Is This the Time?

Is this the time, O Church of Christ! to sound retreat?
To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of earth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?
Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront
Stern duties wait the nations, never wont
To play the laggard, when God's will was found?

No! rather, strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O Thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's.
Great things attempt for Him great things expect
Whose LOVE imperial is, whose POWER sublime
Fills all the earth, if we, who follow Him—
Build in this world, HIS CHURCH, Unconquerable!

—Sumner Hoyt, in the

In her eyes shines the light of the Christ; on
her face rests His compassion for the multitudes of China.

Dr. Crandall, on July 9, completed thirty-six and one-half years of work as a Seventh Day Baptist medical missionary to China.

(See page 27.)
WHAT WHERE
TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

The following letter was received recently by Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, 83 Jefferson Avenue, Maplewood, N. J., and at the request of Pastor John G. Schmid it was published in the Sabbath Recorder. Dr. Randolph got from Pastor Schmid the writer's name and address, as follows: Fau Martha Eilrich, Laubernstrasse 14, (1) Berlin-Britz, Germany (Russian Zone).

June 15, 1947.

Dear Brother:

Is it not my fault that I could not thank you earlier for all your kindness and love because I heard from Brother Schmid, New Jersey, that you had letters from Germany? I could not possibly have written you German Mail. It made us so sad and that it was not possible for us to thank you and to tell you how much our sisters and brothers appreciate your help. I tried every possible way to mail the letters and cards but I believe they were never arrived. Now I found a young girl who will translate a letter for me, as I can't speak English, and her boy friend is willing to send this one by Army A Mail so that you get it for sure.

We are so glad that we found some people who understand our situation as it is right now. I guess you don't know how hard we had to fight for our God all the time during the war. They did not want us to believe in God anymore, churches were empty and only very few came to our meetings, with other words people became bad. I have only one wish, that they will find their way back to God and that he will be kind to us.

(Concluded on page 10)

S. O. S.

Sewing materials are desperately needed in Germany. Every scrap of yarn is usable length. Food is a necessity, and lacking there.

Rush materials and money to Mr. John G. Schmid, 27 Osage Road, Verona, N. J. jrcschmid, 27 Osage Road, Verona, N. J. t

We will be glad to receive them by money or any way to help the Seventh Day Baptist suffering in Germany.

Remember sewing materials and food!

Are your clothes presentable? Then, share at least some, cloth, thread, and yarn.

Did you have a good dinner?

Then send money with which to buy food for Seventh Day Baptist suffering to: Mr. John G. Schmid, 27 Osage Road, Verona, N. J. Now!

Tomorrow will be too late! Act today!

THE SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE

I.

God is calling in this hour when civilization is trembling on the brink of decision. Two ways are open, only two. One leads up into the light; the other leads out into the dark. One way marks the path of the day; the other, the dread of the night. One way is Christ; the other, chaos.

Sometimes, we may think, feel, speak, and act as though we are the prophets, we are the ones to sound the clarion call.

There always have been prophets. There always have been those who have sounded the call. If a single man thinks that he of himself, or any group of men think that they of themselves, can save civilization in this crisis, he or they are unquestionably in for disillusionment. The saving is of God.

However, God would use us as men in this day to bring into bolder relief His design. And if we sound not the call to the spiritual struggle we fail Him who is our trust, deny our faith, go back on those who have passed to us the torch of spiritual progress, and let down those who look our way for guidance.

These are tremendous times!

"Times that try men's souls," you ask?

"Aye, aye. Times that shake men's souls to the depths. Yet, those souls that are anchored to the unshaken and unshakable soul of the Christ fear not the demands of the struggle and doubt not the ultimate outcome."

Per, assuredly, as Christ declared: "Full authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth: go and make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all the commands I have laid on you. And all the time I will be with you, to the very end of the world." — Matthew 28: 18-20, Moffatt.

Do we question His authority? Dare we doubt His power?

He commands. It is ours to obey. He commissions. Ours is the mission. When He says, "Full authority," He means that entire, complete authority has been given Him. The Father, His Father and ours, is the source of His authority. Christ commands: "Go," "Make, disciples," "Baptize them," "Teach them." His matchless promise: "All the time I will be with you," forever.

(Tob continued.)

Hololulaj! Amen

As letters and articles stream in to our desk, we are convinced that folks are awake and that they are aware of the spirit, the atmosphere of the world, as Seventh Day Baptists, along with other Christ-followers, are engaged.

Also, we are greatly encouraged by the startling evidence, strongly expressed, in these letters and articles that as a separate people in Christ we must not be divided. Division is of the devil. Therefore, friends of the faith, let us take courage. We are past the time of making a spiritual advance. Let us hold the ground that we have gained. O Spirit of the living God, send us forth with a more decisive thrust. All praise be unto Him who is our victorious leader and Lord!

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

All who plan to attend the Southwestern Association at Hammond, L.a., from July 31 to August 3, please notify Mrs. Phoebe Mills, 500 East Mevy Avenue, Hammond, La.
By Way of Introduction

Editor's Note: Because of Mr. K. Duane Hurley's intimate knowledge of the Jamaica field made possible by extended visit there during the summer of 1934, and due to the fact that he has been looking forward to the arrival of the material from Dr. Hendren for more than a year, it seems more than appropriate that he has prepared a few introductory remarks to begin the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society.

The accompanying article will serve as an informal introduction to the longer, more detailed document for those particularly interested in the denomination. People outside will also have opportunity to hear of Seventh Day Baptist activities in the West Indies for, with very slight changes, the article will also appear in the Western Journal of Education, the editor of that publication having invited the author to contribute information about his Jamaican journey. — K. D. H.

A special fund now being raised for reconstruction and advancing of denominational missionary enterprises.

The complete report of Mr. Crandall's findings, together with his recommendations, is to be sent to the Society for publication by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society.

Teddy, a special child in Miss Beatty's class, received a plaque, a statue of Christopher Columbus issued by the East Indian Church Society, a lesson in appreciation from many plaques, a statue of Christopher Columbus was sent as an informal introduction to the longer, more detailed document for those particularly interested in the denomination. People outside will also have opportunity to hear of Seventh Day Baptist activities in the West Indies for, with very slight changes, the article will also appear in the Western Journal of Education, the editor of that publication having invited the author to contribute information about his Jamaican journey.

Jamaica

Traveling on a freighter in a well-appointed stateroom in the officers' quarters proved to be a very pleasant way to reach Jamaica, B. W. I. A new Chevrolet in the hold, for use upon arrival, was a pleasant anticipation.

Leaving New York City in a heavy blanket of snow, with the Statue of Liberty hidden by a dense fog, it was a happy change to see San Salvador nestled in the blue Caribbean, as our first sight of land. A swing around the east end of Cuba and into Santo Domingo Harbor, made famous by Hobson's sinking of the Merimac off Morro Castle, made a pleasant and interesting interlude. Having stopped at Havana on a previous trip from Los Angeles to New York, via the Panama, we were disappointed in the appearance of Santiago. However, there was a compensating element. We charged up San Juan Hill (in spirit) with "Teddy" and his Rough Riders. Our entry was by a broad, art-civic stairway. On every side were symbols of appreciation from many plaques, a statue of Teddy, a tree and the great battle-scarred tree under which the treaty was signed. Over all waves the United States flag.

A day's sailing brought us along the south side of the Island of Jamaica. Columbus' entry in his diary, when he first saw the island on May 1, 1494, applies with equal force today. "It is the fairest island that eyes have beheld. Mountainous, and the land seems to touch the sky. He named it "Santa Gloria." To them we are indebted for the large map of the island, Columbus is said to have grasped a sheet of paper, squeezing it in his hand and placing it on the table. Then, pointing it, is that for the Blue Mountains form the backbone of the island, rising ridge on ridge, culminating in Blue Mountain Peak, 7,338 feet high. These mountains, covered with rich verdure to their very summits with the stately cocoanut trees growing to the very edge, make a view never to be forgotten.

Kingston

The land-locked harbor of Kingston is one of the finest in the world. As you pass through the narrow entrance you do not realize that you may be passing over the sunken portion of one of the wickedest and richest of its time (old Port Royal), destroyed by earthquake in 1692.

The city of Kingston, with its 120,000 inhabitants, rises gently from the bay to the hills, and within these miles the hills in the background makes an impressive sight. It is both the capital and commercial center of the island. It is well sup-plied with government buildings, department stores, shops, garages, etc. Jamaica is a British crown colony over which a governor is responsible. King George V and tourists seem to be their largest sources of revenue. That automobile cost us plenty.

Educational Survey

Making an educational survey of Jamaica proved a very interesting and enlightening undertaking. Traveling over the island, visiting government, denominational, and private schools of all kinds was something of a revelation to one whose life work had been with the public schools of the United States.

Kindergartens are almost unknown outside of Kingston and most of them are private enterprises. The government is mostly concerned with pupils from seven to fifteen years of age for which there is something of a conflict of interest. The work office law during these eight years compares to our elementary schools. At the end of this period the student is the "forgotten man." The work is strong in the three R's, but lacks much of the enrichment and opportunities of our American schools.

There seems to be considerable prejudice against our American schools, educationally and through educational departments. Their aim is to prepare for examinations against our ideal to prepare for examinations.

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Population

Possibly a word of explanation regarding the population of Jamaica may be of help. Of the 1,237,000 people of all races reported in the census of 1943, the "Black" and "Colored" represent 1,180,000, followed by the East Indians and Chinese. The "Whites" have five parts with the ratio of one to one hundred. The race situation, added to the wide differences in wealth and income, explains the large difference between denominational and private schools. Religious denominations have always played a very important part in the educational life of Jamaica. In early days practically all educational facilities were provided by the Church. The practice still continues of sending the children of English families back to the homeland and grandparents for their education.

Highgate

One of the outstanding denominational schools might be briefly described as giving illustration of the way secondary educational privileges are provided.

"Friends Schools and Educational Centres" at Highgate, provide a fine comprehensive program of training beginning with pupils
six years of age and continuing through secondary education, including training for social work, social service in Jamaica, public health, and child-craft.

Guidance and vocational counseling are outstanding in this organization and students are given a chance for development along the lines of their aptitude. A wide range of vocations is offered in cabinetmaking, carpentry, tailoring, shoemaking, and agricultural pursuits. The crafts are represented in weaving, pottery, basketmaking, spinning, etc. Students showing mental and leadership ability are taken into the Rural Development Centre called "Friends College" and prepared for the public services indicated above.

A large proportion of these students are resident, which adds much to their training as they receive a high degree of efficiency in their home and community influence. The board and tuition for the year of three thirteen-week terms varies from $150 to $350. Fees and cost of materials must be added.

There are many private schools which serve a useful purpose and have proved profitable investments for their promoters.

Calabar
Calabar is the oldest and probably the most substantially organized school on the island. This institution, under the Presbyterian denomination, offers in addition to secondary school courses, a fine training of college grade in theology and Christian leadership. This group has representatives from other Protestant denominations in its membership and presents an especially high type of Jamaicans.

It was interesting to be told by the head master of this school, who is the dean of the schoolmen on the island, that he was born in Australia, was a "dyed in the wool" Englishman, that he was initiated and planned to settle in Riverside, Calif.

The much heralded "Ten Year Plan" intended to improve the teaching facilities in Jamaica has been in operation for over a year but nothing has come of it so far and the schoolmen are pessimistic as to its real benefit to education. They fear there is too much politics in the undertaking.

There is one hopeful development that has been initiated and may prove of great service. England and the West Indies Colonies are uniting in establishing the University of the West Indies to be located in Kingston. The head has already been sent from England. It will be some time before the institution is put in operation and the plan is to begin with a medical college.

Glaring Contrast
Driving some 1,250 miles on this tropical island on its starting mountain highways with splendid roadbeds, was always a delight to the eye and admiration of outstanding lines of tropical trees, shrubs, and flowers of brilliant color, and fruits innumerable, was a decided contrast to the snow-covered hills of New York. The most attractive place, it seemed to me, was Montego Bay on the northwest coast of Jamaica. We saw Lord Beaverrbrook land on the beach, while at the edge of the city was the airport where the tourists landed from Florida. However, the most attractive hotel was in Kingston. The Myrtle Bank Hotel reminds one of the Mission Inn of Riverside, Calif. I fear the proprietors had associated with those of like profession in Florida, for the rates were from $18 to $24 per day.

My concern, however, was with the more serious side of life in Jamaica. The extreme poverty of an overwhelming proportion of the population is pathetic. Their little thatched huts clinging to the sides of the mountains on the island tell the story. Among these native Jamaicans are many young people with ambition, ability, and a desire to make the most of themselves and help lift the standard of living among their own people.

Appreciating these conditions and feeling that there was a real challenge, the Missionary Board sent one to make an educational survey of the island. Our denomination, though small, has always been active in education, having established a number of educational institutions down through the years.

Churches Visited
It was interesting and inspiring to visit as many of our churches as possible. We were able to the great convenience of having the new auto, we were able to visit with Pastor Randolph three of our nineteen churches and one of the ten groups.

Where notice and time permitted the churches held very enthusiastic welcome services. The Kingston church concluded these gatherings with a farewell.

Dr. Grace I. Crandall Is Seriously Ill

Dear Dr. Burdick:

There are three matters, at least, on which I should like to report:

1. Dr. Crandall's condition is progressively weaker. She is at home and being cared for by two nurses (Miss Helen So, you remember) and the other (other is one of our Llhuoi trained nurses) and her daughters who are with her as much as possible. Some time ago we urged her to have more examinations at the hospital, other doctors being called into consultation. It appeared to have an advanced malignancy, and the surgeon did not think it wise to attempt surgery. We suggested that she remain in the hospital where she could be more comfortable, have more care, and be closer to her room at the Burdick-West House. She has enjoyed having her Chinese and foreign friends about her, and has exhibited a marvelous spirit of faith and courage.

2. Mr. Chang Tong-ming has at length received his Chinese passport and has embarked on the Mediterranean (with trust) to take an American visa. We shall let you know his plans as they develop. In the meantime, could you make arrangements for him to have Chinese papers when he reaches the States?

3. Repairs are progressing on the Church-dwelling at Llhuoi to make it habitable and usable for a clinic, as well as for church use. Nothing is planned for this unless the very minimum is necessary repair, much of which we need to do to keep the property from worse deterioration. Dr. Pan's plans depend on Dr. Crandall's health. Mr. Dau Sih Ding (formerly superintendent of this hospital) will spend two months this summer on the field. It is a great disappointment to Dr. Crandall that she will probably not be able to realize her cherished dream of helping to reopen the Llhuoi Hospital. Most of her lucid moments are still spent planning the new hospital.

Other affairs in Shanghai are much as usual. The deacons (chosen yearly) of the Shanghai Church are working on ways and means to provide living space for Mrs. Koo, the Bible woman. So far, nothing definite has been accomplished.

We hope that things at home are going well, and that you are in good health.

Very sincerely yours,
George Thormgate.

23 Route de Zikawei, Shanghai 25, China, June 3, 1947.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
WESTERY, R. L. AUGUST 19-24, 1947
PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT
(Leadership Training)
Lewis Camp, Ashaway, R. I.,
August 14-18, 1947

WILL YOU BE THERE?
DIFFERENT MOTIVES

There are different motives which one may hold that all will not follow or pledge to the
kingdom of God. This is markedly true re-
garding missions and evangelism.
Evidently there are people who believe and ascribe to the
have no desire to carry the light to others, either at home or in foreign fields. Perhaps it is too strong a statement to say they have no desire to bring the gospel to others; but if they do, the desire does not produce action; it is dormant or nearly dormant they do not show a desire.

Most people, however, desire to see the extension of Christ's kingdom. Back of that desire may be a number of different motives. It is possible that one may engage in mission work for the thrill of doing something un-usual and exciting and Nothing to which will
cause people to listen with wonder. One
may desire to be an evangelist because of the excitement and popularity connected with evangelistic campaigns. Or it is possible that one may be prompted to engage in mis-
sionary and evangelistic work for the satis-
faction and joy that comes from it and from the
accomplishments, or more than a desire for
is the excitement and popularity connected to
this, and to do good work. Work out your
quest or idea of Christian work in the best way possible and begin now to do what we can. We will not only pardon the failures of the past, but He will help us do our best. "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." If I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.

No one is excused. The Master never intended any one they should be a drone. There is no place for gourds. Every one must do his best in heart and mind. Much depends upon it. Others are going to suffer irreparable loss if we fail to contribute to the extent of our ability in substance, time, and love.

W. L. B.

HAVE WE DONE WHAT WE COULD?

It is not an uncommon thing for ministers, missionaries, and Church workers to be
discouraged because the work does not progress faster. In fact, it is the common lot of all men to see hours of discouragement. Also, churches and denominations are not free from such seasons.

Men and human institutions are imperfect and many things must be done over again, so, their efforts and accomplishments are more or less faulty. They always have reasons to feel they have been unprofitably worked. But allowing failure and seeming defeat to fill the heart with gloom and paralyze the efforts is going too far. It shows a lack of trust in God. It is the part of Christian
hood to acknowledge mistakes and profit from them, to look discouragement in the face and to go on with the battle, if there is an evil day, and having done all to stand."

He who fights on, though his sword is broken and the battle seems to be going against him, shows the divine within him.

If we have done what we could, we should not blame ourselves. We can feel and say as did David, "The battle is the Lord's." To be sure if we have not done what we could, if we have criticized and discouraged others, we do have the right to have the approval of either God or our own consciences.

There is a wonderful satisfaction in being able to look up to God and feel that we have tried to do our best; and if we have not been doing this, God will forgive us for our mistakes, provide us with a fresh start, and begin now to do what we can. We will not only pardon the mistakes of the past, but He will help us do our best. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.

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W. L. B.

A concerted follow-up is being planned for the next "Dear" past and vacation program in Efficiency for Evangelism. Following an evangelistic campaign,
Pastors who went out on the program have already made good reports and recommendations on their work, held a conference at the Ministers' Conference during a recess, and are preparing for future follow-ups. Their reports will be summarized, or surveyed for public benefit also.

Pastors who received fellow pastors as helpers are going to have their chance to report and recommend on survey sheets to be sent out. It would be ideal if church officers were also given an opportunity to express themselves on these surveys.

Churches were introduced to "A Balanced Program for the Local Church" and asked to see if they would make a self-evaluation of their work. We expect that this standard for balanced and vital activity will be used more widely so that the conduct of church affairs may not hinder in any way, but always promote, the expression—clear and forceful—of Jesus' evangelistic fervor.

New forms of evangelism are to be in-
agurated with your help in the future—city Seventh Day Baptist evangelism, lay visitation campaigns, etc.

Pastors' Evangelism Institutes—three or four regional ones—will be conducted so
that pastors may work together in pushing ahead on our evangelistic frontiers here in America.

Let's all follow-up to follow up the king-
dom road with our Lord and Master.
David B. Clarke

THE SABBATH RECORDER
CONFERENCE AT WESTERLY

August 19, the time for General Conference to convene at Westerly, is fast approaching. Committees and individuals are hard at work in anticipation of the event. Arrangement has been made for the use of the Ward Senior High School auditoriums and rooms for offices and committees. Noonday and evening meals will be served in the high school cafeteria. There will be two services of worship on Sabbath morning, one in the church at Westerly and the other in the church at Ashaway. We are anticipating a large number of delegates and assure you that a welcome awaits you. Norman F. Loebro is chairman of the Executive Committee. Elmer H. Van Horn is chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Elsewhere there has been published an invitation from Mr. Van Horn. He will have permission to come to Westerly early about 4:00 p.m. It is respectfully suggested to our members to come and bring their children and family. There is a limit on the number of persons who may come. Mrs. Crandall was chairman of the entertainment committee. There will be a group of children that will be there. The Reverend Crandall is chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Elsewhere there has been published an invitation from Mr. Van Horn. He will have permission to come to Westerly early about 4:00 p.m. It is respectfully suggested to our members to come and bring their children and family. There is a limit on the number of persons who may come. Members are encouraged to bring their children and family with them. The church is open for worship and meals will be served. The conference is expected to attract a large number of delegates.

FRAU MARTHA ELLRICH'S LETTER

(Continued from page 22)

forgive them. Near the end we were only such a small group that did never change our minds that a little hugg was big enough for our meetings. But there we always had to be afraid of the police because it was a law. In our meetings there were always hundreds of participants who were interested in the meetings. Why can't people in the world love each other and do what they do? It can't be longer like it is right now.

I wish I would find the right words to let you know how much we thank you for every understanding heart. You should see the happy eyes when we are together. And clothes and food. Oh, you are so good and friendly to us. How often do I see tears in their eyes and even in our brother's eyes. It's a pity that we don't speak your language. Hör Macht is that every sister and brother could make a few words, but not you. We can only thank you and it's for sure that no one in this town will forget you and your kindness.

Many of our brothers are still prisoners of war. I take care of our "Gemeinde Berlin-Neukolln" (our own little district in Berlin) and I will thank you for each of you.

Our God will be with you and bless you because we are too poor and weak for that. With best wishes. Your thankful sister, Martha Ellrich.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST COLLEGE GRADUATES - 1947

Names of the graduates of the denomination, who have been received and are listed below:

- At Alfred University: Bachelor of Arts, Alva H. Pierson, the New Rochelle City Church; Bachelor of Science, Mary Alice Butler, of the Oakdale, Ala., Church; Bachelor of Fine Arts, Hannah Saunders Crump, of the First Church, William David Parry of the Alfred Church.


- At Salem College: Bachelor of Arts, Alba Lively, the Rockville Church; Bachelor of Science, W. Harold Bakker (cum laude), the Adams Center, N. Y., Church; Melvin G. Nida, Plainfield: Loren Glenn Osborn (cum laude), Shiloh; Clayton H. Stearns, the First Hebron, Pa.; Edgar Francis Wheeler, Nortonville; Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Martha Randolph, Lost Creek; and Glenna M. Robinson (cum laude), the Salem Church.

The Board of Christian Education extends congratulations to you all and extends best wishes for your success in whatever God has called you to do. Your opportunity to serve as representative Seventh Day Baptists is a very special occasion because it is sure. And now, God bless you as you render this service.

Rev. Everett T. Harris, a director of the Board of Christian Education, was also present. He said that the Doctor of Divinity degree is awarded by the College in recognition of the services you have rendered the Church and denomination which have been recognized by this honor from Salem College.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sabbath services are held regularly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilson and daughter, 182 Ryers Avenue, Cheltenham, Pa. at 3:30 p.m.

Interested parties in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pa., may contact Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Seager, 183 Briar Road, Orland, Pa., Tele- phone: Ogonta 4969-R.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

DES MOINES CONVENTION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. Ben R. Crandall of Alfred will be honored at the twenty-first International Sunday School Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, from July 22-23. He will receive a special copy of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament along with commemorative citations in denominational services to be thus honored. Dr. Crandall has rendered a valuable service to the Board of Christian Education as its treasurer, chairman of the Committee on Finance, and has been a good superintendent of the Alfred Sabbath School. He will represent the board at the Des Moines Convention, Mrs. Crandall will also attend. Both Dr. and Mrs. Crandall will bring messages on the convention and how it challenges Seventh Day Baptists. They will also present the board program of General Conference at Westerly.

It is to be hoped that a number of people from churches in the Midwest will plan to attend the Des Moines Convention. It will be a tremendous meeting and should be a lifelong inspiration to those who attend.

NORTONVILLE - FIRST VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

The Vacation Church School at Nortonville, Kansas, June 21 - 23. The Seventh Day Baptist Church was the sponsor. There were twenty-nine children enrolled.

The children brought lunches and there was no money for food. The school was on an open account, and the Board of Trustees was responsible. The superintendent had to pay $2.30 for the children during the school and $10.51 was received at the closing program. This money was all divided equally between the Home Missionary Work and the German churches.

This was a fine school and there will be many good things accomplished because of its work.

A Christian family life is the most effective of all Christian influences. To live as a Christian family, to talk and play and work and read and eat and listen and worship together as a Christian family—this is to enter into some of the richest experiences of Christian living. — Federal Council folder.
YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

(By Miss Beverly Burdick of the Milton Church; given at the Quarterly Meeting of the Wisconsin and Chicago churches.)

The young people of today like to think that young people have always done for themselves. However, most of us would admit at least to ourselves—that we do need help in finding ourselves in the Church.

We have heard that modern youth is drifting away from the Church. We could blame this—along with everything else—on the times. Is it the entire cause? Could it not be that the young people have not been able to find their place in the Church of today?

Dr. Harry K. werd Maltby, who specializes in problems, says that there are really five parts to any problem: They are:

1. Where is the Church? How can we get from where we are to where we ought to be?
2. How can we get from where we are to where we ought to be?
3. How can we get from where we are to get from where we are to where we ought to be?
4. What do we have to do in order to get from where we are to where we ought to be?
5. What do we have to do in order to get from where we are to where we ought to be?

I agreed, at first, with the author who used this quotation that it sounded like The House That Jack Built, but later I had thought about it for a few minutes I realized that there was considerable truth in it.

Our problem obviously is: "What Is," versus "What Ought To Be.

First we consider "What Is." We cannot deny that there is a growing trend away from traditional Church services. Statistics as given in the August Christian Herald on the Sunday school losses in the past decade, are: Methodism, 29%; Congregational, 19%; Lutheran, 9%; Methodist, 13%; Congregational, 20%; Presbyterian, 19%. This, obviously goes to mean that modern young people are becoming more and more godless, but it may just mean that they are raising more questions about the Church of which they are offered to them. The Church cannot offer them religious instruction alone and expect to keep the young people interested. People are going out on their own and the other extreme as some churches—not in our denomination—have in making their churches 90% recreation hall and 10% gospel hall.

Many of us who have gone to Sabbath school ever since cradle roll days know remarkably little about the Bible. Ross L. Holman in an article in the May, 1944, Christian Herald entitled "Let's Teach the Bible" tells us about the past, in a class of twelve-year-olds who had been faithfully attending Sunday school for years as to how much they knew about the Bible. He reports that the idea of Jesus was a New Testament character; another he believed King Saul and Saul of Tarsus to be the same person; and he described missionary sermons and slurred the Philistines; another had never heard of Adam and another did not know that Christ was the Son of God. I doubt if any of us would do this poorly on such a test of Biblical knowledge, but how much better would we do? We're not interested in it; that's why so many of these questions are asked about the Bible. We do not want to be reminded of this. How can we neglect the theological sermons and slew the Philistines; another had never heard of Adam and another did not know that Christ was the Son of God.

There is a growing trend away from the Church. We all have heard that religious education is not all that it used to be. The August Christian Herald was held on Friday evening, with Rev. Trevor Sutton, delegate from the Southeastern Association, preaching the sermon. A conference meeting followed, led by Rev. E. H. Bottoms, Adams Center, N. Y.

Sabbath morning the sermon was given by Rev. Harold R. Grundy, delegate from the Eastern Association.

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The boards are arranging programs that will be inspiring and instructive and will give us all an opportunity to begin the road to challenge our Conference.

Well, I'll be seeing you at Westerly, I hope.

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VOCATIONS

Seventh Day Baptist Vocational Committee
C. M. Todd, Chairman; Don Gray, Secretary
Milton, Wis.

Wanted to Sell—to some energetic Seventh Day Baptist, for some good young adults in a college community, that specializes in stationary, school supplies, and gifts. The business has good will, good trade, and is well established. Present owners wish to make a change. For more complete details write Bosco, Secretary Seventh Day Baptist Vocational Committee, Don Gray, Secretary, Milton, Wis.

The committee also has listed the following business and employment openings:
Wisconsin—Two watch repair men, single and married men for farm work, garbage and repair shop might do well to ask themselves what it is that youth needs which they are not offering.

(To be concluded next week.)

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MORE CONFERENCE PLANS

The theme of our General Conference meetings in August is "Saved to Serve," which being interpreted may mean as follows: Revitalizing the experience of salvation so that we may better serve God to His glory and advance the kingdom of Christ on earth.

It is expected that the sermons during the first part of Conference will emphasize the importance of the primacy of a deep and vital experience of Christ. During the latter part of Conference the emphasis will be upon appropriate ways of expressing our love for Christ, in the vocations we choose, in missions, and through the regular work of our boards.


The family camps during the meeting will be inspiring and instructive and will give us all an opportunity to begin the road to challenge our Conference.

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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The De Ruyter, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. H. Whittaker, was host to the Central Association on June 13, 14, and 15.

A special session was held on Friday evening, with Rev. Trevah Sutton, delegate from the Southeastern Association, preaching the sermon. A conference meeting followed, led by Rev. E. H. Bottoms, Adams Center, N. Y.

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Rhode Island—Grocery-store, physician, optometrist, watch repair man, blacksmithing and repair shop might do well to ask themselves what it is that youth needs which they are not offering.

For further information please contact your church representative or write direct to the Vocational Committee.
AT DAWNING
By Irene Post Hulet

When dawn o'er earth's darkness is steadily breaking,
The summertime loveliness gently revealing.
I knew I must go out to see the world, for
Arthur Payne, my V. V.,
From creek to creosote to the deep silence breaking.

The robin leads off in a solo ecstacy,
Surely to the God above.
I wonder sometimes just what he is telling
The birds of the neighborhood where he is dwelling.

Perhaps he is warning of possible dangers,
Of prowling cat foes or two-legged strangers.

Perhaps in his positive way he is saying,
"How lovely this world is in which birds are staying!"

Whatever the thought he's so ably portraying,
Whether praises to God, or bird tears assailing.

The others join in with their little singing
And try, just their best, to help in the telling.

I wonder—I wonder—if all of God's children
Sang praises to Him at beginning of day,
If life wouldn't prove happier, sweeter, completeer,
As onward they travel along life's highway.

Dear Mrs. Hulet:
Thank you so much for your lovely little poem.
I have enjoyed it and I'm sure the children, and other Recorder readers will also, and I hope you will send other contributions.

For ten years my home was at Anderson, S. C., and my address was Anderson, R. D. 2, but for the last twenty-three years we have lived in the village of Anderson, so our address is simply Anderson, S. C. This is my second letter reached me in due season, though the first did not, since Independence has no post office.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene

God . . . Careth for Me

God, who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea,
Who gave the light its birth, careth for me.

God, who made the grass, the flower, the fruit,
The day and night to pass, careth for me.

God, who made the sun, the moon, the stars,
Who, when life's clouds come on, careth for me.

God, who made all things on earth, in air, in sea,
Who changing seasons brings, careth for me.

—S. B. Rhodes

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OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE
Address: Mizpah, E. Greene

Venita Vincent in Switzerland

In Switzerland the blow fell. We learned we could go no farther—Italy and Greece were on the way of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, Palestine, where we had reservations one month hence, was blown up; Egypt, the land of the Pyramids and Sphinx, was impossible of entry; and the last and greatest blow of all, the Maharajah of Kapurthala, India, could not get us into India because of the political unrest there. Street rioting, killing of all English-speaking folk in Bombay and New Delhi, the capital, was quite frequent.

What a wonderful three months' trip I have had, even though I shall miss the palace in India and the Maharajah's Birthday Durbar Celebration. I shall miss going to Tokyo to see my daddy, too.

The next letter will tell of the stay in Switzerland.

Salem, W. Va.

Dear Venita:
I'm sorry to hear that you were unable to take all the trip you had planned, especially the visit in Tokyo to see your daddy. It must indeed have been a great disappointment. I know several of my acquaintances looked at the Americans with some fear and suspicion until they learned their fears were groundless. Then they smiled faintly. But the children smiled in a friendly fashion and made them feel at home.

I'm looking forward to your description of the stay in Switzerland.

Your appreciative friend,
Mizpah S. Greene

Brewer - Payne — Rev. Brewer, son of R. G. Brewer of Riverside, Calif., and Miss Dorothy Payne of Andover, N. H., are to be married in the Seventh Day Baptist church of Andover, Mass., on Wednesday evening, June 18, 1947. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Earl Crusslow, pastor of the church. The couple will be at home at 3476 12th St., Riverside, Calif.

Pearson - Merrill — Miss Evelyn A. Merrill, South Wavert, Pa., and Frank E. Pearson of Amster
dam, N. Y., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin L. Merrill, Sabbath evening, June 21, 1947. Rev. O. W. Laurence officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson plan to make their home at 324 Ulster Street, South Wavert, Pa.

Ottobers

Parker, Maud E., daughter of Harry and Abbie-Stevens, was born December 15, 1880, at Steubenville, Ohio. She was married January 20, 1905, to Leonard A. Truxton, Jr., of Steubenville, and died June 9, 1947, at Portandon, N. Y.

Since 1911 she has cared for two of her grand
children, who were born four and six years after she was two years of age.

She was a charter member of the Baptist Church of East Oxford, N. J., and joined the De Royer Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter from the latter church in 1930, becoming a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society. Since 1920 she has been anear member of the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Baptist Church of East Oxford.

N. V. Herbert L. Polan was in charge of the service with Zach H. White assisting. The burial service was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

—Z. H. W. Randolph. — Sarah Virginia, daughter of Levi B. and Durinda Davis Hildebrand, was born July 31, 1891, at Bethania, and died May 10, 1947, at the home of her son, Blondie F. Hildebrand, 322 Pearl, W. Va. She was married June 7, 1913, in Bethania to Ralph W. Hildebrand of W. Va. To this union was born one son, Blondie F. Hildebrand, 322 Pearl, W. Va., who is a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church, serving many years in different capacities. The other two were married to Ralph W. Hildebrand.

On December 3, 1890, at Minora, W. Va., she was married to Edward L. Hildebrand of Minora, W. Va. To this union was born one son, Blondie F. Hildebrand, 322 Pearl, W. Va., who is a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church, serving many years in different capacities. The other two were married to Ralph W. Hildebrand.

Her husband preceded her in death by many years. She was survived by her only son, and four grandchildren. She is survived by the U. S. Navy, Odel, Hilda, Charles, and Ada Jean, all of Berkeley, and Wellington, W. Va. She is also sur

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Comparative Figures

- Receipts in May: $2,160.75 / $1,924.45
- Receipts in 11 months: $22,314.71 / $19,075.23

OBITUARIES

(Continued from page 35)

He was a leader in youth work, not only in the local church but in the county and state youth organizations. Locally, he was instrumental in starting the Intermediate Sabbath School in 1924, and served as its superintendent for fifteen years.

He was an outstanding leader in civic affairs, whatever he undertook to do, he did well. As a professor in Alfred University, he taught industrial mechanics. He will be greatly missed as a father, friend, church worker, and civic leader.

Farwell services were held at the First Alfred Church June 12, 1947, with burial in Alfred Rural Cemetery. Pastor Everett T. Harris was assisted by Dean A. J. Bond at the church and by the Alfred Post No. 370, American Legion, at the grave.

E. T. H.

Wells - Emily, daughter of Harry P. and Julia Ann Marshall was born in the town of Lincllaton, N. Y., February 28, 1934, and passed away May 23, 1947, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Swind.

She was married to Willie C. Wells November 23, 1881.

Surviving her are five daughters, Mrs. Wallace Swind, Mrs. Elmer Caughley, Mrs. Andrew Jean- nerson, Mrs. Wm. Morse, Mrs. Theo Key Kendall; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

After a four-year period, when only a young girl she joined the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church where she has been a member all of her life.

The service was in charge of her pastor, Rev. Zack H. White. Internment was in Lincllaton Cemetery.

Z. H. W.