About Christmas

Dear Recorder Children:

Christmas, a time of gladness and gift giving, is over for another year, and the new year is five days old. In the good times you have been having, in the home, the school, and the Church, I am sure you have not forgotten why we celebrate Christmas; that it is in memory of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour and King. For, as reads the Bible message, “Unto you is born a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.”

All the world should rejoice as they think of the real meaning of Christmas, for it was indeed a very real blessing to all when the angel of the Lord came that night many, many years ago with a message from heaven. He brought good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. It was a joyous message to every one of us, and will ever be.

Every class of people from the poorest to the richest may claim Jesus as friend and helper, and thus Christmas belongs to every one of us. No one, however poor, may fail to claim Him as his or her Saviour, for was He not born in a manger?

We all know how the angel came to the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night to announce the birth of Jesus. They were about a mile from Bethlehem, on the slopes of the valley east of the village. For fear of wild beasts which sometimes came out of the woods and killed the sheep, the shepherds took turns watching so that some of their number should keep watch all the time. On the night that Jesus was born, as they were thus watching, a bright light shone around them, and looking up, they saw the angel coming from above directly toward them. As he neared them he looked lovingly at them so that they soon forgot their fear at his sudden appearance and rejoiced at the wonderful news he brought. For this is what he said: “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

As the angel finished his message, suddenly he was joined by a multitude of other angels, all praising God and singing,

“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good-will toward men.”

This beautiful song has been sung many, many times by all people who love Jesus. Then the angels vanished and the shepherds bowed before the baby Jesus, for they were sure He was the Son of God. And there they worshiped Him. Then back to their flocks they went, telling everyone they met about the wonderful message the angel had brought to them, and about how they had found and worshiped the infant Jesus. And all that listened to their message “wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.”

We, too, should always be ready to tell all we meet about the true meaning of Christmas, that it is to celebrate the coming of Jesus our Saviour and Lord into the world. And we can say as the prophet Isaiah said so very long ago, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.”

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.
Midyear Meeting of the Commission

On Monday, December 29, 1947, the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference assembled at Plainfield, N. J., for its midyear meeting. The sessions were held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building. All members were present: Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.; Mr. Kenneth A. Babcock, Milton, Wis.; Rev. Everett T. Harris, Alfred, N. Y.; Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, Battle Creek, Mich.; Dr. E. Keith Davis, Silverton, Colo.; and Mr. Karl G. Stilman, Westerly, R. I., president of General Conference. Rev. Mr. Rogers served as chairman and Mr. Courtland V. Davis, Somerville, N. J., served as secretary of the sessions.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

DATE CHANGED

The Commission of the General Conference announced August 17-22, 1948, as the dates of the next General Conference. This decision was reached after consulting the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup, Neb., which is the entertaining Church. The change was made largely because the public schools of the West usually open the last of August or the first of September. The new dates are one week earlier than those formerly officially announced, but mark the same August 17-22 fixed in our minds and down in our date books so that we shall be on hand when Conference begins. Write and tell others about the change in order that they will be sure to know, also.

COMMISSION TELEGRAPHS CHURCHES

The following telegram was sent to the clerks of Seventh Day Baptist Churches: "Commission urges Churches to seriously consider bonus toward pastors' increased living costs. Letter follows." Certain Churches were, by common consent, omitted from the list because of having no current pastor.

DR. LLOYD D. SEAGER, AMSTERDAM DELEGATE

The Commission elected Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, Ordeland, Pa., as delegate to the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held in Amsterdam, Holland, in August, 1948. This action was taken upon the recommendation of General Conference (Seventh Day Baptist Year Book; 1947, page 45).

Our "INNER Missions"

An editorial in "The Moravian" of November 15, 1947, makes use of an impressive expression. It is: "inner missions." The editor of "The Moravian" mentions the fact that the Lutherans apply "inner missions" not only to "the starting of new congregations and work in unchurched areas, but they include their orphanages, their homes for the aged, their hospitals, and their schools."

Seventh Day Baptist schools have been a part of our "inner missions." From generation to generation, these Christian schools have offered a matchless opportunity for teaching, preaching, and living the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Sabbath truth. In many instances the founding of a school in a Seventh Day Baptist community provided the educational opportunity for children not only of Seventh Day Baptist families but also for those of the community. In every case the moral, social, economic, and religious status of the community was raised along with the educational status.

Our forefathers have been pioneers in the field of Christian education. Their spirit of sacrifice in the interest of their children's children is worthy of our emulation. As long as we live in a society of free men, our "inner missions" will have a mission. In large measure the Church sponsored and Church supported college is the leaven of a free society. Let us pray without ceasing for our schools, support them without stint, and criticize them with consideration.

Let us do our best to present ourselves to God as ones approved, workmen who have no need to be ashamed, "rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15 (R.S.V.).
When a town, a Church, a college accepts a boy in the rough and gives him every encouragement and opportunity, the least that boy can do is to express his appreciation. Many factors contribute to a successful Christian College. Ministers, Church members, the qualified and consecrated members of the staff; the board of directors who give of their best thought and judgment, and the contributors who support the program and help make up the deficits; the parents who grant the college their young people during one of the most important periods of their lives; and the community in which the college functions. Most important of all factors is the blessing of Almighty God upon the plans and program of the school only with which a Christian institution can fulfill her mission.

Among these factors we are thinking of the sacrificial service of the faculty and staff members. Some of the professors at Salem College, as well as at other institutions of learning, could be drawing much higher salaries elsewhere. All of which goes to show that they are more interested in helping young people learn how to live than in making a living for themselves. This sacrifice on their part ought not to prevent their receiving what is justly their due. For even a college professor "is worthy of his hire." The professors are not in position to champion their own cause, just as some ministers and schoolteachers are. Consequently, it behooves someone to take to heart this matter sufficiently in order to make sure that these servants of the Church do not become the forgotten folk. To be and to do their best for our young people, college teachers should be relatively free from anxiety over the necessities of life. They require learning, receiving what is justly their due. For even a professor is at stake.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

One of the most extensive and best-planned programs of religious instruction in the public schools of any state has been carried on in West Virginia under the sponsorship of the State's Council of Churches. About 30,000 boys and girls of school grade have been enrolled in classes for Bible study and for Christian living; and in addition some forty high schools offer Bible study courses as electives for which credit is given toward school graduation. In many of the major cities of the state, the Council has enrolled at least 25 per cent of the students in religious leadership training classes.

W. W. Reid

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may have a reliable moral character; (2) acquire scholarship, that he may fully develop his intellectual and aesthetic capacities; (3) develop a sense of usefulness, and creative thinking, that he may make a constructive adjustment to his environment; (4) appreciate the cultural heritage and social institutions of democracy, that he may realize his civic responsibility; (5) build a mental and physical health; (6) prepare for a vocation.

The first objective is attempted through the three weekly chapel meetings, through the study of Biblical literature, languages, and literature of foreign as well as English-speaking countries, the Y.W. and Y.M.C.A. organizations, presentation of religious and moral dramas by the Masqueraders, presentation of cantatas and programs of sacred music by the Department of Music, and by faculty and student participation in Church work of the community.

The chapel on Mondays is a religious service of prayer, Scripture, hymns, and a twenty-minute talk of religious nature, but on a universal theme. Speakers of all denominations and from many cities are presented during the year. In the present semester, ministers from Methodist, United Brethren, Christian, Church of God, Seventh Day Baptist, and Jewish denominations have spoken. The most recent was Miss Elizabeth Randolph, who also conducted a seminar for students who anticipate entering fields of religious education.

The second objective, scholarship, is approached through the granting of scholarships to outstanding high school seniors, through awards and honors for meritorious work, through the basic two-year requirement of sixty to sixty-six hours of work in the fields of English, biological, physical, and social sciences, languages, philosophy, and religious education. In the third year, each student chooses a major and a minor, and fulfill requirements of thirty to thirty-four hours for a major, and twenty for a minor. This semester, students are working on twenty-one majors. The remainder of the hundred and twenty-eight hours required for graduation may be free elective, unless the student is preparing for teaching. In which case, he must have twenty hours of education.

Students preparing for graduate work choose electives in the fields in which they expect to take advanced degrees. The number of Salem alumni entering graduate schools is yearly increasing, and all make good records. Duke, Harvard, Boston, Northwestern, Chicago, Michigan, Wisconsin, and George Washington are among the three weekly Chapel meetings, through which Salem alumni have received advanced degrees. Students, for which they are now candidates for such degrees.

E. Arthur Elliott
Dean of Salem College since September, 1947.
Teacher, Public School Administrator.

Education and Religious Officer, Army of Occupation, in Aschen, Cologne, and Regierungsbezirk, where he reorganized the school system, including three universities, 1946-47.

Salem College students have an unusual opportunity of developing qualities of initiative, resourcefulness, and creative thinking, which is the third objective of the college. The discussion method of conducting classes is preferred to the lecture method. Chapel speakers are frequently invited to appear before classes, where they are bombarded with questions, which continue in the halls or the lounge after the class in which the discussion started has been adjourned. Both visitors and classes find these experiences stimulating.

Classes go on field trips to industrial plants, business and civic organizations, theaters, and penal institutions to see how their courses connect with life, so that they can

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You Belong to God

Preached by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs at the Sabbath service of the Philadelphia Fellowship, November 13, 1947, and requested for publication.

Scripture Lesson—John 17.

Text—Ephesians 2: 10, 12.

In 1 Samuel 1:27 with which we are all familiar. A woman named Hannah was barren. On one of the high days of the Jewish Church, she appeared in the tabernacle at Shiloh and prayed with such vehemence that Eli the priest thought that she was drunk. It was not so, but she was praying that God should give her a son, and promising that such a boy would be given to serve God if her prayer should be granted. We know the sequel to that story. The boy was born. He spent his first few years with his parents, but while he was still a small child, he went to live at the tabernacle to assist Eli in his work for God. How often the little boy who began his life in prayer became the-mightiest force in the world.

Creek; and promising that such a thing is the great gift that Christians are to accept in these terms. We are prone to accept the beginning for a Christian is the great gift that God's creation of us at our birth. I think this life in Jesus Christ. In our text the apostle speaks of those who have not found God, as "without Christ,"aliens to Israel, strangers to God's covenant, having no hope, and without God in the world." In contrast to that are the life and expectations of the Christian. Therefore, you ought to live hopefully, assured of the goodness and loving-kindness of God. There need not be doubt and fear regarding the present or the future; there need not be work for God which you have fallen heir is that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Again, you ought to live forcefully, honestly, for you are "not without God in the world." The covenants of His promises are yours, but they, for fulfillment, and you, for the enjoyment of its new life in Christ. In your demand absolute honesty of thought and deed, a forceful expression of your new and happy life with Christ. But be ye also, to live as a Son of God, recognizing in His divinity the source of your goodness, your peace, your happiness. You may see in Him the loving Father who has "handed over you" to the care of His Son, His kingdom, and earth are all under the control and power of the heavenly Father. Your life is to be given as a sacrifice to God for His glory. 

Don't Miss This Book

By Mrs. J. L. Skaggs

For the Christian Culture Committee

Did you note in the Sabbath Recorder dated December 18, 1947, page 2, the report of the committee that considered the Report of the Women's Board at conference? Read again No. 3 of that report. It adds strength to the cause suggested by the board in regard to the important work of helping wipe out illiteracy the world over.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, dean of methods in literacy work, "through his long service in the Philippines, his literacy campaign, his almost worldwide lecture tours, and his many helpful books has given a chapter to all denominations of the Christian Church."

One of Dr. Laubach's more recent and most useful books is the " Mightiest Force in the World." Now in its fourth printing, "This book pleads for a universal return in all walks of life to daily prayer as an essential to solving the terrifying dilemmas of this present day. Dr. Frank C. Laubach is well fitted to make such a plea, inasmuch as he has had to deal with the colossal problems of the modern world. As a solution to these world problems, the author unabashedly and courageously suggests prayer as a dynamic force, the 'mightiest force in the world.'

This little book of ninety-five pages has six more titles: The Prayer of the Fallowers Pray for World Leaders, Pray for the Church, How Prayer Helps God, Prayer Experiments, Christian Praying and The Power of Prayer. Dr. Frederick F. Shannon says, "Beyond question one of the most inspiring, indeting, enriching expositions of Christian prayer I have ever studied, read, or heard.


Heaven and earth are not apart. God is always near. Such is the lesson repeatedly taught, and the experience entered into through the faithful observance of each recurring Sabbath day. — Alva J. C. Bond.
The Meaning of the Christian Faith in My Community

By Don A. Sanford

A member of the Little Genesea Church, a student at Milton College, and in training for the ministry.

A community by definition is a body of people having a common interest. The sociologist classifies communities into three types: the primary community, consisting of those in the home and neighborhood; the secondary community, taking in a larger group such as the city or region; and the tertiary, taking in any group of people including the whole world. No matter which group we may think of in our interpretation of the community, there is a common interest, varying greatly in intensity, but as we can see, one that is the fulfillment of the individual's aim in life.

The main points of difference between community, the two factors, the aim or goal of the individual and the method used to attain the goal. The Christian community has for its goal the establishment of the kingdom of heaven on earth and the triumph of right over might, where man can live peacefully with his neighbors and obtain the happiness which can come only from knowing and serving God.

Christ came as the Son of God and the light of man to illuminate the goal and to lead us on the path to reach it. We, who would be followers of Him, have that faith which is just as applicable today as it was nineteen hundred years ago to show us the way, to give us a common interest with an assurance.

Now if the following statements are true, as Christ gave us the assurance of eternal life when He said: "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you to prepare a place for you, and whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." John 14: 1-2.

Participants must be Christian young people, sixteen to twenty-five years of age, who are seniors in high school, freshmen in college, or employed young people who are high school graduates. See your pastor for further instructions, or write to Harvey Sutton, Alfred Station.

The essay, written by Don Sanford for last year's contest begins at the top of this page.

Best wishes to all who enter this contest this year!

H. S.

The sale has come to be a real social event, the same members year after year, and many of the same customers coming in from the surrounding country. The workers and their families enjoy eating together—a delicious lunch prepared by the personnel committee.

Everything is on sale from shoes to antiquities, clothing, and gardening goods. Women's clothing is gathered up to send to Europe, and summer clothing for British Guiana. In addition, special articles given to those buying clothing for the needy. Some materials are transformed into layettes for the use of GI wives. This work goes on through the year, especially by our chairman.

The millinery table is the center of much fun, and the Alfred woman who doesn't own at least one "rummage" outfit of style!—Correspondent.

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

This is the theme for "Youth Week," 1948. This is the same theme that inspired the youth of the world at the Second World Conference of Christian Youth held in Oslo, Norway, July, 1947.

"Jesus Christ—Lord of My Life" is the theme for the local church celebration on January 25, Denominational Day. It points out that a personal relationship to Christ is basic to the well-rounded Christian personality.

"Jesus Christ—Lord of All" is the theme for Interdenominational Day, February 1, and it emphasizes the need for a great ecumenical Church, and the belief in cooperation that is evidenced among Christians everywhere.

Youth groups in our churches are urged to make use of "Youth Week contest last year. It is time now for others to get into the contest and do their best.

The sale was very busy for several weeks soliciting, collecting, making, and buying articles to go into the "School Bundles" and "Kits"—with a goal of four each.

Interest and giving were general among people in the district and in the village. On the day of the union service in the parish house there was a pile containing eight bundles, each a complete outfit of clothing, nine boxes of shoes and school supplies, and two large duffel bags of miscellaneous garments ready to be consecrated.

A goodly group of women representatives of the churchwomen's societies in Alfred participated in the service and were made one in their common effort. The program consisted of a worship service conducted by Mrs. Mary Barnard of the Union University Church, Guild, a talk by Mrs. Gertrude Kenyon of the Evangelical Society of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, on Why Should We Give, a brief meditation, and the consecrating prayer by Dean A. J. C. Bond.

Now the clothing that good will have gone on their way to be distributed through Church World Service.

Fellowship Dinner

On November 15, the last Sabbath Pastor Elmo Randolph was with the First Alfred Church, the Evangelical Society and the village. The "dish to pass" dinner served in the parish house. It was an occasion of warm Christian fellowship. There was evidence of appreciation for Mr. Randolph's work with Pastor Harris, and the spiritual impetus of these two-weeks' work.

Election Day Sale

The Alfred Ladies' Aid society held its annual election day sale on November 4. It netted over $300, but that was not all the best.
Sometimes the discrepancies between Biblical and scientific theories cause us to cast aside the validity of the Bible, but we should hear in mind the factor of purpose. The Bible tells us how to go to heaven, not how the heavens go!

Many times we find ourselves trying to apologize to Jewish, Christian beliefs and to defend them. The Christian faith needs no defense, for it has the power to overcome all. If we will let it be the power of the faith and the power of some putt forth to defend the Bible reminded him of the story of the show train that was wrecked. One car contained a cage of lions. A lot of dogs gathered around, barking furiously at the lions. Great excitement was stirred up among the men and the dogs. A man in the crowd shouted, "Protect the lions!"

Another man more wise than the other said, "Just turn the lions loose and they will not only be safe and secure, but they will spread the news and get rid of their own danger."

Nowhere has the power of God and the Christian faith been more completely freed and allowed to protect itself than in the simple primitive community found in rural districts where the Church and what it stands for is the center and focal point of all interest. The faith of the future is held more strongly, for one accepts nature as it is and works with it and not against it for the betterment of the crop failure.

When a farmer plants his fields in the spring he has faith that he will be able to harvest a good crop in the harvest season. If he didn't have faith, he might rationalize that the year would be poor and therefore he shouldn't risk planting a crop. Nothing of value is done by the person who has lost his faith in the future. Nor is faith alone all that is needed, for faith without work is dead. To work and work where the work is needed is what the person of worth is one who has the faith of the future and upon this foundation builds towards his goal.

The Christian faith is, however, not merely an optimistic faith of the future, but of the past and present. It is not merely one of faith in God, but also one of faith in others and faith in self. The true Christian can look back to the past and see that his forefathers have accomplished and can receive encouragement and help, building upon the strong foundations which have stood the test of time. He keeps faith with the present and can see good all about him, instead of only the evil. His actions are ones of purpose, for he knows that by working with God all things will work in harmony for the betterment of man.

The two greatest commandments given by Christ are to love God and to love our fellow man. Love is of necessity and choice formed by cultures of interdependent people. We must live together, and the easiest and best method is one of neighborliness. In the Christian rural communities are often found: (a) a spiritual meaning and purpose of life, (b) a feeling of personal commitment and accomplishing without a crop failure, for is the center and focal point of all interest, for there are few strangers among men. In the Christian rural areas, many men have a common interest in something beyond themselves. The casual conversation of the weather, the crops, and local interests remove animosity from the heart. The thrashing and corn-cutting crews, the village stores, and a man's neighbors, all look for the Church or a sick neighbor, all bring men closer to others and to God.

So far the wheat farmers are meeting with strangers to whom you dare not speak! Everyone seems so tied up in his own being that he has a certain suspicion about the motives and purposes of his neighbor. One soon loses faith in others, and in so doing loses sight of his own principles and purposeeds.

To one's own self, the Christian faith offers a feeling of personal commitment and accomplishment to the task ahead. We gain a faith in our own abilities through Christ's example, for He came as a man living among men and showed us how perfect a good life can be.

As the three main points of the Boy Scout oath are: "I swear to God, to do my duty to God, and to the Christian Church; and to help meet the needs of others as God's commandments in direct contradiction to many business, religious, and social traditions of men.

Dig out your budget book and make a big hole in it for the cause of Christ in this new century of ours.

You won't be sorry—you may have to forego, but you won't be sorry, not really—just sorry you haven't more faith and a practical courage to give Christianity a real try on solving our present crisis.

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Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We are all feeling quite well ourselves. We have been having very snowy weather lately. How is the weather there?

Tomorrow evening we are having a special meeting at my Uncle Nick’s house. All the members of our mission are going to be there. Even our Pastor Maxson from Berlin is going to be there. The reason we’re having this meeting is because we’re going to try to win people to the Lord, and then we will develop from our mission into a Church. That is our greatest desire, to win people to the Lord and tell them about the Sabbath.

All you know, today is Christmas day, and I got quite a few gifts from my parents. Tonight I’m going to a Christmas party that is being held for all children, but my mother and many other parents are also coming over. An evangelist just came from England who is called the “Healer” because he has the gift of healing. He is doing great work in Schenectady, and his sermons are very good. He is the one who is organizing this party for children, to go there instead of running around the town. This will last for now, and may God bless you always.

Sincerely yours,

Esther N. Fato
350 Manhattan St.
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

Your very welcome letter came yesterday and added to my feeling of good health. We had very little snow on Christmas day, but it was a beautiful day and just cold enough to feel the heat of Christmas through it was a white Christmas. We are pretty sure of having a white New Year’s day, for now we have plenty of snow and some parts of New York have rather too much.

Yonah Mountain: 50.00
Associations, etc.: 217.05
Miscellaneous: 2,249.56
Grand Total: $33,733.31

Mizpah S. Greene

CHERISTMAS

By Welcome S. Wells

Christmas is the merriest time
That ever was throughout the year;
A time when many gifts are made
And wishes of good cheer.

It is a curious custom
That started, as you know,
By the coming of a baby
Two thousand years ago.

Shepherds watching o’er their flocks
Were startled by a star
And most angelic voices rang
Chanted by a heavenly choir.

How, in song they told the herders
That comes throughout the year
Of a Saviour that was bringing
Peace on earth, good will to men.

Long-besheked patriarchs started
In their ancient costumes styled,
When the star before them leading,
Thus to find the holy child.

On and on they pressed, tho’ weary,
Till before them, there at rest,
Lay the man who is the Virgin Mary
With the Child Christ at her breast.

Gifts were brought and worship offered—
Worship that could not be hid under the Child’s mind
As she gently cuddled to her,
Him—the Saviour of all mankind!

Years passed on; He grew to manhood,
Walked and talked beside the sea,
Healed the sick, both body and soul,
This loved son of Galilee.

Thus each Christmas it’s binding
To remember what He did,
And try to make
Some one else’s little kid.

We went down to our daughter’s at Wellsville on Christmas Eve, but because of snow and Grettchen were afraid their daddy wouldn’t get up in time in the morning to come after us as early as they were planning the exchange of gifts under the Christmas tree. At forty-three Christmas morning I was wakened by a noise at the head of my bed. I pulled on the light and there was Grettchen trying to see what time it was, and when she saw she said, “Oh, dear! I thought it was morning.” I hope and pray for gaining many souls for Christ and the Sabbath may be realized to the fullest extent. Also that the Christmas party for children was a great success. May God bless all such efforts to keep children safe and happy.

Ever yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene

SPECIAL GOSPEL MEETINGS

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J., Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor, announces “Special Gospel Meetings” beginning Friday, January 9, at 8 p.m. Rev. William J. Kimshel of Durham, Conn., will be the evangelist. Mr. Kimshel is pastor of an independent Sabbathkeeping group of Middlesex, Conn. Many of our people have met Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kimshel at General Conference, association meetings, and as they have visited in some of our Churches.

The attractive postal card, announcement stresses “Soul-stirring Sermons.” “Heart-warming Music.” “Gospel Motion Pictures.” and “Give God a Chance at Your Life.”

Across the denomination we would join in fervent prayer for the spiritual success of these meetings.

ERROR

By Elizabeth Mac Crosby

Some hidden truth beneath each error lies,
And words were written for several years.
Upon this earth no being is divine
And mortal man will come a mistake.
Then let us not be too quick to define
The error, nor yet the erring one forsake.
We cannot look into the inner heart
To see from which source error sprung;
We may ourselves by careless act give start
To the fields of God’s friends and our heart pang.
Then lay aside mistakes and upward plod
And leave the errors to hidden truth beneath each error lies,
To some dear friend’s misjudgment
Then let us not be too quick to define
The error, nor yet the erring one forsake.
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NOTICE

Date of Conference Changed

The Seventh Day Baptist Commission, at its recent meeting, voted to change the date for the 1948 General Conference, as explained minutes. The change was made on the covers, however, and they bear the correct date. To prevent confusion, each person receiving a 1947 Year Book should make the change on page 601, two thirds of the way down on the page. Change the date of Conference to August 17-22, 1947.

Mrs. Frank A. Langworthy, Editor of the Year Book.

Obituaries

Thornate — Rose Marion Thornate, eldest daughter of Royal R and Zilla E Thornate was born October 14, 1895, at North Loop, Neb., and died November 22, 1947, in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., after a long and distressing illness.

At the age of twelve he went with his parents from Lincoln, Neb., to Alfred, N. Y., and after a time went to Wells, N. Y., where his father was pastor of the First Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church.

At the time of the entry of the United States into World War I, he was in Wisconsin, and in November, 1917, enlisted in the Navy. After a year and a half of active service he was honorably discharged with the rating of stoker third class. Immediately following his release from service he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Jersey City, N. J., as an engineer. After two years he went to New York, then to Michigan, and finally to Los Angeles, where he was promoted to engineer. He had been in full health for several years.

Besides a wife and two sons, his father, stepmother, sister, and a brother were also saddened by his death.

Funeral services were held at a funeral home in Media, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Higdon, rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Glen Ridge, Pa., with burial in Calvary Cemetery at that place.

R. T. R.

Davis — Eliza Jane Boyd was born in Sugar Buch, Totsa Co., Pa., May 1, 1857, and passed away at Denver, Colo., December 17, 1947. She was the youngest of five children, preceded her parents in death.

On December 31, 1874, she was united in marriage to Harrison E. Davis at Wells, Minn. To this union were born three children: Minnie, who died in infancy (buried in 1911), H. Eugene, George E. Davis, and Arthur G. Davis. Mr. Davis is the son of William and Ross O. Her husband died February 27, 1917. She has made her home with her son, Orville, for the last fourteen years, except a few months. During this time she has been a member of the Denver S. D. B. Church.

Funeral services were held in the drawing room of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Frank J. Saunders in charge. December 18, 1947, with interment in the corner lot. Services were held at North Loop, Neb.