The Sabbath Recorder

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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST YEAR BOOK

1947
Midyear Meeting of the Commission
(Continued from last week)

By Rev. Alton L. Wheeler and Mr. Courtland V. Davis

CHRISTIAN RURAL FELLOWSHIP MOVES TO BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

The secretary of the Commission presented a letter from Rev. C. Van Horn, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Christian Rural Fellowship, which included the following paragraph:

"When it became certain that the chairman of the fellowship who is also editor of the Fellowship Bulletin was to move to Brookfield the members of the Advisory Council and the Executive Committee of the fellowship voted that a request be made to the Commission as follows: First, that the Commission approve the transfer of the central committee of the fellowship to the Central Association, and second, that interested personnel be recommended by the chairman for the approval of the Commission at its midyear meeting.

It was noted that the Conference at Westerly removed the Committee on Rural Fellowship from the Board of Christian Education and set it up as a separate committee directly responsible to Conference (1947 Year Book, page 41).

In view of the action of Conference and the recommendation of the central committee of the former Rural Fellowship Committee of the Board of Christian Education, it was voted that the following election be made for the remainder of the year ending with the next session of Conference:

Christian Rural Fellowship, Executive Committee: Clifton C. Van Horn, chairman; Robert Langworthy, Advisory Council; Leslie Welch; Zack White; Wendell Burdick.

The chairman of the Executive Committee of the fellowship was authorized to appoint additional members of the Advisory Council.

THE 1947 YEAR BOOK

The Year Book is in your hands! It contains the minutes of the annual session of the General Conference held at Westerly, R. I., August 19-24, 1947. The annual reports of the Missionary, Tract, and Historical Societies, of the Board of Christian Education and the Women's Board, of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, and Denominational Statistics are included. Also, the Year Book was published for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference by the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

The inside front cover announces that the General Conference was organized in 1801 and incorporated in 1927; that the next annual session is to be held at North Loup, Neb., August 17-22, 1948. On this page appear the names and addresses of the officers, of the members of the Commission, and of the trustees of the General Conference. The frontispiece is a picture of Rev. Everett T. Harris, president of General Conference, 1946-1947.

In the main, the reports in the Year Book cover the Conference statistical year, July 1, 1946-June 30, 1947. They deserve careful reading and serious study. Recently an active member of one of the denominational boards, upon reading the report of that board in the Year Book, remarked, "Why, I never heard or saw this item!"

If this is the situation in regard to the work with which a board member is or should be most familiar, what is the situation concerning the work of boards with which he is less familiar? A serious study of the Year Book summaries will do much to inform and inspire those who will take the trouble.

Many people have a part in producing the finished copy. We think of those who faithfully record proceedings, of those who keep the accounts, of those who burn the lights early and late that accurate returns may be rendered, of those who have made and are making our work for Christ effective through generous giving and sacrificial service.

When the copy for the Year Book reaches the hands of its editor, the actual assembling of the material has only well begun. There remain days and days of careful reading and verifying, hour after hour of typesetting, round upon round of proofreading, further checking and rechecking—and then, to the press for printing.

At the Westerly Conference last August Mrs. Frank A. Langworthy, Plainfield, N. J., was elected editor of the Year Book. Early in September she began the task. Supported by those whose part made possible the appearance of the finished product, Mrs. Langworthy successfully accomplished her task just before Christmas.

It is entirely fitting that the Commission of the General Conference at its midyear meeting expressed appreciation to Mrs. Langworthy for her commendable work as editor of the Year Book.

Let us make full use of the 1947 Year Book which the General Conference, in cooperation with the societies and agencies, has supplied to our Churches for distribution. It is a monumental work, worthy of careful reading and serious study.
CHECK CLEARS CHINA

Even the clearing of a check becomes noteworthy, especially since this particular check was sent to cover the cost of a bed in a Mission Hospital and that mission hospital is in China. No doubt the check will be framed eventually and placed with the items of interest in the historical room of the Church.

The check's round-trip to China started in this way. The juniors in the North Loup, Neb., Seventh-day Baptist Church last June sent a check to Dr. George Thorngate in Shanghai, China, the amount of which was given for the purchase of a bed in the Seventh-day Baptist Mission Hospital. Some time ago the check was returned to the North Loup bank for payment, after being duly cleared. The check which appeared in The Scots Register, Scots, Neb., indicates that the front and back of the check were nearly covered with the names of the different banks and financial institutions through which it had passed. Doubtless, those who attend General Conference next August may see this check.

Through the weeks and months and years shall many patients bless the mission and ministry of this check. And back of the check, which bears the marks of its mission and the proof of its ministry, are the plans and hopes of North Loup and other junior church groups.

What the North Loup juniors are doing, juniors in other churches are doing also for various charities. It helps very much to let others know what you are doing. Why not share the good news with others through the Sabbath Recorder?

EDITORIAL COMMENT

It is the policy of the Sabbath Recorder to use the name or initials of contributing writers where possible. When they prepare for publication. Quoted material and clipped items are given proper credit and are listed in, "In This Issue," section of the Sabbath Recorder. Our aim is to place such material in the section of the paper devoted to that particular department. All material in the departments, namely: Missions, Woman's Work, Christian Education, and Children's Page, is the work of the respective department, unless it is stated otherwise. In doubt, please consult the table of contents.

REV. WALTER L. GREENE RETIRES

Rev. Walter L. Greene has resigned as pastor of the Andover, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. The resignation became effective January 1, 1948. He has served this Church for twenty-seven years. With Dr. Greene's resignation his retirement from the active ministry after a service of forty-three years.

Mr. Greene was graduated from Alfred Academy, Alfred, N. Y., in 1898, from Alfred University in 1902 with the A.B. degree, and from Alfred Theological Seminary (now School of Theology) in 1903 with the B.D. degree. In 1913 he received the D.D. degree, the year that Dr. Booth C. Davis resigned as president of the University, and also the year that his son, Dr. E. Claire Greene, received his A.B. degree.

During his theological course, he taught physical training in the Physical Training department, became a member of Alfred University's first football team. He was appointed physical instructor in the Andover and Whitesville, N. Y., High Schools in 1915. The next year he became physical training superintendent for six school districts in the North New York Conference.

After his marriage on August 21, 1904, to Miss Matnah Sherburne of Chicago, Ill., Mr. Greene was appointed field secretary of the Sabbath School Board. In 1906 he was called to the Second Brookfield, N. Y., Church which he served as pastor until 1910. He then accepted a position in the Theological Seminary, Alfred, N. Y., where he taught Religious Education, Bible History, and the Bible Literature courses. He served in this work 33 years: 1908-1911, and 1913-1945. He was Allegany County Bible School superintendent for about seven years. He took summer courses twice in Chicago University Divinity School. Rev. Mr. Greene became pastor of the Independence, N. Y., Seventh-day Baptist Church in 1914 and served in that capacity nearly thirty years.

Dr. and Mrs. Greene have not announced their future plans beyond continuing at the Andover parsonage until spring.

The Sabbath Recorder joins their many friends in wishing for them a blessed retirement experience.

(Editor's note: This brief article is based on a clipping from the Andover News. Any other article, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.)

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CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETS

The meeting of representatives of Seventh Day Baptist Church agencies was held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., shortly after 2 p.m. Sunday December 14, 1947, with the Conference president, Karl G. Stillman, presiding. Rev. Harold Crandall opened the meeting with prayer.

Those present were: Karl G. Stillman, president; Mrs. Okey Davis, Women's Board; Frank Langworthy, Hurley S. Warren, Victor W. Skaggs, Tract Board; Harley H. Sutton, Board of Christian Education; Clark M. Todd, Vocational Committee; Harold R. Crandall, William L. Burdick, David S. Drake, Missionary Board; and the following invited guests, C. Hyrom Dickson, Eli P. Loofbo, Paul S. Burdick.

The Tract Board reported on the new Church at Indianapolis (as did the Tract Society), on the first Evangelism Work Related Retreat. The Boy Scout report showed good for future regional retreats, on the coming summary of 1947 surveys, and on the collection of advertising materials and addresses in city evangelism promotion.

The Tract Society reported enthusiastic interest at their home base for projects in our Church and Churches who reported, and the formulation of plans for Sabbath emphasis forums on April 24, May 1, and May 29. They also reported lack of funds for tract and Recorder work.

The Board of Christian Education reported promotional packets on the goal of a 10 percent enrollment in Sabbath school for the year, suggesting this as a logical basis for the goal of a 5 per cent increase in membership. They also reported that the number of students has increased from 21. They have been engaged in the cultivation of their students and youth conducted by their-promoter of evangelism.

The Vocational Committee presented their report, showing financial gains of the Church, pointing out that some aims of its program gear right into the hands of other boards and benefit by double promotion.

No representative was present to report for the Committee to Promote the Financial Memorandum.

The Historical Society representative was unable to come, due to illness in the family, but the results of the society's work were shown in the graphs of denominational and Church membership based on their research.

Mr. Stillman used these graphs to help illustrate "What Is Our Problem?"

Suggesting that the slogan, Go Work Today, is a challenge to us all, Mr. Stillman pointed out some problems and their solutions. He called for proselyting in the normal sense of the word; for cooperation and enthusiasm in a common program among our leaders and Church, for larger service by local groups to resident and non-resident members alike, and for reversing the defeatist trend.

He showed a United States map, locating by different colored pins our Seventh Day Baptist Churches, and groups of ten or more Seventh Day Baptists, of five to ten Seventh Day Baptists, and of Seventh Day Baptists organized into fellowships. The logical conclusion drawn was, "Where strike next to organization? on Church", and "How coordinate our field itinerary and program in actual contacts made by the board representatives?" A suggestion of board cooperation in sending of field men together to particular points was discussed.

In presenting the graphs of Church membership progress, Mr. Stillman outlined the use of these in each Church. They will be brought to the Church and used in their place in the Church so that progress may be plotted year by year till 1972. Progress toward these goals is shown at the top of the graph and graduation mark is dotted a red line.

Soliciting new ministerial recruits was discussed previous to "discussion of procedures to be followed," with the suggestion that present prospects make even more concrete the approach that "there's a future" in the ministry.

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It was decided that the board secretaries decide by correspondence or meeting on points to be investigated where organization work might be pushed, working out a schedule to coordinate field program in the process. This is to be reported by the end of January.

It was voted to publish the following resolution along with a statement of the dire need for funds, these statements to appear in the Sabbath Recorder:

Whereas present receipts from the Denominational Budget are woefully inadequate to continue needed and waiting work in the boards' programs; and

Whereas the representatives of our denominational agencies meeting with the Conference president in a planning session for the year 1948 feel the necessity of urgent immediate action to meet financial needs; be it

Resolved, That all Churches and pastors be immediately notified of the urgency of Denominational Budget work and be urged to cooperate to the fullest measure immediately.

It was voted to present the following resolution to the Conference and to publish it in the Sabbath Recorder.

In view of and in the interest of the expanding program of Seventh Day Baptists, we would respectfully urge the Conference of General Church to give early consideration to ways and means of placing the Sabbath Recorder in every Seventh Day Baptist home.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Harley H. Sutton. (Next meeting in March at time to be announced.)

Ralph H. Williams, President;

David Clarke, Secretary for the Co-ordinating Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual Corporate Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the parlor rooms 316, 317, 318, Babcock Building, at 240 West Front St., Plainfield, N. J., on January 23, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

Asa F. Randolph, Recording Secretary.

Corliss F. Randolph, President.

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BOULDER, COLO. — The regular quarterly meeting of the Denver and Boulder Churches was held on November 30th at the Babcock Building.

The morning service was in charge of Rev. Erlo E. Sutton of Boulder, who spoke in the absence of Rev. Francis D. Saunders, who was ill at the time.

A tea time dinner prepared by the women of the Boulder Church, the afternoon service was held, in charge of the Denver young people.

An inspirational junior choir under the direction of Lila Saunders sang several numbers interspersed with Scripture reading and prayer. Katherine Davis led the audience in a Bible quiz which made most everyone feel a need for more Bible study.

On December 23rd, the Church held its traditional Christmas Program, "The Nativity Nocturne," a series of Christmas songs and pantomimes which pictured the nativity scene, prepared by Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, was given. The committee planning the program was as follows: Willard Wells, chairman, Mrs. Erlo Sutton, and Bill Saunders. Decorations and stage settings were prepared by Mable, Manley, and Harold Wright. Roy Rogers furnished a beautiful Christmas tree, Roy Davis, Daryl White, Bill Saunders, William Wells composed the male quartet furnishing the Christmas music. Other members of the cast included, at a later date, William Wells, Mary Charles Brush, Joseph. Rev. Erlo E. Sutton was the narrator, Barbara White the pianist, and Tony Barr controlled the lighting.

After the program in the auditorium the children passed downstairs for their program under the direction of Mrs. Erlo Sutton. Treats and gifts were passed out by Santa Claus, played by Kenneth Crosby. Mrs. Ethel Sutton was in charge of the treats for the children.

Our mixed quartet sang for a Church in Jamestown during Christmas week, W. W. Claus, played by Kenneth Crosby, Mrs. Ethel Sutton was in charge of the treats for the children.

Coming down clearly, through all records, from the earliest to the latest Scripture, is the truth of the Sabbath, observed and clarified and given added impetus by Christ Himself. — Moses H. Van Horn.

YOUTH URGED TO KEEP CLOSE TO CHRIST

By Grace Noll Crowell

Poet

As we think of youth — youth rightly directed, using its undiminished vision, its untired strength — we invariably think of the future, for the future belongs to youth. In the words of Herodotus, and grant we may pass on that immeasurably important era, not too sundered by our mistakes and failures.

May we who serve this generation live our lives so unclouded by sin that youth following us may be able to see clearly the Christ ahead — straight and strong and compelling — and accept Him as their Saviour and Guide.

The problem is close to that Central Figure: for only through Him—and through you—can this troubled world find peace and rest.

STRESS NEEDS OF FAITH

By Louis Bromfield

Novelist and Rural Life Specialist

In this distressed and perilous age nothing is more vital than the emphasis for young people of the spiritual side of existence. It is the tendency of our times to place too much faith on the material side of life. The only source of strength, courage, and achievement, is, in the end, faith in one's self, in the universe, and in God. The salvation of a nation lies in the hands of the young people. This they cannot achieve without the foundation of morals, ethics, and faith.

(Note: The two preceding statements were read before the International Council of Religious Education, which administers the United Christian Youth Movement, enduring the continent-wide observance of Youth Week, January 25 - February 1, 1948, in the United States and Canada. Seven hundred Baptist and thirty-nine other Protestant denominations as well as 634 state, county, city, and provincial council members of religious education are cooperating in this observance. Seventh Day Baptist youth groups will doubtless observe Youth Week January 24-31, 1948.)

National greatness has no surer or better ally than a well-kept Sabbath. — Wardner C. Twitmore.

CHRISTMAS AT SABBATH SCHOOL

Out in Southern California the Riverside children didn't have snow but they did have a fine program at Sabbath school. There were songs by the primary department, songs by several different children, readings, a passenger called seven children, and "White Gifts" brought to the children. W. W. Babcock, of Salemville, Pa., did have snow and they had a "White Gift" service Sabbath morning, December 29. The pastor had suggested a number of worthy causes to which the gifts might be sent. The Sabbath school program was given on Friday night, December 19.

A houseful of people from Church and community gathered at the Independence Hall to enjoy the "Choir for songs, readings, the beautiful filmstrip, 'The Little Shepherds Watched,' and for the children an amusing, the never tellable story on the filmstrip, 'The Night Before Christmas.' Pastor Ted Hibbard was in charge.

At Little Genesee, Gordon Sanford hitched up the tractor to a large wagon and took children and young people all over the community. They managed they didn't couple at the parsonage for refreshments.

Parents and children at Alfred Station enjoyed a party which began with a screen reader. There was special music, group singing of carols, the filmstrip, 'The Night Before Christmas,' with recordings to accompany. The following evening the young people gave an adapted version of "Why the Chimes Ran," and at the close of the evening read the front of the Church to bring gifts of money, which was divided between overseas relief and German Seventh Day Baptist relief.

WE MAY NEED YOU IN CHINA

By Miss Sarah Becker
Grace Home, Lusho, China

My forefathers were of Dutch and German ancestry and upon the invitation of Catherine the Great, came to Russia as farmers. I was born in Paris, which was one of fifty-two villages formed by these Dutch-German colonists, and came to the United States with my parents ten years old.

My father first learned about Sabbath observance through some Russian Sabbathkeepers in Berjazik, South Russia. After much Bible study and prayer for guidance, my parents felt convinced that they should observe the true Sabbath and we began our family worship alone. This happened while the Russian Revolution was in full swing and we were in the Crimea, on our way to America. Our journey was beset with many difficulties and were delayed for many months in Yalta and Constantinople before obtaining our passports and entrance visas. We had lost much of our earthly goods during the revolution, so the financial means for passage was one more problem.

Our Heavy Frod was most wonderfully for all of our needs.

After coming to America we were lone Sabbathkeepers for about seven years because we found it impossible to accept the teachings of the Seventh Day Adventists and knew of no other Sabbathkeepers. One day we heard a neighbor read a letter from his son who was teaching near Milton, Wis. This letter told about Milton College and the distant learning and keeping Sabbath. Our letter of inquiry was forwarded to the American Sabbath Tract Society and we learned a great deal about Seventh Day Baptists and the Sabbath through the many fine tracts that were sent to us. I shall never forget how thrilled we were when we saw the first Seventh Day Baptist, Rev. Ellis R. Lewis, then pastor at Gentry, Ark.

The following spring the family moved to southern Colorado and we continued as lone Sabbathkeepers. My next youngest sister and I helped in the little community church. At one of their evangelistic services I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Guide.

About five years later our family moved to California, near Riverside, and I was baptized by Rev. Loyd F. Hurley and united with the Church for Christian fellowship.

I felt an urgency to prepare for a worthwhile service to humanity and began my college work with the hope of teaching modern foreign languages. However, after my second year in college I felt that I should prepare for a definite Christian service and began to consider missionary work. This came about while our China missionaries were on furlough. Mrs. H. Eugene Davis said to me, "You go right ahead and study for nursing; some day we may need you in China."

Miss Sarah Becker and Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg never seemed to lose that little seed. Through the years, the more I thought and prayed for guidance, the stronger grew the desire that some day I might be able to go to China.

Before I finished my basic nursing in Los Angeles the war broke out, and as soon as I was graduated I was urged to prepare for teaching. Since there was a great shortage of instructors I agreed and took my studies and went to University of Southern California. Upon completion of my course I was offered a position in my home school. After a year of experience in the San Bernardino County Hospital School of Nursing, I accepted the position in my home school.

While in Los Angeles I learned to know Dr. Palmberg and her interests in our China mission. One evening in the early spring of 1946, I went to visit Dr. Palmberg and she agreed to give me some lessons in Chinese. When Conference time came around I went to Milton and discovered that the Missionary Society was looking for a nurse to send to China.

I felt greatly honored when, several months later, the Missionary Board asked me if I

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WELCOME TO MISSIONARY SERVICE

By T. M. Chang
Principal of Seventh Day Mission Schools, Shanghai, China

I am happy to be able to come and be present at this consecration service for Miss Sarah Becker, of our Riverside Church, as chief staff member. The six-room first wing was completed and a formal opening conducted, the Chinese friends having raised $6,500 U.S. (This estimate makes only a rough estimate) under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. T. T. Wu. Long before the hospital was opened Drs. Pan and Wu operated a clinic in the chapel building and had so well established it with considerable UNRRA aid secured by Dr. Thangate and Mr. Samuel Dzau that it was paying its running expenses before October 1. More details later.

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D. S. C.

Protestant

A tabulation of religious preferences compiled by the United States Army during the war years shows that 59 per cent of all soldiers were Protestant. Thirty-three per cent listed their preference as Roman Catholic, 2 per cent as Jewish, and 8 per cent as having no preference.—Christian Education, Dec., 1947.

In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus commanded, “Go, and do thou likewise.” I know Miss Becker will do likewise. I want to assure Miss Becker again: You are welcome.

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NEW AUBURN, WIS. — The annual Church dinner and business meeting was held at the Ivar Pederson home, January 4, 1948. A bountiful dinner was served to a crowd of forty. At one-thirty, the business meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. Arthur North. “What a beautiful soul singing, and prayer offered by Mrs. Alton Churchward. The usual business was transacted with favorable reports from the pastor, church treasurer, Ladies’ Aid, Sabbath school, and C. E. societies.

Pastor Mills read his resignation which is to take place on or before the first of April. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Arthur North; vice-president, Alton Churchward; clerk, Mrs. Douglas Mills; treasurer, Rodney North; organist, Mrs. Mills; for three months: chorister, Douglas North; ushers, Clayton Pederson and Warren North.

The Church is encouraged by the gaining of a few new members. Mr. and Mrs. Norris North became a member by request and letter, and Mrs. Douglas North requested baptism and Church membership in the spring. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Monroe, daughter Elaine, and son Robert, from Har­ris, Minn., were granted Church membership on December 20.

We face the new year with our old problems, and a new problem of securing another pastor. Pastor and Mrs. Mills have truly served our Church and community in the deepest sense, and we will miss their earnest efforts and constant demonstration of Christian living.

Clara Lindburo
Church Clerk

A BLIND BOY

(Taken from "The Gospel Messenger," published by New Day Baptist Press.)

Among those at the mission station I have a blind boy who collects wood for me—how he finds it is a mystery—the poor little chap has no parents so I could not turn him away.

We have opened the school here and it is going along quite well.

R. H. F. Barrar.

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In each time when in the company of our

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lege of the father to lead in family worship, to

act as minister for his own household.

Now that duty has been passed on to the

mother, already pressed by a multitude of

other responsibilities; and she, in her precious

privilege, vaguely hearing that, although

she does not pray, the Church school

will teach her child how? What of

parent who hopes that his children will learn,
in one hour a week, that Christ is the center

and focus of all real education, though his

own life does not own Him?

"Are these our children" which stand be-

fore us with outstretched hands and see-me-

must remember that there is another world

the colored comet, the wild west radio play,
to teach them how to live?

Let us understand how we want a peaceful,

law-abiding, God-fearing world of to-
morrow, we need to mold it today. Clara
L. Beebe, in The Church Voice

FROM THE RECORDS OF REV. ALVA L. DAVIS

Sermons preached, 3,596, or 176 different pulpit

Men only, 15,978; women and girls, 228, the last being

granddaughter, Virginia Burdick

Further records he reveals that he has

spoken one or more times to the pastors of the orthodox Churches ex-

cept the Episcopal. He has been simply pastor for two Lutheran Churches, one Pres-

byterian and two Methodist. He has worked with the Salvation Army in two different

cities; has spoken twice in a Mormon meeting.

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Dear Mrs. Greene:
I have been reading the Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder for a long time, so I thought I would write a letter, too. I am nine and in the fourth grade.
We have a dog named Mike and a cat named Blackie, for pets.
We live on a small acreage. I have two sisters, Beverly and Katherine, and a brother, Gray. We go to the Denver Church, which has just recently started a Christian Endeavor and a youth choir. We are about twenty in our youth choir and in our Christian Endeavor. The youth choir went Christmas caroling to some of the members of the church. We had a beautiful Christmas day, but no snow.
We are having our annual Church dinner on January 4.
We are planning on going to Conference again this year because it is so close. We went when it was held in Milltown.
Your friend,
Myrna Davis.

Wheat Ridge, Colo.

Dear Myrna:
I am very much pleased to gain a new Recorder girl, and my hope is that you will write often. You see, every few years some of my Recorder children begin to think they are grown up and go out from Chil-
dren's Page. Though I don't agree with them and wish they would not stop writing so soon, it is nice to have new correspondents.
I am glad you have such a nice group of young people and that you have organized both a Christian Endeavor and a youth choir. Some of the people in Andover usually sing Christmas carols in front of every house where there is a Christmas candle in the window, but we didn't do that this year.
Yours in Christian love,
Mispah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:
My sister Virginia is writing to you, too. Did you have a merry Christmas? We did. Some of the things I got were slippers, apron, two bracelets, seven combs, hankies, and many others. My birthday is December 26, so I get gifts two days straight.

Sincerely yours,
Virginia R. Davis.

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A Prayer for Christian Unity

O Master of the Galilean Way,
Forgive us for the vows we fail to keep:
Forgive us that we so neglect Thy sheep,
So idly waste this shining harvest day!

Forgive us for the stumblingblocks we lay
Along the paths by which men seek Thee!
Sweep
From our small minds the strife that holds Thee cheap!
Break Thou the bread of life with us, we pray!

What matter if we cannot understand
The mystery of Love that is Divine,
Nor pierce the veil! Dear Lord, our faith increase
To heal a wounded world and bring it peace!

Nor didst Thou in this world to heal our wounds
Nor in this life to bless the poor;
But in the larger world, the world of spirit
Thee to the heart of men, and to the soul.

—Molly Anderson Haley, in Quotable Poems, compiled by Clark-Gillc-p'.