White - Bannon. - Ernest E. 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 Mamaronock Road, White Plains, were married at the home of the bride, June 7, 1947, by Rev. C. Ronald Garmey. The new home is College Apartments-10C, Oswego, N. Y.

Vierow - Sholtz. - At the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona, N. Y., Alden Vierow, son of Wilkison and Zilpha Vierow of Durhamville, N. Y., and Jeannette Sholtz, daughter of Claude and Eula Sholtz of Owwea 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 Alibion, Wis., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on the morning of June 27, 1947, at 9:30 p.m., by Rev. Kenneth Van Horn officiating.

Hastings - Davis. - Dale Hastings and Donna Davis, both of Wheatridge, Colo., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Denver, March 28, 1947, Pastor Francis Saunders officiating.

Coleman - Frezier. - Edward Coleman and Shirley Frasier, both of Boulder, Colo., were married at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on the morning of April 6, 1947, Pastor Francis Saunders officiating.

Obituary

Davis. - Elrow 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.

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 is survived only by four nieces and one nephew as follows: Mrs. Evelyn Whyland Schuff, Berlin, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Sibley, Tres Rancho, Pueblo, Calif.; Mrs. Edward Broderick, Le Roy, N. Y.; Velma Sharp, Ithaca, N. Y.; and Dr. Lester Sharp, Ithaca, 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. Maxmon officiated.

Betson. - 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 when he joined there. 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 at the Rathbunville Union Cemetery.

"... The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." - John 5:22, 23.

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 corporation 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 Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1947, at two-thirty o'clock.

Franklin A. Langworthy, President.
Frederik J. Bakker, Recording Secretary.

"A Forward Look. — We look forward to the future with confidence... We acknowledge our stewardship to Him whose work we are trying to forward, and we ask God's blessing upon our efforts that all may be done in accordance with His will. To this end we pledge our best efforts." —See Feature Article, page 186.
A Washington minister has been training a group of boys in the principles of brotherhood. The time came when they wanted a picnic at the seashore, which was arranged. In the group were six colored boys. At four bathing beaches the proprietors ruled that the colored boys might not swim because of their color. The other boys thereupon decided that if their colored friends could not swim, they would not swim either. After trying four different beaches with the same result, they came home with their swim suits available to Seventh Day Baptists of occupied Germany. These efforts were supported by individual and Church contributions sent direct to the Irvington Church, by certain funds channeled through the Seventh Day Baptist Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches, and by an appropriation from the Second Century Fund of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Apparently some concern is being felt that the amount of food received by our German brethren is sufficient to put them in ill repute with their neighbors. If this be so, it is amazing what effect one-half pound of food has! Evidently it has not become embarrassing or dangerous to the recipients.

Please do not misunderstand us. We strongly favor supporting the program of Church World Service with our best efforts, as we have been doing. Certainly the amount of space given to Church World Service material in the Sabbath Recorder is convincing evidence of this fact. And we shall continue to devote space to Church World Service as long as such need exists.

Nevertheless, these folks who have been favored with one-half pound of food per week per person are our Christian brethren. And what does practical Paul say? "... If any provide not for his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." 1 Timothy 5:8.

Again, Christ’s love and compassion demand diligence on our part. "... If any one has the world’s goods and seeth his brother in need, yet closeth his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?" 1 John 3:17.

And, yet again. Remember the Parable of the Final Judgment!

Money Needed

The immediate need is funds—money with which to buy food and to pay postage; money with which to repair shoes before they are shipped. (Between $40 and $50 is needed for the repair of about thirty pairs of shoes, according to Mr. John G. Schmid, pastor of the Irvington, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church.)

Through Rev. Heinrich Bruhn, a person in each German Seventh Day Baptist Church, now in existence, has been appointed to distribute the food and clothing as received. Packages are distributed on the basis of the number of members in each Church. The following excerpts from a letter from Rev. Mr. Bruhn to Mr. Schmid under date of July 20, 1947, vividly portray the conditions under which our German brethren are living.

"The wages in Germany are the same as they were during the war and before that time. The prices for all merchandise are nearly the same, only some are higher. But, but!! There is nothing to buy. Food is so scarce that people starve. You can imagine that there is nothing at all whatsoever to buy that is worth while. That is why every-
thing seems to be cut off from the market, like food, clothes, and raw materials—even the smallest thing, so necessary for life. You cannot buy a pair of shoelaces; you can buy no matches, no flint, no thread, no ties, no collars, etc. The things that are disappear in a short time, because they are only to be bought through the black market, which we will not and cannot afford.

The cheapest pair of shoe-laces is mk. 6.00, one loaf of bread used to be mk. 20.00, now 50.00, one pound of butter mk. 240.00, one pound of flour mk. 25.00, a man's suit mk. 2.000.00, one pair of shoes mk. 6 - 800.00. Even if someone can afford these prices, he will have to wait a long time; he cannot get them at the [item]. When somebody here earns mk. 300.00 a month he is happy and satisfied. (At this time the mark was worth about thirty three cents in United States money.)

Further, Rev. Heinrich Bruhn reminds us that we cannot imagine how bad the food situation is right now. They can get meat only on Friday. The butcher shops are closed the rest of the time. Only if one is in line four hours before the shops open can he expect to get any meat.

Winter Is Near

Winter is just around the corner for these friends in Christ. There are three hundred members of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in occupied Germany to whom supplies have been distributed. The one-half pound of food per person per week has meant much to them. The regular ration has not always been forthcoming.

... I have to tell you," writes Mr. Bruhn, "that only through your support of sending us food and clothing, you have saved our lives from the change. As well as in physical, so in spiritual things, and only through your help which you have bestowed upon us with such great kindness and love, we were able to further the missionary work in Germany. No conference, no meeting, no trip would have been able to take place without your support.

With gratitude to God that we are in position to help, let us remember that food is faith. Winter is near. Money is needed. What will we do about it?

Please send money, in any negotiable form, to: Pastor John G. Schmid, Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church, 27 Otsego Road, Verona, N. J., or Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman of the Baptist Convention Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

Let us not wait until frost forms or snow flies! Let us do it now!

Barrar is constantly in our prayers. We also keep in touch with the work in British Guiana and Jamaica, as well as with our Dutch and German brethren.

We rejoice to be part of this great world fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists.

Your sincere brother,

James McGeachy,

17 Higham Road,
Tottenham, London, N. 17,
August 15, 1947.

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends in Christ,

Our Saviour and Lord:

As you are about having your annual meeting to discuss the benefit of the work for which I wrote you a short time ago, I shall have you carry on, I am sending you most hearty greetings, with honest wishes and prayers that God's blessings be with you and all your deliberations.

May all our work be done to His glory, for which we are waiting in eternity. 2 Peter 3: 13;

Your collaborator in ministry and evangelization work in Germany,

Fraternally,

Johannes Binkele

Johnsdale, 19, Hamburg,
August 10, 1947.

It was voted to send the greetings of Conference to these two Churches and to the Jamaica and New Zealand conferences.

THE SACRAMENTS

We believe that baptism of believers by immersion is a witness to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and as a symbol of death to sin, a new life in Christ. We believe that the Lord's Supper commemorates the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. It is a pledge of our promise to Christ and is a symbol of Christian fellowship and a pledge of renewed allegiance to our risen Lord.

Read: Matthew 3: 13-17; Acts 2: 38-79; Romans 6: 3-7; Mark 16: 16; Matthew 26: 26-28; I Corinthians 11: 22-29.

Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

YOUTH'S PART IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

Young people—it is a good time for you to have a weekend retreat to make plans for the year! Just as well again you plan to send your children to the Sabbath school to plan the work, then work the plan—so with the Youth Fellowship. Study the work of younger youth work in the local Church. Plan for the year so that your group makes a study of such topics as the Bible, missions, stewardship, the Sabbath and our denomination, the Church, and other important matters. Unless we have planning, many important subjects are omitted from our program.

Study "The Young People's Meeting," a book that really has a message for you about better meetings.

Plan some special services for Religious Education Week. It will help your group to become enthusiastic for the whole year. It will mean work of course, for nothing worth while can happen in a Youth Fellowship without work!

H. S.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

May 29, 1947.

Dear Dr. Ross:

I am happy to note the splendid theme selected for the seventeenth annual observance of Religious Education Week, to be held September twenty-eighth to October fifth, under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education. "Faith IS The Victory" seems peculiarly fitting at this time in human history.

"The war years confirmed our faith in the abiding dignity of man. It is true that evil and greed and prejudice remain. But many of us cannot rest so long as there is injustice. Significantly, our numbers are increasing daily.

Surely the development of our social conscience measures the progress of a democratic nation. With instruction in the great religious doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, we are being led to advance in our moral evolution. Such is the faith we live by, and that faith can break the chains of death. It is rooted in spiritual realities.

Perhaps at no time before us have there been such a number and urgent need for teaching youth that spiritual growth is the goal of all human history.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry S. Truman

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

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THE SABBATH RECORDER
Activities of the Publishing House

By L. Harrison North, Manager

Address given on the program of the Tract Board at General Conference, Wednesday afternoon, June 30, 1947

The Recorder Press, publishing house of the American Sabbath Tract Society, is happy to give an account of its stewardship and to tell you a little about its activities.

During the so-called depression years it had a rather hard time to make both ends meet, as did most businesses, and as did many of us personally. In fact, it suffered heavy losses. They were absorbed by the Recorder Press, however, and in 1937, the Recorder Press was sold by the denomination and was placed in the hands of professional business men to be run as a commercial printing house. It was a shortened work year, and due to the loss a considerable amount of working capital was needed to carry on the work.

Neither the society nor the denomination, however, was called upon to underwrite these losses. They were absorbed by the Recorder Press and by using the reserves that should have been set aside to cover the replacement of press and other equipment, when they should wear out and could no longer produce economically as compared with newer and better equipment.

Before the depression had ended, wages were drastically cut and all possible economies had been put into effect. None of our workers, however, was permanently laid off—although a shortened work week was sometimes necessary.

It was not a pleasant task for the manager to bring reports to Conference year after year telling of little or no profits, or mostly of actual losses. Through these years religious publications continued to be printed and distributed for the Tract Society and denomination, although lack of funds curtailed this work as did the work of other boards and societies.

From 1931 to 1937—our seven lean years—losses were about $16,000. In the ten years from 1937 to 1947 the net earnings of the publishing house, through sales of commercial printing, have been nearly $35,000, and the present net worth is $78,314.34.

You may wonder at this point, even if you haven't asked, what has been done with these profits and what about future plans for their use.

The $25,975.37 listed on the balance sheet as "capital" you would naturally assume to be this was the amount of money invested in the publishing house by the denomination through the Tract Society. In 1922 when this amount was set aside, the books, however, there were certain equipment notes outstanding (not listed on the balance sheet among the liabilities) which were later retired from profits. The amount of capital actually furnished was therefore approximately $14,500. The difference between that amount and the present net worth of the Recorder Press has all been earned through the sales of commercial printing.

Commercial Sales

Commercial sales accomplish two things: they help to carry the overhead, and the profits accruing in normal times furnish the working capital necessary to maintain a modern plant in which denominational printing shares in the benefits of economical production.

Last year about 88 per cent of the overhead expense of rent, heat, insurance, taxes, manager's salary, etc., was carried by commercial sales. This serves to reduce the administrative expense of denominational work.

Since, from 1931 to 1937, and even up to the beginning of World War II, there was no money available to spend on plant, and since, during the war and even at the present time machinery is still not available, our reserves are mainly earmarked for retirement of notes and for plant. Usually the amount of money available for plant has been in constant use for from fifteen to twenty-five years. We have replaced some minor equipment, including a proof press, a linotype set, etc., but two presses have been on order for nearly two years and there is still no delivery date promised.

Replacement of equipment put in fifteen years or more ago will be at a cost nearly double the prices paid then and will require considerable more working capital. Hence we are conserving our surplus earnings against the time when new equipment is available.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Denominational Obligations

We are not unmindful, however, of our obligations to the Tract Society or the denomination. The object of establishing the publishing house was—and still is—to make possible the economical production and distribution of Seventh Day Baptist literature and religious work.

In co-operation with the Committee on Distribution of Literature special attention is being given to "dressing up" the literature that goes out under the Tract Society imprint. The more recent tracts, or reprints of tracts, have an additional color on the title page or cover to attract attention and to create enough interest to cause the recipient to read through to the end.

The bulk of our commercial work is printed in two or more colors and if business methods were followed the color throughout a catalog is worth several hundred dollars in increasing the sale of their product, it would seem to make color also ought to help "sell" the gospel message.

Profits for Religious Work

In January of last year the publishing house turned over $1,000 of profits to be used in the religious work of the society, in November another $1,000 in May of this year, $1,000. It is expected that $2,000 will likewise be transferred during the current year. This will result in a substantial profit of the religious work and help to make possible the balancing of the very heavily burdened budget.

Denominational work is produced at cost and we have already mentioned how commercial sales give the volume that keeps costs down. Our work is done for the denomination, and the profits will be of considerable assistance to the society in carrying on its religious work and help to make possible the balancing of the very heavily-burdened budget.

The Recorder Press shares space with the Tract Society in furnishing an office for the use of the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, another room in the basement for the Tract Depository, and another larger room in the basement for the Historical Society in which are stored files of denominational literature and other valuable historical material.

The Recorder Press also serves as a clearing house for inquiries that come in regarding denominational matters, by referring them to the corresponding missionary, or to the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, or perhaps by forwarding remittances for missionary work to the treasurer of the Missionary Society, or by passing on to the treasurer of the Memorial Fund checks that come to Seventh Day Baptist headquarters intended for the Ministerial Retirement Fund.

Our office staff is ready at all times to answer inquiries, show visitors through the plant, furnish stenographic assistance to the recording secretary of the Tract Society in sending out notices of meetings, mimeographing the minutes of such meetings, or supplying such temporary or emergency assistance as any of our organizations may need. Our shipping room is available when large mailings are made under "permit," or when there are large orders for orders which need to be wrapped or boxed and sent on their way.

Our office staff does the bookkeeping and billing for the Sabbath Recorder, Helping Hand, Tract-A-Month Club, and at the end of each month turns over to the society all receipts from subscriptions or sale of materials. We, in turn, bill the society each month for the cost of publications produced during the month.

Sabbath Recorder and Helping Hand subscribers' records have always been kept on 5 x 3 filing cards, with metal clips at the top of each card to show expiration of subscription. The name of the subscriber, mailing address, and in locating the subscriber's card when changes are necessary.

A new Kardex Visible Record System is being installed and all subscribers' cards are being transferred to the pockets in the Kardex slides, each slide holding about seventy cards, with the names only being visible, all the numbers and other information being categorized by city or locality. To look up any card the Kardex slide is pulled out, the name immediately located, the entry made, the drawer returned to its place—all being done in the time it takes to describe the operation. Transparent celluloid strips, placed over the expiration dates, indicate when the subscriber should be billed for another year's subscription.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
WHAT NEXT IN INDIANAPOLIS?

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Pastor, Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church

Last February, following the introduction of Seventh Day Baptists to Indianapolis by Mr. Leo L. Wright in newspaper advertising and two radio broadcasts prepared by Rev. Royal F. Hurley, an intensive campaign was launched in that city with a view to organizing a Church.

A Forward Look

We look forward to the future with confidence. It is probably true that we will not be able to make as good a financial report every year as for the past several years. That, perhaps, is too much to expect.

Our personnel is getting along very well and we have a number of volunteer workers who are doing a great deal of the work. We are going to have a little more help from our organization this year.

One of the things that we are going to try to do is to help those who are in need. We are going to try to make sure that everyone is taken care of.

We have a number of young people who are interested in being members of our Church. We are going to try to help them and make sure that they are taken care of.

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Dear Editor:

There was an article in the Recorder several weeks ago that I enjoyed very much, along with the other pages of the Recorder. I think the question that Rev. Mr. Osborn has challenged the world with, is one that every Seventh Day Baptist should hold as a challenge to the world, and each one of us should be conscious of the fact ourselves and live so that more people would seek for the Sabbath truth.

I think we as Christians need to realize that there is not a different standard for each individual Christian, but one for all. People can have their own interpretations of the Bible, and this is where our Master taught against.

Every since Christ was here on earth, men have gradually let loose on a little matter here and another there, until today they can't even say that a Sabbath day.

Then, too, we heard strong sermons against smoking. Today it is nothing to see a man with a cigarette.

It seems, men have nibbled a little here and a little there, till we have almost lost consciousness of sin, and excuse others. I suppose to excuse ourselves into heaven.

I am glad that my Lawyer is an Attorney who will just not and not as some attorneys are. The one who has the most money, or the one who is the biggest bluff, is the one who often wins the case even though he is not right.

My Attorney will be just and we will receive that which is due us; not one little sin will be forgotten.

O that the world would become conscious of the things we consider as little sins, and remember that sin is in the sight of God.

May each Sabbath professor keep the Sabbath sacred and challenge the rest of the world with the question, "Will I be lost
Six and sixteen, and the death rate from more of a million people still lay dropped their bombs and in twenty minutes over one and a half million and a million and a half people! Well, as to their health conditions, because they just could not get them out.

Look for something to throw back and show them. We do not begun to clean up this debris because they just could not get it out. A sepulchre! What is that doing to people! Well, as to their health conditions, tuberculosis is rife everywhere. As long as there is the white plague! In Czechoslovakia they told us that 20 per cent of the children between one and four had T.B. fifty per cent between six and nineteen, and the death rate from tuberculosis in Prague alone was four times more than in New York City. Seventy per cent of them died in the West were tubercular. We didn't get the exact figures in Germany because of the various zones.

What of the future? There are great fears in Europe today, fears for what the future holds. It is two years since the Second World War. The United Council of Churches has been disturbed about this thing. We want to show them that we really care. That is exactly the question of the hour.

Are we really sincere? We attended a German youth meeting. One young student, apparently about fifteen or sixteen, stood up and said, "Are they sincere? Do they mean what they say?" We want to show them that we are and we do!

Pastors had no sheets, no bedclothes because they had given them away. We received the names of two thousand ministers, and of course we have these children. We knew that if we had three children, we tried to estimate how many of each a family of five should have. "What would ministers who are able to help do with children to be cared for? And what of the sick and the elderly?" We asked our Churches. It meant going to our own closets, because we couldn't buy sheets ourselves. You added the 7,580, for example, that made the 7,570 ministers. Then the call came for diapers.

There were some communities where not one child had ever been born. We knew that the only answer to the problem that lies before us is for us who call ourselves Christians to show what the Christian way of life means in the world today. When we demonstrate what it means between majority and minority groups, between labor and management, what it means in education and health—Jesus said, "I came that ye might have life and have it more abundantly"—then and only then do we give for our Churches, for our Churches which for two thousand years we have given mouting to—then only, peace.

I was in the city of Bratislaya, capital of Slovakia, one of the most beautiful cities of the world. A young man was talking to me. He was asking me about America. He knew so much more about us than we could possibly know about them. He asked about race relations and what about the Churches. I had to bow my head in shame. He told me about the incident that took place in Paris, in Georgia. How much do we know about Europe's people? We must learn to think of them as we think of our own world. I did not realize what it meant, until I left London. We took a plane at 6 p.m. in London, stopped in Ireland for dinner, and one and a half million people were killed, and got off at New York at 6:30 in the morning. Overnight from Europe! When we are that close we must be concerned.

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cross was placed. They tried to cover up the terrible debris with green branches, and of course there were no hymnals, just a few Bibles. People come in the poorest garments I had ever seen. One woman had a dirty rag and was coughing. Blood poured out on that dirty rag, but once more she had to leave her place. We needed no interpreter for the song they sang. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Is it any wonder that the disease spread down our cheeks? We wondered how in God's name they could have the hope and the courage to live in closing they sang, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years To Come." All over Europe are these little groups holding true to their faith. Are we going to fail them? What does it really mean to be Christian? Jesus said two things: You must hate the Lord and your own mind, and soul—that is the first and greatest commandment. It is a commandment! And the other commandment is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself; and when we are overnight from our neighbor, and when Odon can travel this world in seventy- the three hours that we are on this globe, they are our neighbors; and, if we are truly Christian, we are going to show them what love really means in this chaotic world.

**TRIBUTE TO MRS. FLORA HYDE DAVIS**

In the passing of our sister, Mrs. Flora Hyde Davis, the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Verona Church deeply mourns its great loss.

Mrs. Davis loved her God, her Church, her family and friends, and took a keen interest in everything pertaining to the Church. She had a pleasant personality and the happy faculty of making friends and she loved to be with people. When she was presented at court, at the opening of the regular meetings of the society she gladly did what she could in the home for the benefit of the organization. We rejoice with her family in the long life of service and counsel she was permitted to give. May the God of love and comfort be with them in this time of sorrow, and may they carry on with the same spirit of loyalty and trust in the heavenly Father which was exemplified in her life.

**THE CHINA MISSION Past, Present and Future**

By T. M. Chang

Principal of Seventh Day Baptist Mission School, Shanghai.

Given on program of the Missionary Board at General Conference, May morning.

August 21, 1947.

I am here to describe you three pictures of the China Mission—the mission in the past, the mission in the present, the mission in the future. We are proud of the past. We appreciate immensely what has already been done through the loving and untiring service of all our missionary workers on the field. We are grateful to the Missionary and their wives who have generously supported and earnestly prayed for the work of foreign missions, and especially of the China Mission. The war of the last twenty years has put a stop to the work of our foreign missions, but by the divine providence of our Saviour, we were miraculously saved. Now, once more in a peaceful world, we are looking forward to a future of greater service, for humanity and service for the coming kingdom. For this reason I shall now start with the first one, namely, the China Mission in the Past.

Dimly, in the distant background, we see first a growing interest in foreign missions among our friends in America. By leaps and bounds, that interest grew, and soon it amounted to an agitation, to use the word as recorded in the history of the Missionary Society. Action was immediately taken, and before long, on January 3, 1847, just one century ago, we find a group of pioneer missionaries, Brother Solomon Carpenter and Nathan Wardner and their wives, leaving their homeland to sail aboard the ship "Houqua," across the wide Pacific for the shores of faraway China, their chosen field. After a long voyage of one hundred twelve days, they last arrived at Hongkong. Later they moved farther north, and finally they were settling down in Shanghai, by the muddy river of Wangu. They lived in a rented house, and immediately started to work among the good tidings among a people who were not particularly interested in Christianity at the time. Patiently and lovingly, they toiled for the kingdom, and at last they were rewarded with four conversions, the first fruits of their labor on Chinese soil. A day school was opened, and a little later a Church was organized with seven members, representing our Shanghai Church in its embryonic stage. Slowly but surely the mission grew. A new chapel was built and dedicated in the city. There were already signs of spreading mission activities to Liuh in. Then Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Davis and Miss A. Eliza Nelson appeared on the field as missionary reinforcements. A mission house was built beyond the west gate of the city, and two day schools were opened. Later on, Dr. Ella F. Swang, our first missionary doctor, opened a hospital of the work of our medical mission was soon started. At that time, a Girls' Boarding School was in operation, with nine students. A medical mission up to the year of 1847, before the war of 1895, when the Chinese were attacked by the foreign nations, we find a youthful China Mission, to grow in all its different phases, one by one, or poor. From then on, the work of the mission grew in all its different phases, evangelistic, educational, and medical.

Consequently, more missionaries were needed, and more came to the expanding service. Miss Anna West, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis coming first to Liuh and then to Shanghai to look after the church and to assist in the work of the two schools. Then, Dr. Grace Candler and later on Dr. Beissie Sinclair were added to the staff. Then was established and a hospital was established, administering much needed relief to the sick people, rich or poor. From then on, the work of the mission grew in all its different phases, evangelistic, educational, and medical.

And last but not least, we find a youthful doctor coming to the field, fresh from the Battani mission medical school. He came but now on a new crusade against tuberculosis and its allied germs of disease and infec- tions. That was Dr. Georgi Thorngate, assisted by his wife and Miss Miriam Shaw. This concludes my first picture of the China Mission up to the year of 4997, before the world came to a stop in 1914, when the catas- trope of a global conflagration.

Indeed, in the picture just described, we can find the story of a long history of work and achievement for a century. It is a history, every page of it written by the untiring heart and hand of the God-fearing missionaries and friends. It is a history on every page, and in between lines we can read the sym- pathy and devotion of all our friends in America who were interested in the China Mission, in the American Board, in the work of foreign missions with gifts and prayers. And it is a history that throughout all its pages we can trace the gradual unfolding and realization of a plan and a purpose. It is the plan and the purpose of our Lord Jesus when He commanded His disciples to bring glad tidings to the farthest corner of the earth.

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**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

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Dear Recorder Children:
The following letter was sent me by Mrs. Annabel D. Austin of Westerly, R. I., and was written to her grandson, Jerry. I feel sure you will all enjoy it.

Sincerely,
Mizpah S. Greene

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**YEARLY MEETING**

New Jersey and Eastern New York Churches

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and eastern New York Churches was held at Shiloh, H. J., Oct. 10-12, 1947.

Please notify Mrs. Thurman G. Davis, Shiloh, N. C., chairman of the entertainment committee, if you plan to attend, so that arrangements for your lodging can be made.

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**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

Rev. Edward M. Holston

Rev. Edward M. Holston was born in Covert, Mich., June 13, 1871, the son of William Fitz Henry and Alice (Bunnell) Holston.

As a child he lived in Chicago, Ill., and Walworth, Wis. He was graduated from the Walworth High School and received a teacher's certificate from the Whitewater, Wis., Normal School. For several years he taught in rural schools near Walworth and was also engaged in the real estate business there.

He also took the lead, about five years ago, in establishing the Battle Creek Church's summer camp for children at Cotton Lake. This camp now bears his name, known as Holston Camp.

He was a singer and artist, and participated extensively for many years in both church quartets and local choral groups. He was a member of the Battle Creek Torch Club.

He served as pastor of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church from 1932 until March of 1941. He was elected president of the Battle Creek Ministerial Association in June, 1940, was Vice-president of General Conference in 1939-40, and as president he presided at General Conference sessions held in Denver, Colo., in August, 1941.

Since his retirement from pastoral work, Mr. Holston had been engaged in the real estate business, and with Mrs. Holston, had spent the last two winters in Florida.

He married Helen Clarke of Walworth, Wis., November 30, 1893, and they were the parents of a daughter, Mrs. R. T. (Dorothy) Fetherston. Mrs. Holston died August 11, 1926, at Dodge Center, Minn. Mr. Holston married Miss Anna L. Wells of Dodge Center, Wis., in 1927.

Mr. Holston suffered poor health during his later years, and was critically ill for about six weeks prior to August 3, 1947, when the Lord rewarded him with rest and peace.

Besides his wife and daughter, he is survived by a grandson, and two granddaughters, Mrs. S. U. Phelps of Walworth, Wis., and Mrs. Anton Koll of Chicago, Ill.

A funeral service was held in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church on Saturday, August 5, at 4:30 p.m., conducted by Pastor Alton L. Wheeler and Rev. Henry N. Johnson. A graveside service was conducted at Walworth, Wis., by Rev. Carroll L. Hill, president of Milton College.

A fitting testimony of his life may be expressed in the words of the Apostle Paul, found in 2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

A. L. W.
When the wall of Jerusalem was rebuilt under the leadership of Nehemiah, each of various groups performed its own part of the work. "And all the wall was joined together..."

Each Protestant denomination today is rebuilding its own part of a broken wall—the wall of worldwide Christian advance, so ravaged by war. Side by side work the various Church groups, dedicating together $125,000,000 for the great restoration.

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