A PRAYER FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Led by Dr. Wayne R. Rood, professor of Christian History and Theology, School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., at the convocation held in the Gothic Chapel on Wednesday evening, September 20, 1950.

Leader: Eternal God, who hast promised us the liberty which follows after truth, and who hast called us to be seekers after Thy will, grant that keeping the commandments of Christ we may have the mind of Christ, and learn to minister unto men in Thy name, even as He has done.

For all who guard the truths which were known of old, that, as good stewards of that knowledge, they may confirm us in simple and righteous living:

People: We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.

Leader: For those who seek new truth, that, believing more light is yet to break, they may be sustained in their searching by the faith that Thou art, and that Thou art the Rewarder of them that diligently seek Thee:

People: We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.

Leader: For all scientists, looking upon the face of nature, that they may see its order in its variety, and law in its constancy, and may teach men to live upon earth in confidence and without fear:

People: We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.

Leader: For all historians, that telling again the story of the past with sincerity and sympathy, they may bind the generations together in one communion of Thy real sons:

People: We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.

Leader: For all builders, poets, painters, and makers of music, that they may open our blind eyes and unstop our deaf ears to the beauty of Thy world:

People: We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.

Leader: For all theologians and philosophers who would lead men's long thoughts beyond the things that are known into the world which is unknown, that their faith may prepare for us a place in the infinite mystery:

People: We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.

Leader: For all who unselfishly bring their knowledge to the service of the world and Thy kingdom, and give that vision without which the people perish:

People: We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.

Leader: For ourselves, in this society of truth, that accepting with gladness the high offices of study and thought, that seeing clearly, and feeling deeply, and loving men profoundly, we may learn here to go forth to be in the world as those who serve, and may thus know that mind and heart of Christ which should make the manner of all our thinking and serving; and all these things we ask in His name, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.
SEMINARY LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW

Three recent gifts to the library at the School of Theology in Alfred have significantly enlarged its capacity. The largest gift was from the personal collection of Dr. Edgar D. Van Horn, who was for many years professor of Theology at the school. Well over 150 volumes which he had gathered through his years of reading fill wide gaps in the library's shelves of contemporary writing. In addition to his central interest, Dr. Van Horn's collection includes important volumes in the field of Bible and biography.

Another important group of volumes from Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor at Berlin, N. Y., has been received. A large proportion of these books are standard works in the theological curriculum, either from an edition of the works of Josephus to James Bisset Pratt's classic work on The Religious Consciousness.

The third gift was made by a chance visitor at the Gothic. A weekend house guest of friends in Alfred, he did not know that there was a seminary at the university until he visited the campus. Being a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, he dropped in at the school and visited with several of the students and faculty. Several days later the school received a box of six new books from the Union Seminary bookstore, all of which were carefully selected and filled vacant spots on the library shelves, a gift representing twenty-six dollars in cash and a lively interest in the work of the school. — Contributed.

COLLECTION OF POEMS

Many of our people are familiar with the recently published edition of the collected poems of Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond, dean of the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y. There has been much interest in this collection, particularly in the communities where the author has been a pastor and generally throughout West Virginia where he lived for so many years and where the scene of many of the descriptive passages is laid. A few copies of this limited edition are still available and may be secured either from the author or from The Recorder Press, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., at $2.50 each, postpaid.

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EDINBURG INVITATION

To Dear Reader:
In accord with our past custom at this season of the year, we, of Edinburg, Texas, take pleasure in again inviting you who contemplate spending the cold winter months in a warmer section of our country to consider some of the advantages that Edinburg can offer.

In the first place out winter climate is nearly ideal.

Second, fresh green vegetables are obtainable practically at all times throughout the winter months.

Third, Church services are maintained regularly to which a hearty welcome is extended to all. Two or three families of another denomination have been regular winter attendants with us. We are very glad to enjoy their fellowship.

For those who have children of school age, Edinburg has a splendid public school, followed up by a junior college. The educational advantages of our school system are very good.

As a side issue to your interest here, I might mention the Rio Grande Bible Institute. This institute is not Seventh Day Baptist denominationally, but furnishes a good chance to anyone who is interested in Bible study to take advantage of the opportunities it offers. It also, frequently furnishes good speakers for special services.

If interested, "come thou with us and we will do thee good." Numbers 10: 29.

Faithfully yours,

C. B. Loofbourrow.

Edinburg, Tex.

OUR SERVICEMEN

Where They Are

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

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THIS IS JAMAICA MONTH

The month of October has been set aside for simultaneous study on the part of Seventh Day Baptists in America of the work in our Jamaica Churches. We treat that in some form as through Sabbath school classes, auxiliary programs, refresher courses for adults, or through Sabbath eve study. The work in Jamaica may become more a part of our thinking and praying as Christians.

Several inquiries have come in to the Missionary Society office for help in planning special programs. One helpful article which was not mentioned in the October 9th Sabbath Recorder is the "History of Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica." A full issue of the Sabbath Recorder in 1942. This article is a history written by Secretary William L. Burdick, and presented at the 1942 General Conference. The Shiloh Church is hoping to make graphic the location and extent of our work by a world map and also a United States map. We have reports that other Churches are using their Friday evening services for the monthly foreign mission emphasis at least once each month. We feel sure that our home field will progress as we take more intelligent interest in the world task of the Christian faith, and especially for that branch of the Church for which you and I are responsible.

November is to be New Zealand month. We suggest that you start planning for this emphasis in the New Year season. To start off, we suggest you study the annual report of the Missionary Society under the Second Century Fund section, and also under the New Zealand and Africa sections (pages 6 and 17, and 16 and 17, respectively).

Faithfully yours,

P. A. Whitford

IN MEMORIAM

EDWIN BENJAMIN SHAW, D.D.

August 1, 1863 — October 14, 1950

A sketch of Rev. Mr. Shaw's life will appear in a later issue of the Sabbath Recorder.


Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

This time, we, with special pleasure, announce the program for our German Conference in Brunswick, simply because a happy spirit stood over it from beginning to end. Or, as children of God let us say it better, it is because God gave us all His blessing. We only wished that all our brethren (brothers and sisters) from East and West could have been there. The meeting took place in the House of the Grafted Society of Men, Parker 9, where we had not only the large hall but also the small room near it at our disposal for the meals.

On Friday afternoon, Brother Ehrich, the oldest of the construction of Brunswick, and deputy of the United States' federation, opened the conference with a hearty welcome speech. Following that Brother Ehrich read the text of Psalm 85:11a. He demonstrated the glory of God's creative power, that God had made mankind in mind and soul and that all creating and saving power of the Lord has also today at its only aim to give men...

On Sabbath morning the platform was trimmed with the most beautiful flowers of the season, which gave a beautiful impression to the meeting. The Sabbath service was held by Brother Hämmer in the Hämmer. Its contents will be delivered also to the brethren in the journal of announcements. After the sermon there was the formation of the bethlehems for that way they cared for us! For collecturing the sisters had baked excellent cakes on both days. There was enough for everyone...
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A MESSAGE FROM HOLLAND

Dianet Van Prinses Wilhelmina
Gunterstein
Breukelen

Dear Mrs. Cowin:

By order of H. H. Princess Wilhelmina I send you herewith the articles which Her Royal Highness wrote for your magazine. I hope that this message will reach its purpose and will penetrate in the hearts and minds of the people who read it.

May God bless you all, and your work.
Yours sincerely,
A. M. C. Quarles v. Ufford,
Second Private Secretary.

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR"

This well-known commandment, simple though it may sound, nevertheless means a radical change within ourselves. We are all suffering from egotism. Individually and collectively our first unconscious thought is: "What do I gain by it? What can I grab from it?" Our chief concern is so very personal for our own dear selves. But Christ, who said that whosoever wishes to save his life will lose it, asks us to come out of ourselves. God's love and Christ's love for the whole creation work exactly in the reverse way: here we witness an inner love that wishes to flow out to everyone, a continual emanation, a radiating love from the holy center to mankind and the world. If we earnestly try to perform Christ's will and make our own will subject to His, He will teach us how to do the works He did. We will be taken up into His fellowship and receive the power to work for the good of our fellow men.

"Love thy neighbour" was Christ's commandment once more! Here "neighbour" meant: fellow man and fellow woman. For in Christ there is neither male nor female, before Him they are equal. So in our times we should not make these distinctions either. We should not work apart, men trying to help men, and women to help women, but together, one forming the complement of the other. And so, forming together the unity, which is God's purpose, we should strive and work together each accepting the full share of the collective responsibility to put the commandment, "Love thy neighbour," into practice.

When we break out of our own sphere and enter the sphere of Christ, our experience will be a real joy and let us penetrate our lives, then our personal and family life will become visible in us and things that before us, can no longer exist because of our hearts.

That this unselfish love of Christ becomes the only effective security for the fulfillment of the great commandment, "Love thy neighbour."

A Prayer for All People

The following might have been written for us as we prepare to observe World Community Day on November 15th. We do not know the author - in any case only that an inviolate writing in her contribution to other women.

To our Father, Father of our souls, who dwellest upon the earth and in the heaven:

Thy bewildered children, who have turned from Thee — a full realization of what Thou knowest might mean. Clear the north of distrust, fear, and suspicion from all our hearts and fill us with trust in Thee. Give us the power and wisdom to learn about our duties and the way we must carry them out. Help us to be a true and a loyal witness and understanding, and of hope may pour into this confused and troubled world to bring all peoples into Thy peace.

The Church Woman, October 25th.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION

SEMINAL ANNUAL MEETING

The Seminaries of the Western Association will convene with the Rushburg, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath day, October 25, 1915, at the hour at which Melvin G. Nida, pastor of the church, will be invited to the pulpit ministry.

M. E. P. Pierce, Corresponding Secretary.
Alfred Station, N. Y.
REPORT OF THE VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

In making this report, the committee can record no outstanding accomplishment during the year. Some correspondence has been carried on, and the committee has held two or three meetings, at which the problems of the denomination have been freely discussed. Greater of these might be said to be a lack of apparent interest in keeping the Sabbath. We, however, realize that with employment at a near peak, the demands on such a committee would not be great.

The chairman is departing from his usual custom and has asked other members of the committee to express their minds in this report. As a result we present the two following communications, which are approved by the other members (with the exception of Robert E. Greene, who has been ill and unable to meet with the committee).

Following is the report of Charles H. Williams:

At a pithy supper meeting at my home last night, July 29, for the Vocational Committee and wives, followed by a committee business meeting, many things were discussed. And it was a defeatist attitude, pessimistic feelings by some, that rather set my feelings on edge. With these feelings of mine being apparent, another committee member challenged me to write down my thoughts and viewpoints.

Let me say first that being of English and Welsh descent, naturally I am one of strong personal feelings and beliefs, and thus if I were not 100 per cent for the Vocational Committee, I wouldn't be a member of it at all.

I would like to quote from a letter written by our Conference president to our Vocational Committee chairman. "I feel that the Vocational Committee should stand on its strongest legs and not bow to any agency that might like to command our Conference president for his stand, and secondly, I'd like to thank him for sharing the viewpoints and interests of the Vocational Committee."

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss with you "the Vocational Committee as I See It."

I sincerely believe that the Vocational Committee can be one of the strongest and most active organizations within our denomination, if you and I, and you of each and every church will assume a part and act as a part of the inmates within your church. It is not humanly possible for us as a committee, located near enough together to meet for monthly meetings, to be able to know or anticipate the opportunities available whereby we can introduce a prospective employer and employer. Will you volunteer to be that keyworker and furnish such information as may be asked of you? If you do not agree with the ideas and ideals of this Vocational Committee, then challenge us to take the necessary steps to change the personnel of this committee, but don't do away with a committee that can be so beneficial to our denomination. If there had been an active Vocational Committee, perhaps there could have still been more active churches in our Seventh Day Baptist denomination, instead of defunct, but not forgotten, churches.

The next point to which everyone should give careful thought is the matter of finances. November 20, make it clear that our chairman, or any member thereof, does not expect any money for secretarial committee meetings, or travel expense for our work. We are glad to donate such time and effort if we can see that any good is being accomplished by our committee; however, recent the most generous allotment of $50.00 per month for the entire denomination. This represents $4.17 per month, and I ask you, is there any other committee that furnishes itself in any other way, even, in this amount? Or on this amount?

I ask you, do you honestly expect any committee within our denomination or this committee to accomplish a large project on $4.17 a month? It would be far easier to have just one committee meeting a year, shortly before Christmas, and address and stamp greeting cards and mail out $500.00 at one sitting, and then I wager we'd stand a far better chance of bringing up on your mailing list. Frankly, the response to information requested from many churches and people we hoped to label as keyworkers was anything but overwhelming.

A superintendent of Sabbath school in our local church, has excellent opportunity to meet up with many problems, and some of them I'm going to pass on to you with the hope that someone will answer them.

1. What is to be the outcome of our churches, especially smaller ones, in the next few decades? How are our children to grow and increase their knowledge of the Bible if one hour of church plus one hour of Sabbath school is all there is for each Sabbath day, and when the motor to a nearby town for shopping, etc.? Who is going to till the church seat, and who is going to work our farms six days of the week and rest on the Sabbath day? To help us understand this denomination can get behind the Vocational Committee, and they in turn can present Seventh Day Baptist of one community to meet Seventh Day Baptists of another. By collective efforts the Sabbath can be kept, and children can be fed, learned of and preparing the Sabbath and the teachings of the Bible.

2. Another point I'd like to ask here, though not strictly pertaining to the Vocational Committee, is this. Who does own the collection of various agencies and committees, membership, and people of new ideas and experiences have such a strong influence and plan their thoughts toward smaller churches, such as our own local church at Albion, struggling to carry on? In my opinion it is these independent churches that need the contacts more than the larger going churches. This past thought is not hearsay, but a fact that actually happened. I was, with our pastor, a direct recipient of a refusal and had been working and planning one of our Sabbath school fellowship dinners for the occasion.

I now have expressed my ideas, and in closing may I ask, isn't there anyone or ones who still are interested enough in our people to give to the Vocational Committee their physical, mental, moral, and financial support so that we may be of assistance to our many such or good people so the Sabbath and churches can grow in numbers and consecrated supporters?

Sincerely, Charles H. Williams.

Following is the report of Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn:

At the Vocational Committee meeting the night of the 29th of July at the home of Charles H. Williams near Albion, it was decided that each member should make his appraisal of the work of the Vocational Committee — past, present, and the prospect for the future. Therefore to begin to express the way I feel about it, I would quote from the letter of Lloyd D. Seager to Clark M. Toll, chairman of the Vocational Committee. "I feel that the Vocational Committee should be one of the strongest denominational forces. Such a committee has been in existence ever since I was given the appointment of ex officio member of the committee. As a minister in a church I feel a great inadequacy of being able to present the causes of Jesus Christ in terms of practical application that men and women are moved to make the necessary effort to be Sabbathkeeping Christians. I feel that there is a detachment from the church in coming more and more to believe that such a committee as the Vocational Committee is necessary to bridge that gap.

As to the actual work of this committee, it has been done in the past three to four years, perhaps we had already reached a goal which has been quite beyond the possible. I say this because I look at the Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists, I see that it absolutely has no way to make any church or group of people in our midst do just as any committee or board wants them to do. We are a group of free-minded people with the principles of democracy and democratic procedure as our governing idea. Let me again quote, this time from the "Policy" statement of Seventh Day Baptists, "The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is historically, like other Baptists, congregational in policy, and requires that its churches and its members shall continue to enjoy freedom of conscience in all matters of religion." This idea carries on into the field of vocation, finance, recreation, etc. Therefore, no board or committee of the denomination can get from any church or group of its members any specific or exacting commitment. The only means of gaining the end is through presenting the idea in such terms as to make it seem desirable.

The Vocational Committee is also bound by such a procedure. It is very evident and becomes increasingly so that many of our youth (adolescent and young adults) are gradually dropping Sabbathkeeping idea because of the pressure of the economic setup of the present-day world. Social and lesser issues does not exist any longer. Any church, committee, agency, or person, has the right to ask for leniency on the Sabbath question. However, I believe that there is a falacy here in the reasoning of these people — please remember that it is a spirit of the age, and probably he tends to the idealistic rather than the practical. Yet I know from my own personal experience that it was not impossible to work by the day and yet have my Sabbaths for Sabbathkeeping.

Also, it came to my attention, just recently, that a man was being asked by his employer to work on Sunday, but the man immediately answered, "I am teaching a Sabbath school class that day. This was said to a host who probably had heard very little about Seventh Day Baptists and the Sabbath before. The man did not work on the Sabbath. He did teach his Sabbath school class and he did not lose his job. Where does the Vocational Committee fit into the thought? Being the person whereby our people are encouraged to make the necessary effort to keep the Sabbath knowing that no individual is alone in this problem to encourage each church of our denomination to respond to the call for a keyworker in the matter of making known to other churches the estimates for employment in Sabbathkeeping communities. (We cannot force this upon you — just refer back to the quotation from our "Policy.")"

This committee was appointed for the purpose of service to all our church and relations, and has worked since unless our service is valued and supported. It the work of the committee thus far does not warrant its report (referring to personnel), let it be changed in the hope that the Vocational Committee will more nearly serve its intended purpose.

Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Clark M. Todd, Chairman,

Pierce F. Shaw,

George F. Coles,

David V. Gray,

Robert F. Green.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL INTERESTS

A sense of security is one of the universal aspirations and one of the greatest driving forces in the mind of mankind today.

Since this is a common problem to all, it is of particular significance to those who observe the seventh-day Sabbath as they must face a world which is organized on Sunday a rest day.

The introductory paragraphs of the Vocational Committee report have touched on the most vital factors — the home, the church, and the denomination — in preparing our youth to meet these years and emphasize the imperative need of close cooperation of the membership and organizations of the denomination.

We would respectfully recommend the following suggestions for the consideration of your young people and those desiring employment:

1. The opportunities for service in
   a. The Christian ministry
   b. College instruction and administration.
   c. Educational service, public school teaching and administration.
   d. The medical and dental profession, nursing, and social service.
   e. Prospective business or professional opportunities.
   f. The building and construction and skilled trades and industry including watch repair, etc.
   g. Publishing industry.

2. Urge the local church and community to encourage and aid financially and otherwise. A Sabbathkeeper qualified to take over openings in agriculture, industry, or professions in the locality.

3. Question, regarding Sabbath observance. Have those who left the Sabbath for financial reasons improved their condition? Have those who have left Sabbath observance lost thereby?

4. We feel, as a whole, that smaller communities offer greater advantages than metropolitan areas.

5. We would urge upon our young people the responsibility of thoroughly preparing themselves for their chosen profession or occupation and rendering more efficient service than those who do not observe the Sabbath. A lack of these qualities and loyalties on the part of some of our Seventh Day Baptist young people has proved a great disappointment to Seventh Day Baptist employers.

6. The Vocational Committee be more thoroughly advertised in church bulletins as an agency for finding positions and prospective qualified persons of the denomination to fill them.

7. Since the present Vocational Committee wishes to be released, we recommend that the new membership be elected from the membership of the Denver and Boulder churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben R. Crandall, Chairman,
W. Ray Rood, Secretary,
Paul R. Crandall,
Oren E. Davies,
Frank Schuber,
Clare L. Greene,
James Ehres,
Rex E. Zwiebel,
C. Milford Crandall.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL INTERESTS

A sense of security is one of the universal aspirations and one of the greatest driving forces in the mind of mankind today.

Since this is a common problem to all, it is of particular significance to those who observe the seventh-day Sabbath as they must face a world which is organized on Sunday a rest day.

The introductory paragraphs of the Vocational Committee report have touched on the most vital factors — the home, the church, and the denomination — in preparing our youth to meet these years and emphasize the imperative need of close cooperation of the membership and organizations of the denomination.

We would respectfully recommend the following suggestions for the consideration of your young people and those desiring employment:

1. The opportunities for service in
   a. The Christian ministry
   b. College instruction and administration.
   c. Educational service, public school teaching and administration.
   d. The medical and dental profession, nursing, and social service.
   e. Prospective business or professional opportunities.
   f. The building and construction and skilled trades and industry including watch repair, etc.
   g. Publishing industry.

2. Urge the local church and community to encourage and aid financially and otherwise. A Sabbathkeeper qualified to take over openings in agriculture, industry, or professions in the locality.

3. Question, regarding Sabbath observance. Have those who left the Sabbath for financial reasons improved their condition? Have those who have left Sabbath observance lost thereby?

4. We feel, as a whole, that smaller communities offer greater advantages than metropolitan areas.

5. We would urge upon our young people the responsibility of thoroughly preparing themselves for their chosen profession or occupation and rendering more efficient service than those who do not observe the Sabbath. A lack of these qualities and loyalties on the part of some of our Seventh Day Baptist young people has proved a great disappointment to Seventh Day Baptist employers.

6. The Vocational Committee be more thoroughly advertised in church bulletins as an agency for finding positions and prospective qualified persons of the denomination to fill them.

7. Since the present Vocational Committee wishes to be released, we recommend that the new membership be elected from the membership of the Denver and Boulder churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben R. Crandall, Chairman,
W. Ray Rood, Secretary,
Paul R. Crandall,
Oren E. Davies,
Frank Schuber,
Clare L. Greene,
James Ehres,
Rex E. Zwiebel,
C. Milford Crandall.

SECOND DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

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TAKE TEACHING SERIOUSLY

It is of paramount importance that teachers in the Church schools become consciously aware of the fact that their responsibility as teachers is not merely the transmission of knowledge which they in their day received from their teachers, but rather it is the responsibility of the teacher to pass on to his pupils what he has learned so that they, as the subjects taught are his charge, he has persons to influence, not only materials to convey. His duty should not lie in the realm of getting "the book into the boy," but rather of giving the boy such an appreciation of the book that he is inspired to read it for himself, asking questions as he does. However, it is feared that too many teachers repeat the following incident in the Church schools year after year. In a Scotch play, Weidum was set to learn the catechism. When he complained that he "can't understand it," the answer came in this term: "Who's askin' you to understand it? Learn it.

One of the methods which will enable us to look at our class not only as individuals but also objectively is the method of keeping individual records for each student. The ability to record the vital data concerning each child is not easily acquired, but it can be acquired. It might be easier at the first to attempt observation of one child in the class until ability has grown.

Observation in the Church school is not the only means of obtaining important information. Other means include visits in the home, conferences with the public school teachers, as well as with the child's former Church school teachers. Perhaps a questionnaire should be filled out by the parents which includes such questions as:

1. Has your child any serious defects such as being hard of hearing, shortsighted, or other facts the teacher should know? What are you doing or the religious questions asked by your child during the past year?

Such records afford vital information for future teachers and leaders as well as for immediate use. How can you hope to help, to teach any child about whom you know nothing? Records should not only serve as resource information but they should also help the teacher to recognize gradual improvements in the child. The teacher should not fail to express appreciation verbally to the child for his activities, etc., which are well done.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS NOTES

By Rev. Ronald J. Harper
Executive Secretary
Board of Christian Education.

* A series of Leadership Training classes are now in progress at the College for the Church in Alfred, N. Y. These sessions, which are held on Wednesday evenings for a six-week period, are concerned with the Church school curriculum. Under the leadership of the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and his wife, the following program has been established:

9:30-10:15 p.m. Lecture for the entire group: "Confession and Penance," by Miss Faye Arnould.

* Superintendents of the Church schools will soon receive new forms to be filled out with data concerning the year 1949-1950. These forms will be much more detailed but they are designed to make it easier for the executive secretary to see the local situation much more clearly.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

"A vast change has taken place in the attitude of the illiterate three-fifths of the world," says Dr. Frank C. Laubach, American missionary and "apostle of literacy." "For ages they suffered in unremitting despair. But in the past thirty years they have come awake. They have always been hungry, in reality starved. The people of the six-and-a-half de
ter countries where I have worked I have seen a billion people churning with immense longings that have never stirred. The world's answer to their hunger for security and meaning has been the challenge of modern education. The Church is just beginning to realize that every atom in the universe is a potential Christian."

"All around the world there is a desire for unity and understanding among people of different lands. As that spirit grows, the Church will grow stronger. We must form all the world's people into a family of nations by finding the religious and ethical values that unite us."

"One of the greatest advantages the Church school has is that it is the only place in America where children can go and find a complete education in religion and values. The religious education is what the Church school is all about."

The Church school will also play a part in this world-wide cause of finding understanding and unity among nations. The Church school is the only place in America where children can go and find a complete education in religion and values.
Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

Summer is over and the robin that said "Do it different, do it different," has moved north. Before long, with others in a flock, it will make its winter trip south to escape ice and snow.

The cabbids that had a nest in the grapevine have flown too. In early summer they sang beautifully near our house. They were very shy about being seen, and I wondered where their nest might be.

When I went to the currant garden to gather fruit in midsummer, the song had changed to sharp notes, severe and forbidding. With its bill holding food for its babies, one of the birds hopped around the bushes and trees, cheeping crossly at me. Even though I watched as it excitedly flew around, I could not tell where that nest was in the thick foliage of the walnut tree, or the lilac bushes, or the peach tree, or the currant bushes. I was kept guessing every day.

But I did not let my curiosity invade the cabbids' home life to alarm them too much. I let the parent birds see I was after currants very industriously, and did not intend to scare or hurt them. Once, years ago, I picked a currant branch and put it in the woods. It was not as firm and tight as a robin's nest, but spreading and loose, so that if frightened, young birds might easily fall out.

All the while I was gathering currants, my guesses about this nest were unanswered. The last day, when the birds had gone away satisfied, as I was picking a few last berries tangled in the grapevine, there I found the nest. It was more secure than the one I saw in the woods. It was held together by pieces of old, worn string which had tied the currant bushes the year before. The parent birds had gathered up my discarded strings to put in their nest, at the time they were singing so beautifully in early summer. They wove the pieces of string round and round with sticks and grass, so that the dear babies had a safe home, and they were big enough to fly happily away.

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Dear Mrs. Powell:

Thank you for your charming bird letter. It was even more acceptable than usual as this is the second week I have received no children's letters.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

The Passenger Train and the Freight Train

Can you imagine, Recorder boys and girls, two trains standing on the same track facing each other, and the freight train saying to the passenger train, "Get back onto another track so I can go on. I have valuable things on my train that many people are waiting for. Please give me the right of way for I must hurry on." "Oh, no!" said the passenger train. "My train is full of people and they are more important than mere things. It is you who should get out of my way."

"But the things I have on my train are for many people who should have them as soon as I can deliver them. Can't you people on your train back out and let me hurry by?"

"No, it is you who should back out and let me go by. I am carrying a sick child who must get to the hospital as soon as possible; and there are soldiers on their way home to their loved ones, their wives, and their children. Please get out of my way."

"In that case it is high time I gave you the right of way. Perhaps you are more important than I." Just then the engineer began to back up the freight train and then onto another track, and the passenger train was soon in its usual position and the freight train was humming along.

Now, Recorder children, which train was the more important, the passenger train or the freight train.

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Shiloh Mite Society

The Shiloh Mite Society meeting was held in the Church auditorium on the night after the Sabbath, September 16. "The Story of Our Gospellers," effectively told, based on a pamphlet from the former Young People's Board, prepared by Mrs. Ryan, was introduced by C. C. Chapman, giving a glimpse into 160 years track, and the passenger train was soon in its usual position and the freight train was humming along.

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which Rev. Solomon Carpenter had sent and are in the keeping of the society. Mary Harris was a subscriber in a Chinese

Letters were read from Dr. Ross Palmer, Rev. Ray Crofoot, Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate, Miss Miriam Shaw, and a telegram from Miss Sarah Becker by Mrs. Edna Dickinson, Mrs. Mary Ayars, Mrs. Betty Burdick, Mrs. Lillian Harris, Mrs. Jennie Geisinger, and Mrs. Susie Hoffman. The membership of the Shanghai Church increased from 7 to 669 from the years 1850 to 1950.

Miss Eleanor A. Dickinson presented a fifteen-minute organ recital.

Mrs. Ella K. Shepard called the 136th session to order. Miss Katherine Davis gave the report of the secretary while Mrs. Bernice M. Davis gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Elizabeth F. Davis was in charge of devotions.

An interesting program followed which consisted of musical and vocal numbers, Scripture selections, congregational singing, and prayer.

The election of officers resulted with the following to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. Ella Sheppard; vice-president, Mrs. Sara A. Davis; secretary, Miss Katherine Davis; treasurer, Mrs. Bernice M. Davis; and Mrs. Jennie Geisinger.

New members introduced by Mrs. E. F. Davis and Mrs. Martie Hitchener were Mrs. Ellis Harris, Leonard Davis, Miss Lidda Carlberg, Miss Loraine Harris, Mrs. Velma Harris, Miss Thressa Parvin, and Mrs. May Skinner.

The society voted to send $25 to the Institute for the Blind.

The Hannah Wheeler memorial offering was taken while Miss Dickinson furnished organ music. As in the old days, several names of older members were called to furnish their dues including Mrs. Elizabeth Shepard, Mrs. Annabel Bowden, Miss Leonia Hoffman, and Mrs. Nellie Bivins.

The obituary report, as prepared by Mrs. Letha T. Gibe, included the names of Mrs. Esther Croft, Mrs. Bessie Ayars, and Mrs. Dora Schaeble, and was given by Mrs. R.}

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Obituaries

Dickinson. — Clarence Davis, son of Charles B. and Emily Davis, Dickinson, was born July 6, 1885, and died accidentally on June 13, 1950.

He was married on January 3, 1918, to Alice Randolph. To this union were born four children: Rev. C. E. Hiram (Avery), R. L.; Mrs. Jeanett Nida of Richburg, N. Y.; Melvin Dickinson, and Miss Eleanor Dickinson of Shiloh, N. J. Surviving him besides his wife and four children are two brothers: Edwin of Miami Beach, Fla.; and Charles, a twin, of Shiloh; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted on June 16 by Pastor Lester G. Osborn of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, of which Mr. Dickinson had been a member by Rev. E. E. Sutton on April 29, 1916.

Burdick. — Phoebe, daughter of Alexander and Abbe Jane Allen Burdick, was born July 17, 1866, in the town of Ward, N. Y., and died August 17, 1950, at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, N. Y.

She was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, joining by baptism January 24, 1880.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Emily Burdick Allen, who has lived with her at the home on West University Street since the death of her brother George A. Place, of Albany, N. Y., and three nieces, Mrs. Bertha Schoeccville, N. Y., Mrs. Margaret Place Lairie of Pleasantville, N. Y.; and Mrs. Mildred Place Vars of Dunlap, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted on August 20 at the home of Frank L. Louden and to them were born two daughters and nine sons. All services were conducted by Rev. E. Fredge.

Burial services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. E. Shuster, and by Rev. William D. King of the Christian Episcopal Church, at the Buckler Funeral Home on Monday, May 29, at 10 o'clock. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

Nellie Bivins. — Marjorie Charlotte, daughter of John and Jessie Van Horn Bivins, was born December 27, 1895, on the Bliven Hometead in the town of Albion, and died May 6, 1950, after a period of poor health.

Instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. Anita D. Harris, violin, David S. Davis, flute, and Miss Dickinson, organ.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn pronounced the benediction. — Mrs. Martie Hitchener, Correspondent.

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She was educated in the Albion Academy and the Albion State Teachers College. She was baptized by Rev. T. J. Van Horn November 24, 1879, in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was a member of the rest of her life.

She was married to Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, conducted the service. K. B. V. H.

Green. — Sandra, daughter of Lowell and Ruby Jenkins Green, was born November 9, 1941, in Edenton, Wis., and passed away in the Homestead Hospital, July 29, 1950, succumbing to bulbar poliomyelitis.

Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Almond, Wis. Her partner, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, conducted the services. K. B. V. H.

Howard. — William C. husband of Martha Ruth Faller Howard, was born December 28, 1880, and died at Newark, N. J., June 24, 1950.

He was a life member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Howard's family and his many friends testify of his faith in Christ and their willingness to that faith through daily acts of Christian service.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. Wendell Stephan at the chapel of the People's Burial Company in Newark. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, N. J.

Stillman. — Raymond E. son of Eli and Flora Stillman, was born in Wewter, R. I., September 11, 1885, and died at the Westerly Hospital on May 26, 1950.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Loudon, and to them were born two daughters and nine sons. All services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Sutton, and burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

Parker. — Jennie R. Simmon, daughter of Christopher and Martha Butlingham Simmon, was born in Providence, R. I., June 23, 1872, and died in May 28 at the Wild River Home, Watch Hill, R. I., after a long illness.

She married John T. Parker in Westerly on June 3, 1898. To this union was born one son.

Surviving her is the son, Frank M. Parker, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Parker was for many years an active member of the Methodist Church, to the Society at large great joy in her new-found truth.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. D. Dickson of the Methodist Church, at the Buckler Funeral Home on Monday, May 31, at 2 p.m. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Dresser. — Bertha May Stallman, daughter of Amos and Eunice Burdick Stallman, was born February 15, 1902, in Edenton, N. Y., and died at the Good Home in East Greenbush, N. Y., May 24, 1950, after a short illness.

Mrs. Dresser was a member of the Old Seventh Day Baptist Church of West Edmonton, N. Y.

Surviving are a son, Myron E. Dresser of Manhattan, N. Y., and two grandchildren, William and Hugh Dresser of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The funeral, held in the Worden Funeral Home, was conducted by Rev. A. G. Adrian of the Baptist Church of Scio, N. Y. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.
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**Board of Christian Ed**

- **S. D. B. Building**: 319.02

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