NAKED WITHOUT A CHECKBOOK

By Elsie Thomas Culver

A recent issue of a popular picture magazine carried a story of a young woman’s dream. What a glorious time she had “naked with a checkbook” in one of New York’s exclusive stores where, for a paltry $20,400, she got herself up in quite dazzling fashion!

I, too, have an oft-recurring dream of nakedness which needs clothing, but my dream is more of a nightmare. I am back again in a children’s home in the north of Holland, which I visited one cold, wintry day last November. My nostrils cringe at the odor of the musty gruel that is the children’s midday meal, and I see them dressed in their scanty little garments, filing into the dining room. Some have no shoes at all and their feet are red and raw from the cold floors, for there is no heat in the old building, and only thin isinglass for windows. Others have wooden soles tied to the bottom of their feet by string. Bits of paper are tucked in to protect their ankles where the strings have cut into them and left them raw and bleeding.

I visit the girls’ dormitory where some of the girls are having their lunch in bed because they have loaned their clothes to a friend who is washing hers.

In another part of the building the littlest ones are being put down for their naps without much of night clothes. They sleep two to a rough bunk-bed—one head at each end of the bed, on burlap, straw-stuffed mattresses. There is one little fellow, his scrawny body wracked with spasms of coughing, with a single garment—a little knit sweater sent from America—between him and utter nakedness. I think that surely that child must be dead by now, and that another is wearing the sweater.

One cannot stand on sentiment, for the living need garments worse than the dead.

Nor are these the only children who haunt my dreams. They pass before me in a crowd streaming through the rubble-piled streets, or chased the rats away from the baby’s bed in the makeshift shelter they called home, or waited outside the soldier’s mess hall for bits of food.

The amount—$20,400—which is what our friend pictured in the dream is worth as she stands, on the hoof—would buy:

Twenty tons of dried milk; each pound makes eighteen to twenty cups. (There is another dream remembering a little dead-baby in Czechoslovakia, who just hadn’t been able to survive on one-sixth of a litre of milk a day.)

Or, $20,400 would buy thirteen thousand pairs of shoes for children who cannot leave their homes, because they have no footwear.

Or, perhaps best of all, it would send 204,000 pounds of donated clothing overseas.

Anyone interested in clearing his conscience can send another check (even if it is for less than $20,400) designated for overseas relief.

Money should be sent through the denominational committee on relief; material aid, through any United Church Service Center. Mark all contributions as coming from Seventh Day Baptists. For list of addresses, see the back cover of the Sabbath Recorder, May 13.
TWO IMPORTANT MERGERS

Within the past few weeks, Christian forces have been consolidated in two major fields of endeavor—service to men and women in the armed forces and overseas relief.

Meeting in Washington, D. C., on April 24, the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the National Council of the Service Men's Christian League effected a merger, designed to facilitate peacetime service to people in uniform. Taking part in the activity were two Seventh Day Baptists: Rev. H. C. Van Horn, an executive member of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and an invited participant.

On May 8 was announced the consolidation of three overseas service agencies of the American Protestant churches (the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Recreation, the Commission for World Council Service, and the Church Committee for Relief in Asia) in order to render swifter and more effective service during the present emergency. Active in the preliminary negotiations was Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches.

The continuing organization for Christian influence among military personnel will be designated for the present by the General Commission title with a by-line reading, "Continuing also the work of the Service Men's Christian League." With the cessation of hostilities of World War II, the activities and programs of both the general commission and the national council of the league have passed from an emergency period to the normal situation. It is undoubtedly true, as the committee considering the merger felt, that united Protestantism can best be served in the peacetime period with the administration and program of both agencies merged and unified.

Some weeks will be required to bring about the complete change-over, but the assets of wartime experience of both groups will be conserved. A strong Christianization of the peacetime period into a more normal situation will be required to bring about the complete change from an emergency to normal situation. The present merger is felt, that united Protestantism can best be served in the peacetime period with the administration and program of both agencies merged and unified.

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In the field of relief the merged organization will be known as Church World Service, and when the necessary steps can be taken, will be incorporated. Harper Sibley, who has served as chairman of both the Church Committee on Relief and Recreation and Church Committees for Relief in Asia, has been elected as president, and other men experienced through service in the various church relief agencies will have positions in the new organization, thus keeping within the administration valuable knowledge and techniques already developed.

In general, the church relief organization will be divided into three divisions: service, promotion, and business. The various functions will be handled by specialists in these fields to study overseas needs for relief and interchurch aid which American churches ought to help meet; to administer to and distribute funds and materials entrusted to the organization; to serve the denominations as a clearing house so as to avoid duplication and to secure the most effective use of total resources; to provide over-all promotion, and to voice in every way the handling of relief matters for the churches.

Meeting bodies for the new committee are the Federal Council of Churches, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and the American Committee for the World Council of Churches. Some fifty denominations are participating in the new committee.

Most Protestants look with favor upon these co-operative efforts. Not only do they result in savings both as to personnel and budget, but they also are indicative of the type of combined Protestant effort that will meet the urgent needs of church and church people work together, in every area where unanimity is possible, Protestantism seems destined to discipline itself in petty and divergent quibblings.

FOR THAT CHILD OF YOURS!

At a meeting of a certain men's organization some years ago, the chairman said he would welcome a statement from each man present as to what one thing he would do to make this a better country. Some had the production power to put his will into effect. After most of these present had expressed views, I said that I would institute family altars in every home in the United States, because from such would flow untold blessings, not only to those who participated therein, but to the entire nation. That was many years ago. It is my belief that it is more to be desired today, if possible, than it was then. Certainly, it is much more needed.

See how the forces are lined up against one another for the captivation of the interest of the child. On the one hand we have the institutions of films and filthy movies portrayed by the best talent available; the most engaging, the most interesting, and also the most salacious magazines and pictures that money and skill can produce; and legions of other instruments of evil which tend to draw the child away into the swirling mad-storm of worldliness and away from God.
for your children. God's blessings will be upon you and yours, if you do.

Begin building that strong Christian character in your child today, with God's help.

J. B. Conyers.

Atlanta, Ga.

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 told "who is who" among denominations. Many are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists; for copies of this book who happen to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week in this column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

Education

Seventh Day Baptists have always been among leaders in education. They were prominent in the founding of Brown University in Providence, R. I., in 1764. In the first half of the nineteenth century, they established two colleges of their own. The one was Alfred University at Alfred, N. Y., in 1836. The other was Milton College at Milton, Ws., in 1844. In 1888, they established Salem College at Salem, W. Va. They have sponsored all these colleges to this day. Before the modern public high school arose, Seventh Day Baptists established academies in nearly every state in which their churches were to be found. With the expansion of the public school system, the academies gave way to the high schools.

For further information about Seventh Day Baptists, we suggest the nearest Branch Watchman Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

SMOKE SAVINGS BUILD CHAPEL

At the conclusion of a sermon, during which Dr. Clarence K. Vliet of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church showed what could be accomplished for the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth by the amount of money saved for tobacco, the men in the Providence Avenue Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., who were or who were willing to give up the habit, formed a "No-Smokers' Missionary Club." They pledged themselves to give to a missionary project all the money thus saved. In less than a year the club members were able to forward to the board a check large enough to build a chapel for the Mapuchi Indians in Chile—The Union Signal.

MEMBERS of the Associated Church Press met in Washington, D. C., April 24-26, for the annual meeting of the organization. Nearly seventy-five editors of Protestant journals, their staffs, wives, staff assistants, and religious correspondents attended the annual meeting, at which the press and radio participated in a busy three-day schedule of events. Seventh Day Baptist delegates were the former and present editors of the Sabbath Recorder, Rev. H. C. Van Horn and K. Duane Hurley.

The church journalists were given a keen insight into current, important national and international affairs, through speeches from several Senators and Congressmen, a member of the Supreme Court, and an admiral of equal rank, a number of Washington columnists and newsmen, representatives of the government officials, with reports from church leaders recently returned from extended trips to Europe and Asia; and by visits to various places throughout the Washington area, including Capitol Hill, the Navy and Pentagon buildings, and the White House.

While it would be next to impossible to print every word of the frequent and outstanding program as being the most important, certainly one of the midday meal hours would be classed among the most interesting. A group of Senators, who were hosts to the editors in the Senate Dining Room under the wing of the Capitol. With Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin as master of ceremonies, an informal report was made concerning the activities of the Capitol Hill branch of the Breakfast Groups—an association of laymen banded together for mutual study and comradeship to find through Christ "the better way" of everyday living and to promote for home, community, and nation a more effective Christian leadership.

A group of as many as forty-eight legislators with this common interest meet for breakfast every week. Matters of politics are dropped, and through prayer and Bible study the men seek God's guidance and inspiration. A number of Senators—Hon. Ralph Gwinn, New York, Hon. Hamilton Fish, Jr., New York, Senator Raymond Willis, Washington, D. C., and others—all testified to the help to be gained through this association.

The editors were outspoken in their praise of the Breakfast Group movement and were encouraged to know that so many of the nation's lawmakers believe that "friendship with Christ means sound leadership for the nation."

Underlying Christian Spirit

Senator Wiley, in addition to being co-host to the luncheon of the Christian Journalists' Association, appeared in public address before the group on the first morning's program. He was one of the favorites, personifying the underlying Christian spirit evident in Washington leadership. Distinguished for his service on the judiciary, rules, commerce, and other committees, he spoke of the importance of editorial work in preventing forces which set men against men. "Don't write or say any word," he urged, "that creates the poison of hatred in the heart of another.

Making frequent reference to the words of Jesus, the Senator asserted that more people are speaking the "light of the world" today than ever before. "That light by which man can break through the darkness of man's prejudices, man's distrust, man's suspicions, of man-made conditions and situations. Not by legislation," he concluded, "but by spiritual rebirth, we will advance." To this end, he urged the group to be "not the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable."

General Dwight D. Eisenhower sounded much the same note as he spoke at a combined luncheon of the Congregational, United, and Navy Chaplains and the Associated
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Church Press. "Moral regeneration," he forcefully asserted, "is the only hope of saving us from disappearing in the dust of an atomic explosion.

Positive Leadership
In simple, but eloquent style he paid tribute to the chaplains of the war, indicating that the most of them showed a type of dynamic, positive leadership that Christians need. "Negotiative leadership which simply takes a stand against sin," he believes, "gets nowhere." Two qualities he cited as goals on the horizon toward which we should strive—tolerance and sympathy.

One of the Protestant editors has well expressed how the entire delegation felt about God's "Hill." He was the first to recognize as a great man in any audience, he won new admirers in the church group not only for his clean-cut appearance and straightforward manner, but by his evident philosophy of human beings and moral fervor. His address lasted only five or six minutes, but offered a desirable keynote for the entire conference.

Admiral Chester Nimitz, speaking at the same banquet, also paid high tribute to the work of Army and Navy chaplains. He cited several outstanding heroes on the part of Navy chaplains, including the time when a chaplain willingly gave up his place on a life raft that a younger man might be saved to live out his life. The moral courage that such chaplains inspired in their men is one of the outstanding needs of men facing today's problems. "Man cannot live," the admiral insisted, "by bread and ritual alone.

Foreign Missions
The role of foreign missions in fostering international understanding was told by Assistant Secretary of State William Benton, son and grandson of Congregational missionaries, in the third meeting of the conference group on Wednesday evening. "I think the relationship between foreign missions and the church in this country is such that the church should cultivate it with special interest, I think it is something that the church should cultivate,

Governmental "Beauty"
After hearing the various national leaders speak and after visiting numerous points of important activity in Washington, the editors came away with several strong impressions. The most significant, perhaps, was that there is a real hope for the nation, and the world in Christian leadership and that despite the great diversities of opinion (a healthful sign in a democracy) the great majority of the country's lawmakers are conscientiously striving to do what they consider to be best for the nation's welfare. The universal hope is that the inside workings of the government may know the sake truth and the truth shall make you free." The missionary enterprises of the Church, he feels, have done more towards international understanding than any private, commercial, or governmental undertakings.

Resolutions
Among official resolutions adopted by the church editors was one encouraging the establishment of a Protestant public relations agency. Another recommended to theological seminaries the institution of classes to train religious educators not only in theological disciplines, but to provide better trained editors but to help the average pastor in writing for the public. The convention also went on record as urging the recall by President Harry S. Truman of Myron Taylor as special representative to the Vatican.

A further resolution congratulated the D.A.R. on its action in permitting the Tuskegee Institute choir to appear in Constitution Hall. The hope was expressed that the "white artists only" clause would be deleted permanently.

Former Editor Honored
A notable event in the business proceedings was the recognition of two retiring editors: ex-Editor Van Horn of the Sabbath Recorder, and Dr. John Van Schieck, Jr., editor emeritus of the Christian Advocate, Boston, Mass. The retiring officer spoke of warm words of appreciation of the outstanding service and exemplary conduct of these men, indicating the high esteem in which they are held among the religious editors.

T. Otto Nall of Chicago, editor of the Christian Advocate, is president of the press associations and presided over the Washington proceedings.

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MINISTERS PLAN MEETING TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

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Dean A. J. C. Bond announces that the Ministers' Conference is to be held at Alfred, N. Y., June 19-21, 1946. Pastors are urged to attend. Churches should help make it possible for their pastors to be there.

The following suggestions for the program which came to Dr. Bond from pastors, at his invitation, indicate the interest pastors are showing in the conference, and the directions in which these suggestions are going:

Wide Interests Revealed
"My reaction to all our denominational procedures seems to differ with our leaders in that I feel we as a people and as a denomination pay too little attention to our constant decline in church membership. My suggestion is, Why not resolve ourselves into a very frank and searching fact-finding committee of the whole and see if the evil can be in us, and see if a remedy can be found for the situation."

Need for Ministers
"If we ministers were to study afresh what the Bible teaching man and God's program for him, I think it would stimulate our people as well as our own spiritual lives."

"It seems to me that at least a period of time might be given to definite programs of evangelism for our churches this and next year. With the war over and with people buying, we have the opportunity to travel much more, there is a certain challenge that we haven't had for a general revival and for the church through greater support of its members to go forth with renewed strength and zeal."

"The only suggestion that I might have would be along these lines: Rethinking our task—individuals, as churches, as a denomination and in terms of the world mission— and rededication to our task. Of course there would be the devotional features, too, without which a ministers' conference would be incomplete. Attention might well be given to the necessity of our maintaining our devotional life as ministers; as well as to ways and means by which to maintain the same."

"I am not sure that this would be a topic for the program, but it is a subject which I think we need to think about and to lead our people to think the same."

We need to cooperate and work co-operatively to eliminate the weaknesses of our school as it is. I feel that our school is improving year by year, but there are still many things that we need to do. They cannot be done. We need to lead our students to some other school and build up in them an antagonism for the school, when they do not know from their own experience what the program of the School of Theology is, or what its weaknesses, or wherein lies its strength. I think that such a school should be advanced by someone who is definitely interested in the denomination and in the School of Theology."

Personal Commitment
"Regarding the program, I have been thinking along the lines of personal commitment to the world task. We need personal, vital religious experience in every life. The essence of evangelism in our day is not merely of this world, but to be saved, to be saved, to be saved, to be saved something. I would suggest some or all of the following subjects: personal commitment to the New Testament faith; Seventh Day Baptists and the world task; and Christ our leader."

"I have the feeling that all the boards ought to get together on their recruitment plans, since there is the feeling right now, and will continue to be after this immediate shortage is eased. As secretaries..."
The Situation and Its Challenge

There are very grave problems connected with missions. This is not the fault of Christian missions. It is because the nations of all the parts of the world are in commotion. There are forces at work testing and tearing at everything. Human institutions are riding a tempestuous sea, and all the nations need Christ and his principles, and his way. Without Christ, his principles, and his way, these titanic forces are a failure.

There is no doubt that there are very grave possibilities because of world conditions and the state of men's hearts, not because missions are a failure.

In considering these conditions it should be kept in mind that it is Christ and the principles taught by him that antedates sin, is pounding on the rocks. As Basil Matthews says, "There is sheer horror in the merciless impersonal violence of these titanic forces that beat upon humanity." This is true of our institutions as well as those in the nations of Europe and Asia.

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Another fact to be noted in connection with this is that the mission forces or those in the nations are white already to the core.

The family is the highmarket for missions. This is not the fault of the denominations or the work. It is because there is no way to take these extra people who were coming in from Chungking and who had some connection with the school. Now there are sixty extra people who can be weeded out. There are about one hundred boarders, beside a large number of teachers, living in the school. The church is more than full on Sabbath mornings. Crowded to the limit with five hundred middle-school pupils, the lower section of the junior-one class, the third and sixth grade pupils, and sixth grade people in the auditorium for the Sabbath service. The classrooms are taxed to the utmost, and every teacher who handle these large classes.

Student Church Organized

The Student Church was organized last Sabbath. A similar organization was planned and partly carried out before the Pacific war. The students help plan and conduct the services. They are learning by doing, and if there is an excellent Easter concert under the leadership of our teacher, B. U. Chang.

Beautiful flowers added to the service, which was also a memorial for those of our missionaries who have gone on. T. M. Chang spoke appreciatively of Mrs. Carpen-
ter, Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Davis, Miss Burdick, Miss Patricia Chu, the long-time principal of our Girls' School, who died in 1942, just after Anna. The speaker of the morning gave a very suitable Easter message.

The committee to head up the drive for funds for the rebuilding of the work here has appointed, nine in all, three each from the church, the school, and the hospital.

Pray for us and for the others who are here that all shall be done to further his kingdom.

W. L. Burdick

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP TO NEARLY FIFTEEN HUNDRED

Need Expresseed for Full-time Teachers, Other Workers, in China

Dear Secretary Burdick:

We were much pleased to receive your letter of February 22. I surely did not mean to allow so much time to elapse before writing you again. We are glad to know that you are feeling better. We trust that the progress may continue. It is splendid that a young man like David Olarke can be your assistant. We feel that such a one or ones are needed here to help in directing and advising the evangelical work in school and church, as well as someone to give full time to teaching. We trust that there are young people who may feel called to come to China in the very near future.

In addition to the visits of Dr. George Thorngate and his stepson, we have also enjoyed having Clayton Ormaby of Alfred Station with us a few times, twice at our Sabbath morning English service. We shall miss these people when they return to their homes, but we are glad to wish them to be in the navy any longer than is absolutely necessary. We are sorry that more of the Seventh Day Baptist young men in the mission could be found also, because there are so many.
WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Albert D. Batson

Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Scripture reading: James 2: 14-26

Hymn: Trust and Obey

In Luke 19: 1 10 we read the story of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a spectator as the story opens. Naturally he very much wanted to see Jesus. But even though he found a place up in a tree where he could see well, his greatest happiness came when he became a participator in the drama—when Jesus called him down from his tree. Zacchaeus was a spectator as the story opens. Naturally he very much wanted to see Jesus. But even though he found a place up in a tree where he could see well, his greatest happiness came when he became a participator in the drama—when Jesus called him down from his tree.

Prayer: Father, help us to be participators with thee. We thank thee that there is work for us to do. We thank thee that we know that thou art by our sides guiding us if we but seek thee. Keep us ever near thee. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

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GOOD NIGHT

(Written by Grace Babcock, of Abilene, Wts., 1912, while nursing her death from T.B. Recently T. J. Van Horn (then her pastor) found this copy and secured permission of the poet to publish it. And she, with T. J. Van Horn since 1912, by death of Mrs. Van Horn.)

Good night loved friends, for now the day is done.

For that I love, for that I care;

But looking with the golden sceptre yields a view,

And when at last a time shall come For some sweet final good night kiss I will not bid you weep For that loved presence you must miss.

Then light from God’s own promise Shall shine through your fast-falling tears And make a rainbow in the skies When now the last cloud appears.

Then be of good cheer, weeping ones, For at the rainbow’s end you’ll find Not the old falsified port of gold, But looking through a city gate Mid walls of green and golden street No human hand or mind could plan A path for God’s own children’s feet.

As John, on lonely Patmos Isle, Was shown the scene of the human mind So ev’ry soul may gain Plan your hours for morning light.

Then after all is “good night” said, Which just reveals to us the shore Where all shall be known, and say “Good morning,” to our own once more?

WORDS

Boys—flying kites, Ha’il in their white, winged birds; But you can’t do that.

Girls—unexposed—

May sometimes fall back, dead. But God is himself Of faith and hope and endless love Will bring us like the stars we see Now shining in the dome above.

Voted that Miss Bond have her question mimeographed.

These minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet the third Sunday in July at 2:30.

Mrs. M. C. Van Horn, Vice-President, Greta F. Randolph, Secretary.
Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am writing about another of my pets here in Daytona because after I go to Princeton, Mass., I may be too busy to write as much. Last year I had a sweet potato vine for a pet, and this year I have another one growing. I learned how to take care of that kind of a pet from Mrs. Lena Crofoot who had one growing in a window where she could enjoy its graceful form even when she had to stay in bed because of illness. She is a shut-in in this same house where I have lived the past three winters. When I went upstairs to see her, I used to admire her pretty vine.

Towards spring when the leaves on her vine began to turn yellow she said, "Perhaps you had better carry that plant out now. It is not going to do well any more. I don't care what you do with it, as I am not able to look after it myself."

As I went down the stairs the thought came to me, Why don't I set it out beside the front steps where nothing else is growing.

I did so, watering it and cutting away the branches and leaves that were dying. Soon it began to prosper. Because it made such a pretty humble ornament all summer, I decided when I came back from New Orleans another one in case this one did not live through the cold weather. I became very fond of the little new one because I learned by working with it which end of a sweet potato should be set in the soil. This sprout is set out beside the rest which have been set in the soil.

Dear Esther, I have set it out beside the step, and it smiles up at whoever enters. It is a beautiful church, for God listens to its true sermons, even when no one is there. I came South and got better acquainted with the lovely sweet potato.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. S. Powell.

Children's Page

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Just a line to let you know that I'm all right and hope you are the same. I have some news for you. The building where we have been holding our meetings every Sabbath for the last ten years was sold to some concern, and we were told to move out because they needed the building for themselves. My daddy and Uncle Nick went up to the city to look for another place where we could hold our meetings. The Lord led them to a First Baptist Church, and the board of trustees voted to rent us that church for every Sabbath. We held our first meeting there yesterday, and everyone of us was greatly pleased because it is a very beautiful church. Pastor Maxson was very happy over it. We thank our heavenly Father for being so good to us.

How is the weather there? We have having cloudy and windy days, and once in awhile we get some rain.

This will be all for now, and may God bless you and all your loved ones.

Truly yours,

Esther Naomi Fatato

550 Manhattan St.
Schenectady, N. Y.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

It is truly wonderful what a little piece of potato which might be roasted or baked, can grow into. What makes those rich tinted red and green leaves come out of that dry looking yellow end of a sweet potato, and those threadlike white roots at the same time? They seem to say, "We do this by the power of God. Our family has had this gift hundreds of years before we were born, and we love to grow to honor our Creator."

Now I have my pet vine set outside beside the step, and it smiles up at whoever enters, whether they notice or not, and whether they listen to it's true sermons, even when no one is there. I came South and got better acquainted with the lovely sweet potato.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. S. Powell.
RIVERSIDE CHURCH ENTERTAINS PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION
CANCELLED MORTGAGE ON BUILDING RECEIVED

"Watchman, What of the Night?" was the challenging theme of the Pacific Coast Association which met in Riverside, Calif., on April 12-14, 1946, beginning with the Sabbath eve praise and prayer service led by Mrs. Ernestine Henry, interest and attendance were excellent and continued throughout until the closing service on Sunday afternoon. Those who came from Reedsley and many who came from Los Angeles were able to drive over on Friday; others arrived early Sabbath morning.

Pastor G. D. Hargis of the Los Angeles Church brought the Sabbath morning sermon on the theme topic. Elder E. S. Ballenger of Riverside spoke Sabbath afternoon on "What Follows the Night of Despair?" and Pastor B. B. Friesen from the church in Reedsley brought the Sunday morning sermon on the subject, "What of the Dawn?"

Interesting services were the Veteran and Servicemen's Forum, the Sabbath vespers hour, and the young people's service which developed the topic of "Work for the Night Comes." The Sabbath school hour was under the leadership of Superintendent W. R. Rood and interesting talks were given by three speakers.

Sunday morning a fellowship breakfast was held in Fairmont Park with a devotional period and sermonette by Chaplain Wayne Rood. Our annual business meeting was followed by a message from P. B. Hurley, president of General Conference. Addresses on "Brotherhood Begins at Home" and "Race Relations" opened a forum on Sunday afternoon which was planned by Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles. The group brought many expressions in regard to our responsibilities and opportunities as Christians in our relations to those of other races and creed.

The music throughout the association meetings was especially fine. Instrumental and vocal numbers were used in all services and aided greatly in creating the atmosphere of worship and praise.

The Riverside ladies served dinner at noon on Sabbath day, lunch in the evening, and Sunday dinner in the social rooms of the church. The fellowship and hospitality were enjoyed by a large number and greatly appreciated by those attending.

Corresponding Secretary.

PACIFIC PINES CAMP
Young people's camp at Crestline, Calif., will begin June 23 and be followed by camps for children and adults.

A Task Accomplished

Thanksgiving and praise fill our hearts. The church treasurer has received the cancelled mortgage on our church building from the Memorial Board. For many years we have looked forward to this time and have worked together to pay off the church debt.

It is a task accomplished. Some of our members have prayed to live to see the day when the debt would be paid. Those of the young people who would have been willing to shoulder some of the debt, now appreciate the fact that the older ones have worked so hard to finish paying it.

We are proud of our beautiful little, vine-covered church. We love the building because of the association of friends, yet we love it more because of the spiritual help we have received through worship here. We are thankful that God has blessed us with means to pay for such a church building.

Now that the debt is paid let us look forward to new work to do. Let us also add to our church things which will improve its efficiency and will add to the spirit of true worship.

We want this church to be holy and consecrated to true worship of our God and a fit temple and dwelling place for him; a place where friend or stranger may enter and find peace; where babes may learn to walk in the sunlit path and where children may be joyful in learning to know Christ as their Saviour; where young men may find strength for Christian service and young women may lift their hearts in purity to prayer, where the weary may come with slow steps to find rest. We want it to be a place where all may be brought closer to God.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

May we all remember to thank him.

—Riverside Bulletin.