PRAYING HANDS

Those praying hands! What saint of old didst raise
In some far, dim-lit cell, those hands in prayer,
With uplift face in solemn vesper hour?
No soul of feeble spirit could these claim
For writ upon their lines is strength indeed;
And love of art and beauty is portrayed
In grace of slender fingers that are held
So reverently together as they pray.

But, ah! Those hands! Those praying hands do speak
So much that stirs my heart, that I could think
They are the very hands of Christ Himself.
Can we not see their gentleness as they
On heads of little children soft were laid?
Their strength as clasping hand of friend
They sent Love's thought pulsating to His heart?
And reaching out to cleanse and heal and bless,
They found in service here their purest joy?
Did He not lift them even so to God
When in Gethsemane alone He prayed?
Cannot we read in them the strain
Those drops of sweat upon His suffering brow?

O praying hands! I kneel here—for they call
My soul to worship in so strange a way
That I can only see them as Thy hands
And where the cruel nails pierce them through.

O Lord, teach us to pray as Thou didst pray,
And only let us go when we have learned.

The Christian Church is at crisis today. This is a "decisive moment" in the life of the community of believers. A "turning point" has been reached in kingdom affairs. Pessimism is giving way to optimism. Defeatism is being defeated by determination. Obstancy in the individual and in the group is being overcome by obedience to our one Lord Christ. People realize increasingly that they must dare all for Him or they are all doomed. The forces of evil are storming the strongholds of Christian faith and "spearheading" the ills of society. Subtly, yet surely, the sinister forces of Satan push their attack. But, thank God, the friendly forces of Christ are alert and, in struggle after struggle, are routing the enemy as frontier after frontier is won for Him.

Witness the victories in personal Christian living. Understand people that to be Christian is to be Christlike. They understand that this means every area of thought and speech and action must be brought more nearly into harmony with Christ's holy will. They know that they must be all His always, or they cannot be any part His anyway.

The victorious life is the one in which man acts upon what he understands to be Christlike. Just as a man suffers who violates the laws of nature, which are the laws of God, so he suffers spiritually who violates the laws of his spiritual being, which are the laws of God. Not only does such a man suffer, but also he shuts out the opportunity of spiritual improvement of his life and yields an unworthy influence, thus leading astray those who look to him for guidance. The victorious person practices Christlike-ness.

Again, behold the dynamic and the daring of a Christ-controlled group. When the mind of Christ is accepted as the mind of the group, the Church of Christ is on the march against the invasion of sin. When the spirit and purpose of Christ become the spirit and purpose of the group, the Church of Christ becomes invincible and invincible. When the sacrificial love and service of Christ completely engage the group, the Church of Christ is ministering to the ills and needs of the war-weary, sin-sick world.

The victorious Church is comprised of victorious people.

Do doubt this has been the case in each succeeding generation of growing Christians. At least we are willing to take the word of their witness. Yet, when we ourselves have the experience of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, we know that we have been raised out of death unto life. And, having been brought out of death into life by the sacrifice of His Son, we would constantly and consistently seek to share this the greatest of all gifts and the most blessed of all blessings.

However, both as individuals and as a group we need fresh inspiration and new

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME
By Rev. Harold R. Crandall
Pastor, Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church
Westerly, R. I.

We are happy that you are here. For more than a year we have been looking forward to this time. We would be glad to have you meet for the sessions of Conference in our Church, but lack of rooms and offices would make that inconvenient. But we are proud to welcome you to this beautiful high school building, named in honor of a Seventh Day Baptist of Colonial days—Governor of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and a member of the Continental Congress at the time of his death in 1776, a short time before he would have been one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Very early in the history of Seventh Day Baptists the coming together of those from different localities was considered of much importance. As early as 1684 a yearly meeting of those in Newport and Westerly was established.

The records tell us that "In 1762 the General Meeting was laid down." However, this vision, as Seventh Day Baptists we are uniquely blessed in this respect. The General Conference offers and affords fresh inspiration and new views. The "Savred to Serve." We welcome you to our homes, to our Church, to the facilities of this building, and to Westerly.

WOOD PULP FOR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
The German Protestant Churches need thousands of hymnals. The World Council of Churches has $50,000 for the purchase of hymnals that would buy or print 50,000 hymnals in German in the United States or in England. Instead of this the Council spent the $50,000 for wood pulp, which it has shipped to Germany. Meanwhile 450 German printers and other workers will be given employment at a cost of only ten cents each. The Council plans to purchase more wood pulp for the printing of Christian literature in Germany.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME
By Rev. Carroll L. Hill
President, Milton College, Milton, Wis.

Mr. President, Pastor Crandall, members of our host Churches, and friends:

It is a happy privilege to deliver this address to you for the sessions of the General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists in this beautiful high school building. It is a privilege to bring with all our hearts we are happy to assemble with you here in the region where Seventh Day Baptists have their origin on this continent. That our coming has been anticipated we are left without doubt. We have been welcomed to your homes and now to the sessions of the General Conference. In addition to this we note that the city of Westerly has devised a system of one-way driving at the time of Conference. It is a Westerly Sun of yesterday hints editorially that now the police will have more time to be on hand looking after the few frantic strangers. There is wisdom in it.

We note the unusually attractive lawns and foliage of New England and feel assured that they have been prepared especially for our critical eyes. Not only this, and not only in the words of our genial host, Pastor Harold R. Crandall, but also in the homes and greetings of New England Seventh Day Baptists we have been made welcome. We are glad that we have come.

To some of us, indeed perhaps all of us, this is something of a pilgrimage. It brings us back to the area of our Mother Church, where we tread again on the holy ground of the struggles and victories of bygone days. Sometimes the old conflict is kept alive by the flames of our hearts at the altar by the young men whose words bespeak of the day when the services and gifts of the young men shall clothe us and there will be seen the hands and faces of our forefathers. As we hear your words of welcome and as our hearts are warmed by them, we hear through them the echoes of other voices reminding us that we are old indeed and that there are many who will be looking for your greetings—we treasure them. Thank you for your hospitality — it delights us. Thank you for the extension of your hand, so long ago, that has afforded us this opportunity to relight the flames of our hearts at the altar of Seventh Day Baptist origin.

KARL G. STILLMAN
Pastor
New Conference President

At the closing session of the General Conference held with the Pawtucket Church, Westerly, R. I., August 19-24, 1947, Mr. Karl G. Stillman was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Stillman is chairman of the Second Century Fund Committee which hopes and plans to bring its campaign to a successful conclusion by December 31, 1947. Also, Mr. Stillman has served as treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society for nearly sixteen years.

Other Officers
Others officers elected to serve the General Conference for the year, 1947-48, were: First Vice-President, Elof F. Randolph, Milton, Wis.; Second Vice-President, Duane Hurley, El Monte, Calif.; Third Vice-President, Charles F. Harris, Shiloh, N. J.; Recording Secretary, Paul C. Saunders, Alfred, N. Y.; Assistant Recording Secretary, Neal D. Mills, New Auburn, Wis.; Corresponding Secretary, Courtland V. Davis, Somerville, N. J.; Treasurer, James H. Coon, Milton, Wis.; Denominational Budget, L. Milton Van Horn, Milton, Wis.
Chairman, Second Century Fund, and Treasurer,

The year 1946-1947 brought us many problems as it did to all lines of endeavor during this first full postwar year. General business was confronted with difficulties in making a transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy—and so were we! The large volume of war work to be done enabled business to cut its costs and pay off much of its indebtedness—and so did we! Business has been struggling to coordinate its activities and expand on the increased postwar market—meet increased pent-up demands—and so have we!

"Spadework"

We are not satisfied with our achievements as they are reflected in our financial statements but we believe real progress has been made, laying the foundation for future developments which should be outstandingly good. We have been doing "spadework," pursuing a broadening of the basis of our work, with the final inevitable harvest just ahead.

Encouraging Comparisons

Some comparisons with last year are interesting and indicate the way we are heading. Our total assets now are $1,789,599 as compared with $1,632,178.05 one year ago, an increase of $146,421.25. Our net worth at the end of this Conference year amounts to $2,027,909.70 whereas last year it totaled $1,822,193.67. This shows a healthy increase of $515,716.03 which includes profits of approximately $2,800 arising from the sale or exchange of property, $1,365,504 from other revenues, reductions in accounts payable and notes payable, several increases in principal of permanent Funds, and earnings of our interests in Chinese medical work at the Liuhoe clinic.

The Second Century Mission received $2,299.77 and this year's payments aggregated $7,169.41, or over three times as much and this does not include $2,737.71 more which was sent to this field by the General Conference. This is true for Jamaica.

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China

Other accomplishments during the current year show the widening scope of our work. We sent to China approximately $2,300 for repairs to buildings in Shanghai of which sum $1,470 came from accumulated appropriations for the Boys' School and Incidentals Funds, and $830 from the Second Century Fund. We appropriated $1,400 towards the cost of altering the second floor of the mission garage into an apartment for the Chinese pastor of our Shanghai Church, and $500 to re-establish our medical work in Liuhoe, both coming from the Second Century Fund.

We are saddened to recall that a long-cherished ambition of Dr. Grace I. Crandall to reopen a clinic in Liuhoe could not be realized by her, due to her illness and subsequent death. But we are happy that the remainder of Dr. Esther Pan, who was to assist in the details of organization, was able to take over this responsibility, and that since August 1 she has been in our employ and actively on the job at Liuhoe. This clinic promises to become immediately active since Chinese friends alone have not been able to raise the necessary money to build and place in operation a clinic of what will be the new Grace Hospital. This clinic will provide twenty beds, which is now necessary to operate and service rooms.

Miss Sara Becker, a registered nurse, becomes an employee of the board, October 1, 1947. Miss Becker for two years has lived in Shanghai where she will begin medical missionary work at the Liuhoe clinic. We are gratified that she offered herself just at this time for full time service. Mesmerizing the needs of the Second Century Baptist Mission in China are greater.

Early in January of this year, we arranged and paid passage to China for Dr. George Thorngate, Helen, and their son Philip. Dr. George became head of our mission and was responsible to its administration. He is associated with other outstanding physicians and surgeons in private practice expecting that eventually some patients may be referred to our clinic and hospital. Helen is devoting full time to mission work and Mrs. George Thorngate, Helen, and Mrs. Philip, have been able to cut their cost while her husband who is in the U. S. Navy is assigned to duty in the Shanghai area. Mrs. Helen and Mrs. Philip have been able to return a gate from the Seaboard S.A. to our work there, the sum of $1,516.98 and this year’s operational expenses.

Jamaica and British Guiana

Many important developments, too, have taken place in Jamaica during the year. It has been a blessing to us at all times to reach out to our interests and people in Jamaica because of inadequate transportation facilities. In recognition of this fact, we purchased and shipped a 1947 Chevrolet sedan for the use of our mission on that island. Total cost of this equipment including insurance, transportation and a 1947 Chevrolet sedan was $1,962.53.

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leaving from Frankfurt are being held for him, if his trip becomes suddenly possible.

Our society receives requests from time to time for Bibles and occasionally has funds available and earmarked for such Bible distribution. Such a request came in from our German brethren during the year and $85 was appropriated for this purpose. Donation of $21.70 coming from special gifts and $63.30 from the Second Century Fund.

The problem of supplementing the meager food and clothing rations of our people in Germany also received our attention for in addition to transmitting numerous specially designated gifts to Pastor John G. Schmid for this purpose, we made an outright contribution of $382 from the Second Century Fund. We considered this appropriate action to take in view of the fact that a Reconversion and Rehabilitation Fund had been set up before solicitation began for the Second Century Fund and its balance transferred to the Second Century Fund.

The United States

Our work in the United States, in addition to the regularly sponsored aid to missionary Churches has centered around a visitation evangelistic program which would require only a start. Much education and training is necessary before the fullest results can be expected but in Rochester, N. Y., where we were able to work this year some excellent results were obtained giving promise that our goal will be reached.

One other project, though not large, is of interest. This Nouri, had several immigration tent remains existing upon a property of its base in Davieville, R. I., which were purchased for sale at $36 per tent and approximately. We purchased ten of them for use in our young people's camps. Two have been shipped to Detroit, Ark., and the balance is ready and expected for the large pre-Conference group staying at Lewis Camp in Tombaugh, R. I.

What of the Future?

But what of the future? It is our considered belief that the time is at hand for Seventh Day Baptists to go ahead and accept a larger share of the work being done and to be done in the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth. We have been wan-

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GROUP PICTURE OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Taken in front of Ward Senior High School, Westerly, R. I., Friday, August 22, 1947
Photographer: The Stiles Studio, Westerly, R. I.
WHAT IS YOUR DECISION?

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMPAIGN DECISIONS

"I have accepted Jesus Christ and I will strive to live the way He did." — Denny Kagarsine.

"I know the way of Christ is the right way. He has led me thus far and the road has sometimes been rough in many different ways, His way was never wrong. Through sickness and health He will lead me and has led me. I want to follow Him always and bring many others to believe on Him also. I have thought often of being a minister or a missionary. If I am not one of these I want to do my part for God in the work I do take it. Even if I am not a regular minister there are always those who need reassurance or even to get to know God and Jesus. In this also I want to do my part." — Edna Ruth Randolph.

"To follow Christ in His footsteps and lead others to follow Him. He has set the example for us and if we do not try our best to follow Him can we expect to ask for help when we are in danger or distress? Let us all follow Jesus and lead others to follow in His footsteps." — Leona Williams.

"I believe that after accepting Christ you should try to be like Him, although it may be hard at times. Sometimes we forget Him, but there is no greater comforter when in sorrow or when needing help." — Glennie Sue Ford.

"Christ is part of everyone's life. I feel as though I would be lost without Him. I love Him and hope to be a better Christian. When I look at nature's gifts I feel thankful to God for creating the earth. I know He is in my heart." — Janice Seager.

"I think that if we follow our Lord in the ways that He has tried to lead us, we will be in a more loving, helping, thinking, and a more enjoyable world." — Walter Bond.

"My decision about Christ is to follow Him and serve Him through all kinds of temptations." — Gene Carroll Sutton.

"My decision is to try to follow Christ as our divine example. I will try to do as He did by teaching others, and that means everyone with whom I come in contact. I will also try to bring more people to the Sabbath." — Nellie Jo Bond.

"I have accepted Christ in every way I know, and am trying more and more every day to be like Him. He has helped me in many ways to be Christian." — Stanley Ike.

"My decision is that I want to follow Jesus this coming year as I go back to my home, church, and school, and I want to pattern my life after His, which was so beautiful and perfect and full of love. I want my light to shine brighter each day and become more and more like Jesus, my Saviour who died for me." — Miriam Seager.

"I feel that Jesus is truly the Christ, and that His coming and the fact that He loved each one of us so much more is proving to me how real to Me. He seems to bring 'doing good' right down to earth by setting His wonderful example." — Venita Vincent.

"I think that Jesus died for us that we may live, so I think that we should believe in Him and trust in Him always." — Leonard Williams.

CAMP CAESAR, W. VA.

Thirty-four young people from Salem, Lost Creek, and Berea, W. Va., Salemville, Pa., and other places were divided into groups and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seager of Philadelphia, Pa., were in camp at Camp Caesar, W. Va., August 4-10.

The staff was as follows: Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, director; Rev. Treval R. Sutton, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, Mrs. Lucille Bond, and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond.

The campers were divided into groups for various types of activity. They planned vesper services, campfire programs, and other things in these groups. It was my pleasure to be with the group for three days, to take part in some of the activities, and to enjoy the fine spirit of the whole camp.

There were five adults in the adult school besides those on the staff, most of whom took classes in the adult section of the camp. Dean A. J. C. Bond taught two courses, "Biblical Geography," and "Personal Religious Living, " and I taught the course, "How to Improve Our Sabbath School." "First Series" credits were given those in these classes.

Of the Southeastern Association was a good start and I feel sure that those present will be good advertising agents for a larger enrollment next year.

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Pre-Conference Retreat

Sixty-nine young people, from California to Rhode Island, were in attendance at the retreat.

It was good to see this number of Seventh Day Baptists together, and even better to see them co-operating with the staff in completing plans which had been worked out by the Committee on Young People's Work of the board.

David Williams of Verona was elected president of the Retreat Council, and Miss Marian Coon of Richmond the secretary. At one meeting of the council, recommendations were made for the program of next year.

Much of the time was spent in classes and discussion and there was time for a swim at the beach and for real fun and fellowship around the camp.

The outdoor Friday night service was impressive and will be remembered for many years.

Stunt night, on the night after the Sabbath, was exceptionally good, as all present would testify.

Sunday night was the consecration service in which all joined in pledging life and talents to Christ and His Church.

Music under the direction of Miss Lois Wells of Los Angeles, Calif., was prepared for the "youth sing" at General Conference. It was a real thrill to hear the group, both at retreat and at Conference, where the number was enlarged by the coming into the group of other young people who were attending Conference.

WORLD'S W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

With a registered delegation of 2,500 and a Sunday attendance of 3,100, the Seventeenth Triennial World's W. C. T. U. Convention met in Asbury Park, N. J., June 5-10. In order to help with the expenses of the overseas delegates, the unions of the United States had raised $15,000 by means of hospital teas.

Many young people were present, some from England, Northern Ireland, and Canada. Announcement was made of the Y.T.C. delegate being sent to the Second Christian Youth Conference held this month in Oslo, Norway.

I made a special effort to meet Mrs. Olson, delegate from Jamaica, in order to inquire about our Seventh Day Baptist mission workers. She said that Mr. Randolph is the new W. C. T. U. president there.

An outstanding speaker, Clinton Howard, asked, what is the matter with prohibition? He himself answered it by saying, "Nothing is the matter with prohibition except a timid Church." He added, "In the Ten Commandments there are ten prohibitions. They have never been revised or repealed."

Among other speakers were Daniel Poling, president of the International Christian Endeavor, and Homer Rodeheaver who talked, sang, and played his trombone. Two speakers were present from the United Nations.

We were disappointed not to have Repeal day, but we were telephoned an explanation that he was staying in Washington in order to introduce, on June 9, a new prohibition amendment to the Constitution.

Together with the overseas delegates who wore their native costumes, the convention presented a new-to-be-forgotten picture and lasting inspiration.

The National W. C. T. U. was held June 11 and 12, following the close of the World's Convention.

M. L. Collings.

"He therefore that despiseth (rejecteth), despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit." — 1 Thess. 4: 8.
The Rocky Mountain Young People’s Camp

By Rev. Francis D. Saunders

The Rocky Mountain Young People’s Camp was held from July 8 to 17, 1947, with seventeen campers from the ages of nine to fourteen years in attendance. Of this number nine were from homes outside the denomination.

The camp of the camp was Rev. Erlo Sutton of the Boulder Church, who taught two very interesting classes, one on Denominational Beliefs, and the other about The Apostle Paul and His Works. Rev. Francis Saunders of the Denver Church supervised the camp, and also taught a class in Hymns and Gospel Songs, and their place in the worship of the Church.

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Each morning was kept very busy, with “Alone Hour,” camp work, and classes, the high point of each morning being the half hour chapel service, led each alternate day by the two pastors. Early each day, before breakfast was served, short morning worship services were held. Especially appropriate this year was the Sabbath school lesson, “God in His World,” which blended beautifully in thought with the setting of the camp, high in the Rockies. As taught by Pastor Sutton, who is also editor of the “Helping Hand,” the story of Job seemed to live to the people gathered around the class table in “Old Eden.”

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Respectfully,

Myra Thorngate Barber,
North Loup, Neb.

Dear Mr. Sutton:

The North Loup Community Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the schoolhouse May 26, up to and including June 13. The Roll Call was made by the Rev. H. D. Vert non Thomas was supervisor and taught the first, second, and third grades. The preschool children were taught by Mrs. James Scott, assisted by Neva Brannon. Miss Brannon also was in charge of the music. The fifth and sixth grades were taught by Mrs. Menzo Fuller, and the seventh, eighth, and high school grades were taught by Mrs. Myra T. Barber. Bible study, hand craft, memory work, and hymns were studied.

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“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” — Matthew 28: 19, 20.

You can never bury your influence.

—Earl Riney

last evening, to hear many of the young people give personal testimony to the Lord's nearness, and to have one eleven-year-old boy confess the Lord for the first time. All who attended camp expressed a desire to return again next year, and this year's staff hopes that even more will be there to enjoy the physical and spiritual, which was enjoyed this summer.

Correspondent.

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I find myself greatly hampered because words do not mean the same thing to people. You can only interpret a word by the experience you have had with the word.

I thought I knew something about this situation which I thought was in no way prepared for the starvation and devastation, the despair, the hatred, the fear that I found once when I was most important thing in Europe is food! It is the biggest problem that there is today!

What does food mean to you? Well, during this season of the year we would naturally think of watermelon, muskmelon, peaches, and perhaps lima beans and corn.

But I discovered that food just meant bread. I stopped at three or four little buns of bread, the scarcest thing in Europe and most needed. Above all else it was impossible to imagine the little pieces of bread that were allowed to a family or an individual for a week. I thought of those years of toast I hadn't eaten. I began to think of all the bread I had thrown away. Sometimes I would see laborers take pieces of little black bread. That would be their noon meal.

In Greece I visited a hospital. It was a room similar in size to this room. In it were little boys about four years old and old men and every age in between. No sheets on the beds—they just didn't have sheets! At first, they could not sit up in their cot and they had plenty of room on account of the poor, thin children. It was noon. An attendant came in with the food. She took out a hunk of black bread, and if the patient was able to eat it, he did so. If not, she simply laid it on his chest.

In Poland we saw a little boy about ten years old, yet his was the face of an old man. He was a little, skinny fellow. Those eyes looked through the ages. A member of our party handed a chocolate bar to him and he started away. Oh, that look that I have seen from time to time. The woman was walking along the road with two more who suddenly they heard someone call. There came a woman's voice with the little what did over Warsaw for the woman who had given him the first taste of candy he had ever had in his life. 
She exclaimed over and over and began to kiss the woman and the little boy did the same—showing their appreciation because somebody had cared enough to share.

Somebody says, "You don't look as if you got very thin over there. Well, I didn't."

In every country I was told, "Remember, every bite that you are eating, you are taking out of the mouth of somebody in this country."

I thought I knew what soup was, but I didn't. Soup was nothing but colored water, a little saffron, salt and pepper, and just a little flour to give it a tiny bit of body.

I could go on giving you experience after experience of their lack of food. In the summer they plant gardens in every place they can find, and ask what do they do when winter comes? I saw so many cherries everywhere that they looked at me in pity and said, "Don't you know there are no containers, no rubber, no sealing wax—no way we can preserve this food?" We have no idea of the scarcity of things that we think of as absolutes necessary.

I spend a lot of time on food because people cannot live without it, and you cannot tell what people are going to do in a world where they will not trust anything that the Germans can use them for.

The poorest people are eating five shillings less than the limit, and that is being enforced. That situation was not true anywhere else.

I was entirely unprepared for the absolute devastation. I had tried to picture it, but not until I got into Warsaw did I see all of what devastation really meant. Before the war there were a million and a half people. It was destroyed 99-1/2 per cent. The debris is still piled up, even to the second story. After the buildings were bombed, they were burned out and looted. There were still six to eight hundred thousand people living in those regions. I wondered how it was possible. It was so cold even in summer that we needed extra covers over us. We got into Warsaw in the evening. We were informed that our telegrams had not been received, so there was no train. You can't just fly a plane; you have to have a permit from the country where you want to go. We could not get to the next town; we couldn't sleep in the plane. "If you would just let us lie down on the floor some place, we can get along tonight." Picture a city quite the size of New York, perhaps much larger—of course, there are not the high buildings, but it is spread out over about as much territory. Every street is a war section in France and Italy. (To be concluded next week.)

I believe in the Brotherhood of Man, and that all men were endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. — J. Calvin McCoy, in the Union Signal.

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WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOPLA")

NORTONVILLE, KAN.—Work has begun on redecorating the interior of our Church. At present the walls have been newly papered and new lights ordered. The Ladies Missionary Society is sponsoring this work. It needs a gas range and water heater in the parsonage. A new furnace was purchased for the Church last fall which kept the building very comfortable during the cold winter months.

We were very glad to have Rev. Alton Wheeler and family with us in May. Also Edgar Wheeler and family on their way to Florida and Mississippi to help in the vacation school.

On the 1st, Rev. Mr. Forrest Bond, united with the Church in June. She is a convert to the Sabbath, coming from the Methodist Church at Fouke, Ark.

Officers for the Church for the ensuing year are as follows: moderator, Alfred Wells; clerk, Nannie Greetle; treasurer, Charles Wheeler; church secretary, Bert Bond; pianist, Vera Stephens; chorister, Allie Stephens.

Pastor Wilson is the new Sabbath school teacher for the young married class. This class has a special collection, every Sabbath morning, for missionary work in China.

Mrs. Rosa Bond teaches the women's class, Claude Stephan the men's class. Other teachers are: Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Rose Stephens, Mrs. Marvin Stephens, and Mrs. Alena Bond. New officers for the Sabbath school are: superintendent, Leslie Bond; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Naomi Stephen; junior superintendent, Mrs. Naomi Stephen; secretaries, Mrs. Forrest Bond; treasurer, Marvin Stephen; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Laurence Neumann; pianist, Mrs. Hubert Bond; assistant, Zelma Crofoot; Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Lee Stephens. Our cradle roll enrollment is 14, the largest in many years.

Our church organist, Will Wheeler organized a junior choir in the spring. They are doing splendid work.

Plans are being made for a "Homecoming" next summer, to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Church. You will read more about this later. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB.—Four young ladies were baptised at the close of the late morning service Sabbath morning, July 19. They are: Mrs. Merlyn Van Horn, Beverly Goodrich, Mrs. George Cox, and Lucille Ann Swanson. These were given in the right hand of fellowship on Sabbath morning.

The voluntary and ollery work were performed by Jeneanne Brennick.

The Dr. Grace Missionary Society met Wednesday afternoon in the Church basement.

Pastor and Mrs. A. Clyde Ehret and son, Jimmy, have left us to move to Oklahoma City, 28, for Conference which will be held in Westerly, R. I. En route they will visit relatives in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. The Scotia Register.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y.—On May 3, the young people of our Church organized a Christian Endeavor society, which now meets weekly on Wednesday nights. These young people have sponsored a Church supper and in ice cream, to raise money for sending some of our young people to camp.

On Sabbath eve, July 25, five girls were baptised and on the Sabbath morning following they received the right hand of fellowship and became members of our church. Since all of these new members have gone to the camps, we have been unable to post one member, so we now have become one member, so we now have six members of the parish, with our two ministers to provide for young people of our community.

Our Church united with the first day Baptist and Methodist Churches in this community in holding a Daily Vacation Bible School in June. It began August 4 and ended August 13.

A social was held at our parish house on the evening after the Sabbath, August 2, in honor of Mrs. Crofoot's forty-ninth wedding anniversary. As Pastor Crofoot and his wife are planning to leave soon for Daytona Beach, Fl., where he will serve a church for five years, the social was a very special occasion. The members of the parish presented Pastor and
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Mrs. Crofoot with a purse of money. This date also marked the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. Reiger, who were also presented with a gift from the members of our Church. — Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Our Daily Vacation Bible School opened June 16 for two weeks, with a record enrollment of 1,796. Eighty-four children were needed in each department. Assistant Pastor Leland Davis, with fourteen intermediates attending. Junior camp, June 27-August 1, was under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Davis. Twenty-eight juniors attended.

On Sabbath, August 9, the following candidates received baptism: George and Mary authors, and Nancy Johansen, and assistants needed in each department. Assistant Pastor Leland Davis, with fourteen intermediates attending. Junior camp, June 27-August 1, was under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Davis. Twenty-eight juniors attended.

On Sabbath, August 9, the following candidates received baptism: George and Mary Patley of Tekonsha, Arley Berwald, Sally and Nsncy Johansen, and Clair Merchant of Battle Creek. — Correspondent.

Our assistant pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Davis, terminate nine weeks of work in the Lord's Indianapolis Fellowship until school opens in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis came to Battle Creek in June of this year through the call of this church and through the guidance of the Lord. They have shared their time and talents with us generously and fruitfully. They have assisted with the work of the Sabbath school, Vacation Bible School, camps, and the Junior G. E., and Mr. Davis has preached two Sabbath schools, conducted the Bible study and prayer services, making it possible for the pastor to meet with the C. E. group. He has also made many evangelistic calls outside our parish of members and friends.

We are most grateful to them. We trust that their lives have been enriched by this experience. — Church Bulletin.

"He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me."
— Luke 10: 16

Contacts for the Church

By Rev. Earl Cruzan
Dodge Center, Minn.

A few weeks ago we had a letter from one of our pastors telling us that some members of his Church were interested in Rochester, Minn., going through the Mayo Clinic. Following this information we contacted these people and enjoyed having them with us over the Sabbath here in this locality. Since then, I have heard of another from one of our Churches who was also in Rochester on account of its medical center. I was unable to contact this party, as I did not know about it in time. As Dodge Center is only twenty miles west of Rochester, it was not to be expected that people are there without knowing there is a Church so close or without our knowing of their presence in our vicinity. It might be of service to them and to us if they or their pastors would write to the pastor of the Dodge Center Church when they know of Seventh Day Baptists who would be in Rochester for a time. We would welcome them to worship with us as a Church, or to be of service to them as a pastor or a Church while they are here.

ASSOCIATION IN OCTOBER

At a meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches on July 19, with new associations from Illinois and Minnesota present, concurring with the action of the Churches in regard to division of the Northwestern zone, they were grouped together as an association, with the first meeting to be held in October. The pastors of the Churches present were appointed as a committee to draw up the by-laws for this new association. They met later in the day and have drawn by-laws to be presented at the first meeting. Officers elected are Rev. Loyal H. Pillsbury, president; Mr. Williams, secretary; and Miss Ethel Butterfield, treasurer.

The time and place of the October meeting will be decided later and notice sent out through the Recorder. — Secretary.

The cruellest lies are often told in silence.
— R. L. Stevenson.

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Dear Judy:

I haven't room to answer your good letter until today. At first as you may have noticed my page was full; and the next week was the evangelistic number.

The Western people surely are very friendly and fine Christian people to meet. I found that out when I attended Conference there some years ago. How do I wish I could go to Conference there this year but have to give it up.

I hope you had a pleasant day for your picnic. I went to three picnics last week both Mr. and Mrs. Scamp, as well as have them in the house. I think picnics belong out of doors, don't you?

Your experience with Scamp's gum chewing makes me think what my father related about a dog he had when he was a boy in Vermont. His name was Scamp, also. One day he tried to chew some maple wax and had a terrible time when his jaws stuck together.

Do write often for I enjoy your letters and I'm sure the children do.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We've been having lovely weather and we hope you are having good weather, too.

My mother cat got three little kittens about a month ago. I gave two of them away and I'm keeping the other one.

In two weeks we are going to have a children's program in our Church. I haven't decided what I'm going to do, but I'll sing something.

I've been swimming a lot this year since school closed. It's at a lovely park and it has a swell diving board. There are six big swings and four baby swings. I've become very brown from it.

The circus was in town but I didn't see it! I would like to have seen it because I like animals.

It seems good to be out of school so I can play as long as I want, but I'm still anxious to be back home in school and make the most of it.

This will be all for now, hoping this letter finds you in the best of health.

Your Recorder friend,

Esther Fatao.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

You have your wish for I'm enjoying good health. It is a bright, sunny day and much cooler after a period of hot weather followed by thunder storms.

Wellsville has a wonderful, new swimming pool just back of the high school building, with pools of various depths for different ages, and a spray for children too many. I was at every one of the swimming instructors provided. Joyce and Gretchen are planning some fine times there. They are like you, they like vacations and are always glad to get back to school. Gretchen will be in second grade and Joyce in fifth.

I think it is fine that you have so many children's programs in your Church for the children of today must be the Christian workers of tomorrow.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mizpah Greene:

This is my first time of writing to you. I enjoy reading the children's page in the Recorder. I am twelve years old now. August 11 was my birthday. I had a little party and invited my little neighbors. My little sister is seven years old and my little cousin is one year old. What good times we have.

Your new friend,

Merline Mitchell.

Dear Merline:

I am happy to have a new Recorder friend and I hope you will write often. I'll answer your letter more fully next week since my page is full.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

"Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." — 1 John 2: 23.

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**Marriages**

White - Bannon. — Ernest B. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. White, 13 Herbert Ave., White Plains, N. Y., and Marjorie J. Bannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bannon, 2 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, were married at the home of the bride, June 7, 1947, by Rev. C. Ronald Garney. The new home is College Apartments-10C, Oswego, N. Y.

Vierow - Sholts. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona, N. Y., Alden Vierow, son of William and Zilts Vierow of Durhamville, N. Y., and Jean Sholts, daughter of Claude and Bula Sholts of Oswida Castle, N. Y., were married on July 27, 1947, at 2 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Polan. The new home is at Durhamville, N. Y.

Marsden - Slagg. — Lawrence Marsden and Evelyn Slagg, both of Albion, Wis., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on the morning of April 6, 1947, Pastor Francis Saunders officiating.

Coleman - Frazier. — Edward Coleman and Shirley Frazier, both of Boulder, Colo., were married at the Seventh Day Baptist church, Denver, March 28, 1947, Pastor Francis Saunders officiated.

**Obituaries**

Davis. — Elyot T. Davis was born in North Loup, Neb., August 22, 1874, and died at the home of his son in Palo Alto, Calif., in February, 1947.

He spent most of his life as a photographer, first in Hammond, La., and then in Boulder, Colo. For many years he was an active member of the Boulder Church, serving in the capacity of chorister for an extended time. His wife, Grace, preceded him in death in October, 1941. Funeral services were held in Boulder, Colo., Rev. Francis Saunders, his nephew, officiating. F. S.

Greene. — Cora Whyland, daughter of Mary Rhodes and Calvin Whyland, was born in Rochester, N. Y., August 7, 1860, and passed away at her home in Berlin, N. Y., June 12, 1947.

She was married May 10, 1888, to Arthur E. Greene. She was survived only by four nieces and one nephew as follows: Mrs. Evelyn Whyland Schiffl, Berlin, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Sibley, Tres Rancho, Pueblo, Calif.; Mrs. Edward Broderick, Le Roy, N. Y.; Velma Sharp, Ichaca, N. Y.; and cler. Lester Sharp, Ichaca, N. Y.

She has been a faithful attendant and worker in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than fifty years. The funeral service was held from her home on Sabbath afternoon, June 14. Interment was made in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin. Pastor Paul L. Maxson officiated. P. L. M.

Beton. — George W. Betson, son of Thomas and Emily Betson, was born at Verona Mills, N. Y., March 8, 1856, and died at his home, 412 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach, Fla., July 12, 1947.

In early life he was a farmer and later moved to Rome where he engaged in the real estate business. After about thirty years he moved to Florida where he continued in the real estate business until he retired.

On December 14, 1914, at his old home he married Emily M. Conger who died in Florida, February 14, 1944.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Verona until after he moved to Daytona Beach. He has always been active and much interested in Church work.

He was the last of his immediate family and leaves two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Ira Newey, Daytona Beach, Fla.; and Mrs. Myrtle Williams, Verona, N. Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Waldo Wiggins Prince Funeral Home at Rome, N. Y., July 16 at 2 p.m., conducted by Pastor Herbert L. Polan. Burial was in the Rathbunville Union Cemetery. H. L. P.

"... The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." — John 5: 21, 22.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK**

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors of the society and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shiloh, N. J., on Saturday afternoon, September 14, 1947, at two-thirty o'clock.

Franklin A. Langworthy, President.

Frederik J. Bakker, Recording Secretary.