TIME FOR PRAYER

Billy Sunday tells the story of a minister who was making calls. When he rang the bell of a certain home a little girl opened the door. He asked for her mother; and she asked, "Are you sick?" He said that he wasn't; she asked, "Are you hurt?" Again he said, "No." Then she asked if he knew of anyone sick or injured. When he replied that he did not, she said, "Then you can't see mama, for she prays from nine to ten o'clock." It was then twenty minutes after nine, but he sat down and waited forty minutes to see her.

At ten o'clock she came in with the light of glory on her face; and he knew why that home was so bright, he knew why her two sons were in the theological seminary and her girl was a missionary.

"All hell cannot tear a boy or girl away from a mother like that," comments Mr. Sunday. — Selected.

SECRET OF LIVING

Sanda Singh was traveling with a friend in a snowstorm. Nearly frozen with cold, they went on, and presently saw a dark object lying in the snow, which they knew to be the form of a man. The Sadhu stopped, but the other hurried on, saying, "We shall both perish if we stop."

Sanda picked up the almost dead man, and holding him close to himself, staggered on. He found that the heat from his own body revived the exhausted man, while he was glowing with warmth caused by his own exertion.

As they entered a village, a form could be seen lying in the path; it proved to be the frozen body of the friend who had hurried on to save his own life.

"He who would save his life shall lose it, and he who would lose his life shall save it." — Selected.

"The godly man's prayers are his best biography, his most exact portrait." — Selected.

"I can't do everything, but I can do something; what I can do I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do." — Helen Keller.

"If" If you have God's promise for a thing, isn't that enough?
If you cannot give a good reason for what you are doing, there may be a good reason why you should not do it.
If God had no more mercy on us than we have on one another, the world would have been burned up a long while ago.
If some people would be a little more careful about where they step, those who follow them wouldn't stumble so much.
If God's light is shining in you, it will be sure to be seen by somebody who is traveling in the dark.
If we are faithful, God will look after our success.
If we do not rejoice in the Lord, the world will not believe that we know him.
— Selected.

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

Practicing the Golden Rule

(See Back Cover)

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NO SHEPHERD

... the church has been weakened and discouraged because no one has been on hand to act as shepherd of the flock and lead the work.

This statement somehow seemed to "jump out" at the editor as he glanced through a Year Book in search of a bit of historical data. The statement seemed so timely—so much like the lamentations that keep coming to editorial headquarters almost every day—that it might have come from the 1945 Year Book. In fact, I turned hastily to the cover to see if by chance I had picked up a recent Year Book by mistake. But, no! Alas! The Year Book was more than ten years old.

Has the lack of personnel always been a hindrance to our work? The question inevitably came to mind, and the search for an answer became a major matter, along with the seeking out of specific facts of history. A Year Book dated soon after the turn of the century yielded this quotation: "The work has remained about as last year. The church is still without a pastor; the work has remained about as last year."

Another Year Book gave this information on the first page turned to at random: "This is a large field demanding more workers that an intensive campaign can be carried on."

More workers. That is what we have always needed. That is what we still need—desperately! There are churches that are ready to close their doors, largely because no pastor has been available to them for years. Perhaps their work is done, but more than likely they could be on the threshold of their most important era of service.

The world is in its most serious moral crisis; people need more than ever before the comfort, encouragement, guidance, and salvation that the Church of Christ our Saviour holds forth. Let the people within each church be so revived by "the breath of God sweeping over the world" that a society-saving revival may be started and advanced.

Let leaders be called to shepherd the work.

The need for men does not end with the churches. Qualified missionaries are needed, now, to restaff our missions. The native workers in Africa are still begging for help. Guiana recently lost by death one of its leaders. We rejoice that Jamaica now has a native worker; where are the people to send?

A young person, interested in full-time service, recently made this reply when urged to make a decision to become a missionary: "But it takes preparation to be a missionary, and it's too late for me to start." Very true, it does take preparation. More than that, it takes consecration, unusual abilities and talents, willingness to sacrifice—and above all, a Divine leading. But it is never too late to heed that call.

Do everything within your power to encourage young people especially to be making themselves ready for service. Be willing to serve, yourself, if that is God's will. Even if a specific job is not immediately in view, the opportunity for service in a manner suitable for each individual is bound to come to the person who is prepared. Since ours is a small denomination, the need is doubly evident and individual responsibility is doubly imperative. It is a personal indictment against each of us when the Year Book is compelled to report, "The work has remained about as last year."

We need a reserve supply of qualified people and of trained personnel. We have neither had it. We will never have it as long as we continue to wait until the need is upon us before beginning to get ready to meet that need.

GUEST EDITORIAL

THE CHRISTIAN STANDARD

By L. L. Wright

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

Mark 12: 30.

"And the second is like unto this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12: 31.

These two great commandments spoken by Christ and recorded in the New Testament were given to us as a rule of conduct for all mankind. They constitute the heart of the new dispensation and apply to the new covenant "under grace" and are often spoken of as "the law of Christ."

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me shall keep his sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." John 14: 23, 24.

Love is the impelling motive for doing the will of our Father in the new dispensation.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"The preacher who draws the largest crowds is not always the one who is preaching the most truth."

When you have been sitting back to the wall and your ear to the ground...your head level and both feet on the ground—you're not a contortionist; you're just like the rest of us. — Religious Telescope.

"To have a Christian experience is to have an answer to all anti-Christian arguments."

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Revivals

Any time is double the right time for a revival. However, my recollection of those days when they were more popular than in these recent years is that they came during the winter or early spring.

Most revivals were a success in those days, not only in adding to the roll the year when he sends out a splendid evangelist. They were revived themselves while trying to make others more steadfast. Those were days of membership increasing.

The Church grew in numbers and in rich spiritual experience.

In correspondence with one of our young ministers recently, he doubted if he would be at Conference. They expected to have a revival on at that time. That might be a good reason for not going to Conference. It may be an especially good time for a revival in his community. I would like it, however, if he and many others might have revivals soon and increase their memberships, especially by many converts, and bring that spirit to Conference and spread "the disease" so we might experience a really great revival denominationally.

In this connection may I appeal to the church clerks that they respond to the secretary very quickly for church statistics. I am very anxious for these church reports, that we may know if we succeed in making an increase in membership. The records were not complete last year at Conference time for lack of many church reports. Please, everybody, respond promptly this year!

P. B. Hurley, Conference President.

IS THIS YOUR PRAYER?

When my weakness see
May I not be a stern critic be,
Oh, were it not for God's great grace
I might be in just such a place.
So when one stumbles on life's road,
Help me, dear Lord, to lift his load.
—M. H. Willingham.

THE SECOND CENTURY FUND

Since February 11 the following churches have sent in membership lists:

Boulder Adams Center
Hebron Rockville
Hebron Independence
Second Hopkinson

February 16 was the deadline, and there are still several lists to come in. So please send in yours along with the $25,000 you may have not already done so. The circulars will soon be ready to mail.

David S. Clarke, Secretary, Second Century Fund Committee.

What of the Second Century Fund?

By Rev. Orville W. Babcock

In planning for the program of the quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches for the afternoon of January 26, Milton, the executive committee arranged for a discussion of the subject of "What of the Second Century?" Accordingly an outline of the proposed plans was presented and the present situation was reviewed as far as knowledge was available.

The program, arranged by Rev. Orville W. Babcock, was introduced by stating that Seventh Day Baptists are proud of their history and the observance of the Seventh day as the Sabbath. Pride also is found in the part they have played in their various communities and in the major church movements, chief among them being foreign missions. But with the approaching second century, marked by the anniversary of our first missionaries reaching China, there is need of a forward looking plan such as that suggested by the Commission and outlined by the Missionary Board—namely, to reconstruct the fields laid waste by the war, and to knit closer the ties of fellowship between the churches in our country and the fields where they have labored.

Colorful Picture

The first speaker, Donald Gray, gave a colorful picture of the work in Jamaica, showing some of his hardships and joys encountered there by the missionaries. Chief among the new plans of that field, he pointed out, is the establishment of a school for the training of the people of the churches there in fitting them for their place in society.

Speaking of the China field, Rev. Willard D. Burnsk gave a summary of the conditions prevailing and estimated the war years to be at present. It was stated that the buildings at Liuhau are largely destroyed and will need to be rebuilt before extensive work can be undertaken.

Professor D. Nelson Inglis then gave a summary of the work on the home field carried on by the Missionary Board, pointing out that one fourth of the churches at home are being helped to support their pastors. His proposals included, first, that Seventh Day Baptists scatter to other communities in the state, be given a single, or four or five families would try to settle in communities where there is least sentiment against Sabbath keepers. The second proposal was that pastors be relieved of their duties for periods of from two to three months to labor in the various home fields with the work being carried on by the laymen. The hope was expressed that a definite program would soon be forthcoming showing the amounts to be allocated to the various projects, included in the Second Century plan, and that the $25,000 should be subscribed in order for any one field to benefit very largely from it.

Support of Budget

The fourth speaker, Robert E. Greene, secretary of the Committee on Budget Promotion, spoke of the way the people support the Denominational Budget compared to special projects, indicating that the latter are supported more generously. He emphasized the opportunity offered in the Second Century Fund to invest in Christian souls.

Conference President P. B. Hurley was present and spoke briefly of the hope of the Commission that the Fund be launched with strength and enthusiasm so that a goodly portion may be raised in this year of 1946.

Universal Participation

Thus was expressed an endorsement of the Second Century Fund, and the hope for its success in the months ahead, through the support of the people of all the churches, and also the need for young people to consider the opportunities offered in dedicating their lives in Christian service. The unselfish and courageous labors of the past and the present speak for themselves. The Second Century Fund is a matter in which all Seventh Day Baptists may have a part.

Milton Junction, Wis.
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST FIELDS OF SERVICE REVIEWED

Mill Yard Church Leaders
Imprisoned for Beliefs

By Wendell Stephan
Student, Alfred School of Theology

England

Preceded by perhaps several hundred years of Sabbath keeping in the British Isles, the first organized Seventh Day Baptists of England met in the Mill Yard Church, London, in 1617. The founders and leaders of this church were John Trask and his wife, both imprisoned for their Sabbath views. Among the famous names of this church, the name of John James, the martyr, stands first. Other names on the role are Dr. Peter Stennett, royal physician; William Tempest, lawyer and poet; and William Henry Chamberlen, antiquarian and assistant keeper of the Queen’s rolls.

Another of our early England churches was at Pinner’s Hall, Broad Street, London, organized by Rev. Francis Bampfield. His brother, the Honourable Thomas Bampfield, speaker of the House of Commons under Richard Cromwell, was also a Seventh Day Baptist. Pastor Bampfield was succeeded by the Stennett family of clergymen beginning with Dr. Joseph Stennett. His great-grandson, Samuel Stennett, wrote many favorite hymns, such as “Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned” and was a strong Seventh Day Baptist minister.

From Dr. Samuel Stennett’s death in 1795 to the present time, our knowledge from source materials is meager. We know that the Seventh Day Baptist faith spread until there were about thirty-two churches in the British Isles, and we know that they were under violent persecution from the British Government which confiscated church property from appropriations of the Missionary Board for the purchase of grounds for headquarters for the mission.

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British Guiana Mission
Established in 1914

By Rex Durick
Student, Alfred School of Theology
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church of Independence, N. Y.

British Guiana

The Seventh Day Baptist Mission in British Guiana was organized by Rev. T. L. M. Spencer in 1914. Mr. Spencer had been a Sabbath keeper for some time before he heard of Seventh Day Baptists. As soon as he heard of us he came to this country to study our views. He became a member of the First Hopkinson Seventh Day Baptist Church, attended Conference, and returned to British Guiana in the fall of 1913 as general missionary of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in that area. Special meetings were held, and on November 13, 1913, a Seventh Day Baptist Church with thirty-five charter members was organized at Georgetown, the chief city of that country. Later several more members were added.

Through Mr. Spencer’s labors and the efforts of a few native leaders the mission was soon well on its way. The churches with a total membership of over two hundred members. Mr. Spencer’s chief endeavor and money and imprisoned and tortured many for Sabbath observance.

Now we know of only one Seventh Day Baptist Church in England, that of Mill Yard, London. The pastor is Rev. James McGeachy, and the church now has a membership of thirty-five.

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Perhaps his keen enthusiasm for distribution of Christian publications was encouraged because of the fact that it was through tracts sent to the Netherlands by Dr. Nathan Ward, who was missionary in Scotland at the time, that Mr. Velthuysen first learned of the Sabbath and Seventh Day Baptists.

The second enterprise was known as the Gospel Wagon. This was a large covered wagon from which Pastor Velthuysen spoke while on evangelistic tours. The sides were covered with pertinent Scripture texts. This was used both by him and his successors to great advantage.

Steady progress was made under the leadership of Pastor Velthuysen until his death in 1910. At this time Rev. Gerard Velthuysen, Jr., a prominent member of Holland’s Midnight Mission was called to take his father’s place. This he did in part, but felt he could not give up his work in the Midnight Mission. From then until the time of his death he shepherded two flocks, edited “De Boodschapper” and continued his social work.

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the poor. Then you will store up for
yourself treasures in heaven, where no
thief enters and no moth destroys. For
my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30.

A man could have lots of land and nice
houses, but one honest bome can make
him a pauper. There are no treasures on earth
that are lasting, for death separates us from
all worldly things. So let us all strive
to store up more treasures in heaven. Our
reward is sure, for Jesus said, "For the Son
of man shall come in the glory of his Father
with his angels; and then he shall reign over
every man according to his works." Matthew 16:27.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF FORTY PROTESTANT CHURCHES MEET
Evangelism Crusade Launched by Christian Educators
Representatives of about forty Protestant denominations met in Columbus, Ohio, February 10-13, to share experiences in Christian education and to launch the program for the next four years which bears the significant heading, the United Christian Teaching Crusade. Evangelism is to be the undergirding emphasis for this crusade. A definite connection with the National Mission to Teachers will be maintained. An outstanding feature of the crusade will be the visit of the Methodists by both the Seventh Day Baptist and Methodist groups.

Any representative of the class was the visiting of the Methodist Church school service by three of the Seventh Day Baptist teachers and myself. At the Monday night class, the experiences of the visit were discussed.

May I here express my gratitude to the North Loup-Sabbath School for the considerate and sympathetic manner in which they accepted the change in plans made necessary by the death of Mr. Sutton's father, words and expressions of comfort and sympathy from those who had an opportunity to express such, will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

It is to me a joy to have the opportunity of spending nine days with the North Loup people, to learn during that time more of the fine spirit of the people, their warm hospitality, deep spiritual enthusiasm, and the forward look which members of the church possess. May God bless this church as it holds aloft the banners of Christ and his Sabbath.

H. S.

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Christian Education

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Rev. Harry Sutton, Editor

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FORTY YOUNG PEOPLE OBSERVE C. E. DAY

By Ida Babcock

(Mrs. Babcock is a young adult of the North Loup Church.)

Christian Education Day was observed in the usual manner here with the young people in charge of the morning church service on Sabbath day February 2.

The prelude was a trombone solo by Warren Brannon. Jimmy Ehret gave the invocation, and Rev. Babcock read the announcements, and gave the offertory prayer.

Romans 12 was chosen as the responsive reading and was led by Bonnie Babcock. The Scripture lesson from Ephesians 6 was read by Neva Brannon and was followed by the morning prayer

The anthem was given by the entire group of young people, featuring Phyllis Babcock as the soloist. A young men's quartet, composed of Warren Brannon, Darrell Barber, Allen and Wayne Babcock, sang for the offertory.

Tales on the theme of the day, "Enlist for Christ," were given as follows: "In Winning Others" (through decision, commitment, and personal living), Darrell Barber; "In Christian Citizenship" (in home life and wholesome recreation), Warren Brannon; "In Christian Citizenship" (in social responsibility and individual need), Marion Maxson, "In Postwar Leadership" (in the church and community), Phyllis Babcock; "In Postwar Leadership" (in education and vocations), Kathy Camper; "In Polwar Leadership" (in the church community), Alton Babcock.

Pastor Ehret pronounced the benediction and everyone joined in singing the rally song, Marion Maxson was the pianist of the morning and was also the program chairman.

The Sabbath afternoon program was a service of reading and hymn singing led by Darrell Barber.

Next week there will be more of the program reported above. It was good to present for this service which was so well conducted by the young people. Several of the group were returned service men, and to see them taking the places they left in church work to enter the service of the nation was truly encouraging.

H. S.

CHRI STIAN EDUCATION CLASSES COMPLETED

Friday night February 8 was the last session of the classes which were held at North Loup. It was necessary for me to leave on Wednesday night, February 6, in order to be with Mrs. Sutton's family for the funeral of her father in Pennsboro, W. Va.

Pastor Ehret and Miss Marcia Rood took charge of the classes on Friday night, and I know they did a good job.

The following members of our church at North Loup earned two credits in the school: Miss Maxson, Miss Marcia Rood, Mrs. Rolla Babcock, Mrs. Ina Johnson, Mrs. Brennick received credit for one course; and Bonnie Babcock, Mrs. Mary Davis, Darrell Barber, and Mrs. Christensen were in attendance for some of the sessions. Four of the Methodist group received two credits each, and six were present for some of the meetings. In all there were twenty-three people taking part in the school.

The Old Curtain Came Down

After discussion of the very important matter of keeping the church school classrooms clean and attractive by removing worn and soiled books, maps, curtains, and other offensive objects, one of the Methodist ladies told me that already the teaching had taken effect because another lady had taken down and carried out an old curtain that should have been removed before. There were other comments to this made in the service of the class by both the Seventh Day Baptist and Methodist groups.

One interesting part of the class work was the visiting of the Methodist Church school service by three of the Seventh Day Baptist teachers and myself. At the Monday night class, the experiences of the visit were discussed.

May I here express my gratitude to the North Loup Sabbath School for the considerate and sympathetic manner in which they accepted the change in plans made necessary by the death of Mr. Sutton's father, words and expressions of comfort and sympathy from those who had an opportunity to express such, will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

It is to me a joy to have the opportunity of spending nine days with the North Loup people, to learn during that time more of the fine spirit of the people, their warm hospitality, deep spiritual enthusiasm, and the forward look which members of the church possess. May God bless this church as it holds aloft the banners of Christ and his Sabbath.

H. S.

FLORIDA CHURCHES PLAN PROGRAM

By Bertha L. Hallenbeck

A meeting to consider a plan for religious education for Florida Seventh Day Baptist Churches was called by Rev. Elizabeth P. Randolph and Rev. H. Eugene Davis at the Davis apartment January 23, 1946.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, Dr. J. Nelson Noyes, Dean Dora Reynolds, Dean Donald S. Reuben, Dr. E. W. Wharton, Mrs. Zoe Finch, Miss Randolph, Bertha Hal- lenbeck, and Mr. Waldo Tisworth.

Dr. Randolph is chairman. The committee to investigate material for such a program consists of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. Gavitt, Miss Randolph, and Mrs. Hallenbeck.

Much appreciation is manifest here for the splendid missionary work done by Miss Randolph.
ATOMIC POWER

Public speakers and writers repeatedly confront us with the suggestion that we are entering the age of atomic power. While they seek to allay our fears by speaking of the possibility of peacetime uses to be developed, we meet every reference to atomic energy with a feeling of fear. We have seen its power released only to destroy, and that terrific and devastating destruction faces us with the possibility of the destruction of civilization.

SPIRITUAL POWER

What answer does the scientist have to this fear? Scientific fear it more than do the rest of us; for they alone know its possibilities for destruction. It is they who make the discoveries, and they know that only men of spiritual conviction and responsibility can divert the energy which they rightly seek to develop to humane and helpful uses. The answer will be found in the realm of the spirit and spiritual forces.

CHRISTIANITY

Whatever power is in the atom was there in the beginning when God created the world and called it good. Christians believe in God, and in his good purposes for all that he created. Christianity, accepted and practiced even by a substantial minority, will save humanity from self-destruction, and set us on the upward road to peace and brotherhood. This, nothing else can do; this, Christianity can surely and abundantly do.

LEADERS ARE NEEDED

The present greatest need of the Church is ministers and leaders, especially pastors. And these must be of the right type and the proper caliber. They must be men of vision, but with robust minds and warm hearts. This need is so urgent that every likely young man should be confronted with the claims of the ministry until he shall be obliged to decide, after due deliberation and in good conscience, whether he is called to this high service.

ALFRED SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Alfred University was founded by Seventh Day Baptists, one primary object being to educate men for the ministry. The school has never been sectarian. While the fundamental purpose of the School of Theology has been, and still is, to train Seventh Day Baptist ministers, others are welcomed on equal terms. The fact is, five denominations have been represented in the student body during the last two years.

A GRADUATE SCHOOL

All the facilities of Alfred University are at the service of the students of the School of Theology, both its physical equipment in campus and buildings, and its administrative offices and functions. It is the graduate school of the university which, exercising the authority granted by the state, confers on its graduates the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

INSTRUCTION

The dean gives practically full time during the school year to class instruction. Two regular professors teach part time, and two retired men offer courses. Two neighboring pastors also teach one course each. The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education loans its Executive Secretary for two courses in Religious Education. Students elect courses in other schools of the university. In taking the full course students have class contact with ten or twelve instructors, each with special preparation in his own field.

THE COUNTRY PASTORATE

Alfred School of Theology is most favorable to the training of pastors for the country church. The courses are planned in certain fields with this purpose in mind. All students take a course in the school of agriculture especially designed for theological students, and a two-hour course is given in rural sociology. In certain other subjects the professor has the country community especially in mind.
ABOUT THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Christian Colleges Overseas Share in Funds

Word is coming through from the Christian colleges which share in World Day of Prayer funds. The Woman’s Christian College of Tokyo has an enrollment of seven hundred. Significantly, departments of history and economics have been added and there is prospect that the college will soon be recognized by the government as of equal standing with the men’s universities.

The three China colleges, Yenching, Ginling, and Chefoo, refugees in Chengdu, do not expect to return to their home campuses until the close of this academic year. Ginling, recently marked the thirtieth anniversary of its founding; the alumnae body today numbers over 600, of whom 44 per cent are teachers—with an enviable opportunity to mold the new China—a mix per cent social workers and 2 per cent doctors and nurses.

Miss Eleanor Mason of the Woman’s Christian College of Madras is in this country, telling the story of that institution. St. Christopher’s Training College at the request of the government is preparing to admit more students. Plans for postwar educational development call for more trained teachers.

At Vellore, the Medical College has just been granted provisional affiliation with Madras University, enabling it to bring to Vellore the students who have hitherto been obliged to take some of their work at Madras University and to enroll the fourth and fifth classes in the new M. B. B. S. course. The inspection of Vellore till 1947 or 1948, when it will be inspected as part of a general survey of all medical schools in India. This will give Vellore an extended time in which to bring its buildings and equipment to the high standard demanded by the government.

There has never yet been a man in our history who led a life of ease, whose name is worth remembering.”—Theodore Roosevelt.

The Woman’s Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

Five New European Countries Asked This Year

It was possible this year to reach with advance copies of the programs for March 8, 1946, five European countries inaccessible last year and also Japan, Korea, and the Philippines. Joseph M. Smith, acting executive secretary of the Philippine Federation of Evangelical Churches, wrote: “The churches here are most enthusiastic about the re-establishment of their contact with the World Church, as evidenced by the hearty and universal response to the invitation to participate in World Communion service last October.” The World Day of Prayer program was carried to Japan by the deputation of four churchmen, and mailed to Korea in care of Dr. Horace Underwood. In the Netherlands, meetings were permitted in 1940 and 1941 but in June, 1941, the National Committee for the World Day of Prayer, with other groups of an international character, was dissolved. A correspondent states, “In some places prayer meetings were still held, without much publicity being given, but there was no question of a universal day of prayer in Holland. Now, however, all is changed. We have the inestimable blessing of living in a free country.” After five years of destruction we can build up again. So we are beginning our preparation for the World Day of Prayer on March 8.

WORLD-WIDE NEEDS IN LITERATURE

By Florence Gordon

Editorial Assistant, Foreign Missions Conference

“All we have to do,” said a Christian leader recently, “is to teach people how to read, and the devil will furnish their reading matter.”

Of course that remark was satirical, but it indicates a mistake the Church has far too often made. The forces of light have given illiterate people reading skills and then have allowed the forces of evil to snap up the opportunity provided. A missionary recently returned to a post on the Persian Gulf where he began his service thirty-three years ago. Then there were no schools, no people who could read and write. Today there are schools and many who read, but the literature obtainable in the bazaars is “about like that in the average U. S. drugstore.”

Urgent Need

We are waking up, however, to the urgent need for wholesome, character-building reading material, for literature permeated by Christian ideals. The tremendous world-wide call for something to read is stabling our spirits away. In many lands all books have been destroyed, and starved minds and hearts are crying for replacement.

An article by UNRRA on Czechoslovakia says, “There is a terrific clamor for books and reading matter, so urgent is the desire of the people to catch up with what has happened during the last six years. The OWI reading room in Prague is stocked with very old magazines and papers, but you must wait hours before you can get a seat there.”

The Philippine Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference gathered 100,000 used books for schools and libraries and advanced funds for printing hymnbooks. The Christian Council of the Netherlands brought back a request for a million New Testaments, and the American Bible Society is working overtime to supply the need. Japan also asks for hymnbooks, theological and devotional books, and commentaries for the several hundred Christian pastors who have lost every book they own.

Reading-hungry Hordes

The women of the churches are not content to let the devil furnish reading material for the reading-hungry hordes throughout the world. A portion of the World Day of Prayer funds regularly goes to Christian literature. As the offerings grow, so does the amount given for this cause.

A group of missionaries and nationals in New York have been working, for months on religious education materials designed for the “emotional and spiritual rehabilitation” of the children of China and Korea, on manuals for leaders of Christian summer volunteer church school guidance. World Day of Prayer funds made that co-operative study possible.

In Canada, World Day of Prayer funds helped to publish an Eskimo hymnbook and a prayer book in the vernacular of the Cree Indians.

One of the most interesting gifts for Christian literature was that received by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference from the World Day of Prayer Committee in Australia—a sizable sum to be used to provide literature for illiterates in India, China, India, and Africa who are being instructed in the truths of the gospel.”—The Church Woman.

FOUR FRONTS FOR PEACE

The Church Front

By Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker

President Emeritus
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

[Another in the series of articles dealing with postwar peace plans outlined by the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace.]

This past week the first world-wide gathering of representatives of Eastern Christian leaders since 1939 has been meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. Men from the principal congregations, like Norway’s Bishop Berggrav and Germany’s Pastor Niemoeller, have been able to meet with their brethren from America, Britain, and other lands around the world for the first time since before the war. During the long years of conflict, the Christian "underground," heroic band of men and women managed to maintain some contacts across the barriers of war. Now the unbroken fellowship can be openly expressed.

A major purpose of this conference has been to plan the first full meeting of the World Council of Churches, scheduled for next year. The World Council, to which ninety-one communions from thirty-two countries have already adhered, reflects the determination of the churches throughout the world to work together effectively in seeking the kingdom of God and his righteous:

Another problem dealt with at the Geneva conference has been the setting up of improved procedures to help the churches of the world to act more adequately on problems of world order. "Combined operations" are required if the churches are to exert a constructive influence on international institu-
tutions like the United Nations Organization. As the statement on the four fronts points out, Christians are a minority in the world. If they are to offer effective leadership and service, they need to be a well-organized minority.

This requires not only united efforts on the part of the churches belonging to the World Council of Churches but co-operation on moral issues by all men of good will. The Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant Declaration on World Peace, issued in October, 1943, and known as the "Pattern for Peace," helped to make clear the moral requirements of a just and durable peace, and provided an example of co-operation by men of good will. It is also interesting to note that at the same time leaders of the non-Roman Church urged "Christian Action on Four Fronts for Peace," a Roman Catholic group—acting independently—urged a comparable set of objectives entitled "Preserving Peace on Four Fronts." Unless men of good will can co-operate, we can hardly expect the solution of the problem of world unity. The achievement of the purpose committed to us can measure up to this ideal, they will make by Christ.

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The month of March has been designated Red Cross Month by President Truman, who, in his proclamation, called for the full support of the organization's campaign. Simultaneously Red Cross Chairman Basil O'Connell and civic leaders everywhere pointed to the need for continuing Red Cross services to able-bodied troops abroad and in this country, to those in hospitals, and to veterans, as well as to families and dependents of all who have worn the uniform. This presupposes unity of effort in the achievement of the purpose committed to us by Christ.

If the branches of the Christian Church can measure up to this ideal, they will make a contribution of inestimable value to the solution of the problem of world unity. The loyalty of men to the groups which we call nations often stands in the way of a sense of responsibility towards the whole of mankind. The Church can show that its branches through their union in Christ have found a solution of the problem of achieving unity without destroying diversity. That is the type of leadership the world needs so desperately.

Christian men and women can help mightily to further advance on the Church front by taking a responsible part in their own church and by helping it to become an active participant in the united effort of the world-wide Church.

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Your RED CROSS must carry on!

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Give 

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OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you and all your loved ones feeling? We are feeling well.

Last Sunday was my birthday. I was ten years old. I had a lot of fun. Last Sabbath I was sick; so he couldn’t come out to our mission to preach to us. We decided to go to Berlin, N. Y., where he lives to visit with him. His daughter Eunice was sick, too. Sabbath was the first day she could get up, and we played together.

Thank you for answering my last letter in the Sabbath Recorder. I was sorry to hear that you had a cold. May the Lord heal you and bless you.

Sincerely,

Your Recorder friend,

Esther Naomi Patato.

Schencentady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

We are all well and enjoying some very sunny winter weather after several days of heavy wind. Ohio is covered with little snow blown from the trees both in front of the parsonage and the church. The village church has little support of because there is not enough snow to make coasting possible, when last winter there was too much of it.

Do you know, I can remember that on my birthday last year my little friends were whispering around, and I shed tears because they would not tell me what was. As my brother came in, I was so surprised that I sat right down on the floor and began to cry, saying, "I knew it all the time"; for at last I knew what all the whispering was about, and I was only crying for joy. Did you ever do such a thing as that?

Thank you for your kind wishes and earnest prayer. The good wishes and prayers of our friends can be a great help in every time of need.

I appreciate your frequent letters. Do you know they always seem to come when I need them very much? Either being the only letter or one of two. I hope you will continue that good habit.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

While Mommie is with me here in the hospital she is going to help me write you a letter. Yesterday she brought the last two Sabbath Recorders and read me the letters.

We had a nice Christmas. I have almost had another Christmas the way people have brought me things here at the hospital. I have all kinds of books, paper dolls, marbles, coloring books, and lots of pretty cards and valentines.

We have been making valentines, and here is one for you.

I hope I can go home in another week or a little more and see Christopher and Josephine. Betty Van Horn is staying with them. I will be glad when I can go to Sabbath school again, too. Last Sabbath each one of us passed a card made a year for me, and Eddie and Karen Bond brought them to me.

Your Recorder friend,

Janet Van Horn.

St. Mary’s Hospital,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

Dear Janet:

I was ever so glad that your Mommie helped me write this good letter, but so sorry that it had to be written in the hospital and that you were ill enough to make it necessary for you to be. I hope you will soon be well enough to return home. You certainly did have almost a second Christmas. I am sure this made the time pass much more swiftly and pleasantly for you.

When I was a very small girl I tried to have a second Christmas by hanging up my stocking again on New Year’s Eve. And what do you think I got? It was one very
little peanut, and I never knew who put it there.

Thank you, dear, for the pretty little valentine you gave me. I'll put it with the others ones my little grandchildren Joyce and Gretchen sent me. The nicest valentine I received were photos of the little grandchildren in Bridgetown, Karen and Kristie, with a little red heart in each corner of the photo. Karen's photo was cut out and pinned in third birthday, and Kristie's on his second.

Yours in Christian love,
Mitzpah S. Greene.

WHEN ROBERT REMEMBERED
By Angeline Prentice Allen

Robert lived with his father and mother and older brother on a farm in long west.

One summer evening Robert's father and mother were reading by a large kerosene lamp which was put on a table in front of an open window. A breeze blew the lace curtain across the top of the lamp chimney, and it caught fire. The blaze quickly ran up the curtains, and Robert's father jumped up and grabbed the curtain, putting out the flame with his hands.

Robert was very much frightened and jumped up and down screaming. His mother took him upon her lap and told him that no matter what happened, he must not scream.

His brother asked: "Mamma, what should we do, if we should get fire?" The mother replied: "That is one thing of which we have no fear. We have just become a brotherhood of disciples. Each must learn to live as a brother to all the rest. In parting they say to us, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Jesus broke down the barriers which separated his people from the Gentile world.

He has revealed the Father's love for all nations and peoples. All must eventually be saved. We have been called to be the agents of God of such a time as this. If we face a most difficult situation, he also would receive the great commission: Go ... make disciples ... baptize them ... teach them. Matthew 28: 19, 20.

Here in these brief words Jesus indicates the great work of the Church. Jesus had come, taught a few disciples and trained them in the beginning of this work. Now he is no longer to be their leader in the flesh. In parting he says to them, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

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The Christian brotherhood has held that great commission through the centuries. They have marched onward, sometimes falteringly, but always making a blessed progress. They have been in proportion to their faithfulness. In some respects world paganism has given way. Christian men bearing the message of Jesus, the light of the world, have gone into the uttermost parts of the earth. Wherever they have gone, so is the fire in the hands of the world, they have been invincible; they have set up their banners; they have pushed back regions of darkness, and have enlarged their horizons.

In saying these things we are not unmindful of the chaos which rests upon earth at the present time. We are not unattached to the Church, the Church must respond to the need. The challenge is absolute. But we must remember that the Church was born in the midst of such a time as this. They were men who faced the world that Jesus said, Go ... make disciples ... baptize them ... teach them.
### Denominational Budget

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**FOR YEAR 1945-46**

### Consistent Christians

Being a Christian is a full-time job whether a person is employed to do religious work or whether he is a lay member. The most important part of that is that being an active Christian does not interfere with any honorable employment. In fact, the Christian does not dissipate his health, energy, and means in ways that hinder Christian living. Therefore, he has more desire to be of service to his Saviour and his fellow men.

If his interest and pleasure is serving the Church, his heart and treasure will be there also. It might be said with equal truth that where his heart is, there his treasure will be. If a man truly loves Christian service, he will live what he believes by contributing liberally to local and denominational programs as well as to the support of other philanthropic needs.

There seems to be a need of adding more business or system to our church life. This applies to all of our church activities, including benevoloences. Some people are afraid that business methods will make our religious stiff and formal. This should be carefully avoided by adding cordiality and warmth to our contacts. System and planning should aid us in being prompt in fulfilling all of our obligations.

This committee is very anxious to establish habits and responsibilities in the children and young people of our denomination. To this end it has requested the names and addresses of these future workers in our churches.

Many pastors and Sabbath school superintendents have given careful assistance in preparing these lists. Others have not. Our Conference president has written a letter to pastors and church clerks urging that they give information whenever requested. The Missionary Board is asking for church membership lists to be used in connection with the raising of the Second Century Fund. Our denomination is planning an ambitious program. It includes higher spiritual living in order that Christian in preparing these lists.

This is the first year that we will have money and workers to carry out the program of the Second Century Fund in foreign fields. And, at the same time maintain our work as consistent Christians on the home field.

### Committee on Budget Promotion

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###Benevolences

- Milton, Wis.
- L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.
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### SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, INC.

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#### Principal Fund — Balance Sheet

| Cash | $7.39 |
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### Obituary

#### Davis

- Samuel V., son of Albino and Phoebe Davis Davis, died at the age of seventy-five on February 12, 1946, after an illness of several months.
- Mr. Davis was a leading citizen of Shiloh, N. J., where he carried on a mercantile business for over twenty-five years. He had been a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for sixty-eight years; for thirty of those years he was treasurer of the church.
- Close survivors are his mother, Mrs. Anna Richards Davis; three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Burdick, Miss Gertrude Davis, and Miss Emily Davis; and one son, Thurman C. Davis.

### The Sabbath Recorder

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World Day of Prayer
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1 Timothy 2: 8— I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Luke 11: 1b—Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

James 5: 16b—The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Matthew 21: 22—And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

1 Thessalonians 5: 17—Pray without ceasing.

Practicing the Golden Rule

The cover picture of this week’s Sabbath Recorder gives a stirring testimony to the Golden Rule in practical operation.

Taken by a UNRRA photographer in Warsaw, Poland, the picture shows Helen Schmoll, 74 year old widow, receiving warm clothing from a relief worker. Alone in the world, the Polish woman lost touch with her son during the war and does not know if he is alive. Her husband, a Polish diplomatic courier, died at the beginning of the war.

Many similar evidences might be produced showing the great need of the Polish people. Although they are among Europe’s most destitute, they have recently donated 100,000 tons of coal and 25,000 tons of cement to UNRRA for relief purposes.

The dire need for fuel throughout most of Europe impels the Poles to give of their surplus, despite the fact that they themselves are freezing because of lack of shelter, clothing, and transport equipment. These items are receiving top priority in UNRRA shipments to that country.

From out of our abundance in America, how much can we still give? In many cases we can give much more—even without subtracting from our comfort or well being. Do not neglect the UNRRA-sponsored drives for relief items; remember that the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction is continuing its vital mission of world rebuilding by carrying aid from church people over here to churches over there, and their areas of service. The hour of need has not passed! — K. D. H.

—Photo by U. S. Forest Service.

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