How Is Sabbath Desecration an Entering Wedge to Loss of Spirituality?

By REV. LESTER G. OSBORN

God instituted the Sabbath "in the beginning." Into it He put His presence in a peculiar way, making it "holy ground." It is a symbol of His creative power and of His abiding presence. It is a day of special blessing.

TO DISREGARD THE SABBATH IS TO NEGLECT ALL THESE

The Sabbath was "made for man" — for his spiritual as well as for his physical welfare. It is a day in which to meditate on God, on His greatness and power, on His love, His law, His will, and our corresponding duty.

TO DISREGARD THE SABBATH IS TO NEGLECT THIS

God commanded the observance of the Sabbath, specifying very clearly that it is the seventh day. It is His will for our conduct. He made it holy and asks us to keep it so — separate, different.

ONE CANNOT BE DEEPLY SPIRITUAL AND DISREGARD GOD'S WILL

The fourth commandment is on a par with the other nine. To break one is to be guilty of all. Jas. 2: 10, 11. Sabbath desecration is just as surely a sin as murder, adultery, or idolatry.

DISREGARD OF THE SABBATH IS SIN, AND SIN IS NOT SPIRITUALITY

Spiritual life depends on worship — worship in spirit and in truth. God has provided a time for us to meet and commune with Him.

DISREGARD OF THE SABBATH MEANS LOSS OF THE TIME OF WORSHIP

Christ Jesus is "Lord of the sabbath," the seventh day of the week. This is the true "Lord's day." As our Lord, He asks us to keep it.

DISREGARD OF THE SABBATH IS DENYING THE LORD

Christ left just one measuring rod by which it could be determined whether we love Him! He said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14: 15.

"Why Call Ye Me Lord, Lord, And Do Not The Things Which I Say?"
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RIVERSIDE CALLING

We have lauded California beauties in issues past. We wonder if now you should not know something more from pests in the hope that it may help you to understand your difficulty in entering our state by auto.

Besides the trouble, much of the Year Book material was included in the annual reports of societies, boards, and committees which we had distributed to the North Lap last August. Some of the material has appeared in the Sabbath Recorder from time to time. And delegates to Conference have presented to their Churches firsthand impressions of Conference sessions as well as reporting much of the business that was transacted. Nevertheless, we now have in compiled, complete form these reports, minutes, statistics, and directories. It is indeed a valuable work and is deserving of thorough study and frequent reference.

The editing of the 1948 Year Book was a big job, especially since several hundred miles and several people were involved. Yet, stop the job was performed, each person doing well his part as the minutes were passed along the assembly line.

The task of editing the Year Book, by election at Conference, was conferred upon Miss Hazel V. Gamble who, for twenty-five years, was proofreader at the Seventh Day Baptist publishing house. As a readers of the Sabbath Recorder will recall, Miss Gamble retired from this position, because of ill health, in August, 1948, and has been a patient at the Villa Maria convalescent home in North Plainfield, N. J. since then. Although at a disadvantage in doing the work, because she was not able to get back and forth from the publishing house, nevertheless, she has commendably accomplished the task. Miss Gamble has shared in the experience of those of us who have tried to do our job under no reasonable grounds for inquiring in the future, "Where are our leaders?"

Nevertheless, any Church that fails to consider prayerfully and thoroughly this opportunity of sharing in the training and experience of the Seventh Day Baptist is certain of those of us who have no reasonable grounds for inquiring in the future, "Where are our leaders?"

So, we say "more power to you" and "may God bless you" to the Chicago and other Churches which are truly getting behind this project to put it across with God's help.

Congratulations, Chicago, and Paul and Marilyn Sholtz!
In fact, there are some denominational committees that could work much more effectively if they had more funds for the purpose. For instance, the Vocational Committee could use several hundred dollars to the genuine advantage of the great Seventh Day Baptist cause. There is a crying need for vocational guidance and job placement among young people. These functions of a vocational committee cannot be performed without funds. A reasonable investment in this field now would result in a task well-performed now and well-established Seventh Day Baptists ten and twenty-five years hence.

But, lest we forget our subject, 2c per day from every member of the denominational budget year would mean going to Conference with the budget raised in full and a sizable balance with which to start the next fiscal year on October 1. It can be done with everybody participating. Will everybody participate?

It is hard to hate the person you are praying for. — Selected.

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"ONE GREAT HOUR"

The General Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches calls attention to the radio presentation over 1,092 stations of the program, "One Great Hour" on the evening after the Sabbath, March 26, beginning at ten o'clock, Eastern Standard Time.

The committee urges all who can to listen to this fine dramatization which is under the direction of Robert Sherwood. The program will not be a documentary presentation but the emphasis will be on the great good the individual gifts through the Churches can accomplish to supplement the governmental aid projects.

The committee urges each Church to publicize this program in the Church bulletins of each of the Churches throughout the denomination during the next few weeks. This will be the only method of publicizing this program which will launch an appeal for funds to support the work of Church World Service. Thus it is suggested that throughout our denomination a special offering be taken on Sabbath Day, March 26, toward the work of this worthy Christian relief and rehabilitation organization.

Mrs. A. W. Vars, Mrs. F. J. Hubbard, Mrs. Axthle Guyer, K. Duane Hurley, Frederik J. Bakker,
Chairman.

THE EVANGELICAL SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Washington, D. C.

Beginning March 5, our Church will be meaty '39 at the same old block, but at a different address — 1012 9th St., N.W. We are using the 3rd floor rear hall in the Pythian Temple, which is within a block of our original home in the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church.

W. Allen Bond, Pastor.

Not what we say, not what we do, but what we are, is the real measure of our worth to the world. — Selected.

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SEASON OF SOUL SEARCHING

Read Psalm 103; 2 Corinthians 6

Any time is the best time to search the soul for the reason of it and set forth to scale new heights of spiritual achievement. That is, any time that the soul-searching spirit of God points out the sin spot and urges the person to take a forward step in the Christian experience, that is the time. And how necessary it is to be in the frame of mind and heart to hear the Spirit's voice!

Throughout the world during this season, called the Lenten Season by millions of Christians, soul searching and self-denial are especially prominent virtues. But soul searching is altogether shallow, and self-denial is poor practice, if the life is not quickened and purified and made more Christlike, and if the denial is but an interlude in a round of so-called "good fellowship."

So, at whatever season the Spirit's voice is heard, let us heed that voice.

Observe Lent? Yes. Not because it is Lent but because the Holy Spirit operates at all seasons to draw the soul toward unsealed heights. Thus will self-denial and soul searching become the Christian's habit and joy to the glory of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, and the Christian's habit and joy will become the soul's improvement ground.

"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a perfect time, and now is the day of salvation; if I succour thee, behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)" 2 Corinthians 6: 2.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.

AUGUST 16-21, 1949

I.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Crandall

SIXTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Married. — January 8, 1884, at the home of the parents of the bride, Daniel Pierce Crandall and Miss Arabella Elizabeth born, and Rev. Mr. Ernest, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Farina, Ill., officiating.

Sabbath day, January 8, 1949, the 65th anniversary of their marriage was celebrated at the parsonage. Following the Sabbath morning service the congregation and related guests, about 60 in number, sat down to a dinner that a young man said was the best in his life. Following dinner, pictures were taken and a short program given. The bride and groom of 65 years received many cards of congratulation and some beautiful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Crandall have lived most of their lives at Farina, Daniel coming to Farina, Ill., when five years of age and Belle when she was twelve. They joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Farina when young people, and have been helpful, faithful, and consistent workers until age has lessened their activities and attendance. They are at present in excellent health and blessed with the necessities of life in a comfortable home. Three of their four living children were present — Mrs. Blanche Burdick and Kenneth of Farina, and Mrs. Emma Vincent of Roberts, Ill.

They are a living illustration of the thought expressed in the following lines:

Grow old along with me,
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which
The first was made.

Our times are in Thy hands
Who sayeth "A whole I planned."
Youth shows but half; trust God;
See all, nor be afraid.

It is unique in a pastorate that the writer of these lines has helped arrange and celebrate with this worthy couple their fiftieth, sixtieth, and now their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. It is needless to say that they have all been happy occasions.

Rev. C. L. Hill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie O. Greene announce that they now reside at 341 N. Chester, Indianapolis, Ind. Their former address was 1103 N. Euclid, Indianapolis, Ind.

A LETTER TO THE CHURCHES

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society has presented its 1948 annual report (now available to you all in the 1948 Year Book) with the recommendation of a program through 1949-50 for the local Church.

In the efficiency for Evangelism Movement we are stressing the fact that sharing of enthusiasm and successes is an age-old problem needing your simultaneous positive approach at this time. We are seeking local activity to permanently organize visitation evangelism in forms best suited to your Church, Sabbath school, and auxiliary "setup." To localize interest in improving our outreach for the Master, we are submitting with the latest Missionary Reporter "MEASURE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN EVANGELISM" for use in the evangelism movement in your Church. These measures are rated by your own Church and evaluated at Conference by representative Seventh Day Baptists.

In Our American Interdenominational Relations

In our interdenominational relations we cannot overlook the fact that more than 25 of the largest evangelical denominations are coordinating their efforts in a United Evangelistic stand to begin publicly on World Wide Communion Day the first of October, 1949, and continuing, for 15 months, to the end of the first half of this tragic decade.

1. We call upon our Churches to stand together in prayer every evening at sunset — family prayer, personal meditation and prayer, and Church service of prayer especially on Sabbath eve — prayer for every effective means to be made available to God for America's evangelization and the moral uplift and seeing Christ.

2. We call upon every Church to conduct a preaching mission before October, 1949, and also within the 15-month period of intensified national evangelism. We will also call upon some Churches to help in the special co-ordinated campaign to be conducted next summer by joint action of the boards.

3. We call upon our Churches to develop those avenues of outreach by which they may "outserve" all other agencies of materialistic or humanistic frame of mind in meeting the needs of their own neighbors and to maintain the "show" process widely known as "visitation evangelism" as one of the best methods of learning needs and opening doors of service in Christ's name. When geared, to a preaching mission or revival for the local Church and a Bible study program, visitation evangelism is perhaps the best method of getting Christ's love to work outside the sanctuary on Sabbath mornings.

4. We call upon our Churches to stop criticizing other denominations and start making our contributions in local cooperative efforts. Too often, we sit back in easy confidence that we have a truth and that others are in error — we enjoy the feeling of having a refuge in our right interpretation of God's Word. We ought, instead, to take the bitter dose of making our contribution — call it a cross if you will — of sharing that which we have by a positive approach. We call upon our Churches to investigate the task of making a contribution to the redemption of commercial, political, family, school, and social life, and to get about the business of persuading those who are in authority, such as: chambers of commerce, luncheon club groups, charity and service organizations — any organization with or without Christian participants.

We call upon our Churches to look about them in their own region and find openings for evangelism — unchurched settlements, cities where the Sabbath isn't taught, college campuses where our youth may need hearing and seeing Christ.

In Our Larger World Relations

In our larger relations with the world and Christendom, we are getting our world mission program into the One World in Christ Advance Program of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.
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This advance is North America’s share in a world enterprise, for now as never before there are missionary-minded Churches actually working for Christ throughout the world. The advance program is a 10-year working schedule based on serving “the needs of all God’s men better than the community,” (a) better reason. “For,” as Dick Baker puts it, “the communist idea and program speaks directly to the needs of hungry, landless, debt-ridden, and oppressed peoples.” These people cannot be expected to turn to Christ without more extended demonstrations of His Church’s love and discipleship than we have had in the recent past.

1. We call upon our Churches to learn about the world missionary program of the Church of Jesus Christ, using whatever literature they can, but concentrating on “Let’s Act Now” by Richard Baker (Friendship Press, 1948, 50 cents copies available from our office) and our own denominational plans published in the Recorder, Reporter, and subsequent study manuals. A study outline using Let’s Act Now and Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs is now in preparation.

2. We call our Churches to stewardship on levels never before reached. This means sacrificial giving, to the extension of the gospel throughout the earth. This means systematic giving, sacrificial giving, planned giving.

3. We call upon our Churches to let others know of the world missionary program of the Protestant Churches through the sale of Let’s Act Now among members who will either send the book to disinterested or halfhearted townspeople. After you have read the book, you’ll see why we feel it has value in extending the list of those who are sacrificing much for His kingdom today.

Staff Help for Pastors and Laymen

Aside from campaigns in cities outside the present limits of influence of established Seventh Day Baptist Churches, the secretary is available for campaigns in evangelism (visitation, preaching, educational – any or all of these) in Churches where we are fully committed to organize a campaign and a continuing program of evangelism.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The Missionary Society is happy that the Fort Wayne, Ark., Jackson Center, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind., Seventh Day Baptist Churches all have pastors. All three Churches receive grants for the support of their pastors, and the society solicits your prayer support as well as financial support that our parishes may grow in Christian strength.

Rev. Ralph M. Soper, whose eyesight failed last winter, spent the greater part of 1948 on his western Nebraska farm. Although his eyesight improved greatly, and he felt God wanted him back in Fouke when the Church there gave him a call to return. He arrived in Fouke with his family on January 2. He writes of the Nebraska farming period: “I have been doing some work this summer (1948), have preached one Sabbath a month at Arthur, Neb., and have been pastoral services there on two different Sabbaths with a most blessed experience at each service. I am sure that many Recorder readers will include Brother Soper among those servants of the Lord for whom they pray.”

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton went to Jackson Center, Ohio, in mid-January to give up the Seventh Day Baptist pastorate left vacant December 1 by Rev. Leslie O. Greene. Rev. Mr. Sutton’s Recorder article on “A Preacher-Layman” indicates his fine spirit, and the Jackson Center people write appreciatively of the first services conducted by the Sutton family. Now the Suttons of Jackson Center and the Greenes of Indianapolis.

David S. Clarke,
Secretary.

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The Missionary Society is still interested in helping our Churches to secure visiting pastors for evangelistic campaigns. If we can aid through advice, planning, or leadership, or expense money, please give as complete details as possible when first applying.

Let us make sure that in 1949, lay and clergy alike dedicate themselves to kingdom work as He designs it and to growth as “Workmen Approved of God.”

Sincerely,

David S. Clarke,
Secretary.

REV. DAVID S. CLARKE

Now and our own Seventh Day Baptist Recorder, Reporter, and subsequent study manuals. A study outline using Let’s Act Now and Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs is now in preparation.

Where Our Treasures Are

In 1940, it cost $430 to transport a missionary to South China. In 1947, it cost $965.

In 1948, it takes an average of $1.82 in U.S. currency for field work appropriation. Let us give this to the Lord, and let us have as complete details as possible when first applying.

many baskets of beautiful flowers across the front of the stage, including flowers from the Council of Church Women of Hawaii, the beautiful and inspiring assembly was completed.

At the first evening meeting there were perhaps thirty delegates from the assembly at Amsterdam. Some thoughts jotted down during the panel discussions follow: "Spiritual need greater than material need"; "Iron curtain" spoken of lightly by us, but you don't say it lightly when you have been in Europe; "Your clothes look good on those women"; "They don't have the new look in Hungary and Czechoslovakia"; "Worship cannot be recalled without mentioning the ecumenical Communion service."

The address by Dr. Henry P. Van Duzen, president of Union Theological Seminary of New York City, and chairman of the study division of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, was very inspiring and one of the best of the assembly to read it in the January issue of the "Church Woman." Another highlight of the assembly was the Church Women's dinner, Tuesday. One hundred eighty women were seated at the banquet table, so the speeches were given in the auditorium where any who wished could attend for the price of admittance. The Milwaukee County Council of Church Women had made leis of all pastel colors; each one entering the dining room was garlanded with a lei; the leis made a very colorful array. The governor of Wisconsin was on the program to greet us but he wired an inspiring greeting. "Henry Luce, editor of "Time," "Life," "Fortune," "March of Time," and other publications, was principal speaker of the evening.

How radio, press, and motion pictures can serve religion was demonstrated and discussed; a full length feature produced by the Protestant Film Foundation, "Belfry," was shown. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch added to the spirit of the entire assembly program by her inspiring songs. We have never heard her equal.

Another big moment of the assembly came as Mrs. Roy C. Oviatt introduced the 12,000th woman. We did not understand the significance of this until Mrs. Le Grand explained that this lady from Arkansas who had just subscribed to the "Church Woman" had 12,000th subscriber, the goal set by UCCW at the assembly meeting in Grand Rapids in 1946. Of course, the women immediately pledged to raise the quota to 25,000 subscribers by next assembly meeting in 1950. Let's do our part in our denomination. Truly, I feel we get more than our dollar's worth in this study division of the assembly; you may read it in the January issue of THE CHURCH." 187

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

FROM ASHAWAY, R. I.

C. E. Votes Treasury for Worthy Projects

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor has held 39 meetings this year, and has had several socials including a Thanksgiving and New Year's social. In September we enjoyed a weekend at Lewis Camp.

Twenty-five dollars was given to the Church for the redecorating fund. Five dollars was sent to Ronald Barrar, missionary in Africa.

Five dollars was sent to Pastor John G. Schmid for German Relief.

All subscribers to the magazine, the balance in the treasury, to the Denominational Budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Maitland Grandall,
Secretary,
Gwendolyn Grandall,
President.

Junior Choir —

Singing and Various Activities

The Junior choir has had five meetings and a regular attendance of 14. We have had two formations and a Mardi Gras. During the year we went to the Ice Follies, Atlantic Beach, and on a hay ride.

A birthday party is given each choir member as his birthday comes along. Dues of ten cents per month are paid by each member.

Gifts were exchanged at Christmas. We have $24.12 in the treasury. We are planning to put on a play in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Saretzki,
Secretary,
Mildred Saretzki,
President.

From the "Ashaway Messenger."

FROM LITTLE GENESSEE, N. Y.

The Church at Work

Youth Week — The young people of the Christian Endeavor had charge of the morning worship service on Sabbath, February 5. In the afternoon we went down to Lydia's, and had a service with Mrs. Sue Ward as our special guest. Mrs. Ward is past 90 years of age.

Pins Awarded — Sabbath school attendance pins were awarded by the superintendent, Gordon Sanford, to the following: 9 month, James Grantier; 6 month, Carla Ayers and Duane Polen; 3 month, Earl Williams.

Wire Recordings — Mrs. Madge Sutton visited our Sabbath School on February 5, and by means of the wire recorder presented messages from Secretaries Victor W. Skaggs, David S. Clarke, and Harley Sutton of the Budget Committee.

Valentine Party — The Christian Endeavor society held its valentine party at the parsonage on Monday evening, February 14. Activities started at 6:30 and did not let up until after 9 o'clock. Eighteen enjoyed the games and the tasty refreshments.

Marcella Reynolds and Mimi Foster were in charge of all arrangements.

—The "Belfry."

FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIF.

Sabbath School

Under the enthusiastic work of R. C. Brewer, superintendent, there is always something new in Sabbath school. At the recent Visual Aids Institute at the Congregational Church we had more representatives than any other Church in Paradise Valley except the big Methodist Church.

The superintendent will announce equipment that has been made available to us. Don't miss Sabbath school.

Church Bulletin.

FROM HEBRON, PA.

The Hebronites have pledged to raise one third of a day's amount of the Denominational Budget for this year. The proceeds of the "nose social" will be applied toward the pledge. Appreciation of our pledge has been acknowledged by President Hurley and the Budget Committee.

—Bulletin.

TUNE IN ON

One Great Hour

MARCH 26

EST 10—11 p.m.

CST 9—10 p.m.

MST 8—9 p.m.

PST 7—8 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Representatives of forty Protestant denominations met at Columbus, Ohio, February 6-12 for the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education. The Seventh Day Baptist denomination was not represented this year. This was a significant meeting because it represents some ninety per cent of all Protestant Churches cooperate. — H. S.

1,400 Attend from U. S. and Canada

During the first half of the week nearly 1,400 leaders in religious education from all parts of the two countries conferred in 17 sections according to their interests, such as children's, youth and adult work, leadership education, missionary education, weekday and vacation religious education, and lay work. Others groups included editors, pastors, professors, publishers, and state and city Church council executives. This was the largest attendance since before World War II. Committee meetings and sessions of the plenary body occupied the latter part of the week.

Opening this 27th annual meeting of the International Council was an address on the conference theme, “Christian Teaching — A World Task,” by Dr. Henry Pinney Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary. The theme was dramatized in another joint session with a worship pageant, “The Family of God,” written and directed by Amy Goodhue Loomey, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention.

The pageant portrayed scenes showing the development of the family idea in religion since the days of the early Hebrews to approximately the end of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Weekday Church Schools Continue

Interest in religion and public education was heightened by discussions on the Supreme Court ruling on weekday Church schools made last year in the Champaign case. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council, reported that the national week-day Church school classes had been able to continue, with some adjustments.

Nothing in American laws, court decisions, or traditions prevents “the school, within its program, from making adequate provision for the religious interpretation of life,” commented the committee headed by Dean Weigle. This committee, called on public schools to expose pupils to the “belief in God as the Source of all spiritual values and material goods, the Determiner of the destinies of nations, and the Lord of nature and mankind.”

In the same vein Dr. Samuel P.Franklin, dean of the School of Education of the University of Pittsburgh, said: “School leaders should study their school programs to see if they are doing justice to children’s appreciation of their common religious heritage. Then the Church must give public education the green light by removing the feelings of fear and threat over the separation of Church and state issue.

Religion and Individual Problems

The relation of religion to an individual’s personal and civic life was the subject of several speeches and discussion period. Dr. Roy A. Burkhardt, president of the First Community Church of Columbus and trustee of the council, warned that Churches cannot redeem the world unless they become concerned about the individual problems and mental health of their members than they are about the size of their buildings and their prestige as institutions.

“Christian teaching can never be complete unless it includes the development of a deep, informed, and wise sense of personal responsibility,” declared Jerry Voorhis, Chicago, executive secretary of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A.

Carrying the community idea to its work, Dr. Kenneth Stoeche, general secretary of the World Council of Christian Education, appealed for the day when “an American Church will be willing to support a missionary who is not an American.”

Completed Bible Version Due in 1952

Prominent in the council’s discussion of future plans was the announcement that the International Version of the Completed Standard Version of the Bible will be published in the fall of 1952. The New Testament was issued in 1946. Dr. Weigle, chairman of the Standard Bible Committee, will give his

Our Children’s Letter Exchange

Dear Ann:

Perhaps you have wondered why I have been thinking in such good and very welcome letter. Well, you see for some reason or other it was mislaid and I had to wait until your letter came out in the Recorder, I guess I became concerned about it for he kindly reminded me today.

I’m glad you liked the story about “Was Jonathan a Christian?” I would call him a very brave little boy, wouldn’t you? I think a farm is a fine place for children to grow up. That was where I lived when I was a little girl. When we lived in Independence there were farms all around us. When we moved to Andover our children said, “What, there for children to do in town? There’s so much more for children to do in the country.” What do you think?

I have a pet case often. I’m sure I’ll not delay my answers to your letters after this. Yours in Christian love,

Mispah S. Greene

My dear Mrs. Greene:

I wonder if you will care to hear from me again? I am the old woman who likes to read the Children’s Page. Now you entire time to the Old Testament revision after his retirement from Yale Divinity School next June. The introduction of the completed version is to be with the political Religious Education Week of 1952.

Toward Japanese Democracy

The last address on the week’s program was given by Dr. Paul H. Vieth, former religious education consultant to General MacArthur’s staff in Japan.

“The Japanese are interested in everything Western, including Christianity,” Dr. Vieth said, “This represents a strategic opportunity for us to practice our doctrines of good will and service. Japan was no doubt to have its own economy. Unless we help her do so we will injure the chances for the establishment of a democracy like that of the Western nations which have presumed to teach Japan the ways of peace and plenty.” — Release.

Our Children’s Letter Exchange recently received a letter from Mrs. Powell which came from this. Yours

I have moved since I last wrote. I have a lovely little tenement and my yard runs right down to the Seine and I have a windmill, and in the herring gull goes the pond. There are lots of oak, pine, and cedar trees across the pond. Birds come flying across to feed at my bird stick and the snail which is tied in the trees. Just now six nutcrackers are here feeding. Woodpeckers come for suet and chicken feeders are visited by bluebirds waking me at any hour.

I thing we can learn a lesson from the birds. They are so active — always at work, seeking food, building nests, and rearing their young. Then when winter comes and food is scarce they are very grateful for the scant rations that people put out for them. I have one from Mrs. Powell which came the old woman who likes to do. Our children said, “What, there for children to do in town? There’s so much more for children to do in the country.” What do you think?

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CHURCH NEWS

SALEMVILLE, PA. — Here are some items of interest to our many friends and readers of the Sabbath Recorder. We are glad to report that since the Church is without a pastor we are carrying on the work of the Church with the hope that someone may soon see our need of a leader and answer our call.

We have Sabbath school every Sabbath. Duane Ebersole (grandson of the late Rev. W. L. Davis) is our superintendant. Some member or auxiliary of the Church is willing to take the responsibility and have charge of the worship services which is proof that everyone is willing to do their part. These leaders are appointed by the pulpit committee.

We have had several workers of our denomination visit us and spend weekends. Rev. David S. Clarke, secretary of the Missionary Board, and family have been here several times, as well as Rev. Victor W. Skaggs and family. Rev. Mr. Skaggs has conducted two Communion services for us. Rev. and Mrs. James L. Skaggs have also spent a weekend with us and conducted services. Rev. Wm. R. Sutton and family were in our community on business and Rev. Mr. Sutton filled the pulpit one Sabbath. Rev. Cletus Myers, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, conducted worship services one Sabbath. Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, our Conference president, paid us a visit and gave us a very interesting message.

Dear Recorder Children:

Perhaps you have noticed how many good children's letters have been coming in lately. But I have none this week. Please do write, one and all.

Sincerely,

Misp S. Greene.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

We have built a new chimney at the parsonage and installed a furnace, which has been paid for by contributions. The roof of our Church is showing a new coat of paint also.

We have held several socials and suppers in the parsonage. Sunday evening preceding Thanksgiving a harvest home supper was sponsored by our women's society and was attended by fifty-nine members and friends.

The Junior Fellowship meets every Sabbath afternoon with Mrs. Mildred Robinette as its leader. The Youth Fellowship has been meeting in various homes. It has sponsored a Halloween social which was held in the barn on the Sherman Kagarise farm with an attendance of forty-one.

The children of the Church under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Robinette presented a Christmas program on Sabbath morning, December 25.

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We have had several workers of our Church in our neighborhood on business and Rev. Mr. Sutton conducted the meetings following the luncheon the Women's Board. Special money-raising projects have netted the society $80.30. Most of this money came through the sale of shell jewelry, Wrisley products, Christmas cards, and stationery. Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Ian Bond, Mrs. G. W. Post and Mrs. A. E. Webster were among those who donated commissions.

In the six months of the Ladies' Aid activities, the members sold the articles mentioned and have been sent to the Seventh Day Baptist Conference at Riverside, Calif., next August.

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We have lost one Sabbath.

Mrs. Mary Blough, Mrs. Frances Kagarise.

CHICAGO, ILL. — On August 11, 1948, Mrs. G. W. Post and Mrs. A. E. Webster were hostesses at a luncheon for the women of the Chicago Church. There were 10 guests present at the luncheon held at the home of Mrs. Post. At a business meeting following the luncheon the Woman's Society of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized. Mrs. Leon Lawton was elected president; Mrs. A. E. Webster, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. L. F. Dunstan, keyworker.

At later meetings needed committees have been formed. Mrs. Wm. H. Macorkel is in charge of the devotional period which follows each luncheon. A half-hour study period devoted to the review of a religious book or articles is under the leadership of Mrs. Dunstan. Mrs. Ann Post Bergh, Mrs. I. H. Bond, and Miss Nellie Hull are the sunshine or courtesy committee.

The project committee consists of the wives of our three divinity students: Jeanett Nida, Marie Lippincott, and Dorothy Lawton.

To my knowledge this is the first official sponsored luncheon for women's society members in the Chicago Church, meeting for other than social purposes. For several years women of the Church met for potluck luncheon—calling themselves the S and G (Stitch and Chatter). Present meetings are held once a month at the homes with a simple lunch served by the hostess, members bringing in food to supplement.

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The Chicago Church is willing to take the responsibility and have charge of the worship services which is proof that everyone is willing to do their part. These leaders are appointed by the pulpit committee.

Dear Recorder Children:

Perhaps you have noticed how many good children's letters have been coming in lately. But I have none this week. Please do write, one and all.

Sincerely,

Misp S. Greene.
HERBERT CLARKE VAN HORN
1874 — 1949

Rev. Herbert Clarke Van Horn was born in Humboldt, Neb., March 23, 1874. He passed away at his home in Milton, Wis., February 2, 1949.

His early years were spent in Nebraska and Iowa. At the age of seven he, with his parents and two sisters, crossed the plains in a covered wagon to Salt Lake City, Utah, where the family resided for a time. Later they moved to North Loup, Neb., where he was graduated from high school in 1891. He was graduated from the seminary were: Lost Milton College in 1898 and from the AI school in 1891. He was graduated from

Milton College in 1898 and from the Alfred School of Theology in 1905. In 1932 he received the honorary degree of

Doctor of Divinity from the New York City, Wis., where he had received the right hand of fellowship as a member two weeks before his death. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph was the officiating minister, assisted by Dr. Carroll L. Hill, president of Milton College, and Melvin Nida, copastor of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church, who served as the official representative of the American Baptist Association. Interment was in the Albion Cemetery, Albion, Wis.

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