Seeds of Conflict?

Retiring Director General Herbert H. Lehman (picture to left) of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration says that failure to furnish food for the world’s hungry millions might lead to international disaster.

Speaking hopefully, however, before an UNRRA council session, he pointed out that it has been demonstrated by “history’s greatest mission of mercy” that men and women of many nations can work together in harmony for the common good of mankind.

“Sacrifices will need to be made in some of the countries if the problem is to be solved,” he asserted, “but failure to provide for many millions must inevitably lead to widespread political instability and can well sow the seeds of further armed conflict.”

MY PLEDGE

“In response to the President’s request to help prevent starvation overseas, I voluntarily pledge to conserve food and to buy less, bake less, waste less bread, cake, wheat products.

“I will conscientiously attempt to conserve during the next six months, or while the emergency exists, about a quarter of the wheat products our household is accustomed to use.”

Food Conservation Pays Off

Relief flour arrives in Shanghai. Moored off Shanghai’s famous Bund, the S.S. Marine Star unloads its cargo into lighters for transfer to shore.

“For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat.”
(Matthew 25: 35.)

Ship material aid to the following United Church Service Centers: New Windsor, Md., and Modesto, Calif.

The Hungry Must Be Fed

In the House of Life, I saw an Altar, with candles aglow and a Cross thereon.

And as I bowed in reverence and closed my eyes, I beheld the Living Church.

The walls were not of brick and stone, but of dedicated wills held together with the mortar of mutual dependence and common commitment to the Best yet revealed.

The windows were not of stained glass, but of multi-colored dreams, hopes and aspirations, through which there came the vision of Infinite Beauty that shone with the broken brilliance of a thousand suns.

The towering pillars and the vaulted arches were not of stone and steel, but of far-reaching arms lifted in prayers innumerable and intermingling.

The long aisles were not carpeted, with velvet runners, but with temptations trampled under foot and good resolutions kept.

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OUT OF THE WOODS

What a glorious work of nature a forest is! From a distance, the hillside or valley that is thickly grown to trees looks carpeted in lush, soft green. At closer range, individual trees assume their identity as sort of poles holding up a canopy of interlocking boughs. The sight is awe-inspiring; the human mind can hardly comprehend the magnitude of what to God is simple handiwork.

Life, as we view it objectively, takes on somewhat the same aspect. Mass movements of society are almost frightening in their magnitude; the mere individual facing major problems is prone to shrug his shoulders at the use! What can a single one do? He forgets, however, that as the forest is made up of a group of single trees, so society is composed of a number of individual people.

The modern day world tends to increase the perplexities of man. As horizons fall back to embrace more and more of the world, the individual man feels less and less able to cope with the situation in its greatness. A comforting thought is that to God the world—with its forests, and people with their problems—is all a part of his handiwork.

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Psalm 115:14.

Instead of being content to trust implicitly in God's wisdom, the individual is apt to give way to the present day pressures to strive for that which is tremendous in worldly proportions.

Humanity's aims are for big things—big money, big position, big power. Like the forest, man tends to abase true values away from a distance; but when you get into the midst of them, they are overpowering. They keep life shaded from the sunshine of God's love.

The little plants with colorfully pleasing blossoms and sweetly scented fragrance will grow and bloom at the foot of great trees; the grass dies out from the lack of life-giving sunlight. Neither will the little but essential and satisfying daily graces develop in the shadow of the accumulation of the world's greatness. Prayer, Bible study, quiet meditation, family love, and laughter are crowded out. The peace of the Eternal is gone.

Let us not get lost in the forest of bigness.

Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith. Proverbs 15:16.

Of course, it is easy to cite Biblical quotations, homely proverbs, well-known poetical and literary quotation. They could give a complete set of rules for living, but to put those rules into practical operation in daily victorious life is the real problem. Or is it?

We have in the Christ of Calvary, and the Resurrection, an ever-present companion and helper. To follow him in simple, soul-satisfying living is easy. Jesus gives the formula in his own words:

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever will save his life shall lose it: and whoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? —Matthew 16:24-26.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

THE LETTER OF THE LAW

By Leo E. Wright

We who keep the SABBATH are often referred to as folks who are governed by the "very letter of the law." This carries the inference that we, the Seventh Day Baptists, cling to the "law" and are constrained by the "law," rather than by the love of Christ.

The fact is, we cling to the Cross and are constrained by the love of Christ to keep the SABBATH day holy, just as we are constrained by the love of Christ to refrain from taking the Cross upon ourselves in vain.

We are not constrained by the "law" nor by the love of Christ to keep a man-made day holy, and there is no Biblical authority to support Sunday observance.

Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37. THUS SAITH THE LORD.

To love the Lord as commanded by Jesus most certainly calls for proper observance of the SABBATH, the holy day set apart at creation, the holy day observed by Jesus and his disciples, the holy day observed by the Children of Israel, the holy day that was founded years and years prior to the establishment of the Hebrew nation, the holy day on which our Lord was resurrected. "In the end of the sabbath (sundown), as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week." Matthew 28:1.

The early Christian Church observed the SABBATH and abandoned it gradually through their own weakness and loss of spirituality. Pagan influence and a desire upon the part of the early Christian Church to set themselves apart from the Jewish morals resulted in the establishment of the pagan Sun-day. Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, officially established the Lord's Day.

To restore the abandoned SABBATH is not a return to the "law," but rather is a return to Jesus and a return to spirituality. It constitutes respect for God's will and is a symbol of his creative power and of his abiding presence.

We either do or do not love the Lord with all our heart and soul and mind. Can we so love the Lord and yet disregard the SABBATH and abandon the man-made substitute day in its stead?

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." John 14:21.

Thus, in keeping the SABBATH day holy, we are not being governed by the "very letter of the law," but rather we are keeping our faith in Jesus and we are abiding in his love. Our spiritual life is deepened by such worship—worship in spirit and in truth. Sunday observance cannot be so qualified.

We accept the SABBATH as 'made for man, rather than the pagan Sun-day as made by man'to keep us in subjection and to force us to rest in a day in which to meditate on God, on his greatness and power, on his love, his will, and our corresponding duty.

Surely, in God's own time, all devout and sincere Christians will come to a realization of God's holy day with its spiritual blessings and will bury their prejudices and join hands in the movement to restore the abandoned SABBATH to all churches of all denominations, who strive to advance Christianity and promote spirituality.

New Augusta, Ind.

PIN POINT EDITORIAL

All Christian worship is a witness of the resurrected Christ, with its sacrifices and services. Because he lives, "now abideth faith, hope, charity." 1 Corinthians 13:13 —Lynn Abbott.

"O risen Christ! O Raiser Bower! Nor dost thou grace lost on earth! From east to west, with loving power, Make all the world thine own. —Phillips Brooks.

Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33.

"The spirit of the Lord is upon us because he anointed us to preach good tidings to the poor; he hath sent us to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. —Galatians 6:14.
The truths of the Master Jesus are eternal.

GUIDANCE
Certain Basic Principles Explained in Second Article of Series

By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

SUCCESS in finding God's will regarding our lives depends on meeting the demands of certain basic principles. It seems safe to state a general law of guidance thus: DUTIES NEVER CONFLICT! O yes, they often seem to. And we may not be able to distinguish between two apparently conflicting duties or sort out the ability may be given to drive us frantic as we struggle with the problem of decision. But remember, "when my spirit was overwhelmed within me, thou keepest my steps." Psalm 142: 3. So we must trust God to make the decision for us. We will handle any apparent conflict.

Then there are certain personal principles about guidance, at least three.

1. We are not conscious of guidance till we settle our sin question. Since my conversion I can see that God had his hands on my life for months before I yielded to him, but I didn't know it until I was born again. If you want to be certain that God is leading you, be sure there is no sin unconfessed and unforgiven by the Lord. Then you can know.

2. Faith is necessary to certainty in guidance. We must trust God implicitly to direct and engineer the vast universe of stars and galaxies, but doubt his power to guide a little human being. Silly! Of course he can! But we must seek his guidance with faith. "But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the unbeliever and the doubter. For thus saith the Lord, "If any man will not work, he shall not eat." James 1: 5-7. Believe that God will guide you.

3. Committal of life is necessary. You must surrender your will to the will of God. "If any man wills to do his will, he shall know." John 7: 17. Take your hands off. Let God decide. And when he has decided, be ready to thank him for a decision either way. For his way is best whether it appears so to you at the moment or not. Later you will know that his will was infinitely wise. When you say "Thy will be done," do not mean Thy will be borne, or endured, or suffered. Mean "Thy will be done." After Jesus had prayed that prayer he was ready to enter into God's will for him. When the traitor appeared, our Lord immediately cried out to the disciples, "Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me." Matthew 26: 43-46 you will find the whole story to which we refer. May it lead you truly to pray, "Thy will be done.”

(The to be continued)

FIRST THINGS FIRST
More Spiritual Radios

Our pastor remarked one Sabbath that only a few years ago we would have called his crazy if he had told us that even in this church the air was full of music, stories, dramas, lectures. Today we know it is true, and it is possible with a good radio to ac tune it that almost any time of day we may take from the air whatever kind of program we choose.

The pastor insisted that the air is now and always been just as much or more filled with the Spirit; and it is available to all of us any time, if we tune in with God's will. He suggested the best way to attain that "in tune" condition is right living with Bible study, prayer, and meditation.

Bible study, he said, must consist of more than occasionally reading a verse or even the weekly study of the Sabbath school lesson. He recommended the American Bible Society schedule of Bible reading with absolute time sufficient for reading many Psalms, promises, commands, and intimacies. If we have those memorized, there will be the time sufficient for the enemy, any place, any time. Then, too, we will be ready to give real comfort to the sorrowing, and we can repeat at once the promises desirable to help the seeker find Jesus. We
of the laity are so much in need of this we have been too content to let the pastor do all the leading and have thereby missed so many of the real pleasures of Christian living.

It is too late for me to do much memorizing, but from the little taste I have experienced, my recommendation is that all young people enrich their lives in this way.

P. B. Hurley, Conference President.

STUDY to show thyself approved unto God

CHRIST’S RESURRECTION FORETOLD BY HIMSELF

By Rev. Harold E. Snide

(Second in a series of Easter Bible Studies)

He who in the presence of death early in his ministry shocked his hearers by declaring: "I will destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Matthew 21: 19, 20; Mark 10: 33, 34; Luke 18: 31-33.

It is passing strange that the enemies of Jesus remembered the predictions and took precautions to prevent a faked resurrection, but the disciples seem to have forgotten these words of hope.

Matthew 27: 62-64.

“The Son of David bowed to die, For man’s transgression stricken; The Father’s arm of power was nigh, To show the world his Son...”

Takoma Park, Md.

If we assume that the cleansing of the temple recorded by John is not the same as that mentioned in the Synoptics, we can readily understand why that event caused Jesus to cast aside all differences which might separate them that they might be of one mind in building a good temple. The important work resting on the Church cannot be delegated to any other organization, either political or social, but must be met by the religious denominations represented; the Church must realize the hour has struck for immediate action.

The program of the Church must be revised to include a greater individual discipline and community cooperation, if a sick work is to be reawakened to its moral and spiritual responsibilities; no matter what the cost to any group included may be.

The Church, in harmony with the teachings of Jesus, must recognize that each higher ethical value is to be found in a co-operative rather than in a competitive method of business, which must be practiced in order to bring about economic justice and brotherhood, the underlying principle of a higher Christian order.

By Rev. L. O. Greene

PROTESTANT LEADERS SERIOUSLY ATTEMPT TO FIND CHRIST-LIKE SOLUTIONS FOR PRESENT DAY PROBLEMS

A meeting composed of five hundred delegates from twenty-five different Protestant denominations was held in Columbus, Ohio, March 5-7. It was called to consider some very important questions in regard to post-war problems. Definitely the purpose of the meeting was to work out, in the spirit of faith and love, guided by the divine wisdom of God, a five-point program in the areas of economic justice, community tensions, foreign relief, and returning service personnel.

To see how these gigantic tasks were faced and with what seriousness and wisdom an attempt was made to bring about solutions was inspiring indeed.

It was a great privilege to sit with and to listen to the great leaders of Protestantism who through past years have had visions in kingdom building; they faced with undaunted courage the task of bringing all men under the power of the only means of saving grace which is found in our common Lord. It was heartening to find such a fine spirit of unanimity among men of so many faiths; they were together willing to cast aside all differences which might separate them that they might be of one mind in building a good temple.

Her tool is love; Her days 'are' filled, with many simple tasks, Her hands "do good work, To see how these gigantic tasks were faced and with what seriousness and wisdom an attempt was made to bring about solutions was inspiring indeed.

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The Church must recognize that all men are equal regardless of color or creed and that unless all, to the highest degree her responsibility of brotherhood, we must work together to give all an equal chance to do their best without being encumbered by restrictions of education or religious privileges. It was a unanimous feeling that the Church must have a special concern for the whole needs of the returned veterans and that it could do nothing less than give assistance in every possible way to help in their employment, housing, and educational problems, and to alter any program which might be needed to enable them to find welcome and a real place for service by active participation in their chosen group.

For me it was a happy privilege to sense the spirit and enthusiasm of the planning section on evangelism as they declared with such...
For Congregational Singing
By John Wesley

These practical "Directions for Singing" appeared first in the preface to Wesley's Sacred Melody, 1761. The first two rules applied especially to the early Methodists who liked to import melodies into their worship services and also to embellish the authorized tunes. These sensible directions can be understood by congregations. Why not mimeograph them attractively and paste them on the flyleaf of your congregation's hymnals?

1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.

2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all, and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, use it as you can.

3. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you; press on and take it up, and you will find it a blessing.

4. Sing lustily, and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you are half-dead or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sing the songs of Satan.

5. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation—that you may not destroy the harmony—but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one clear melodious sound.

6. Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure you sing it with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawing out naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

7. Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

—Procesional.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Retirement

Dear Sir:

Do you want to vote whether the Conference should say how every young man should preach or work for the Lord? I will vote "no." When we enter work for God, it is for life, and no one has a right to say when that work shall end.

Our churches are independent. If they don't want an old man or woman, that is for them to decide. You might have send better young men than I have yet heard if they are to be the old servants of the Lord—and that is not saying the young men are not good.

A church that cannot stand an old preacher needs a revival. I knew a church that hired a young man just beginning his ministry, and they kept him as long as he lived. When he got too old for all the work, they hired an assistant.

May God help us to have charity for others' faults.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nettie Hibbard.

Walworth, Wis.

"If you cannot cross the ocean And the heathen lands explore, You can find the heathen nearer, You can get at your door.

"Let none hear you idly saying, 'There is nothing I can do,' While the souls of men are dying, And the Master calls for you.'"
its threat to human existence on this planet. We were taught to believe in the goodness of God which continually surrounded us with a faithful environment regardless of the perversion of that steadfast order by human sinfulness. During the war, we believed that God had set bounds to evil, and that the wrath of men would praise him. The atomic bomb, however, confronted the possibility of man destroying or liquidating the order and forms of creation, man himself included.

**Afraid of Freedom**

People are afraid of their freedom, and the products of their scientific inventions. Many sensitive spirits feel that this insecurity into which we have been thrust makes it impossible to believe in the providence of God. They see nothing but the counsel of despair resulting in a life of stoicism, or a life that centers itself in the transient world.

We believe that the transcendent element in the Christian faith needs to be recovered. Modern man needs to be confronted with the transtortness of life on this earth. The Christian faith is rooted in eternity; it offers man eternal life, but not a Utopia on earth. In a real sense, the atomic bomb has turned our eyes upward to the true source of succor, Christian in the Christian faith needs to be recovered.

**Provided of God**

We wish also to say that the providence of God is not made untenable through the possibility of man’s termination of his life here on earth. The ultimate purpose of God cannot be thwarted, even though man takes his own life individually or collectively. God cannot be surprised by what man does. Our faith in the forgiveness of sins and in the resurrection of the dead at God’s hands gives us the assurance that whatever happens, God will not only be vindicated in his justice, power, and love, but that for believers this temporal life will be swallowed up of eternity and taken up into a new existence which will be the fulfillment and consummation of what through grace was begun here on earth. We cannot hope to describe what the future will be like, but we are assured that it will be God’s will and be shared by those who are called according to his purpose.”

—Commission on Evangelism, Federal Council.

**Christian Education**

**“CHILDREN WE TEACH” TOPIC FOR LITTLE GENESIS CLASS**

At the second session of the class at Little Genesis, N. Y., studying “The Children We Teach,” there were twenty present. Such questions as how to explain God to the small child, what kind of family devotions to have, and other practical problems have been discussed frankly by these parents and teachers. The next session will be spent in considering plans for using the church building for use of money, use of leisure time, how to get along with each other, and other matters which should be considered by the family as the members meet around the fireside, the dining room table, or out on the picnic ground.

At the first session of classes at Alfred State College, N. Y., Miss Edith Weaver, guidance instructor of the Alfred Almond Central School, presented the problems of dealing with the adolescent child. She explained the physical development of this period and the care which parents should use in handling children during this period of growth and change. “Education in the Alcohol Problem,” the group will find out what is being done in Colorado where there is a very active state temperance organization, and in Kentucky where effective work is being done. From the study of effective community plans for control of the traffic in alcoholic beverages, the class will arrive at some valuable conclusions.

**ALFRED CHURCH HOST TO ALLEGANY COUNTY RALLY**

The Alfred Church was host to a rally of Allegany County young people on Sunday, March 17. There were 153 delegates from various denominations and churches.

Young people from the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church were in charge of the opening worship service. Miss Maxine Henry, Miss Janice Colgrove, and Paul Binder took part.

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**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

Rev. V. W. Skaggs to Become Corresponding Secretary of Tract Society

At its regular March meeting the Board of Directors of the American Sabbath Tract Society extended a unanimous call to Rev. Victor W. Skaggs to become corresponding secretary of the society beginning September 1, 1946.

Mr. Skaggs has been pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Piscataway at New Market, N. J., coming to that position on January 15, 1943, just before his graduation from theological seminary. During the past several months he has also served the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ in the absence of Chaplain Hurley S. Warren.

In 1944 the Piscataway Church voted that their pastor be called for ordination to the gospel ministry, and ordination services were held October 21 of that year. Rev. James L. Skaggs, father of the candidate, preached the ordination sermon.

The incoming secretary did work for his A.B. degree at Salem College, W. Va., and took his ministerial training at the Alfred School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y.

Mr. Skaggs has resigned his pastoral responsibilities in New Market to take effect August 31, at which time his headquarters

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Rev. Harley Sutten, Secretary, N. Y.

**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

Church Has Greatest Obligation in History

By Kathleen Clement

(A high school senior of the North Loop Church. This talk was given G. E. Sabbath, February 2, 1946.)

As young people of today we have a tremendous responsibility ahead of us in promoting the teaching of Jesus Christ in our church and community. Good leadership in any community, in any subject, demands the attention of every individual. Each person must have a strong character and a standing interest in his duty. As Christians it is our duty to lead the people in our community, especially young folks, to Christ. This job is not for the weaklings who say, “Well, it is being done fairly well by someone else.” We need the combined efforts of everyone, of every Christian youth, to accomplish our aim.

The Church has the greatest opportunity and obligation in all its history. It has the obligation to reach those people who have never committed themselves to Christ. It has the obligation to the children, youth, and adults the meaning of the Christian way. It has the obligation to relieve the suffering of the world. It has the obligation to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all people.

Whether or not the Church will meet its obligations depends to a large extent upon whether or not we as young people are faithful in our support, whether we are regular in

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New Zealand Mission Well Attended, Building Fund Nicely Started

Auckland

We hear from Pastor Johnson that the mission being conducted there is being well attended.

Our Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

I have been reading your column all these past months since I wrote last, but many things I didn't have time to write to you. I found I was getting discouraged about something I didn't expect. But I knew God to fall in times like that. If I prayed to him and told him what troubled me, soon he would send some happy answer.

I would now like to tell what the answer was that cheered me this time, and if it is too complicated to print in your column, you can at least read it yourself. Mrs. Greene, and pass it around as the early Christians did with the letters of the Apostle Paul.

One thing I didn't like was a new liquor store, opened where I have to see it. I am already a kind woman, head cashier in the grocery store close by these three liquor stores. Things were crowded in the past months since they opened, and I have to see it. There were already three liquor stores close by these three liquor stores. But now think about our obligation to our Christian faith, to our country; youth responded to the demand for liquor, and it is wonderful how near God is to help when we try to make our neighborhood a better place in which to live.

I hope to write again soon.

Daytona Beach, Fla.
Mrs. S. S. Powell

Mizpah Greene

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They plan to continue with it for a while yet. They ask for your continued prayers for this effort.

Christchurch

We were very pleased to have two sisters from Nelson to visit us during the holiday period; their pleasant fellowship was enjoyed by all present. The Christmas services were well attended. The first £100 for the building fund has been received by the treasurer, and we are now working for the second £100. Your editor spent a pleasant two weeks at Arthur's Pass in the Christchurch period.

—The Gospel Messenger.

If you are interested in writing to those who are giving this good publicity of the New Zealand work, write to the editor, Rev. R. H. Barrar, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Manchester Streets, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Prayers from Seventh Day Baptists in this country will give courage and faith to those of like faith in New Zealand.

H. S.

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

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Dear Julia:

I was happy to receive your nice letter. Spring is in Andover, too, and it is quite warm this morning. The only flower plants I can seem to have are ones that are the irises. I have a long row of them.

As I started down town this morning I heard a buzzing sound among the trees in front of the church, and looking up I saw a large swarm of honey bees busily trying to get honey from the newly opened buds. I'm sure the irises have come from as no one near us keeps bees. I hurried on, for some of them came down too close to me for my peace of mind.

I must write this time, as I have already overrun my page. We, too, expect to see our son very soon. We are planning to drive to Bridgeton April 7.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

New Corresponding Secretary

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will be in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield. In addition to his office duties, Mr. Skaggs expects to spend a good deal of time traveling throughout the country in connection with evangelism and Sabbath promotion work.

The new secretary will succeed Rev. H. C. Van Horn who has served in that position for the past sixteen years. He has with keen regret that the Church accepted Mr. Van Horn's resignation, made necessary because of ill health. For most of the sixteen years Mr. Van Horn has also been editor of the Sabbath Recorder.

It is interesting to note that both Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Skaggs were serving the New Mexico Church as pastor when elected to the secretariaship.

In anticipating his new assignment, Mr. Skaggs asks "For your friendship and your prayers in the interests of my new work for Christ."
THUMBNAIL SKETCHES
About Seventh Day Baptists and Their Activities

With over two hundred religious denominations in the United States, it is no wonder that each generation needs to be armed against the fads and fancies of denominations. Many are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists. As a friend to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week in this column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

BELIEFS
Concerning the Sacraments
A sacrament has been defined as "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. What is presented in a sacrament has been prepared by the Holy Spirit, not from man, but from God. But its value depends upon the attitude in mind of the recipient. Without the cooperation of the heart, the outward rite will not function as a gathering of the heart." Mark 16:15-20. Ordinances are aids and reminders.

Baptism is the initial overt act of the Christian in personal consecration of the life to God, and is a witness to others of that dedication. Baptism signifies our union with Christ, and attests our status as children of God.

The Lord's Supper offers the opportunity for Christians to partake of the emblems of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper symbolizes the continued spiritual fellowship with God which he seeks. Partaking of the bread and wine shows forth the Lord's death and renews and strengthens that constant experience of divine fellowship which is the privilege of the Christian.

For further information about Seventh Day Baptists, write American Sabbath Tract Society, 516 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Marriages

Margan-Geschell. - John B. Margan, Norwich, Conn., and Alice May Geschell, Waterford, Conn., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Waterford, Conn., October 19, 1945, and died at Salem, W. Va., March 16, 1946.

Burwick. - Edgar Eugene, son of Wells N. and Mary Grace Burwick, was born March 16, 1873, at Tidoute, Pa., and died March 12, 1946, at his home in Stroudsburg, Pa.

His early years were spent at Alfred Station, N. Y., after which the family lived near Flandreau, S. D., and Milton, Wis. As a young man he was baptized and joined the Pleasant Grove Seventh Day Baptist Church, during his membership to the church at Milton Junction, Wis.

At the age of 20, while traveling in Europe, he served in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., and the Zion Seventh Day Baptist Church of Des Moines, Iowa. He was married in 1920 to Mary Grace Burwick, and then to Mrs. Lelia Chasey, Miss Florence Burdick, and Missie Marie Vanderburg, all of whom he survived.

Several services were conducted from the Baptist Church of Bottineau, Friday, March 15, by Rev. Oliver Babcock. Burial was in the Bottineau Cemetery.

C. W. B.

Clair. - Elise Davis, daughter of Martin and Phedora Davis, was born near Salem, W. Va., November 10, 1874, and died February 5, 1946.

With the exception of a few years at Alfred, N. Y., her life was spent in Salem and vicinity. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She attended Salem College and was a graduate from a school of nursing.

In 1938 she married Edward and Guy, and by one sister, Mrs. Lee Davis.

A private service of interment of her brother Edward, was conducted by Pastor James L. Skaggs. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

J. L. S.

Clark. - Fenton Randolph, son of Jesse and Charlotte Randolph Clark, was born at Greenbrier, Doddridge County, W. Va., January 12, 1883, and died at Salem, W. Va., February 5, 1946.

He was married to the Rev. E. F. Lockborou, officiating.

In 1945, he married to the Rev. E. F. Lockborou, officiating.

Clark. - Phineas Randolph, son of Jesse and Charlotte Randolph Clark, was born at Greenbrier, Doddridge County, W. Va., January 12, 1883, and died at Salem, W. Va., February 5, 1946.

He was married to Miss Iona Riddle.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, always interested and regular in attendance at all meetings, and very active in church work and in the welfare of her children in school.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Scott Davis, and by a daughter of his former marriage, Mrs. E. C. Clark.

Funeral services, conducted by Pastor James L. Skaggs, were held in the Greenbrier church and the body was laid to rest in the Greenbrier Cemetery.

J. L. S.
THE CHURCH
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The doors were never shut. They were wide open with welcome to all humanity: saints and sinners, rich and poor, black, brown, yellow, and white—whomsoever.

The altar was not carved wood, but of penitent hearts, ashamed of their sins, made strong with the sense of forgiveness.

The pulpit was not a dias for the declaration of dogma, but a place of light and fire whence came forth flashes of truth and the impact of power.

The Holy Book was not a single volume held aloft on a lectern, but all life studied unashamedly, tested daringly, experienced deeply, comforted tenderly, challenged constantly.

The music was not compounded of organ and voices, but of consecrated leadership and well-developed diversities all harmonized into the matchless melody of creative co-operation.

And the warmth of the Living Church, wherein all glowed with radiant vitality, came not from furnace and fuel, but from obedience to Him who saith: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind, and strength; and thy neighbor as thyself."—Henry Hitt Crane, in Christian Advocate.

I WILL TODAY

I will keep my lips sweet with words of kindness, my heart pure with noble ideals, my hands clean with honorable deeds; I will keep my body sacred and my soul free; I will try always to be better than my word and more liberal than my promise; every day I will make the most of myself and the best of myself and so be ready for the opportunities which God daily sends to those who are ready for them. I will — today.

—Selected.

HAPPINESS

Jesus calls us to life on its highest level in the Beatitudes where each “blessed” may also be translated “happy.”

The Beatitudes teach us that happiness cannot be found in our circumstances unless it comes from within.

It is the inner life that is the home of happiness where abide humility, sorrow for sin, meekness, a desire for righteousness, peace, and courage to face persecution.

The quest for eternal life brings happiness, but the quest for happiness does not insure eternal life. That explains why there are so many disappointed people in the world and why this has been called “the age of great sadness.” Multitudes of persons seek happiness in ways that never can reach the goal.

The entrance to the realm of happiness is by a “narrow gate” where Jesus still stands to meet us with the old, familiar challenge, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

—War Cry.