Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have one brother. His name is Jackie. I have two sisters. Their names are Barbara and Nancy. Nancy is four years old, and one brother. I live on a farm.

My brother is seven years old. I am in second grade.

Love,
Wayne Cruzan.

Dear Mr. Greene:

I am David. I have two sisters and one brother. I live in a farm.

Your friend,
David Payne.

Dear Wayne and David:

I enjoyed your letters but haven't room to answer them this week. I will have to wait until next week, when I'll enjoy writing to you both.

Sincerely, your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

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records show that only 207 of this number were Roman Catholic. This shows growth and expansion.

The 5.42 per cent of our population now on Church rolls compares with 49 per cent ten years ago; 42.7 per cent twenty years ago; and 39.6 per cent thirty years ago. At the turn of the century, only 34.7 per cent of our population were reported as members of Churches. And if you go back as far as 1880, the figures reveal that Church members represented but a meager 19.9 per cent of the population. It was between 1929 and 1949 that Church membership rose from fifty to almost 82 million, or from 42.7 per cent of the population to 54.2 per cent. It is significant that the years between 1929-1949 were the years of depression, disillusionment, World War II, and the atom bomb.

Of the 81,862,328 members of Churches in the nation, 48,674,823 belong to Protestant Churches, which is about 60 per cent of the total. Protestant membership showed a gain of 1,568,367, or almost 2.9 per cent.

Great credit goes to the denominational secretaries of evangelism and their boards and commissions, for the steady and rapid growth in Church membership. Our evangelism was never more vigorous and healthy among the denominations than now.

Mamie Saxton Severance

Mamie Saxton Severance, daughter of Ray and Margaret David Saxton, was born March 15, 1874, near Berlin, Wis., and died in Independence Hospital, Hammond, La., November 15, 1950. She had been confined to her bed for nearly a month before entering the hospital on November 9.

In June of 1895 she married Rolla J. Severance. They moved to Hammond, La., in 1940 when Rev. Mr. Severance accepted the pastorate of the Hammond Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mrs. Severance carried on as acting pastor for six years after her husband's death in June, 1942.


Mrs. F. LeB.

Marriages

Cowles - Clarke. — Elmer B. Cowles and Thelma Clarke, both of Richburg, N. Y., were united in marriage on December 21, 1950, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke. Their pastor, Rev. Melvin G. Nida, officiated at the ceremony. The couple will be at home in Richburg, N. Y.

Obituaries


Harris. — Abbie Eldredge, widow of Deacon John T. Harris, died in the Willis Rest Home, near Shiloh, N. J., December 11, 1950. Mrs. Harris had been a resident of Shiloh all her life.

She united with the Shiloh Church on January 26, 1889, being one of a group of forty-two baptised by Rev. Theodore L. Gardner on that date.

Surviving are two sons: Lawrence F. of Dunellen, N. J., and Floyd D. of Shiloh; and one daughter, Mrs. Linda Carter, Shiloh; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Letter O. Osborn, on Sunday afternoon, December 24, and interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

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In my own case and in others, there would be more renewals if the Sabbath Recorder were discontinued after the expiration date. Sincerely yours, Leoa Shields.

Emerson Hall, Geneva, N. Y., November 12, 1950.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check for renewal of my subscription with a bit added to help toward the deficit. We need the Sabbath Recorder with its helpful and inspiring articles to keep our people alive and in touch with one another. May your work for our people read it and God bless all who do. Sincerely,

Grace S. Langworthy.

316 Park Avenue,
Berkeley Heights, N. J.
December 7, 1950.

The Sabbath Recorder: Here is our check for the Recorder.

Long past three scores and ten, I still recall the big sheets as they came to my childhood home.

May it go on through future years bringing its weekly message of inspiration to all our folks.

(Mrs.) Walter D. Kenyon.
Ashaway, R. I., December 11, 1950.

(Excerpts from letter)

Dear Hurley:

Our release time classes are going again. They began last week. We have about 27 children who come down to the parish house on Monday afternoons for the classes at the last period of the school day. Frances L. Palmer, Ruth C. Palmer, and I are the teachers.

We are enjoying the Recorder a lot. I know there are a lot of very serious problems, but it seems to us that to lose the Recorder as a weekly would be to lose the Recorder. Perhaps we are reading it with more appreciation since the discussion of the change.

Sincerely,

Marion C. Van Horn.
Brookfield, N. Y.
December 10, 1950.

Gentlemen: Please find enclosed check for $4 for 1 year's subscription to the Sabbath Recorder and 1 year's subscription to the Helping Hand. As a lone Sabbathkeeper, I find both items a vital need. Thank you. Sincerely yours,

Mrs. D. T. Stewart.
Box 91, Raymond, Ill.
December 10, 1950.

Dear Sabbath Recorder:

It is time for me to renew my subscription. Enclosed please find the $5 as a postal note. I note with interest an editorial in a November issue of a planned campaign of evangelism. May the Bible be8

D. W. Price.

Ralph V. Fink.
921-A Washington Street,
St. Louis 16, Mo.
December 10, 1950.

Friends:

Enclosed find my check for $5 for my renewal subscription to the Recorder. I am a lone Sabbathkeeper and enjoy the Recorder and Helping Hand. With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,

Mr. Frank Sullivan.
Elmdale, Kan.
December 26, 1950.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Thanks very much for your editorial on 'A Year of Sharing' in your December 25th issue. The last two paragraphs certainly point up the challenge which faces Protestants during 1951. The 'The Day for Sharing' campaign is taking shape in a splendid way. Fourteen denominations are now cooperating and more are expected to join. I wish the Seventh Day Baptist might be included in the list.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley J. Stuhler.
Executive Secretary.
1951 One Great Time for Sharing.
December 29, 1950.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

EMBARGOES ARE BOTHERSOME

Not only do embargoes cause trouble but they also disappoint folks, especially at Christmas time. With all the trouble involved, we do not want to forget justice in the case of the embargoists.

The purpose of this editorial is to explain the delay, in large part at least, in Sabbath Recorder shipments during the holiday season.

When mail gets piled up at post offices and terminals, much more time is required to get the mail moving again than when it is kept moving. Even the progress of first class mail was greatly retarded during the recent rush. Yet, undoubtedly more mail was handled this season just past than ever before in the history of the United States Post Office.

Word has been received from friends in the Southeast and the Midwest that recent copies of the Sabbath Recorder have been as much as two weeks late in arriving. The Recorder Press deeply regrets this delay but is powerless to alter the situation. The Sabbath Recorder, dated as of the following, takes the mail to the Plainfield Post Office regularly not later than Friday afternoon.

We have noticed that some of the Church magazines, which come to our office as exchanges, recently have arrived as much as ten days behind schedule.

The Sabbath Recorder greatly appreciates the patience of subscribers and hopes that the schedule will be back to normal very soon.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

The Sabbath Recorder:
Enclosed is $2 for my Sabbath Recorder subscription which expired December, 1949. Please continue my student subscription until June, 1951. I appreciate receiving the Sabbath Recorder every week and find it inspiring and informative. I would have missed the Recorder if it had been discontinued. However, because of the cost of printing and other financial conditions of the Sabbath Recorder, it will be continued no longer than three months after the expiration date, unless renewed.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Quarterly Meeting will be held at Milton, Wis., January 19, 30, 1951. Lillian Campbell, Secretary.
MILL YARD CHURCH

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph
President, Argyle Hall.

The SABBATH RECORDER

WHY AN AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN?

The Roman Church is putting pressure on our government to send a full ambassador to the Vatican. If that is done, it would constitute a special favor to a single Church and would contravene rules between the government and the Vatican.

In 1867 the Congress of the United States declined to furnish further funds for the upkeep of Argyle Hall, which had prevailed for a little time, on the specific grounds that the Vatican was violating religious liberty and we were violating our own Constitution which requires complete separation of Church and State.

The proposal to tie up our government with the Vatican at this time presents a peculiar embarrassment in two respects. First, in the enforcement of the anti-communist law passed by the present Congress. That law orders our officials to refuse entry to advocates of totalitarianism. Already our government has rejected Communists from behind the Iron Curtain and Fanningists from Franco's Spain. What is the United States to do with those who come here from the Vatican, known to be the most pronounced totalitarian state in the world?

In a second respect the proposal to send an ambassador to the United States is most complicating. Our country is waging a distinct battle against Communism and other totalitarian systems. The Roman Catholic church's battle with Communism has become enmeshed in policies which are strictly peculiar to it and irrelevant to us. The major problem of the Roman Church in its fight for survival in Europe is Church ownership of schools supported by state tax funds. America is under the Pope's banner in defense of that. Can our country enter into partnership with the Vatican in upholding land monopoly by the Church and clerical interference with government?

Why should we be told that America is dependent on the worldly handicapped Vatican for rage upmanship among the Communists and secret counsels available to us? Let us fight our battle with Communism on clean-cut issues of freedom and religious liberty是不是我们的权利, without a tie-up with the distorted policies of the Vatican.

In passing from notice of the totalitarian Church, we must express gratitude that the countries of the world which are free from Communist or Protestant countries of America, England, Holland, the Scandinavian nations, and Canada. It is sorrowful to note that the countries most impervious to Communism are Roman Catholic.

BOSTON MEETING

An Extension of Time for Submitting Sermons

To meet the request of many busy ministers, the time for submitting sermons for consideration for Volume V of the forthcoming issue of Sermons, edited by Dr. G. Paul Butler, has been extended to March 15, 1950. All authors are invited to submit their sermons for consideration to Dr. Butler at 452 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y. Please send as soon as possible.

Sermons may be on any subject and should preferably be preached between January 1, 1949, and December 31, 1950. Volume V will be published in 1951. All sermons will be read with care; no manuscripts can be returned; all contributors should keep a copy of the sermon submitted; but the sermon's full title, names of all contributors, and the connection given.

Best Sermons is based on a worldwide search for the best in contemporary preaching. To date, sermons have been received from 55 countries, in 15 different languages. Dr. Butler is anxious to give presentation to the younger ministers, as well as to those who are in the great pulpits.
Statement of
CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE and BELIEF
By Rev. Theodore J. Hibbard
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,
Hammond, La.

(Given at his ordination to the Christian minis­
tery at the First Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath day,
July 15, 1950.)

One of my first recollections is of a small Sunday school room of an Episcopal Church. My mother saw to it that I attended Sunday school and Church quite regularly until I was about twelve years old. At that time I was a teacher and I went every week without my mother's
urging. Though I knew very little of the Bible I could teach boys the catechism which I did for about two years. I was rather bashful at that age and was never confirmed in the Episcopal Church myself though I helped to prepare others for that step.

After my mother died, I went to Church less often, and finally did not go at all. At the age of eighteen I joined the Army during peace time. After more than a year of Army life I had a longing to seek for truth. I read books of philosophy and studied in my spare time during my second and third years. Somehow my earlier Christian training influenced me to attend chapel almost every Sunday, and to read my Bible.

When I went to Hawaii the following year I kept up my studies and read extensively. Not having a sound faith either in God or the Scriptures, I found myself believing the Bible sometimes and disbelieving it at others. During one of the latter periods I met a sergeant who was a fine Christian. Almost every night we used to go for walks and talk about religion. Sergeant Hibbard showed me prayer meetings in a school near the post and we attended them regularly. I had never been to a prayer meeting before and it was a new experience for me. I had never heard of salvation before; yet somehow I think I must have taken it for granted. There was a great deal of emotionality displayed at these meetings which did not appeal to me, since I had been brought up in the atmosphere of the high Church ritual and solemnity of the Episcopal Church. After my friend came back to the States, I did not attend these meetings any more.

It was only a month or so later that one of the boys who had attended the meetings came to me and said that several of them went to First Church in Wahiawa and wondered if I would go. This interested me greatly as I missed the Christian associations that I used to have.

How well I remember that first meeting at a Japanese lady's house, for it was there that I first met the girl who later became my wife. We started looking for a church and then we started a course of study for membership in the Baptist Church. We met every week for several weeks and then we had an examination on the course. I found the course both interesting and educational, and I made my decision for the Lord at the worship service the following Sunday.

A Presbyterian evangelist, Dr. Dunlop, started working on the island and he took a personal interest in me. He found that I was very much interested in the Bible and one day he asked me if I wanted to preach. Had I known then what he wanted me to do, I would have said, "No, I am not yet ready."

"All right, why not preach tomorrow night." The next night came and I was waiting in the Church and he said, "We are going to have a street meeting in the city tomorrow, we need some speakers here." I wanted to run away but something inside of me made me stay. So I preached my first sermon out on a street meeting in the city, I was going to goings there were prayer meetings in a school near the post and we attended them regularly. I had never been to a prayer meeting before and it was a new experience for me. I had never heard of salvation before; yet somehow I think I must have taken it for granted. There was a great deal of emotionality displayed at these meetings which did not appeal to me, since I had been brought up in the atmosphere of the high Church ritual and solemnity of the Episcopal Church. After my friend came back to the States, I did not attend these meetings any more.

Alma Generating that I came to Alfred for a year. I went to Alfred and met Dean Bond and told him that I wanted to preach and wanted to go to school the following year. Both Dean Bond and Peter Harris did everything they could to help me. I still say that the Lord did not lead me to Alfred. He opened wide the doors and pushed me here. I found that one year in Alfred was not enough to prepare me for the ministry. I stayed four years, I feel that even now I know very little but it is the price I must pay for not heeding the call of God sixteen years ago. I wish I had Dr. Rood, and all the instructors that I
GRACE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL WRITES

November 8, 1950

Things in the school are going all right. We have a capacity enrollment, and I think we can make it financially this term. There are less noise, and people are not as vociferous as used to be, so we have enjoyed more tranquility here. However, load does not mean that everything is rosy. We still have problems, but, with God's help, I believe we can solve them.

The Friday evening service has been going on as usual. Generally we have from 20 to 30 people in attendance. Richard was with us last Friday, and also the imager what a

From Monday 20

and believe we can solve them.

I wish to thank you for what you have done to help us. I am glad that the problem is solved.

Joseph is in Lowrie Institute where he was last term. The two younger girls have gone to MacFarah at South Gate. They have been working on something that is worth while. It will take a long, long time to finish it, though. I enjoy it, because it helps to keep my mind on something that is worthy and inspiring.

We have had in Alfred for their efforts in teaching me that I may have a better understanding of the Scriptures and of God.

While in Alfred I served the Independence Church for a year and a Methodist Church at West Almond for a year. And now in New York City, Church has called me for their pastor.

(The To be continued)
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THE DAWN OF THE YEAR
By Grace Noll Crowell

With the clash and clamor of the year now gone, it is good to stand upon its highest peak and face once more with Dawn; The New Year's Dawn... God grant the peace we seek.

Lies not too far beyond our straining sight:
God grant us courage as we move ahead,
And through our power can we right
Earth's wrongs that mankind may be comforted.

The New Year's Dawn. Hope strides upon the hills,
And faith is like a lamp within our hands.
Surely peace again shall have the lands.
We move ahead — the sunlight in our eyes —
God grant us needed strength, and make us wise.

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WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met at the home of Mrs. G. H. Trainer on December 10, 1950, with treasurer, Miss L. J. Skaggs, Mrs. L. F. Hurley, Mrs. Rex Zwiebel, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. A. G. T. Brussey, Mrs. Orla Davis, Mrs. Otis Swiger, Mrs. Okey Vitus, Miss Alta Van Horn, Miss Eva Lee Cole, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph. Visitors were Mrs. R. P. Seager and Mrs. S. O. Bond.

Mrs. Swiger reported the following balances in the treasury: General Fund, $71.03; Evangelistic Fund, $865.33; Total, $936.36.

Mrs. Skaggs reported that Mrs. L. Harrison North accepted the appointment as co-ordinator for the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Mrs. Okey Davis, who attended the Cincinnati Assembly of the U.C.C.W., in place of Mrs. Skaggs, led a meditation from this assembly and gave a very interesting "over-all picture" of the meetings. Mrs. Seager, who also attended the assembly, gave her impressions and inspirations from the meetings.

It was voted that Mrs. Okey Davis approach Miss Barbara Seager as to the possibility of her attending, as our representative, the dinner honoring Dr. Frank C. Laubach on January 4, 1951, in New York City.

The meeting was adjourned until the second Sunday in January at 2 p.m.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, President
Greta F. Randolph, Recording Secretary

WORLD LITERACY*

Whereas, Dr. Frank C. Laubach has presented in a most challenging manner the following facts which we must recognize:
1. The increasing eagerness of the world's illiterates to learn to read;
2. The requests of many governments for our help in their adult literacy campaigns;
3. The opportunities which we have for effective evangelism as we teach illiterates;
4. The near monopoly which missionaries have in training and ability in adult literacy and translation work;
5. The resources in men and means which American Protestants have for advancing the world cause of literacy;
6. The heavy responsibility which we have for supplying Christian literature to the millions who are annually becoming newly literate;

Resolved:
1. That we recommend to each member board that it select one or more missionaries to be trained in the techniques of teaching adults to read so that they in turn may teach others, both missionaries and nationals, and thus by continued repetition of this process, this invaluable means of evangelism may be brought within the reach of the widest possible circle of workers.
2. That we also recommend the selection and advanced training of missionaries and nationals gifted in the creation of Christian literature.
3. That we urge the necessary additional support of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Education of the Foreign Missions Conference, in order to take advantage of the opportunities thus created.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

By Rev. Ronald J. Hargis
Executive Secretary, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

Literature serving all the Area Committees of the Foreign Missions Conference, in order to take advantage of the opportunities thus created.

Women's Board News-Letter

(Excerpt)

The shadow by my finger cast
Dive into the darkness past.
Before it sleeps the unquiet hour,
In darkness, and beyond thy power:
Behind its unreturning line,
The vanished hour, no longer thine:
One hour alone is in thy hands,
The now on which the shadow stands.

The year 1949-1950 with its challenges, its promises and opportunities, its failures, and its victories, lies "behind its unreturning line," 1930-1951. A new year is before us. The "now," which is our present responsibility: and like Esther of old, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

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THE SABBATH VISITOR IN HOME AND CHURCH

Dear Parents and Teachers:

This letter is directed primarily to the parents and teachers who use the "Sabbath Visitor," a monthly publication for children from the Board of Christian Education. We would like to give to you a few of our plans and purposes, in which we feel that you will be able to use the magazine more effectively with the children at home or Church school.

In each issue we are planning a theme around which the stories, poems, and liturgies are centered. A child gains better understanding of an idea when it is presented to him in a story or song. Thus in these themes we give him a scattered story here and there and hope that this idea is as clear to him as it is to us.

In the December issue, the theme was, "Because Jesus Came," in which we attempted to help the children to see the difference which the life and the teachings of Jesus had made.

In the current issue for January, the theme is: "The Spirit of Christmas Continues Through the Year." We are trying to help the children to sense the spirit of love, which is the spirit of Christmas and which we see as the spirit of the life of Jesus, can be carried out all the year, and not merely for a few days during one month. In the worship story we used the life of Jane Addams as one who did just that.

The story, "Family Fun," shows a very practical way in which a group of children carried on the spirit of Christmas for those with whom they associated daily. The story, "Snowflakes," reveals the way in which another person contributed to making others happy by the picture that he took.

The Sabbath afternoon activities also go along with the theme. These include making snowflakes with the family and friends for the enjoyment they receive in working together and for others who receive the results of their endeavors. The stories of fun in snow, snowflakes, and other such activities are particularly welcome to the season of the winter and the current activities of the children.
Although in each issue there is one story which is called a worship story, in essence any of the other stories might well be. We do not wish to separate worship experiences from daily activities. Through prayers and the use of litanies at the end of each issue, we try to bring together actual, concrete experiences with which we dealt in the stories and unite these thoughts in a litany of thanks to God. In this way children will be led to realize that God is present in their experiences as well as in any of the other stories might well be. We do not wish to separate worship of each issue, we try to bring together actual, concrete experiences we dealt in the stories and unite these thoughts in a litany of thanks to God.

Our Children’s Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:
I take music lessons. We had our program Sabbath night, the 23rd. We got our Christmas tree.

I am in third grade. I ride my bicycle to school, but now it has a flat tire.

Your friend,
Philip Greene.

Dear Phillip:
I was pleased to receive another letter from you this week. That is fine. Do, please, write often.

A bicycle is certainly a fine thing to have. When it has a flat tire, however, I’m sure walking is easier. No doubt you will soon have the tire fixed, especially if your school is some distance away. When I was a teacher I rode a bicycle to school because the streetcar only took me within a couple of blocks of school.

We have had a lighted Christmas tree on our front porch all through the holidays as a tree had already been provided for the Church. We also had our program Sabbath night, the 23rd. This was followed by a tureen supper.

Sincerely, your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Little Jeanie’s Pictures

Jeanie likes to read stories, and then look in the fire to find the pictures she thought the stories described. So, better than looking at the pictures her mother placed around the fireplace in the living room, Jeanie liked to see pictures in the fire that, she said, kept changing all the time.

Of course we all really put pictures in the fire, but Jeanie says she thinks them and then seems to see them. She also likes to lie in the grass in the summertime and see pictures in the clouds. She says she can have so many pictures that way, and it is so easy to make them.

Jeanie was asked how she could draw pictures that way. She answered: “I think, and then I draw around my thoughts.”

I wonder if any of my Recorder boys and girls ever try to look for pictures in the clouds and in the fire. If you haven’t you’d better try it sometime. I used to think it was great fun when I was a child.

Mizpah S. Greene.

The BEACON JR.

In answer to a number of inquiries concerning the whereabouts and "whatabouts" of the Beacon Jr., all that we can say is, look for it when it arrives. Due to stencil cutting, printing, mailing, etc., we were unable to get the October, November, and December 1 deadline has now been postponed indefinitely! Within the next few months though, we hope to have the fall Beacon Jr. in your mailbox.

Barbara Warren, Editor.

Philip’s letter is the only one I have received this week, perhaps it was better after all. Don’t forget that I’m expecting many more letters from you this week but now, I hope you will write and tell me about the good times you had at Christmas. I hope you had a nice white Christmas just as we did. And, what about partying? I went to five Christmas parties! Of course the one I enjoyed most of all was on Christmas day, when I had dinner at my daughter Eleazer’s in Wellsville and enjoyed the giving and receiving of gifts under the Christmas tree. Where did you have the best time during the Christmas season?

Your true friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Members of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society met at the parsonage the latter part of November and engaged in getting out the news letter. Several adults also helped with the work. Copies were sent to absent members of the congregation. A committee consisting of Mrs. E. H. Hall, Mrs. Myra T. Barber, and Clare Clement did the mailing.

The discussion at the regular meeting of the brotherhood in November was in charge of Aubrey Davis, George Clement, and Pastor Francis Saunders. The topic was, “The Church and the Community.”

In the absence of Rev. Francis D. Saunders, pastor, who had been called to Colorado because of the serious illness of his father, Elery King conducted the prayer meeting Friday evening, November 24.

We were glad to welcome Joe Babcock, Ken Clement, and the Miss Mary T. Davis and Vesta Thorngate at the services of the Church on Thanksgiving Sabbath. Mrs. John Milligan was welcomed back to their Borough with the Bremen Church on Thanksgiving Day, 2, after an absence of several weeks.

The choir sang as the anthem, “The Wonderful Story,” with Delores Cox singing the solo part. The response and moment of consecration were also from the Christmas carols.

Mrs. Francis Saunders at the organ played, “In a Monastery Garden,” as the prelude and, “Largo,” as the offertory. The December Church social was held Sunday evening, December 10, with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson as the hosts. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christensen were in charge of the program and presented a surprise homemade program, very interesting pictures. Christmas decorations were used on the tables and caroles were sung. Miss Martha Road was in charge of the games.

The Ladies Missionary Circle met with Mrs. Arthur Stillman on Tuesday, December 12. Everyone was requested to bring material for making轧 bagging.

The Dr. Grace Missionary Society met with Mrs. Erlo Cox on Wednesday afternoon and engaged in a work meeting.

The choir gave as the anthem Sabbath morning, December 9, “Chime Bells,”
under the direction of Mrs. Donald Clement, assistant director. Special parts were sung as solos by Jeneane Brennick and Mrs. Menzo Fuller, and also by a quartet, Rev. and Mrs. Francis Saunders, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cox.

The prelude and offertory, played by Jeneane Brennick, were special Christmas selections. — M. T. B., Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The following named Sabbath school officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Allison Smith; assistant superintendent, Burton Crandall; secretary, Roger Davis; corresponding secretary, Miss Jeanine Brennick; treasurer, Kenneth Davis; chorister, Graniton Jewett; organist, Louise Hyde; pianist, Twila Sholtz; superintendent of temperance, Mrs. George Stone; cradle roll, Mrs. Alden Vierow; home department, Mrs. Carrie Smith; children, Mrs. Garth Warner; and missionary superintendent, Mrs. Craig Sholtz.

The Helpers Thompson of Verona High School was guest speaker.

The Sabbath School Class held its December meeting on the evening of December 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Warner. The Oneida County Youth Council met at the Rome Ladies' Home, Sunday, December 17, and sang Christmas carols.

Kenneth Davis is president of the Town of Verona Youth Council.

Our annual Church and society meeting was held in the Church, December 3. A new constitution was adopted combining the two organizations. Rev. Herbert L. Polan was given a call to serve as pastor of the Church another year. Some Church and Sabbath school officers and committeees were elected.

The Booster Class held its monthly meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Alden Vierow. The worship program was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Williams after which the class officers were elected.

The Pearl Seekers Sabbath School Class was entertained at the home of Mrs. Vie Warner and family for their December meeting. Mrs. Orlo Perry led the devotions and read an interesting selection by Rev. Norman Vincent Peale. The class

Lova Simpson Davis

Lova Simpson Davis, daughter of William and Sylvia (Maxson) Simpson, was born at Jackson Center, Ohio, February 16, 1868, and died at New Enterprise, Pa., December 14, 1950.

She was married on October 22, 1900, to William L. Davis at Jackson Center, Ohio. Mr. Davis preceded her in death four years ago. He became an ordained minister of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, and served churches in Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Arkansas, and Ohio. In all of his labors for nearly 47 years, she was his faithful helper.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. J. Carleton Lawson of Clarksburg, W. Va.; and Mrs. Jacob Ebersole of Salemville (New Enterprise, Pa.), in whose home Mrs. Davis had been cared for since the death of her husband. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a brother, Huffman Simpson, of Alfred, N. Y.

She was a member of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was entertaining to meet with them in January. — Press Committee.

Obituaries


Bonnell. — Charles Berkley, son of John and Philothata Davis Bonnell, was born February 16, 1866, at John Town, Doddridge County, W. Va., and died at the home of his son, Ray Bonnell, in Berea, W. Va., on December 31, 1950. He was married to Sarah Catherin Van Horn November 2, 1885. To this union were born five children: Morata (Retta) Meeks of Parkersburg, W. Va.; Emery Curtis of Elizabeth, W. Va.; Charles Wesley of Salem, W. Va.; Ray of Berea, W. Va.; and a son, Orvil, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, four of his five children, nine grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church. Farewell services were conducted by Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and burial took place at the cemetery in Salemville.

P. S. B.