RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

A request for amnesty and restoration of civil liberties and rights to conscientious objectors, a stand against calendar revision, and a plea for church people to educate and legislate against the liquor traffic were among resolutions adopted by the one hundred thirty-fourth session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference meeting in annual session at Milton, Wis., August 20-25, 1946.

Carrying a full program of both business and inspiration, the Conference of Sabbath-keeping Baptists was marked by the largest attendance of delegates in recent history with church members and leaders present from all parts of the nation. President of the Conference, P. B. Hurley, businessman from Riverside, Calif., presided at all of the meetings and emphasized throughout the theme for the gathering, “First Things First.”

Notable among the undertakings authorized by the official body of the denomination was the doubling of the amount to be raised in a special fund designated for rehabilitation of missionary enterprises. Started one year ago as a two-year project, the undertaking has been called the Second Century Fund to commemorate the beginning in 1947 of the second hundred years of foreign mission work by the group. The goal has now been set at twice the figure originally named. Another outstanding feature financially was the over-subscription of the United Budget for the year, announced as an accomplishment seldom realized in the history of the denomination.

Complete texts of the resolutions are as follows:

Whereas our belief in the freedom of the individual conscience leads to regret that during the recent war many were penalized by imprisonment or by commitment to Civilian Public Service as conscientious objectors pay for their work and ineligible for the government’s benefits to those who for conscience’ sake joined the military service, and whereas many of these men are still in prison and in Civilian Public Service while members of the armed forces are being rapidly released; therefore be it

Resolved, That we convey to President Harry S. Truman our earnest desire and hope that amnesty and restoration of civil liberties and rights be granted to the conscientious objectors now in prison, and that those now in Civilian Public Service be released when they have served a period of time comparable to that of those drafted into the armed forces of the United States.

Whereas strong forces are advocating a calendar revision which would destroy the continuity of the days of the week and are urging this change upon the government of the United States and upon the United Nations; and whereas the week has come down unchanged from time immemorial and millions of people hold religiously sacred either the first day or the seventh day of the week and the obliteration of these days would constitute the cruellest kind of religious persecution to all Christians and Jews who conscientiously observe a specific day of the week as a day of rest and worship; therefore be it

Resolved, That we represent and declare our sincerest opposition to any change of the calendar, such as the so-called “World Calendar,” which would destroy the continuity of the days of the week, and be it further resolved that we bring this resolution to the attention of the President and Congress of the United States and urge our people to enlighten others concerning the dangers to religion and conscience inherent in this proposed “World Calendar.”

Aware of the fact that the legalized liquor traffic is responsible for much immorality, alcoholism, and irreligion and many of the traffic accidents in our country; be it

Resolved, That we will not neglect to teach our children the dangers of intoxicating liquor, and that we appeal to our young adults to use their influence against the practice of social drinking; and be it further

Resolved, That we call upon the members of all our churches to use every means possible under the laws of their several states to restrict the advertising and sale of alcoholic beverages.

SOME WHO ATTENDED

Alfred, N. Y.

Among the Alfred people attending the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, held at Milton, Wis., in August, were the following: Pastor and Mrs. Everett T. Harris and three sons; Dr. J. Nelson Norwood; Dr. and Mrs. Paul C. Saunders, Hannah, Stephen, and Philip; Dean and Mrs. A. E. Whitford; Dean and Mrs. A. J. Bond; Dean Dora Degen; Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall; Mrs. Luella Straight; Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn; George Stillman; Charles Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Polan; Genevieve and Donald Polan; Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw; Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis; Ray Burdick; and Theodore Hibbard. — Alfred Sun.

Interior of Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church

“The main chapel of the Milton church . . . was full to capacity.”

(See page 193 for summary report of General Conference.)

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REPORTING BY LAY PEOPLE

A letter from one of our ministers came to the editor's desk a few weeks ago, a letter which carried the following significant paragraph:

I am trying to devise some way to get the reporting for the Recorder done by lay people. I have been trying, but not hard enough, for a year.

There is a basic statement—to get the reporting done by lay people. The lay people, when properly trained, should be contributing to this Sabbath Recorder. If the Recorder is to serve its purpose to the fullest extent, all of its readers must contribute to it in some way. Possibly you can serve as official reporter for your church or volunteer to do so if your group does not now have a reporter. If you are asked to serve, do not refuse. While it does take time and effort, reporting is not difficult. Careful heed to a few fundamental rules of writing and preparing a manuscript is all that is necessary. The matter is discussed briefly, but adequately, in an editorial printed in the June 24 issue.

All of us, from time to time, have inspired thoughts that should be shared with Recorder readers. Perhaps a bit of poetry has given you special help, or your contribution happens to comments, a sense of unity, strengthens one to say no, recognizes God's leadership, gives one a sense of God's hand on one's shoulder, strengthens one's humility, helps to steady one for his daily problems, a daily reminder of God's sovereignty. The words of grace are the dynamo of our spiritual life that electrifies our feelings and sparks our association with others for good with its invisible current into the fibers of the family life.

If one is in a public dining room for a meal, the act of saying grace should be silent, to avoid ostentation. If at the morning meal, where the family often comes together, the head of the house should show his leadership, with small children repeating together their childhood thanksgiving verse.

The excuse that we have not time or in the event we have guests for a meal who are of a different faith, to ignore the saying of grace, is repugnant, yet many homes pass by this simple and reverent approach to God in heaven. Jesus gave thanks that he felt the thousand. Can we justify neglect in case of such irrefutable evidence?

Let us give thanks as we break bread consistently, repeatedly, and sincerely. The golden blessings accruing to the individuals participating may not be visible and cannot be heard, but surely become a part of one's being. — The Presbyterian.

EVERYDAY REMINDERS

How apt was the Master in making use of everyday reminders of things tending to point to God.

His work was largely among the poor. His Spirit, transform vile sinners into ornaments of righteousness. The spirit of righteousness makes one's thoughts in one direction toward the Giver of all good. The blessings, before each meal, received for thanking God for a day's work, is a daily reminder of God's sovereignty, of our world, and of the fellowship. The, act of saying grace is a daily reminder of things tending to point to God. God's gifts are to be shared with those of another faith. The selfsame grace, so carefully preserved by Adam and Eve hid in the garden after the beginning. It is strange how evildoers forget that thing when they are committing the evil in a dark corner, or at least in secret.

Sin has caused embarrassment even from the beginning. It is recorded that Adam and Eve hid themselves in the garden after the sin. The spiritual blindness of the spirit of evil have always been in conflict in our world, and evil has always had to be ashamed and hide itself from the brilliance and purity of righteousness. The more righteousness asserts itself and lets its light shine, the more evil will have to hide in the dark and be ashamed and embarrassed.

Let's look at John 3: 19 again. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil,"
When Jesus came into the world evil had become pretty bold, but the perfectly pure life of the Christian漫长, such a brilliant contrast that evil stood condemned and ashamed wherever he met it. In the presence of Christ, at his own dinner table the embarrassment of Zacchaeus became so acute that he made a full confession and set himself and his family right before his God and his fellow townsman.

Righteousness never needs to be ashamed or embarrassed. The more it is lighted, the brighter it shines before men, that they may see your light and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

In solving the problems of world peace these verses apply as urgently as at any time since they were written. Righteousness and justice and truth do not need "iron curtains." In our personal lives they never need to be ashamed or embarrassed. In reflecting in our own lives the light that shone in the perfect character of Jesus Christ we can be bold; not unbecomingly bold, but modestly bold, courageously unembarrassed to challenge evil and champion righteousness.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 1946
Jesus and the Law of Strangers

NEW DIRECTOR
Thomas A. Rymer, senior secretary of the Army and Navy Department of the YMCA, has been elected director of the General Commission of the United Christian and Navy Chaplains according to an announcement at the headquarters of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

In his new post Mr. Rymer succeeds Bishop Edwin F. Lee, who resigned at the end of last year to resume his work of the Methodist Church in the Far East. Mr. Rymer is a Presbyterian layman.

The United Budget of Conference is over the top! By $600 or more, mind you! What does that overflow require? First, a united people—united in desire and purpose, and one in consecration to Christ's kingdom. Second, a willing people—willing to be led into a worthy program. Third, money—not a moneymoon, please note! Then comes an overflow, and our denomination is able to go forward, putting first things first.

This united, willing, and giving people will continue their support in this task which Seventh Day Baptists are endeavoring to accomplish for Christ.

David S. Clarke, Secretary.

CAMPERS SEE MOTION PICTURES
Boys and girls and leaders of Lewis Camp this year were given a special presentation when moving pictures were shown in one of the camp buildings by Karl G. Stillman of Westerly, R. I.

Depicted on the screen were scenes of the Seventh Day Baptist annual conferences covering the past nine years. Familiar views were much enjoyed by the parents. In addition to these pictures were beautiful scenes of New Hampshire shown in technicolor—Westly Sun.

END OF WORLD
"Our earth is degenerate in these latter days. There are signs that the world is coming to an end. Children no longer obey their parents. Everybody wants to write their own book. The end of the world is near. . . ."
No, this was not said by a religious educator of the 49th postwar scene, but by a Baptist priest in 4000 B.C. —W. W. Reid.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

THE SECOND CENTURY FUND

The Milton Conference Declared Outstanding

THE MOST inspirational, the most encouraging, the most successful, the most largely attended—that is the way old-timers characterized the one hundred thirty-fourth annual General Conference of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination held in Milton, Vt., September 20-23, 1946. The opening session on Tuesday morning brought out the largest first session attendance in the memory of many present. The main chapel of the Milton church, where all of the general meetings were held, was full to capacity. The parlors at the rear were open and special bleachers were constructed in the balcony. Loud speakers carried the proceedings to an overflow audience in the base ment of the church.

After congregational singing and special music, President Perley B. Hurlay officially opened the Conference and reminded the delegates of the theme to pervade the gathering—"First Things First—Seek Ye First the Kingdom." The address of welcome was given by Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, pastor of the local church, and the response was made by O. B. Bond of Lost Creek, W. Va.

Following the appointment of committees and the presentation of numerous reports, Rev. Clyde A. Thetet of North Loup, Neb., read from the Scriptures and Rev. Erlo E. Sutton of Denver, Colo., offered prayer. The morning worship was continued by Rev. Theodore Sutton of Salisbury, Va., who took for his theme, "The Altar of Faith." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton.

Tuesday afternoon's program consisted of an informal reception for women, a time for getting acquainted and renewing acquaintance, the meeting of committees, and a men's sing under the direction of Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station, N. Y. The youthful section was treated to a fellowship supper in the Milton Junction Methodist church.

Features of the first evening's session were a presentation of "The Story," a cast of 94, with Kenneth A. Babcock of Milton, Wisc., as the narrator and "The Missionary," a cast of 84, with Roy H. Coon of Richburg, N. Y., reading Scripture and offering prayer. A dramatized devotional, "Seek Ye First," was presented by a cast of six from the people from Battle Creek, Mich. Christian Rural Fellowship was discussed by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va.

Featured speaker of the hour was Dr. Aaron R. Rapking, professor at Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tenn., and representative of the Board of Mission Extension of the Methodist Church. His message dealt with man's relationship to the demands of nature and the needs of society.

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In the evening Dean Bond gave the Scripture and prayer, followed by the sermon, "Gospel Rest and the Sabbath," delivered by Rev. C. H. Dickinson. "The Engrafted Word" was the sermon topic. Following the sermon, the singing session was conducted by Rev. A. L. Wheeler. The opening devotional period was conducted by Leland Davis, committee chairman from Shiloh, N. J., and the Battle Creek young people presented another dramatized devotional on the Conference theme, "Seek Ye First." Rev. John Randolph of Berea, W. Va., began the service with prayer, and Rev. E. H. Bottoms of Leonardsville, N. Y., pronounced the benediction.

**Tract Society**

Interests of the American Sabbath Tract Society were given attention on Thursday afternoon. The president of the society, Franklin A. Langworthy of Plainfield, N. J., was introduced by Dr. H. C. Van Horn, who has just retired as corresponding secretary of the society and editor of the Sabbath Recorder after more than fifteen years of service. The new editor, K. Duane Hurley, led a symposium on Tract Society activities including writing, publishing, financing, and distributing tracts and other Christian literature. The value of publicity of this sort was emphasized by L. H. North, manager of the publishing house, Plainfield, N. J.; Courtland V. Davis, recording secretary of the society, Plainfield; Pastor Wheeler from Battle Creek; and Rev. Harold E. Smite, pastor of the church. The sermon for the afternoon was preached by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary-elect. His subject was "Faith, Fields, and Future."

The evening service was held in Scripture and prayer by Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, Washington, D. C., and the evening program was introduced by Dr. H. C. Van Horn, the sermon, "Ye Are the Temple of God," delivered by Chaplain Wayne R. Rood, who in September joins the ministry of the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y.

**Missionary Work**

Missionary interests were spotlighted during the Friday morning meeting. The president of the Missionary Society, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Weston, R. I., was in charge. Field work was discussed by Rev. David S. Clarke, assistant corresponding secretary of the society. Rev. Zack White, missionary pastor from Arkansas, considered home missionary work. Foreign work was presented by Dr. George Thornate, for many years medical missionary to China, and more recently an officer in the Navy. Karl G. Stillman, treasurer of the Missionary Society, gave an encouraging report about the Second Century Fund, special emphasis being placed on a campaign for rehabilitation of mission interest.

Highlight of the morning was a dramatization by a cast from Alfred, N. Y., of the story of an outstanding denominational missionary. Entitled "Susie Burbick Sets Her Face Toward China," the play was enacted by Mrs. Helen M. McFate, Ruth Langworthy, George Thorngate, and Mrs. L. Ray Polan. Mrs. George Thorngate acted as narrator. Scripture and prayer at the beginning of the session were given by Francis D. Saunders, pastor from Marlboro, N. J.

**Women's Bureau**

Miss Mabel Head, official observer at sessions of the United Nations for the United Council of Church Women, was featured speaker during the Friday afternoon meeting, which was devoted to women's interests.

With the president of the Women's Board in charge, Mrs. James L. Skaggs of Susie, W. Va., the meeting centered around the theme of co-operation. "Co-operation in Operation" was the subject for Vivian B. Wells, Wellsboro, Pa., who was returning soldier from Salem, W. Va., discussed Christian responsibility for world peace. Mr. Paul McFate, pastor of the Church of God, visited the Florida Circuit, conducted the opening devotional session. Inspiring moments of consecration in worship and music closed the session, which was followed by a formal tea and reception for guests in the church basement.

The Sabbath eve service on Friday included a sermon by Rev. H. H. Loofburro, the annual sermon of Farina, Ill.; special music by the Conference choir and a male quartet; hymn singing by the young people; and a program of testimony and consecration conducted by Rev. George B. Shaw, resigned minister from Alfred, N. Y.

Sabbath services were given over entirely to regular worship services. A communion service was held at 9 a.m. in the Milton church, conducted by Rev. W. D. Burdick and Rev. Edwin B. Shaw, both of Milton.

Two morning worship services were held simultaneously, one in Milton and the other in Milton Junction, and both meeting places were filled to overflowing. Rev. Everett T. Harris and Dean Bond, both of Alfred, brought the sermons using the same subject, "Choose Ye This Day."

The afternoon worship program centered around the theme of "Rest and the Battle Creek young people presented another dramatized devotional on the Conference theme, "Seek Ye First." Rev. John Randolph of Berea, W. Va., began the service with prayer, and Rev. E. H. Bottoms of Leonardsville, N. Y., pronounced the benediction.

**Special Music**

Special music was part of each service, the Conference choir, directed by Leman H. Stringer, providing the anthem and incidental music for the Milton services. Elizabeth Daland was organist. At Milton Junction, Gladys Fitz Randolph was guest organist, and the chorister was Ivan Fitz Randolph. The L'Aeolians, a women's ensemble from Los Angeles, Calif., directed by Lois Wells, also sang during the Sabbath service and were prominently featured throughout the Conference period.

The evening after the Sabbath was turned over to the young people, who reported on the various summer camps held during their vacation. Their program, announced by Pastor Zwibel, was replete with special numbers of music, both vocal and instrumental. As was the case each evening during Conference, the first several rows of seats in the auditorium were filled with young people who began the evening with ensemble singing of gospel songs led by Kenneth Babcock.

A thrilling conclusion for the formal part of the evening, when over twenty young men and women pledged themselves to full-time Christian service as ministers or missionaries, was the regular service colored slides and motion pictures were shown.

Sunday activities began early in the morning with a fellowship breakfast attended by over one hundred eighty young people. A major portion of the general session of the morning was devoted to final business. A part of each service was given over to such matters, with the entire delegation showing an unusual interest.

"This is the first time I ever had to go early to a church business meeting in order to find a seat," said a member of the first session. The sermons on Sunday were of a strong evangelistic nature, appropriately encouraging the delegates to go back to their churches with a new vision for service. Rev. Gerald H. Hargis of Los Angeles, Calif., preached in the morning using as a theme, "Why Did Jesus Come?" Rev. Lester G. Osborn of Shiloh, N. J., spoke in the afternoon, using the challenging topic, "Seventh Day Baptists Forward." Summing up the message of the entire Conference, Chaplain Leon Malby of Fort Hood, Texas, brought the closing sermon on "That Margin of Power." During the closing meetings Scripture and prayer were given by Rev. Verney A. Wilson, Nortonville, Kan.; Theodore Hibbard, student of Alfred Theological Seminary, Rev. Burchard Louisbourough, New Auburn, Wis.; Rev. James L. Skaggs, Salem, W. Va.; and Rev. Ralph Soper, Gentry, Ark.

New churches in Washington, D. C., and Putnam County, Fla., were welcomed in as members of General Conference by Mr. Osborn, acting in his capacity as a vice-president of the group, and Mr. Harris, completing a term as vice-president, extended the right hand of fellowship to a number of ministers newly accredited. F. W. Wade, Succes. Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, Ralph Soper, Harold E. Smite, C. Harmon Dickinson, Victor Skaggs, Zack White, and Wardner Fitz Randolph. Mr. Harris was elected president of General Conference for the coming year with the 1947 session to be held at Westhey, R. I. Chosen to serve on the Commission (Continued on page 199)
Christian Education

Rev. Horley Sutton, Alfred Station, N. Y.
Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptists Board of Christian Education

Young People Have Extensive Activities at Conference
About One Hundred Eighty Are Present to Participate

It was most encouraging to see about one hundred eighty young people at Conference. Kenneth Babcock led the retreat class in singing which was a preparation for the youth sing each night of Conference. It was a real thrill to hear them sing. Those who came in for Conference joined the retreat youth and made a large youth choir.

Young people helped with dramatized devotion, the Conference choir, led early morning prayer, and evening prayer groups, had a special supper two nights, had a fun night on Thursday after the night program, and there were one hundred eighty out for the six o’clock breakfast on Sunday.

The Conference youth program was Saturday night when the camps were reported by youth and a few pastors. As part of the retreat report those who are in school for the older boys and girls, and also a party on Saturday night on Thursday after the night program, Mrs. Curtis of Riverside, Calif., conducted meetings for the older boys and girls. It was my pleasure to help at one of these meetings and also a part of the group in a presentation of the missionary program of the denomination. My class was a study of youth work in the local church with emphasis on plans for the full year and special work on planning and conducting worship services.

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT IS WELL ATTENDED

Young people responded to the call for a pre-Conference retreat in a very encouraging way. There were forty-eight present, for all the program, and two for part, making a total of 50.

The Verona, N. Y., Church really deserved the banner for number and distance traveled. There were seven, Alden Vierow, Mayola and Dave Williams, Muriel Sholtis, William Arthur, Duane Davis, and Warren Stone.

Representing Battle Creek were Bob Feth, Dick Maxson, Evelyn Wilkinson and Arthur Miller. From California came Dale Curtis of the Riverside Church. Sydney Davis and Rosella Godfrey were from Hammond, Ind. The Los Angeles Church sent Lenora Williams, May and Alois Randolph, and Tom Bond. Irene Baldwin was from the Leonardville Church. Alfreda Maltby was from the Adams Center Church; Lloyd, Jean, and Marion Coon from Richburg, N. C.; Clayton Stearns from Hebron, Pa.; Mary Jane Ormasy and Stanley Harris of Alfred; Elizabeth Ann Ormasy of Alfred

Station, N. Y.; Verna Mae, Wilma, and Alice Stephan of Nortonville, Kan.; Paul and Marilyn Sholtis from Chicago, Ill.; Jean Bailey and Jean Davis from Plainfield, N. J.; Arden Pederson and Warren North from New Burbank, Wis. From Milton were Marjorie Burdick, Jerry Davis, George Hurley, Beverly Burdick, Margaret Coon, Gene Michel, Howard Goodwin, Douglas Shaw, and Dorothy Hulett, Dorothy Heining. From Milton Junction there were Oscar and May Burdick.

Neil Crandall of Hammond and Rex Brewer of Riverside were there part of the time.

There is much to say about the fine way these young people responded to the call for work and cooperation. It was a whole-hearted response and certainly much was accomplished because of this response.

Rev. David Clarke led the group in a presentation of the missionary program of the denomination. My class was a study of youth work in the local church with emphasis on plans for the full year and special work on planning and conducting worship services.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bond and Mrs. Harry Babcock were counselors; Rev. Orville W. Babcock and Pastor Rex Zwiebel were co-directors; Rev. Kenneth Van Horn and Rev. Elmo F. Randolph were in charge of recreation; and Mr. Kenneth Babcock led the music class.

At a social service of dedication a number of leaders were present for full-time Christian service, some for the first public declaration.

From both young people and staff members came statements regarding the value received from the retreat. It will be hard to measure the results.

DATES SET FOR CONVENTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

July 23-27, 1947, are dates set for the Twenty-Second General and Governmental Christian Education which will bring together an estimated ten thousand volunteer Bible school teachers, superintendents, and officers, according to Dr. G. L. Sholtis, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education. Sponsored by the Council, whose president is the Hon. Harold F. Stassen, the convention will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, he stated.

Religious Education Week

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

June 18, 1946.

Dear Dr. Ross:

I am glad to note that the sixteenth observance of Religious Education Week under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education will be held September 29 to October 6, 1946. It is my earnest hope that this observance will serve to emphasize the basic importance for democracy of religious education.

Since I wrote to you a year ago our last Axis foe has surrendered. I fear, however, that our task is not yet ended. We are learning day by day that peace imposes responsibilities not less arduous than the tasks of active warfare.

Of one thing we are certain and that is that we cannot build an enduring peace structure unless we build it on Christian principles. Religious instruction inculcates belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

These basic religious concepts are not intuitive; they must be learned; to be learned they must be taught. Unless they are learned the structure of democracy will crumble for want of moral cement; progress of democracy will halt for lack of spiritual dynamic. Democracy cannot neglect the religious nurture of its children, youth, and adults.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Truman.

Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary,
The International Council of Religious Education,
201 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago 1, Ill.

Religious Education Week will be observed by 225,000 Protestant churches of forty denominations throughout the United States, Canada, as well as 173 state, provincial, and city councils of churches and religious education, according to Dr. Ross. Governmental, educational, and civic agencies will also have a part in many communities in an effort to give further emphasis to Christian teaching, he stated.
United Council of Church Women to Meet

The third biennial assembly of the United Council of Church Women will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., from November 11 to 15, according to announcement made by Mrs. Harper Sibley, president, and Mrs. Ruth Mougey Worrell, executive secretary. Two thousand women, representing sixty-eight Protestant denominations included in the council's membership, are expected to attend. Representatives from fourteen countries have accepted invitations to attend, and others are expected. Delegates now registered are from Wales, England, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Chile, Japan, China, India, Philippines, Canada, and probably Korea.

"Till we attain to the unity of faith" is the assembly theme. Plenary sessions will be held in the mornings and five luncheons will be held each day, when the theme of the day will be discussed under the leadership of outstanding women. In the afternoons the group will be divided according to the size of the cities from which delegates attend in order that discussions may be held in terms of practical plans and methods of work. The World Church, Christian Social Relations, and Christian World Relations are among the themes to be discussed.

Evening sessions will feature speakers on pertinent themes. On November 11 a reception will be held by the Michigan women in the Pantlind Hotel for everyone attending the meeting.

Headquarters for the meetings will be in the Fountain Street Baptist Church, where all sessions will be held with the exception of the final evening session, to be held in the Civic Auditorium. Plans are being made for representatives of each of the United Nations to be present and participate in the program.

Further details of the meeting may be secured by writing to the United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

DE RUYTER SOCIETY IS ACTIVE DURING CONFERENCE YEAR

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church have held twelve meetings during the past conference year. The total attendance at these meetings was ninety members and thirteen visitors, with the average attendance of a fraction over seven attending each meeting.

During the year two large quilts were pieced and tied which were included in the Civic Auditorium. Plans are being made for representatives of each of the United Nations to be present and participate in the program.

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MILTON CONFERENCE OUTSTANDING

(Continued from page 195)

were Rev. Albert Rogers, chairman; and Kenneth Babcock, Rev. Alton Wheeler, Dr. J. B. Coon, and P. B. Brown, secretaries. Outstanding among the accomplishments of the Milton Conference was the over-subscription of the United Church and the decision to double the Second Century Fund, making the goal $50,000 to be raised by 1947 to increase the scope of mission interests.

A variety of important activities was carried on in addition to the regular Conference program and committee meetings. Each morning two class periods were scheduled, particularly for young people. Rev. Loyd F. Hurley, Chicago, Ill., conducted a Personal Workers class, and Albyn Mackintosh, Los Angeles, Calif., presided over a Living What You Believe class. Each afternoon a Junior Conference was held for first to fourth graders, with Mrs. Arlie Davis, Phoenix, Arix, in charge. The group of little folks gave a demonstration for the large Conference meeting and presented an all-wool rose colored blanket for their Christ- mas gifts.

In April the ladies met to clean the church and York room, and the May activities included the giving of a shower for Mrs. Wheeler and the farewall party for Mrs. Rev. and Mrs. Dickinson and Alfred who left this pastorate May 28 to take up their new duties in Ashaway, R. I. During the course of the party, which incidentally was a com- munity affair, a very lovely maple end table was presented to the Dickson as a farewell gift from the church. Four sunshine boxes have been reported sent to shut-ins, and a gift subscription to the new magazine "The Christian Social Worker" was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper who have been confined to his home with heart trouble for a number of months.

The final event of the year was the June meeting in which the parsonage was cleaned to get it in readiness for the student pastor and wife, and Mrs. and Mr. Edgar Wheeler who have come to help us out this summer. They have expressed their grateful appreciation of the work of the Ladies Aid.

Virginia Burdick,
Secretary.

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of which he became a deacon nearly a year ago. He has a very pleasing tenor voice and takes an important place in the church choir.

Mr. Pieters' new partner is Burton P. Werts, son of Mrs. George McDonough of Olean. In 1936 he was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy and began his career as a sailors' mate in the Navy. After his discharge he became a deacon in St. John's, San Diego, to which he later returned as an instructor. He had experience in, his trade aboard ship. He is chairman of the local council as well as of the national council of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Werts, with his wife, formerly Miss Jeannette Rogers of Jamstown, came to Alfred in February to take a course in the Ag-Tech Institute, Where he became acquainted with Mr. Pieters and interested in the bakery. Their decision to go into partner- nership was welcome news to Alfred people, who will realize that such a combination of partners can hardly be surpassed.

—Alfred Sun.

"You never whitewash yourself by smear- ing somebody else."
THE SABBATH RECORDER


Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.

Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY REVEALS VARIED ACTIVITIES
(A continuation of the One Hundred Fourth Annual Report of the Board of Managers)

IV. Germany
Nothing has come directly to the board during the year from our churches in Germany; but Brother Heinrich Brunn of Hamburg, treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Germany, wrote Dr. Corliss P. Randolph April 1, 1946. Dr. Randolph kindly shared this letter with the Missions Board and it is given below.

Hamburg, 19, den 1 April 1946

Dr. Randolph:

As it is possible to have correspondence again with foreign countries, it shall be the first to do, to write a little letter to you and give a sign of life.

Since a short time ago I have connections with a number of our brothers, sisters, and churches in Germany, and it is very pleasant to hear from them.

The most have lost all goods and chattels, a great number these two years. We feel keenly the situation in a world of sorrow.

(2 Peter 3:3.) But we are still alive and praise the Lord for their merciful help which He kindly gave us. (Romans 12:12.)

This might do for today. I hope to hear as soon from you next.

I send my kindest regards and sympathy to you and to all the good friends.

In all of this my wife, my son Lorenz, our preacher Brother Balke and my friend Anna Saez join me.

Faithfully yours,

Heinrich Brunn.

The committee to promote the Second Century Fund plans to send a representative to Germany for the purpose of learning their needs and encouraging them.

V. Holland and Java

At the time of the last annual report, very little was known about conditions in Holland and Java. This was because, on account of the war, communication had been impossible. But during the year several letters have been received from Brother G. Zijlstra and Pastor A. Pieter Taekema. From these letters we learn that our brethren in Holland have suffered severely from the war, but are carrying on with enthusiasm in the work which the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Holland were fostering, has fared worse. Some Sev-

enth Day Baptists lost their lives during the war, and others have returned to Holland.

During the war we were unable to send the usual appropriation to support the work in Holland and the churches took care of the work financially. The past year they have concluded they are able to continue this, and have notified the board to that effect, expressing their gratitude for the help in years past.

VI. Jamaica, British West Indies

Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph has continued as representative of the board in Jamaica, and from all reports it has been a prosperous year.

Pastors H. Grant and C. S. Lyons and Mrs. Emily Smilie have continued as pastors throughout the year, and others have been engaged in the work part of the year. Among other members of the board are Dr. Vernon Burke, A. S. Finn, and R. Henriques.

During the year the board bought property adjoining the church owned by the board in Kingston. This property is now being used as a parsonage and for church purposes, and can be used as a school, if a school should be located in Kingston.

The board plans to send a representative to Jamaica this fall for the purpose of encouraging the workers and advising regarding the work. Also the board is arranging to bring a student to Alfred this fall who is preparing for the Christian ministry.

VII. British Guiana, South America

For a number of years, Seventh Day Baptists in British Guiana, under the leadership of William A. Berry, have carried forward the work without financial help. Churches were organized, and after a time our Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England, gave substantial aid to the workers. After the war broke out, the London Church was unable to send them help and the Missionary Board made a small appropriation to aid Pastor William A. Berry to continue the work. The churches increased till there were about 200 members; but last winter (January 15, 1946) Brother Berry passed away after a lingering illness and the work was left in uncertainty.

It is hoped, however, that the war is over, the London Church will again be able to direct the work in British Guiana.

VIII. Home Field

When our forefathers, one hundred four years past, founded the Missionary Society, they organized it to promote both home and foreign missions. This past year the board has been able to send them help during the war, and others have returned to Holland.

It is decided to have correspondence again during the year from the Baptist Preachers in British Guiana, under the leadership of Pastor N. H. Grant, and R. Henriques.

During the year the board bought property in the name of Rev. William L. Burdick, Westerly, R. I., has been recognized as pastor of the board; but to date the board has not aid in his support.
Children's Page

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Tuesday, June 4. What a strange feeling to leave my country, if only for a day or two. We passed Canadian inspection at the border: Maine and New Brunswick, and from St. John took a boat, Princess Helen, in order to cross the Bay of Fundy. We couldn't sleep much on the boat until morning, because the tide in this bay is seventy feet—very dangerous and the highest in the world. Next morning we sailed and in a few hours landed in Nova Scotia. We drove to Halifax, the city where Aunt Dorothy was born and lived when she was our colleague in Halifax and they were just planting their flowers in June. This is the land of Evangeline—a story of the French and Indian War, written in poetry by the New England writer—Longfellow.

Sabbath, June 8. On our return from Halifax to New York City we came along the Atlantic Coast where we could see the ocean most of the time. We came through Bangor and Portland, Me.; Gloucester, Mass., famous for its fishing; Salem, Mass., where long ago people were burned at the stake for witchcraft; and Newburyport to get our mail, and I received eleven letters from home; then we returned to New Bedford to Aunt Dorothy's stepmother's rest and mail, ready for our long voyage. Here I got to talk to my home folks over the telephone. It was grand to hear their voices.

Tuesday, June 25. This is a red letter day—the beginning of my first ocean voyage; we sail at 3 p.m. on the S.S. Argentina for New York. We must have headed into the wind, as her name would indicate. She has been a luxury liner on the South American run, and the signs—"Emergency" and the "signs—"Emergency"—were just right. The Atlantic was a beautiful big ship and absolutely safe. We had a parade the day of the show and since I had my baton along to practice with, I got the people interested in the show. It was silly—nobody seemed to march very well; but we had lots of fun trying, and the adults had fun laughing at us. We had one more movie, another "Irish get-together" at which both children and adults played games such as "musical chairs," sang songs, had spelling contests, etc.

We must have headed into the North Atlantic for almost all of the twenty-four hours was daylight; seemed to me. We had three days of warm, smooth sailing, then rough and stormy till the last day. But we didn't get seasick.

The passengers were mostly English and Irish, going home for the first time since the war. Among them were eight Catholic priests, one of whom bestowed his blessing on me. Uncle Joe's request, however, we were Presbyterian and Seventh Day Baptist. I discovered when we went to church on ship board that only about 10 to 15 per cent were Protestant—the remaining were Catholic and Jewish. Out of five hundred passengers, three hundred of them were Catholic. As we disembarked we sang "Old Lang Syne."—I sort of felt like crying and I looked up and saw tears on Uncle Joe's face, too. We left the Argentine seven days after the day we sailed. My next letter will be from Ireland. Sincerely,

Vineta Vincent.

Dear Venita: Just a line to let you know that I'm enjoying my trip and am looking forward to your next one. Your Christian friend,

Mizaph S. Greene.
WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

De Ruyter, N. Y.

Lyman A. Coon, well known and highly respected proprietor of our local I. G. A. store, after thirty-six years of service to the buying public, has decided to retire from the business.

When asked what he intended to do now, Mr. Coon replied that he was going to enjoy a much needed vacation for a time at least. All who have traded with or known Mr. Coon personally, regret to see him retire from business. We all wish him luck in whatever new venture he may undertake.

—De Ruyter Gleaner.

Salemville, Pa.

The annual church business meeting was held the evening of July 14. The usual day meeting preceded by dinner was waived this year due to the nearness to the association. Election of officers was as follows: moderator, Jerome Boyd; clerk, Sherman Kagadse; treasurer, Albert Blough; pianist, Mrs. Mildred Robinette, and assistant, Mrs. Mary Blough; chorister, Miss Carol Kagarise, and assistant, Warren Lippincott; junior superintendent, Pastor Sutton, and assistant, Mrs. Sutton; church correspondent, Mrs. Mary Blough; trustee for three years, John Kagarise; and solicitor, Jerome Boyd.

The Junior Fellowship elected officers for the coming year as follows: president, Shirley Boyd; vice-president, Floyd Robinette; secretary, Denise Kagarise; assistant secretary, Lois Kagarise; treasurer, Albert Ranker; assistant treasurer, Dennis Mellott. Mrs. Sutton will act as cashier.

The union Sabbath school picnic of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist groups was held at Bortz's Woods Sunday, August 11. Although the day was cool a fair number gathered for this fellowship.

The young people's camp sponsored by the Southeastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches was held August 4-9, 1946 at 4-H Camp Caesar ten miles southwest of Webster Springs, W. Va. The five staff members were Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Lost Creek, W. Va.; Miss Greta F. Randolph, Middle Island (New Milton, W. Va.); Rev. Charles H. Bond, Little Geneseo, N. Y.; Miss Carol Kagarise and Pastor Sutton, Salemville (New Enterprise, Pa.). There were forty-seven campers of which eleven were from Salemville churches, ten from ours and one from the German Seventh Day Baptist church.

During the week following the association Rev. Leslie O. Greene of Salem, W. Va., visited several homes and spoke at services during the weekend of July 5-7. Mr. Greene is promoter of evangelism and his work is sponsored by the Women's Board. He emphasized personal Christian work.

—Church Echo.

Alfred, N. Y.

Henry E. Pieters, local baker since 1915, is about to take a partner in his business. Mr. Pieters came to Alfred from Haarlem, Holland, in 1907. He came here because friends from Holland had preceded him here. After he had been here a year and a half, he went to Shiloh, N. J., where he started a bakery. There he remained for six years, during which time he was married.

In 1915, he came back to Alfred and since then the Pieters Bakery has been continuously an important part of the business of Alfred. The superiority of his baked goods has won him a wide reputation.

Henry Pieters has long been a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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