Accessions
Denver, Colo.

Baptism:
Joan Davis, Ann Johnson, Lenora McComb (Mrs. Edwin), and Vickie McComb were baptized at Boulder, Colo., July 29, 1950, and given the right hand of fellowship at Denver, August 5, 1950.

Letter:

Marriages
Reppert - Walton. — Howard Winston Reppert and Evelyn Kelley Walton, both of Buckhannon, W. Va., were united in marriage on February 11, 1951, at the home of the bride's sister, Alberta Ireland, in Pullman, W. Va. Rev. John Fitz Randolph of Berea, W. Va., officiated. The Repperts will be at home in Buckhannon.

Obituaries
Murphy. — Mrs. Annie Laura, was born April 4, 1869, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waycott of St. George, New Brunswick, Canada. She was married to Frederick Henry Murphy, November 13, 1890, in Calais, Me. He died in 1904.

Mrs. Murphy has lived in Michigan for the past 47 years. As a loving and sacrificing mother, she labored unceasingly through the years to provide for her seven children.

She joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church May 22, 1915, and has been a shut-in for several years. She was called to rest February 2, 1951.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Laura Etta Van Tyle and Mrs. Emily H. Connelly of Battle Creek, Mich.; two sons, Frederick W. Murphy of Battle Creek, Mich., and Albert H. Murphy of California; four grandsons and three great-grandchildren all of Battle Creek, Mich.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler.
A. L. W.

Bonnell. — Sarah Catherin Van Horn, daughter of Jobe and Sarah V. Vanstickle, was born August 5, 1861, at Lost Creek, W. Va., and departed this life January 10, 1951, at the home of her son, Ray Bonnell, in Berea, W. Va.

She was united in marriage to Charles Berkley Bonnell, November 2, 1885, who preceded her in death by only eighteen days. To this union were born five children: Retta Meeks of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Emery Curtis, Elizabeth, W. Va.; Charles Wesley, Salem, W. Va.; and Ray Bonnell, of Berea, W. Va. One son, Orville, preceded her in death. There is a large group of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Farewell services were conducted January 12 by her pastor, Rev. John Fitz Randolph, at Pine Grove, where interment was made. J. F. R.

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.)

Alfred, N. Y.

David Thorngate, Lt. j.g. MCR Medical Company
21st Inf. Regt., 24th Div.
APO 24 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Rockville, R. I.

John L. Crandall, S2 LST 533, c/o FPO
New York, N. Y.

Fouke, Ark.

Sgt. Stephen J. Pierce AF18329994 41st Fighter Int. Sq.
APO 994, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

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The Sabbath Recorder

The Church

By NATHAN E. BRANCH.

To us the Scriptures clearly teach:

That the Church is the temple of the living God, peculiarly "his workmanship"; that its construction has been in progress throughout the gospel age. Ever since Christ became the world's Redeemer and "the chief corner stone" of this temple, through which, when finished, God's blessings will come to all people, and they will find access to Him. 1 Corinthians 3: 16, 17; Ephesians 2: 20-22; Genesis 28: 14; Galatians 3: 29.

That meantime the chiseling, shaping, and polishing of consecrated believers, Christ's atonement for sin progresses, and when the last of these living stones, "elect and precious," shall have been made ready, the great Master Workman will bring all together in the first resurrection and the temple will be filled with His glory, and be the meeting place between God and men throughout the millennium. Revelation 15: 5-8.

That the basis of hope for the Church and the world lies in the fact that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man, "a ransom for all," . . . "in due time," and He is "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Hebrews 2: 9; John 1: 9; 1 Timothy 2: 5, 6.

That the hope of the Church is that she may be like her Lord, for she shall "see him as he is," be a partaker of "the divine nature," and share His glory as His joint-heir. 1 John 3: 2; John 17: 24; Romans 8: 17; 2 Peter 1: 4.

That the present mission of the Church is to perfect the saints for the future work of service; and to prepare them to be kings and priests in the next age. Ephesians 4: 11; Matthew 24: 14; Revelation 1: 6; 20: 6.

That the hope for the world lies in the blessings of knowledge and opportunity to be brought to all through Christ's millennial kingdom, the restoration of all that was lost in Adam, at the hands of their Redeemer and His glorified Church.

White Cloud, Mich.
America Needs the Sabbath
By FRANKLIN A. LANGWORTHY
President, American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

It has been stated by many in referring to the rapid growth of America in this first half of the 20th century that we are now in a transitional era rather than a traditional one.

Throughout the ages, my chosen livelihood in industry has brought me into contact with hundreds of workers, that class of men who have contributed their part in changing our system from the "horse and buggy days" to a highly mechanised age.

My interest in the character and personality of industrial workers has been greater, I believe, than in the machines which they have built.

I have a strong conviction that the great need in our American life is a more spiritual life, one which recognizes man's need of God, his need of a love and devotion which makes daily living according to His Word a joy and satisfaction because it would also include the keeping of the only Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, commanded in the keeping of the only Sabbath, the keeping of the only Sabbath, the only Sabbath which has ever been commanded.

A review of America's major achievements is so well stated in the opening paragraphs of an article entitled, "Why Do Men Need God, Anyway?" by Rev. Loyd F. Hurley, in the July-August, 1930, issue of The Chaplain, that I will quote his words.

"We have come to the end of the greatest half century in all history. More efforts have been made for human betterment, more millions spent for humanitarianism, more labor devoted toward literacy, more Bibles printed and distributed, and more missionary work accomplished than in any other half century of human achievement.

"It has been the greatest inventive period of all time. Some inventions have been added that will exert a stronger pr"...
Reaching for God's Gifts

By REV. CARROLL L. HILL
President, Milton College, Milton, Wis.

(Preached on Sabbath eve, August 25, 1950, at General Conference, Salem, W. Va.)


After the roller coaster ride to Salem to attend the General Conference, it is sobering to reflect, in an age and in a country of speed and power, how often and how many people never overcome the inertia of life enough to make a real effort religiously. It is an inertia in life that keeps many of us from attaining anything like our possibilities in personal living.

Something more than thirty years ago a boy was born in Kansas, and while he was still a boy, the schoolhouse that he attended burned, and he was totally burned. At first the doctor said, "He will never walk again." Later the doctor said, "He will never walk unless there is a miracle." But the boy struggled along, from on crutches and then with a cane. The time came that he followed a plow across the field, leaning on the handles. Then he began to run, a little at a time, to test the strength of his legs. For the boy who was never to walk again, there opened up a highway, yes a race track. That boy was Glen Cunningham, and as Dartmouth several years ago he ran the fastest clocked mile on record up to that time. For a young man this is not only a physical, but a spiritual conquest. It is almost as though one heard a voice saying to him, "Stretch forth thine hand." And he stretched it forth, and it was restored whole, like as the other.

The implication is that the man had a part to play here, as well as Jesus. We read that His enemies tried to trap Jesus, because of the good things He did on the ground. The command of Jesus to that crippled man, spoken so long ago, is valid at any time, not necessarily for setting a broken finger, but as a symbol of a part we must play in our religious experiences, and the manner in which they may be successful ventures. We are speaking of a realm of personal worth, where results are in direct proportion to effort and devotion. God must be possessed of boundless patience, waiting for man to stretch forth his hand. Surely we have a part to play in our redemption, as well as God.

Next month (September), there will come into the schoolrooms and upon the campuses of the nation a multitude of students. They will come from all types of homes and environments. They will vary in outlook and ambition. There will be some who will enter eagerly into their studies.

Some of the greatest discouragements in teaching lies in the student who will not make the necessary mental effort to learn. There are large numbers, the country over, who appear on the campus believing that in some mysterious manner, they will work a miracle, and they will become educated, endowed with social grace and spiritual wisdom. Many means are employed to persuade and lead the student to overcome the inertia of his life and get busy. Someone must impress him with the idea, "Stretch forth thine hand."

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Some of men's greatest satisfactions spring from friendship baptized. After the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension experiences came the story of the disciples going back to their familiar haunts and surroundings. Their world was upturned and their Master gone. What could they do? Was their work ended? What to do? In familiar surroundings, in an upper room, they had a prayer meeting. They didn't know it, but, like us, they were in a historical epoch between two waves, one receding and the other advancing. Their world was in a state of revolution and change. They did the habitual, the sensible thing, they held a prayer meeting.

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number would have been sadly depleted. That is, if we had removed their names and those of their families and relatives.

Most of our Churches are family Churches. I do not know what names appear most often in your Church, but let us take the initials B, C, and D. Suppose all the Babes, Beres, Cons, Candells, Cotrells, Davises, and others with those initials were suddenly gone. The point is that our Churches are made up of people who are naturally bound together, bound in a bundle of life.

Visiting in Chicago one day, it was my privilege to talk with a minister of a Church made up of the union of two congregations. He had been there seven years and the Church was about to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the union. Yet, not over half of the two uniting congregations was left after ten years. The members had gone their ways. No family ties bound them. People come and go. And yet, in the Church of the family, how easily one may say, "Stretch forth thine hand.

There are great programs afoot. There are many large adult programs, councils, conferences, and associations. In some nations, such movements have been the tool of dictators. Some have been national, and some international. None of them can serve adequately or lead effectively unless constantly there is a voice saying to the nations of the people, "Stretch forth thine hand." We have sometimes indulged in less noble phraseology and said that the Lord helps those who help themselves, but there is a central fact — to achieve something personally or collectively of real worth, one must overcome the inertia of life, the being at a standstill, and must want to overcome it enough to make the effort.

So we turn back to Matthew 12, and see those who were gathered about Jesus. They were looking for something to pick at, to find fault with. They missed the central idea entirely. In their midst was a tragedy, a man with a withered hand. He said to the man with the withered hand, Wouldst thou be made whole? "Stretch forth thine hand." And the hand "was restored whole, like as the other." The same command and promise ring today across history and in the lives of men and nations.

Shortsighted politicians of Israel, recognizing the internal weakness of their state, have sent their ambassadors to the land of the Tuirs in the wild hope of gaining health and healing from that beast of prey, the Assyrian king. Bitterly they shall be disappointed. Jehovah himself will pitilessly condemn his people and Judah which he has begun, and no human power can hinder him." — Hosea 3: 1-14, freely rendered in paraphrase. From the Messages of the Earlier Prophecy, by Sanders and Kent, copyright 1898 by John D. Wattles & Co., published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, pp. 60, 61. Used by permission.

The Setting for Hosea's Life

The story of Hosea is the pathetic story of the prophet who learned an eternal lesson from that which is too often the tragic occurrence of modern life — infidelity. It is a story we might well entitled "A Tragedy of a Parsonage," for the principal book is a parson and his wayward wife. The lesson he learned and wrote down for us, as he felt the searing pain of loneliness engulf him as his home crumbled, is a salutary warning about his helpless soul, is recorded in the Book of Hosea.

A decade after Amos delivered his sermons of warning at Bethel, Hosea began preaching in Samaria. There is little doubt but that he was a northerner, a citizen of Israel, while Amos was a southerner from Judah. "The men saw eye to eye in political matters, both preaching against the iniquity that characterized Israel.

On the death of Solomon 175 years previous to the time of Hosea, the kingdom that had been built around intrigue and alliances split. A succession of kings, some good, more bad, reigned over their respective sections of Judah to the south and Israel to the north of Jerusalem until both sections finally fell before the invaders. But it was Hosea's country that was to fall first.

A Prophet's Burden

It was the country he loved that Hosea saw headed toward destruction and slavery — the destruction that was made inevitable by the sin and corruption that characterized the political leaders. Love for his people, his land, and his God was a passion that burst forth on Hosea's lips — a passion of warnings and pleadings for true repentance.

When Hosea entered upon his prophetic career a little before 740 B.C., his country Israel was held together by the strong hand of Jeroboam II. Already, however, some national movements had been becoming evident and as Jeroboam's son came to the throne to be murdered by Menahem, the political wall of the nation began not only to crumble but to fall apart. It was the people who first began to feel the squeeze by Assyria. Wrung from their already burdened livelihood was a heavy tribute that the treacherous Menahem used to purchase from Assyria a few more years of perilous reign. This was the beginning of the end, for Menahem had lost the respect of Assyria by the tribute and earned the contempt of his own people by his acts of murder and oppression. The political system had been a corrupt and law and order relaxed, affecting the social and moral life of the nation.

Israel's Decadence Invites Destruction

It was against this backdrop of decadence that Hosea learned with what ease one could gleam from the fascinating path of waywardness. Literally like brands from the burning fire he might have snatched his followers, for the flames of lust and dishonesty were burning high.

Immorality was openly practiced with the sanction of the religious leaders. The utterly corrupt practices of the Canaanite religion were accepted and the worship of Jehovah adapted to fit them. What had been a shell of ceremonialism was easily filled up for the heathenism.

This was Hosea's country, the land he loved, that he must stand by and watch her irresistible flight to destruction. Hosea saw that she was like a moth that was drawn to the flame of the lamp, and he, in the words of Mr. Crichton, grew ever closer and closer, he knew that soon the fire would catch and his nation would be no more. But one thing he could say, and we can almost hear his impassioned

False Physicians

By REV. MELVIN G. NIDA
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(he first of a series of four Bible studies from the Book of Hosea as presented before General Conference, Salem, W. Va., August 22-25, 1950.)

"Hear, O priests and princes of Israel! your condemnation. You, who should be of no real knowledge of Jehovah's character and demands. Israel and Judah both shall fall under their load of guilt. Vainly do
soul as he first warns of destruction, then pleads, and weeps over the disregard and scorn that must have been hurled upon him. The anguish that gripped his heart because of his people was akin to the anguish of knowing the desertion of his wife.

**Destruction for Prophet and Nation**

Before the final blow that ended Israel's political life as a nation, Hosea's voice was apparently cut off by martyrdom. There are no allusions to the events of the final overthrow in the book and we can pretty closely date the work of Hosea by his references to Gilead and the Sea of Galilee still being parts of the Northern Kingdom. In 734 B.C. these portions of the country were conquered and annexed to Assyria. Hosea probably preached between 740-734 B.C. In 721 the city of Samaria, in which Hosea had preached, fell to the Assyrians after a siege of three years. According to the words of the Assyrian king, he carried away 27,290 Israelites and settled them in the land of the Assyrians. They were destined never to return and the nation perished to fulfillment came the prophecies of Hosea, but his impassioned pleadings still echo down the ages.

**False Physicians With Useless "Cures"**

As Hosea stood and watched the mad attempt of the physicians to find some security for the decaying foundations of the nation, he characterized the attempts as those of a sick man seeking healing from a false physician. Mistaken policies had led Israel to seek an ally where there was only an enemy. Instead of turning to the One who could give healing and health, they turned to the arm of man.

Israel's suicidal folly in paying tribute to Assyria to try to bolster the nation becomes an apt illustration of man's universal madness in seeking the healing of his misery in the repetition of the very acts that caused his soul's sickness. Thus, often, a man exists that all well spiritually will try to conceal the longing of his soul in the very thing that caused his spiritual illness. Instead of turning to the Lord he will go deeper into his sin. Consider the man who drinks and hides himself constantly in more drink until his life is useless. We as Christians must be careful, too. God has not set aside the same tactics for the healing of spiritual ills that may beset us.

"Cures" or Healing

The place with which we are most unfamiliar is the depths of our heart. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?" We will attempt the same tactics for this indications of our spiritual illness that are manifest to the observing mind just as there are always symptoms of physical sickness that are evident to the observing eye.

There are three courses that are usually followed by those who become conscious that all is not well with them. You have all observed the man who knew that all was not well but who went about his old way as usual. Or his usual repetitions were not heed, and he went about his work trying to forget the stabs of pain that were indications that something was wrong. He reasoned with himself that everything was all right, and that these pains were just something that would pass shortly, and all would be well. But the time came when his strength failed and, finally, seeking help, it was revealed that the pain that he had first felt long ago was a cancer that had advanced too far to be treated. Too late it was for real healing.

Then there is the man who upon the first indication of sickness begins to try everything for cure. He tries this medicine for a while and then something else. He tells the doctor that it is his appendix and must have operation immediately. When he gets up out of bed and the pain is still there, then it must be gallstones and the doctor must perform another operation or he will surely die. It is always something else that is wrong and must be removed or there is some new medicine he must try, until it is a mistake on the face of it.

But the man who finds healing is the one who acts upon the first clear symptoms and goes to a true physician for help. It may be necessary to have a major operation but it is carefully considered and wisely done. Healing comes quickly because the whole emotional tenor is not upset and there is faith and trust throughout.

**Spiritual Healing**

Three ways are open to us as Seventh Day Baptists as we have become aware that we are walking with us. We may like the proverbial oyster stick our heads in the sand and go on saying that nothing is wrong, or we may foolishly jump on our horses and ride madly off in all directions at once. We may remove this and have something else taken out; we may try some new medicine and if there is a new pain then have our medicine changed, or call a new doctor; but may we follow the right course.

**The Bible - A Light and Guide**

*Preached in the Marlboro Church, December 9, 1920.*

One Monarch to obey.

One Creed to own.

That Monarch, God.

That Creed, His Word alone.

---Author unknown.

God is our monarch, and His Word is our creed, a light and a guide to a world in darkness. In the story of the mutiny of the BOUNTY one may read of the adventures of a group of mutineers who sank their ship and landed on lonely Pitcairn Island. In the group were nine white sailors and seventeen natives; six men were wounded and a girl of fifteen. One of the sailors discovered a means of distilling alcohol, and the island colony was debauched with drunkenness and vice. After a while only one of the white sailors survived, surrounded by his native wives and children. This sailor, Alexander Smith, found among the things taken from the BOUNTY's treasure. This he began to read and to teach to those with whom he was associated, with the result that his life and that of the colony were changed.

May we thoughtfully take heed of the symptoms, go to the One who can help, and act carefully and wisely according to His prescription. It may be necessary to operate the soul but it is carefully done that may be the means of helping us. May we not have to stand by and see our beloved denomination seek false physicians and useless cures.

---C. REX BURDICK

Pastor, Marlboro, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church

In 1808 the United States ship TOPAZ visited the island and found a thriving community, without whisky, without a jail, without crime, and without an insane asylum. The Bible had changed the life of that island community. The Bible is a light and a guide. Wherever its pages are read, minds are illumined and lives are changed. "The entrance of thy word is given light," said the psalmist.

These are dark days in which we live, but in that respect they are not different from the days of former generations. Every generation has its days of darkness. We have Korea and Pearl Harbor. Our people have been through the Spanish American War, the Civil War, the Mexican War, the great Revolution, the Dark Ages, and so on back through the days of the Maccabees when Christianity was almost stamped out. The course of darkness could be thus traced all the way back to the fall of man which is recorded in the third chapter of Genesis. Since man turned his back on the things of the spirit and followed the things of the flesh, humanity has been nought but a course of darkness. Yet
through the blackness of the awful night of sin runs the certain, though sometimes faint, glimmer of the Word of God. When men catch the vision of God's revelation, they catch something which not even the powers of darkness are able to shake. When men build their lives upon the Word of God, they build a fortress which neither time nor eternity can undermine. These are dark days, but we have the light of the Bible. The Bible is a light and a guide. The psalmist said, "They went into the temple, and a light unto my path."

The Bible Is a Profitable Book
In 2 Timothy 3: 16 we read that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The Bible is not only an inspired book; it is also practical, worth while, and wholly profitable. It is not a book of impractical idealism, but a book which is useful in every phase of our lives as Christians.

The Bible is profitable for doctrine. One thing has contributed largely to the darkness of our present day is the fact that men have been trying with all of their might to substitute human doctrine for the doctrine of the Bible. For ages the philosopher has tried to reason God, to make God an object of human study. But God cannot be so reduced. To make God a being subject to human reasoning. But God is infinite in His being and in His wisdom. The present is not to destroy all wickedness, but to make the sinner conformable to the image of Christ. So the Bible is a book of reproof. God recognizes our sin, and in the Bible takes us to task for it. There are many passages of warning and rebuke in the Word of God. When a man reads the Bible, he comes face to face with the awful nature of sin, and he learns God's estimate of it.

Yet, God does not content Himself with rebuke. He demands a change. The Bible is profitable for correction. The Bible demands correction and, recognizing man's own inability to make the needed change, directs him to the Holy Spirit who gives grace sufficient for every need. Those of us who have ever been nurtured in the church (and who hasn't?) know how utterly impossible it is for us in our own strength to lift ourselves, and to gain for ourselves the strength of a man. If we called upon God, the Bible reveals to us that power for correction comes not from within the self, though it is necessary to have a determination to do right, but from without, from God who is unlimited in His power and who has made that power available to us. "The Bible is profitable for instruction in Righteousness. Long passages of Scripture are given to simple Christian teaching. Jesus was essentially a teacher in His earthly ministry. The sermon on the Mount is but a series of perfections which are basically means of teaching. The Bible tells us how to come to Christ, pleads with us to accept Him as our Saviour, and teaches how to live in Him. The Bible is the great textbook for Christian living. It gives all the spiritual instruction necessary for men of any age. The Bible is indeed a book for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness.

The Bible Is a Life-Preparatory Book
As we have before noted, the Bible is a light-giving book. Light is one of the essentials for every phase of life. Both animals and plants need light for their very existence. Light enables us to pursue the activities of their lives. Certainly no respectable vocation can be carried on without light. Imagine the result if a carpenter should try to build a house without light by which to work, or if a farmer should try to cultivate his crop at midnight without any light. The very idea is absurd. Christian activity is a vocation. We are called upon to spend our lives working at it, yet all too often we attempt to carry on spiritual living without the preparation of adequate Bible study. We need the light of the Bible if we will serve the Lord.

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The Bible develops character. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." God's standard of perfection has two fundamental purposes. First, it brings us face to face with our own inability. God knows that we cannot live a Christian life apart from Christ. He wants us to know it. If a low standard were set for us, and we should be capable of achieving it, we would not know our need for a Saviour. God's standard of perfection is one means of directing us to Christ. Man cannot attain to perfection, but as a Christian he must strive. Another reason for a standard of perfection is that man may ever have a goal toward which to reach. Men seldom progress beyond a goal they have set for themselves. But as Christians we must never cease striving. God's standard of perfection is something like "shooting for the stars" or "reaching for the moon." It is a goal, a high goal, toward which the Christian will ever move.

Exercise and activity bring strength. Christian activity brings spiritual strength and character develops. As men seek to reach God's standard, their character will be developed and the world will be enriched.

The Bible equips for service. A man is useless without his tools. The woodman without his ax, the farmer without his plow, the mechanic without his tools are all equally useless in their respective tasks. The Christian without the Bible is equally useless in the task of Kingdom work. He needs it. He needs the proper equipment. A good Christian will equip himself from the Word of God. It is not enough to carry the Bible in our hands from the pews of the Church, or to read it casually as the occasion arises. A thorough, working knowledge of the Bible is an absolute essential for the earnest Christian. The Bible, the sword of the Spirit, is the Christian's weapon in his spiritual warfare. The Bible is one item of equipment and within its pages the seeker is introduced to other necessary items.

The Bible provides men with a knowledge of men. In order to work for Christ, we need to know the nature of men and their needs. The Bible gives us this equipment. The Bible introduces us to Christ as the solution for the needs of men. The Bible equips us with page after page of potent argument, illustration, and reasoning to be used in soul winning. The Bible introduces us to, and gives us the
promise of the Holy Spirit who enables us to live victoriously, and to be of service to God, to our fellow men, and to our country. The Bible equips for service. It is profitable “that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

The Bible is a light and a guide; a profitable book, a life-long book. It is God’s revelation to us. It has illumined a world in darkness, but its specific value is found only as we make it a part of our daily life. The Bible is the basis of a carefully studied and constant application.

Time and Eternity

By EDITH BABCOCK DAVIS

Time! Our time on earth is short; it is precious; it is far too valuable to be wasted in such earthly pastimes as playing cards, “movie” going, or dancing. Are they sinful? If you, yourself, are in doubt, quit arguing with God; He is always right.

Many of these ten-year-olds have never heard of Moses in the basket, or of Joseph and his colorful coat. And we call this Christian America! The parents are happy to have their children taught Bible, but don’t want to take time or get up early enough to send them to Church. One little boy this year has said twice, eucharistically, “I don’t go to Church because I don’t know where to go.” Oh, that parents would as conscientiously feed the immortal soul, as they do the physical, temporal body! Our government makes a child neglect punishable under the law. Do we think God has no laws concerning spiritual neglect? Jesus said, “Whoso shall offend one of these little ones, . . . it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matthew 18: 6. “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word . . . of God.” Matthew 4: 4.

For material, I have been using much from Scripture Press of Chicago. I have many of their flannelgraph object lessons which have a Biblical approach and the aim of each is salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 9: 22.

Sabbath school, Mil-ton is in his fifth quarterly workbook which is patterned from our public school workbooks.

Another excellent study course is Gospel Light School, of Glendale, Calif. They print a closely graded study course from nursery to adult levels. The editors have previously been public school instructors, and know the psychological levels of all ages. Our Seventh Day Baptist Church in Riverside uses some of the material. If, while in high school, I had followed such a study course, I’m sure I would know better the Epistles of Paul which we are now teaching to our son, instead of trying, frantically, to keep a jump ahead of him.

Christian Youth

By MIZPAH S. GREENE

In many Churches, youth rallies have been held recently. These rallies were for young people of the highest grade up. But boys and girls of all ages need to rally from day to day in Christian service. Every day belongs to youth, and tomorrow’s world may well depend on today’s youth — at study, at play, and in prayer, and in true, loyal Christian service.

Fortunate is the Church that finds in its youth of all ages an ever-increasing blessing; that makes provision for study, worship, play, and service through its program of Christian education and fellow-ship; that encourages its youth to take part in Christian activities; that has older Christians who set examples of true Christianity, and encourage and help to bring about Christliness in the young people of all ages. That Church will always have faithful Christian leaders and a glorious Christian future.

Let no child think he is too young to be a true Christian in thought and word and deed. I know of at least one whole family who became faithful servants of Christ through the influence of the youngest member of the family, a child in the primary or junior Sabbath school.

To quote from 2 Chronicles 34: 1-3: “Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign. And when he had reigned in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father.”
thoughts into action, and our prayers into life.

WITH THEE
One hour with Thee is better far
Than years of sinful pleasure.
One look from Thine approving eye
Would give me joy I cannot measure.

One thought of Thee would fill my soul
With praise and glad thanksgiving.
For all my Saviour's pardoning grace,
My sinful heart forgiving.

As fall the sunbeams from the sky,
In golden splendor gleaming.
So may Thy love shine in our hearts,
With light and beauty beaming.

O guiding Star, come nearer still,
To fill life's path with brightness,
Till day by day our characters
Grow nearer to Thy likeness.

(Composed by Devillo E. Livermore, of blessed memory, a faithful Christian and a true friend to children.)

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How to Find Friends
Being skimpy with those kind words
That are stored there in the mind,
Keeps that unsuspecting hoarder
From the friends he would like to find.

H. F. Hummel.

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