difficult, especially in these days when the sky of human ambition is filled with a multitude of stars, all of them made to appear lofty and exalted.

Take the star of prejudice and racial hate, for example. Because of the exigencies of war we have been led in many subtle ways to feel animosity for certain members of the world's family of people. To wage war successfully, experts say, it is imperative to hate. But now that that bloody business is over, with all of its evils, the job of rebuilding the world faces us. Can a society at peace be maintained on the basis of hate?

Look at the world's great need. Observers back from Asia and Europe say: "The plight of the people increases. . . . Young women and girls from good families stand before us, now homeless and with bitterness and hopelessness on their tongues. . . . Children are wandering about the country, beg-ging, stealing, ragged, uncared for. . . . Armies of the old and ill, from all classes of society, are sentenced to death, and cry for help." As Christians can we continue to follow the star of malice and hate?

Then there is the star of selfish interests. It glitters brightly before many this Christmas. For several years the Yuletide season has not been as joyous as it once was; families have not been together; limited merchandise has somewhat curbed the giving (and receiving!) of gifts. But now the war is over; people have money to spend, and are intent on spending it lavishly for them-selves. The star is reflected in a comment made in reference to the Thanksgiving issue of the Recorder. "I liked the serious, prayerful attitude reflected. Thanksgiving is a time to be thoughtful," this person said. "But Christmas—that's the time for fun and happiness. Christmas this year ought to be particularly happy, don't you think?" I wonder?

Christmas is traditionally a gay time for children. Yet one million European children will die during the coming months unless Americans send food, clothing, and vitamins overseas immediately, according to the esti-mate of experts on the Church Committee on Relief and Reconstruction. Perhaps this year when we send Christmas greetings, we should think, too, of sending to those in need some substantial gifts of necessities.

Perhaps our "Merry Christmas" should have the same attitude behind it that promoted the first gift earmarked for Japanese relief and Christian reconstruction. It came from an infantry outfit in France, which sent a $100 check to the Church Committee for Relief to France. Message: "Love your enemies" has been ringing in our hearts for some time. We were eager to do something about it.

Those men, it seems safe to assume, had come to terms with the Christmas spirit. They were not dazzled by the false stars in the sky; they were led, as in all things and always we ought to be, by the brightest star of them all—the Star of Bethlehem.

May we, throughout the year, be as the Wise Men were on the Nativity eve. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Matthew 2: 10. Let that same joy be our joy this Christmas season and on through the new year, as we constantly strive to view and follow—with exceeding great joy—the Star that marks the path of Christian service.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

GUEST EDITORIAL

WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

By Leslie B. Moss
Executive Director, Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction

The birth of the Saviour was first announced to earth's loneliest people, the shepherds. For them, out in the open fields at night, the angels of heaven sang the most beautiful of choruses. "A saviour is born—peace on earth! good will among men." The heart of compassion is the heart of a shepherd. The Babe of Bethlehem grown to man's estate yearned over the lonely crowding people, who were "as sheep without a shepherd." Our Lord himself drank from the wells of loneliness. Misunderstood, reviled, and finally crucified, his unquenched love kept on, persistently reaching out to bring the transforming glory of God's love to every lonely human heart.

Such is the world today; lonely, seeking, as sheep without a shepherd. They know not where to turn to wipe the awful destruction of war and persecution from their minds. How shall the bitterness of hate be dissolved? Can little children once more lift up their eyes in faith and unafraid? Or must they cower in the thickets of fear because there is no shepherd? Must those who still exist today, and those who will grow up tomorrow be enlightened because there are no true shepherds to speak the needed compassion and salvation to weary hearts?

When the shepherds of the Galilean hills had heard the songs of the angels and had seen the child in the manger, "they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." Those with experience in loneliness could most sympathetically appreciate the yearning of human hearts for this message of cheer and new life. As the members of the Christian Church, are the inheritors of this high mission "to make known abroad . . . concerning this child." Every member of us
stands in the direct lineage of the shepherds to those who are in need.

After the sufferings of these years, must we be urged to take up our God-given task? Shepherds should push eagerly into all the dark places to bring the light of Christ's love to staggering and struggling humanity. Humanity needs the comfort; it is ours to give, not to receive. The work of relief and reconstruction is a confirming evidence of Christ's Shepherdhood. We must pour out our love—we must indeed pour out Christ's love—in a refreshing, continually-swelling stream to the "sheep without a shepherd." The task is great and absorbing. True, the unbelieving spirits of men finally nailed him to a cross, but he kept on loving and giving, because that is the only way a shepherd can live. Not for all time while WE are members of Christ's family here on earth. Christ is the great shepherd; he is pointing out to us his tired, underfed and suffering children who need the care that we can give in his name.

With the song of the angels ringing in our ears once more this Christmas, let us do as the shepherds of Galilee did long ago, "make it known abroad"—by gifts of money, of supplies, of fellowships, of prayer—that Christ is come. For he has come, and so are we, that mankind shall not be without a shepherd.

**EDITORIALS**

**CHRISTMAS**

[The editorial which followed was penned during the first Christmas season in the twentieth century, the beginning of a new era. Today our leaders say we are entering another epoch, the scientific and industrial age. "Thinking of this parallel at you read, you may find it of interest and inspiring conclusions."

Seen from the ordinary superficial standpoint, nothing can be said concerning Christmas that is new. Its origin and the various phases of celebration through which it has passed are well known. But we are glad to believe that the deeper meaning of this Christmas time is understood better by year. It is not a time for thoughtless gaiety, nor for the giving of gifts, with proper bounds, is a commendatory feature of Christmas observance.

Concerning its deeper meaning we are not to think the Divine love was unknown before the Babe of Bethlehem was born. For although the highest expression of God's helping and redeeming love is found in Christ, that love had not been wanting either as to extent or richness before the night which listened to the angel chorus singing, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." So much of this everlasting and never-failing love has been revealed, ought to gain deeper insight and richer experience in spiritual things, with each returning year. If we do this, the pagan superstitions and follies with which other years have been spent, and which others have such confidence in, will drift away and a new Christmas will be ours.

Coming with the closing days of the year—and this Christmas standing at the grave of the century, the time of final reckoning with those rich meditations, and helpful, backward looks that begot repentance, and close communion. He is unfortunate and unwise who comes to Christmas time only to complain of its origin and to condemn its follies. Rather let this be a time of spiritual touch with Christ; a time of gratitude andbih, and for men whom Christ lives to serve, as he lived and died to redeem them. . . .

**STUDY TO show yourself approved unto God**

By Rev. George B. Shaw (For Sabbath Day, December 22)

**CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS**


Jesus was born in a stable in a strange town, not because the family was poor, but because other folks had all the comfortable and otherwise desirable places.

We used to hear of families that were "well off" or comfortably rich, or of families that were "hard up." Thinking back over the years of my experience and observation I am very glad that my folks were comfortably poor. While there are doubtless exceptions, it is a general rule that boys and girls who came from homes that were comfortably poor have a much better chance to live happy and successful lives than do others.

"Agur the son of Jekhe says, "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me." Proverbs 30:8. I am sorry for the very poor who are unable to make their lives easier for them; they would be glad to, but I am sorry for one so rich that others (Turn to page 450)

"For somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others, is the joy that comes back to you. And the more you spend, the more you spend. The more of your heart's possessing, returns to make you glad."

—Whittier.

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

**FIRST THINGS FIRST**

Last year I was very anxious to increase the Recorder circulation. I would have been very happy if we had succeeded in putting a Recorder in the home of each family of the denomination. Let's continue to try. I thought we nearly accomplished this in our own church; so I ceased making special appeals. Recently, however, it has been my privilege to send in several new subscriptions again. I believe that because of some of your young people are subscribing so they may have the denominational paper that they are and not depend on the family paper.

Another hopeful sign is that these same young folks are giving very liberally of their time and talents to aid and direct younger groups in our poor and church school. They are helping in class organization, church decoration, in the Sabbath school choir, and other church activities. I have observed this splendid spirit of earnest loyalty in so many of our young people in so many places it gives me GREAT joy.

We older folks may have "fumbled the ball" in years past, but these young folks are going to "carry on." Constantly searching to know the truth through daily devotion we are learning to "seek first the kingdom," and make things of the world secondary, they are sure to win. When we see them start with the truth of Christ and the Sabbath, we can help materially in removing "interference" by careful example in right living and attitude, and it is easier for them to pull forward and "make the goal."

Perley B. Hurley, Conference President.
Christmas Season Has New Significance

Thinking of Mankind Revolves Around Christ

By J. Lowrey Fendrich, Jr.
Leader and Dean of Institute of Religious Science, Cincinnati, Ohio

The message of Christmas is the message of hope. The star shining above Bethlehem has ever been the symbol to mankind of that which is to be. Instinctively, the race has hoped and increasingly hopes in the Christ around whom, in these difficult postwar days, the thinking of all of humankind increasingly revolves. The Christmas season, this year, dawns with the new and special significance very much as though for the first time in history the mind of the race is beginning to understand the implications of the message of Jesus.

In times of world catastrophe and chaos, it is difficult for the individual to sense the hidden factors which underlie the objective exhibition of destruction and confusion. As students of Truth, it would be an indictment of the central tenet of our philosophy were we to miss the glorious and tremendous implications of this hour.

Materialistic Processes

The war which has just ended must in itself be seen by every thoughtful mind as the culmination and crystallized expression of the materialistic processes by which our modern culture has been coerced for one hundred years. From the point of view of the forward-looking mind, nothing could have conspired with such conclusive effect to the elimination of the central tenet of our philosophies as the war which has just ended must. The war has sounded the death knell of every materialistic device upon which, for so long, we have naively depended for our fulfillment and happiness. The individual for the first time in experience finds himself without artificial resources and props upon which he may lean to bolster his self-seeking and greed. From here on out it is a new world and it is for us to face it realistically. Politically, the old devices and forms are gone. Economically, we are adventurers in a strange land. Glorious new methods are being formulated in education, destined to completely replace the old. In religion, the expressions of formalism and creedalism will never reappear in importance in the affairs of man. Never before have the forces of adventurous good faced such an opportunity for conquest.

In these considerations, among others, is written large the expanding purpose of the inevitable Divine Process.

1. Twelve million young men will presently return to the arena of civilian life and action. In them will be a strong desire for new techniques and philosophies, new bases of living upon which they may build hope and exchange these for their weariness and disillusionment.

2. The vast field of educational procedure is ready for new emphases and techniques which techniques and emphases are regnant in religious institutional programs.

3. Religion is increasingly forsaking conventional forms and is reaching out, promising a resurgence of vitality and life, as we make our religion vital in practice.

4. In the field of scientific medicine, many old preconceptions are being forsaken. Keeping abreast with the new scientific techniques marches a new appreciation of religious faith. This, too, challenges the movement of which we are a part.

5. In the field of ordinary human happiness and integration, the fruit of psychology brings a new approach to the problem of tension infused as it increasingly is with religious therapy.

6. It may also be within the gift of Truth, as we know it and practice it, to substantially resolve the problem of our capitalistic economy by the immigration of the popular reform with those religious concepts which must be regarded by every thoughtful mind as the logical economic directive, working to preserve our system from the hysterical swing to the left.

9 "It is a new world and it is for us to face it realistically."

TIME TO TALK WITH JESUS

By Elizabeth Fisher Davis

"Be still, and know that I am God."

—Psalm 46:10

In the morning, in the stillness, there is a time to talk to Jesus: of all things—It is the best.

Quietly the sun doth rise; quietly the flowers open; quietly the rain falls. Let me ever turn to thee. "In quietness and confidence shall be thy strength."

—Isaiah 30:15

In the silent night, the bells of Bethlehem ring out over the town of David and the fields beyond, where 2,000 years ago shepherds keeping their watch were visited by an angel, who announced the joyful tidings: "This day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."
FICTION VERSUS TRUTH

There is a saying that fiction is more interesting than truth, and it is unfortunate that with many great people this is a fact.

News writers are prone to misrepresent the facts for the sake of making an interesting story. They fail purposely to mention some things connected with the subject under consideration and emphasize others until the picture is distorted. Sometimes they twist things which they imitated might have happened but never did, and the description is falsified. They have made an interesting story, people are pleased, and the sale of their papers is increased.

In writing history, it takes a vast amount of research to secure the facts, and because of this, writers are tempted to take a few facts which lie on the surface, paint and twist them according to their own imaginations, and make a story. They consequently are prone to be careless about being accurate, having in mind the desires of their readers or their reports were made to serve the Week of Prayer and that all Christians will pray especially for the church during that week.

W. L. B.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Prayer for Churches Especially Urged During One Hundredth Observance

For one hundred years many Protestant churches around the world have observed the first full week in the new year as a Week of Prayer for the Churches. This centenary Week of Prayer will be held January 6-13, 1946.

A booklet of twenty-eight pages with suggestions and outlines for each meeting has been prepared and can be secured by sending to the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Ave., New York. The price is four cents each in any quantity.

It is hoped that many churches will observe the Week of Prayer and that all Christians will pray especially for the church during that week.

W. L. B.

MISSIONARY PASTOR WRITES

Dear Secretary Burdick:

Perhaps you would like a brief report of our gospel meetings, October 12 to 21, when Dad (Rev. Erlo E. Sutton) was here. The meetings were well attended by our church people, and on the two Sunday and the one Sabbath nights there were a number from the community.

The second Sabbath morning, October 20, the people of the church united with us in the Sabbath school and worship. There was no response to the invitations given the last two nights; but a week is a short time to get far with any non-Christian from outside the Church. I did not know but one or two of our youngsters, 11 and 12 years old, might be ready. They are regularly with us each Sabbath, and thus come under our evangelistic influence the whole year out and may be ready, as others may be, by next summer if not before.

From the standpoint of a revival interest I feel the meetings have been an uplift for us all, and it is my hope we can continue this spirit through the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Trevah R. Sutton.

New Enterprise, Pa.

NEWS FROM HOLLAND AND JAVA

Dear Brother Burdick:

Thanks for your letter of June 27. I am glad to read in recent Recorders which Brother Lawton handed to me that your health is improved. My prayer is to God, that he may recover you wholly.

As to Brother Walter Loich, I wish to inform you that the date of his death was December 14, 1942.

Last week we got news from Java, telling us all our family is alive. They are partly in camps still. The sisters Graafstal and Mols Vandersteur are also alive and in camps. The letters do not mention Sister Slagter. So lately we have heard how they have been doing and in the meantime we miss what they wanted by the simple use of CRB currency at half their value. That was one method used by the Japanese for fleecing China, and then when they flooded the country with CRB notes, obtaining what they wanted by the simple use of the printing press. The cost of living has forced people to get a fixed exchange of CRB $200 to CNY $1. So for us living here is cheaper than in Chungking, but not for local people.

The economic life of Shanghai is still in confusion, a legacy of the war. Foreign banks are not yet functioning. There is no
foreign exchange, except for American servicemen changing their notes. The Central Government had difficulty in providing enough currency for Free China. They cannot meet the needs of liberated areas.

Prices are rising steadily. There is no acute shortage of food, but coal is scarce and shrapnel shells are brought to coal, supplies, and food to replace the stocks that are rapidly disappearing.

**Moral Degeneration**

Those who have lived here these years have noticed the increasing moral degeneration in many quarters. As in West China, inflation causes people to be obsessed with the getting of whatever means. Also the puppet administration has had the services not of the best men but of the worst, so that the towns which were being built up have suffered severe damage. Nearly all American internees were repatriated in exchange for Japanese Missionaries now released, therefore, are mostly British. Some have come out of the camps; but most are still living there, getting free quarters, food, and transport. This theater of war being an American army responsibility, the American relief team has been in charge of internees. They dropped cans and boxes by parachute as a first effort—several internees had narrow escapes—and have since provided army rations in very ingenious packages which require no cooking. Now responsibility is being handed over to the authorities, and the British representatives will deal with their own nationals.

I was impressed by the way these camps had organized themselves, electing a council, dividing the work to be done, running games, schools, lectures, entertainments, and religious activities. Missionaries have played a leading part in all departments and their stock is very high.

Sincerely yours,

Shanghai, China.

Ronald Reed

October 25, 1945.

**CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS**

(Continued from page 445)

cannot give to him. It is sad to think of those who live so well that they cannot live any better at Christmas time or on Thanksgiving day.

Giving and receiving presents on all sorts of occasions is a custom that is world wide and very old, but in some cases it is being so far on equality with God, we know nothing. Except in one matter, the record does not say what he did or did not do that brought him into favor. It is not said that he went to the Nazarenes, but clearly, that he helped his father with the work, and came home when his mother-had asked him to. We have to assume that he was gentle with his sisters and kind to his brothers.

There is just one thing that the Bible says he did do, and that is the thing that so many boys and girls resent doing. He was subject to his parents. Subjection may be by love and voluntary, or by force. Subjection is not forced upon boys or upon nations may be better than nothing, but is of very little permanent value. Wise parents never demand an unconditional surrender. A forced submission does not bring peace in any case.

Our heavenly Father does not demand unconditional surrender from us, or compel us to love him. No allowance is made for bitterness to us all. Old people should welcome the yoke. Take my yoke upon you.

The resentment of properly constituted families, the burden of the problem of the home, the school, and the state. Teachers, parents, and the civil authorities must have patience, and affectionate understanding of those for whom they are responsible. For men and nations the fear of losing a little of our sovereignty may cost us all our liberty.

Our Lord taught subjection. His subjects were told to go the other mile and to take the lesser place. The greatest of all was to be the servant of all. There is no credit in being forced to go a mile or to become the servant of others. Jesus practiced what he taught. He was not compelled to go hungry in the wilderness, to sleep in the open fields or to go to the Cross in my place. He got down on his knees and washed the feet of his disciples who were about to desert him.

The apostle Paul taught and practiced the same. Speaking of his Lord he says, "Though he was divine by nature, he did not store upon equality with God, but emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant; born in human guise and appearing in human form, he humbly stooped in his obedience even to die, and to die upon the cross. Therefore God raised him high and exalted him above all names." Philippians 2: 6-9, Moffat's Translation.

The wherefore of this quotation may well remind men and nations that Jesus said, "The Man is greater than the earth." I do not know how early our Lord began to realize his unique relationship to God, but it may well have been when he went back to Nazareth and was subject to his parents.

**CHRISTMAS STARS**

In Bethlehem the stars bent down to touch our hearts. Tonight the stars hang still. Think you, though years have passed, their light will brighten greater, and near? Will they bend down to touch our hearts tonight?—Selected.
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHAPLAIN INTERVIEWS KAGAWA
Vital Questions Asked Christian Leader

By Chaplain Wayne R. Rood
105th U. S. Army Division

I talked with Rev. Toyohiko Kagawa for an hour last night. We were three Americans, a sergeant, a corporal, and a chaplain in the stationmaster’s private office of the railroad depot of Fukushima. Kagawa had been whisked there in the Governor’s private seven-passenger Packard sedan promptly at nine o’clock when he had finished a public lecture before a crowded hall of Japanese citizens. More than a dozen prominent citizens of Fukushima crowded around the huge table to hear me put my questions to Japan’s famous Christian leader.

The introductions were made, and everybody bowed the proper number of times. Then the inevitable tea cups were passed. I complimented him on the high regard with which he had been held in America. Then, in probable violation of the Japanese ‘shakai-do-toku,’ I put my question.

“Yes, I deliberately attacked America,” said Kagawa, and even through the thick lenses of his heavy rimmed glasses there came a gleam from his long infected eyes that emphasized the excitement in his voice. “I ‘attacked America’ for the American radio was telling the Japanese people to elect me president of Japan. The American occupation was moving down to Shanghai because I was not permitted to go to America and talk America. And Kagawa is calling upon the churches of America to furnish the food, the Bibles, and missionaries for the large cities, but missionaries for the small towns and villages as well.” Three types of mission work are indicated: evangelism, educational evangelism, and agricultural evangelism. And Kagawa is calling upon the churches of America to furnish the food, the Bibles, and the missionaries with which he believes a new and Christian Japan may be built upon the material and spiritual rubble of the fallen Japanese empire. Fukushima, Japan.

November 24, 1945.

NEXT WEEK: The conclusion of Karl G. Stillman’s article, “Why I Am a Seventh Day Baptist.” Be sure to read it.

We must break down anger and hate by loving service to everybody. The Christian spirit of the street melts everything. We gave back the twenty-five million dollar indemnity to China after the Boxer uprising and immediately China’s heart was melted.

If we are to live at all, we must live as men who recognize the whole world as neighbors.—Bishop Brent.

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SABBATH RECORDER

THE GREATEST INSURANCE AGAINST WAR

By E. Stanley Jones Missionary and Author

The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets sound,
From far and near, on moan and moor,
Swell out and fall, as if a door
Were shut between me and the sound:
Each voice four changes on the wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and good will, good will and peace,
Peace and good will, to all mankind.
Time Predicted When the Two Countries Can Join During Peace Between the Powers

Moments events are happening hourly. Newspaper and radio announcements are continuously bringing reports of new events or problems which must be decided at once.

In the midst of these epoch-making days, the opportunity for the Christian Church to use its influence to help set things aright were never greater or more imperative. Men are looking for an anchor by which they can feel secure. Jesus brought such assurance when he presented the gospel to men centuries ago. It is this faith which has saved the church through the ages and to which all must look now. Never was the challenge so great. The commission to "go and invite the unsaved to "come" is facing us. Jesus Christ is the divine solution of the generation. If men would practice the principles of Christian sacrifice and service and preach that Christ's way is the "way" to solve all problems, the Lord of peace would become permanent and universal. Without him men become prodigals and sinners, but with him men will be carried away in this present storm; without him men will die in their sins.
VERONA COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EDUCATION HOLDS CONVENTION Splendid Example of Seventh Day Baptist cooperation in Interdenominational Efforts

With Mrs. Leon Maltby in charge of devotions which featured talk from the theme, "More Things Are Wrought by Prayer than the World Dreams," Verona Town Council of Religious Education held its quarterly convention in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Churchville, Tuesday night. Other Verona folks taking part were Floyd Sholtz who read the Scripture lesson, Mr. Alfred Sholtz who led in the prayer; and Mrs. G. Howard Davis, who is superintendent of the council.

During the period for business it was reported that the weekday school, in which the Verona Church operates, has one hundred thirty-one enrolled in all departments. It was suggested that the fund be started for the purchasing of Bibles for the pupils. This is another of the many splendid examples of Seventh Day Baptist cooperation in interdenominational efforts for the furtherance of Christian education.

Laymen Study

Verona people took part in a special school for leaders held at Oneida October 29 to November 2.

An outstanding leader in children's work used "The Path of Our Children" by Mary Alice Jones in a study of why children act as they do; how children learn; how character grows; and how ideas of God develop.

Mr. Howard Knapp, principal of the Oneida High School, taught a course dealing with practical, simple ways of discovering needs and interests of the pupil; an appreciation of the normal development of adolescents; and also their problems.

The Effective Adult Class" by Harry C. Munn was used in a class for the adult division in which such problems as the purpose of the class, and provision for the religious growth of class members through study course and service activities, and fellowship were studied.

"Old Testament Prophets" was taught by Professor H. Neil Richardson, of the Bible department of Syracuse University.

When interdenominational classes such as these are conducted, it will be very much worth while for our churches to send people and co-operate in every way possible. This does not take the place of department development that are to be conducted in the local church.

CHRISTMAS

A Time to Teach Lessons of Stewardship

Christmas brings the best opportunity to teach children the all important lesson that Jesus taught them—love. We must show by our action that we think more of what we give than of what we get.

Church and Sabbath school can help teach stewardship by planning to have classes or the whole church give money to worthy causes.

Salemville Plans Gifts

"The pastor recommends we bring on Sabbath morning, December 22, in addition to our regular offering, a white gift offering in marked envelopes for the Second Century Fund of the Missionary Society. This gift should represent at least one tenth of all we spend for Christmas on self, family, or friends. Remember, Christ gave his ALL for us."

"Sabbath, December 29, is a fifth Sabbath. This is the time for our offering to the denominational budget. Let us give freely for the co-operative work of the outer parish."—Salemville Bulletin.

Alfred Station Plans for Giving

A special committee is planning for the Christmas season at the Second Alfred Church. Already classes and other organizations of the church are making plans for gifts to be made to the community, the Second Century Fund, and other worthy causes.

Parents Can Teach Giving

In the home most of the teaching takes place. Plans made by the family for Christmas will influence the children most. Home plans can be made for the family as a group and the members individually to help those near at hand and those far away. —H. S.

SERVING CHRIST THROUGH OTHERS

By Beulah Bond

(Given at the semiannual meeting of the New Auburn and Dodge Center Churches held at Dodge Center, Minn.)

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25: 40.

Most all of us have studied the poem, "Sir Galahad." If you recall, Sir Galahad prepared himself to go in quest of the Holy Grail, and as he left on the journey he passed a beggar at his own gate. Feeling he should give, he threw some money to the beggar. The beggar in turn did not accept the gift—not because it was poor treatment, but it was not given with the love and desire to give on the part of Sir Galahad. At the close of the poem your old friend Sir Galahad returned to his own home an old man and dressed in such ragged clothes that his own relations did not recognize him. They would not admit him to his own home. He had to spend the night outside his own gate with a beggar. The beggar was cold and hungry. Sir Galahad divided his crust of bread and went to the inn and broke the bread and got a drink of water for the beggar. As Sir Galahad did these things, never thinking of himself, it occurred to him that the beggar returned into Christ and the cup into the Holy Grail. He found the thing he was searching for within his own gate.

Serve Self—Seek Alone

From this we can gather that when we serve ourselves, we work alone. When we reach out to serve our brother, we work for and with God. "Who gives himself, and his alms feeds three—himself, his hungry neighbor, and me."—Dodge Center Bulletin.

"Once I was a lost soul; I roamed for miles searching for the truth, then the Lord brought me to this church."

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Only service which involves cost to ourself and is an act of love is entered upon our account as services rendered to Christ.

The love Jesus showed was an active love. Jesus' love goes out of its way to do loving things for unloved people without people being told to do so. Jesus knew the blessings that this kind of love would bring to those who were poor and rejected by earthly love daily. He knew, too, that the practice of this love would bring his kingdom to earth among men.

A modern poet has written, "For men are homemiock in their homes and strangers and And they lay their heads in a foreign land whenever the day is done."

But man can "find himself." He does not need to be alone and a stranger on the earth. Christ is the answer to his seeking, and when he has found Christ, he is at home everywhere upon the earth.

The greatest service to Christ, and in turn to others, is to bring the two together. It is our privilege to share the good news of the gospel with our friends and neighbors.

Isaiah has told us what it is like to be a bearer of the good tidings: "They shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; Behold your God will come—he will come and save you."

Dodge Center, Minn.

SOMEBODY WOVES THE STRANGEST THINGS

He took an angel song, a star,
A Hebrew peasant pair,
Some shepherds on Jordan hills
And unknown Wise Men three,
A stable cold and dark and damp,
A manger 'neath an inn—
And now
A weary world kneels hopefully
Before the Babe of Bethlehem.

—Christian Advocate.
BERLIN CHURCH INSTALLS NEW ORGAN IN LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER INITIATING CAMPAIGN

Less than a year ago the Berlin, N. Y., church initiated a fund to purchase an electric organ. Already the organ is installed, the church interior has been completely redecorated to make it "worthy" of the organ, and the dedicatory ceremonies have been held—all within a twelve month period. Dedication proceedings took place on Sabbath day, November 24. At the morning hour K. Duane Hurley, editor of the Sabbath Recorder, brought the message and prayer of dedication. In the afternoon, after a concert-style lunch, an informal sing-along and visiting hour, plans and the denominational publication, Beacon, were discussed. In the evening after the Sabbath an organ recital was played by Mr. Fred A. Bennett, principal of the Berlin school. His program was varied, including many old favorite classical numbers as well as music of the Church, and versatile enough to demonstrate all of the organ's shades of tones and volume. Mr. Earle Hewitt, recently returned veteran and teacher in the local school, was soloist of the evening; and Mr. and Mrs. Hurley were heard in duet.

In the dedicatory address the editor of the Sabbath Recorder pictured the comparison between the harmony of organ music, brought to the Berlin church, and the workings of a church group, in which each member must be in accord with the others. "We get so much involved in the mechanics of church service that we fail to see the beauty and joy in that which should give us most satisfaction in life," he said. With an expression of gratitude for past achievements and a hope for greater accomplishments in the future, the editor revealed that Seventh Day Baptist history, when reviewed objectively through the pages of the Recorder, reveals a high degree of harmony and "music" throughout the years.

Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor of the Berlin Church, was complimented highly by the speaker for his leadership of the group in bringing the organ and redecorating project to swift a completion. Mr. Maxson, in turn, emphasized the willing and uniting cooperation of each member of the church.

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My sister Barbara is writing to you, too. I am seven years old and in second grade at school. I like school. We go to church every Sabbath. Pastor and Mrs. Sutton have interesting things for us to do in Junior Christian Endeavor every week.

We have a big kitty. His name is Pussey Cat. We like to play with him. Our dog's name is Jiggs. He is black, and likes to hunt rabbits and squirrels. We will write soon again.

Your new friend,
Mary Jean Robinette
New Enterprise, Pa.

Dear Mary Jean:

I think kitties and dogs are two of the very nicest kinds of pets. We still miss our kitty, Skeezies, whom we had for nearly fifteen years. Of course that is old age for a cat.

Speaking of dogs, when my intermediate girls came to plan our Christmas program, a big, friendly dog came with them and wanted to come in, too. He has run away from a home where there is a large family of children who were unkind to him and is making each note much livelier of my intermediate girls who are treating him like one of the family. He loves them, and all. Can you imagine boys and girls being unkind to a good dog?

Your true friend,
Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is the first we have written to you; so my sister, Mary Jean, is writing, too. I am eight years old and in third grade. I like school.

We have a little brother, David. He is five years old. He goes along to school with us sometimes. He is a good boy in school.

Take a slice of mistletoe, And a tall tree—
And a slender tinsel,
And a star—
And a sprig of mistletoe And a sprig of tinsel;
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I think school is very nice. We have interesting things for us to do in Junior Christian Endeavor every week. We have a little garden all our own.

We have our church decorated for Thanksgiving. They are going to decorate for Christmas, too. They are having a program. That is all for this time.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Ann Robinette
New Enterprise, Pa.

Dear Barbara Ann:

I am ever so pleased to receive two nice letters from two new Recorder girls, and I hope you will write often.

My Sabbath school class of intermediate girls just left the parsonage a short time ago. They met with me to plan our Church Christmas program, which was very enthusiastic. One of the girls has agreed to act as Santa Claus as we have no big boys at present, and she thinks it is great fun.

Last year I acted as Santa and tried to make my voice as hoarse as possible, but one tiny detail was that we didn't have any clothes, which made everyone laugh—even the female Santa Claus.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I saw your big boy, the doctor, in church this morning. Pastor Harris and his family were at church this morning, too.

Thanksgiving morning my Daddy and I were out running with Pastor Harris and his brother Charles.

A RECIPE

Take bright tinsel and a star
And a slim, tall tree—
Take a sprig of mistletoe,
And a bit of candlelight
And some chilid glee.

Take a carol and a prayer,
And a sleigh bell's chime—
Take a slice of snowy weather,
And, with friends grouped close together,
You'll have Christmas time!

—Selected.
The Junior Christian Endeavor went to Daretown for the Christian Endeavor rally, and they had one hundred per cent attendance, so they brought home the banner. It's a pretty blue and white banner, and we have it up in front of our church.

In Christian Endeavor lately we have been studying about Ipsi and Numan. Ipsi was the bad man, Satan, and Numan was the good man, the Spirit of Christ. Mrs. Ayars gives us these lessons on the flannelboard. Our Junior Christian Endeavor had charge of the meeting at the County Home Sunday. We put the same program on at church for the Friday night service. The junior choir sang again Sabbath day. It hadn't sung for a long time. It is not called the junior choir any more but is called the young choir. Mrs. Anita Harris is the director.

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—The Church Advocate.

Light On Our Way

By Pearl Halladay

Jesus said:
Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask,
The promise is:
it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 18:19.

James a servant of God said:
Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lusts (pleasures).—James 4:3.

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Sabbath School Lesson

For December 29, 1945

World Fellowship of Christians
Basic Scripture—Acts 10; Galatians 3:26-28;
Memory Selection—Romans 10:12

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Can we not make this Christmas season mean more to us than ever before? If God put himself into his great gift to the world, how can we put ourselves into our gifts? Try to live as if the very spirit of the Christ child is in your heart. Do everything for his sake in loyalty to him, and life will take on a new meaning for you. It will become as beautiful to you as the story of the Christmas manger-baby is to a child.

There is all about us a confused world. Shadows of moral darkness are over us. Human life is dreadfully cheap—as we think of the wars that have raged and the people who now die of hunger. In some ways, 'tis but a shabby inn, and there are ruthless Herods. But this is God's world; there was a Birth that changed history, and a Star that guides. Wise men are bringing gifts; the angels are not quite out of hearing. In the cradle of the present is the Christ!

"Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in."

—Rev. A. L. Davis.