BIBLES AT WEST POINT

In view of the fact that two of West Point's most famous generals, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur, have repeatedly proclaimed the need for America to return to its proper state of moral and spiritual values, it seems only fitting that the American Tract Society, 21 West 46th Street, New York 36, N. Y., instituted in 1823 "to diffuse a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality" should be continuing its practice, established 83 years ago, of presenting a specially-bound copy of the Holy Bible to each incoming cadet at the military academy. How else can our country maintain its moral and spiritual life but through a personal acquaintance with God's Holy Word?

On Sunday morning, September 21, Henry G. Perry, executive secretary of the society, participated in the 93rd Annual Presentation, and 600 copies of the Bible were presented to the incoming class. Rev. Frank E. Pulley, Cadet Chaplain, conducted the services and was assisted in the presentation by Rev. Alan G. Gripe, Assistant Cadet Chaplain, Col. George R. Stephens, and Col. H. L. Hillyard, Assistant Commandant of Cadets. — American Tract Society Release.

BIRTHS

Curry — A son, Thomas Erin, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Edna Leach Curry of Baker Creek, Pa., October 3, 1952.

Obituary

Babcock — Oscar T., was born February 7, 1895, in Barth, Knox, the grandson of the pioneer founder of that community, and died May 15, 1952, while on route to his home in Milton, Wis., suffering from the winter in Tuscon, Ariz.

On September 5, 1927, he married Beulah Vincent, of Milton Junction, Wis., and to this marriage one son, Bryce, was born. He is survived by his wife, Beulah, his son, Bryce, his mother, Mrs. Jessie True Babcock, two brothers: Edward and Arthur, and a sister, Kathryn. "O. T.," as he affectionately known by his many friends and associates, became registrar of Milton College following his graduation from that institution in 1925. In the years prior to his attending Milton College, he had attended the University of Nebraska, had been admitted to the bar in that state, and had practiced law from 1923-25. "O. T." had wide community and civic interests. He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, having served for four years as trustee. He served his community as Justice of the Peace, clerk of Milton Union High School, president of Milton Civic Club, and at the time of his death was a member of the village board. In 1948 he was elected president of the Wisconsin collegiate Registrars' Association, being a charter member of the group. On the Milton campus he was an adviser to Chi Delta Rho Fraternity.

The farewell services were held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph officiating, and interment was in the Milton Cemetery. — E. F. R.

Knight. — Elizabeth, the former Elizabeth Ailene Van Horn, was born June 7, 1876, in Welton, Iowa, and died July 31, 1952. She was married in 1896 to John W. Knight and they homesteaded in Oklahoma where they lived until his accidental death in 1921. She was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and has lived in Milton for the past 29 years. Mrs. Knight is survived by her son, Willard, and two grandchildren.

The farewell services were held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. Elmo F. Randolph officiating. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery.

Ochs. — Ida Mae, daughter of Rev. Darwin and Evaline Lippincott, was born at Maplewood, Ohio, November 17, 1880, and died in Milton, Wis., August 23, 1952, following a long illness.

The oldest child of a family of six, Ida received her early education in Maplewood, Ohio, and later attended Salem College in West Virginia, where she obtained her teacher's certificate. In the following years she taught school in West Virginia, Iowa, and Nebraska. On January 8, 1910, in Jackson Center, Ohio, she was united in marriage with Henry Ochs of Gentry, Ark. Her father, pastor of the church, officiated.

To this marriage were born two sons: Theron and Kenneth, both of Milton Junction, who, with their father, Henry Ochs, survive her. Also surviving her are one sister, Mrs. Homer Hess of Milton; two brothers, Ray and Luene, of Milton; four grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Born into a minister's family, she had been a member of the church and later served as a local worker for the church. Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner officiated. She was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church August 26, 1952. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. — E. F. R.

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Memorial Text

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10.

A Prayer

Almighty God, Father in Heaven, we call upon Thee in prayer for help. We are afraid because of the confusion and turmoil about us. Wilt Thou come, Thy will be done. We are bewildered because we cannot see ahead, and darkness seems all about us. Help us to pray with renewed faith. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. We are encouraged because we see evil triumphant in so many places. Help us to pray with renewed faith. 

BIBLE CHARACTERS

In thirty verses in the fourth chapter of Second Kings is told the story of one whom the Bible calls "a great woman." As you read and reflect about this woman among the cities of Israel he came to Shunem, where this woman, whose name is unknown, recognized him as a man of God and offered him to eat with her. She, and persuaded her husband to build a special room for him in the present and face into the future.

One of the thrills of this Sabbath has been the opportunity to see another group of Seventh Day Baptist college young people in action. We are richly blessed in the experiences of worship, fellowship, and service which we have with our Milton College Seventh Day Baptist young people. The Salem Church choir is made up, in the main, of college students. A college student gave an interesting and stimulating talk to children at the Third World Conference of Christian Education. The influence of a college young person, wife, and prayer chairman in the church. And prayers throughout his ministry? The influence of a college young person, wife, and prayer chairman in the church.

Youth Conference

Thirty-one American delegates will attend the Third World Conference of Christian Youth in Kottayam, Travancore, India, from December 11-23, when 300 delegates from 36 countries will meet to discuss the conference theme, "Christ the Answer."

A major role of the world will be for Asian countries, emphasizing that the conference will center on the views and contributions of the churches of Asia in dealing with world problems of peace and social justice. The day trip to the south-west tip of the subcontinent and can be considered a central meeting ground for all the youth of Asia. 

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Conference President's Corner

Dear Yokefellow in Christ,

Due to emergency family demands, Madeline and I find ourselves in West Virginia this Thanksgiving, and it will be a quiet day for us. We have wrestled with the thought of joining the family at this time, but we want to pray with renewed faith. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. 

Faith is never surprised at success. - Faith is never surprised at success. 

From Chaplain Stickney

My temporary address is at Fort Lawton until a medical board decides as to whether I stay in the United States or continue on my way to Japan. I was released from the hospital October 3, lacking two days of a complete month there. Since that time I have been helping in the Chaplain's office, interviewing all types of men, and many are making decisions for Christ. These boys are ready for it because most of them are headed overseas and their hearts are full of fears and anxiety.

The Lord has had a purpose in laying me aside, for there be here those who have confessed Christ as Saviour that would not have been reached had I not been ill. We need the prayers of all Seventh Day Baptists that we may be of real service to our Lord in reaching the boys with the gospel. He has seen fit to honor my ministry here for which I give him humble thanks.

The Army is in desperate need of chaplains especially those who have a real compassion for the souls of our soldiers. We are far short of the number of chaplains needed in this emergency and many are without spiritual help as a result.

We remember the editor and the Recorder staff daily in our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Kenneth A. Stickney.
Sermonet — The Highest Beauty

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Phil. 4: 8, RSV.)

In these words there is a challenge to turn our thoughts upward to the finest and most beautiful things of life. But what is beauty and what is the Christian's measure of beauty?

Beauty, on one plane, is that which pleases the senses. Beauty is a sunrise bursting in glorious and vivid colors or it may be the soft tones of a sunset. We may feel it when we enter a glade in the woods and watch the water flowing down a shaded brook. We may see it in a green field of tall waving corn or in the bobwhite's call or in a symphony. The highest form is seen when ideas have to do with men. Often there is a sad beauty in tragedy. There is a brave beauty in heroic courage. There is a light about man's wisdom and a glory in man's search for freedom.

Then, there is the beauty of holiness. The Lord God is holy and, only where He is, there is holiness. Just so, the Sabbath is holy because God is present in it. Men may become more nearly holy as they draw more closely to Him. For the beauty of holiness speaks not alone to the senses and the mind, but deeply in the soul. It is a challenge to be pure. Alfred Tennyson knew what it was when he wrote, in the Idylls of the King, "Live pure; speak true; right wrong; fol low the king."

Still, men have fallen short of being pure and failed of being holy. So God, out of the depths of His love, gave His Son to redeem us. Christ laid aside His glory and humbled Himself to live among sinful men and to be the Son of man. Then, on the cross, He who knew no sin became sin for us "that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5: 21.) This is the clearest insight into the heart of God and this is the highest beauty. By the redeeming love of God, we may share in His holiness. To know the highest beauty, we must come to the cross and surrender there so that the grace of God may touch us. Out of the sense of His holy glory and of our own need, we learn the need we have of forgiveness and reconciliation. We reach out for redemption and find it in the Christ. His death was at once the death that breathed the new, the bringing of freedom, and the wisdom of God. He is a beautiful Saviour.

The lives that are most lovely are those most like the life of the Christ. The high call to holiness is the call to make our lives like that of Jesus and to leave all else in following Him. To many, perhaps, the way of self-sacrifice is not beautiful, but, to the Christian, it ought to be the highest standard of beauty.

Isaiah saw the humble beauty of the way of the cross and wrote: "For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. . . . But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon his chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53: 2, 5, RSV.) — David Beebe.

The Middle Island Church takes its name from Middle Island Creek, the stream on which it was originally situated. And Middle Island Creek was so named because it took its name from a rather presents church. For many years now, the church has been located on Meat House Fork of Middle Island Creek. Meat House Fork was so named by the hunters of the early days who were accustomed to spend weeks at a time hunting in this region, and who built a hut of heavy logs containing large troughs filled with brine in which to keep the venison and bear meat until they were ready to go home.

The hunters placed their meat house near the mouth of Wolf Pen Run, a small stream that flows from, into Meat House Fork some three-quarters of a mile above the present church. Wolf Pen Run, in turn, took its name from a rather large pen of wolves that lived on the south of this stream as a trap for wolves.

Here it may be noted that Elder Alex- ander Campbell, on a missionary tour to West Virginia in the early 1830's, preached the gospel extensively among the surrounding country, in a shady grove on the banks of Wolf Pen Run, near its mouth.

The Middle Island Church was organized in 1832 at Lewistol, now West Union, Doddridge County, W. Va., to provide a church home for a group of Sabbathkeepers living in that vicinity, principally of the following names: Shannon, Bee, Jeffrey, Davis, Bond, Howell, Mason, Polan, and Hughes. For a house of worship, they used one built some years previously by the Salem Church for the use of a group of its members living in and near Lewisport, many of whom became members of the new church.

Because of deaths and removals the new church declined until it reached a point bordering on extinction. However, in 1866, with the aid of a group of families at New Milton, on Meat House Fork of Middle Island Creek, a few miles from West Union, the church was revived and the seat of its activities removed to New Milton where it has remained ever since.

Here for more than eighty years, this church has served as a spiritual home for the Sabbathkeeping families living in this and surrounding neighborhoods. But again removals and death have greatly reduced its membership. However, insofar as its limited resources permit, it supports and co-operates with our various denominational organizations.

Rev. John F. Randolph, whose service as pastor we have shared for several years, resigned and retired from the ministry June 1, 1932.

During the recent summer vacation we have enjoyed the services of David Beebe, a young student in Salem College studying for the ministry. He made his home in our midst, doing pastoral work among our families during the week. Mr. Beebe with the help of Mrs. Helen Sutton and Miss Greta F. Randolph held a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School in June with 54 children in regular attendance. Many of the children were brought from the Blankenship and Market communities to take advantage of the only Daily Vacation Bible School
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YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

(Closing sermon of Conference)

Rev. A. L. Wheelock

In the opening lines of John 3, we read of how "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The biography of Nicodemus is one of fact intermingled with speculation, especially when one seeks satisfaction for his curiosity as to the man's life, inner thoughts, and motivating influences. We may turn in the Bible to John 3 to find him coming to Jesus one night to discuss certain spiritual matters, then to John 7 which informs us that by that time he thought enough of Jesus to defend Him when his fellow Pharisees and other Jewish leaders saw Him as the greatest. And, finally, we read in John 19 that after Jesus' death, Nicodemus assisted in assuming financial responsibility for His preparation for burial. Otherwise, we turn to the Apocryphal books such as the Gospel of Nicodemus to learn that he was converted and baptized by Peter and John; and to other sources to read of his being buried with Gamaliel, the scholar of whom Paul was a student, and with Stephen who died as a martyr.

Whatever may have been the accurate detail of the life of this man, he made an inestimable contribution to the world when he gave Jesus occasion to speak those ever familiar and profound words recorded in the third chapter of John. Perhaps there are those who are disappointed because John does not tell how Nicodemus responded toward the explanation of Jesus as to how one becomes a child of God, but it does not matter how late he stayed, he stayed to join Him. It has been said that the Gospel of John is a drama in which Jesus played the first role. John was revealing Him as the promised Messiah, the Son of God, the eternal one, the image of God, and as the Saviour of the world. However accurate a commentary this may be, this passage has brought salvation, comfort, and spiritual strength to millions of souls.

There are a number of terms used in the Scriptures to describe how one becomes of the eternal kingdom of God. These include being "saved," "re­deemed," being "partakers of the divine nature," and "believing on the Lord Jesus Christ," but perhaps not so much of other expressions as the analogy used by Jesus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." As brilliant a man as Nicodemus was, he did not understand what Jesus meant; and he rejoiced that he had been born several years before. Turning to the Master, he asked, "How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb?"

William Spurrier in his book, "Guide to the Christian Faith," expresses concern because he fears that the concept some may have of God is an "oblong blur." Such was the plight of Nicodemus in that moment of perplexity, but Jesus did not abandon His analogy. Rather, He stated it in a slightly different way, "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," and further explained that "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." This is Jesus' message to modern man, simple and yet profound; "Ye must be born again." Thus, we do well when we read that there are three significant phases of this wonderful experience: its conception, its birth, and its subsequent growth.

First is the conception which is brought about by a union of the grace of God and the faith of man. The grace of God refers to the love, mercy, and goodness of God as He looks down upon man and provides an eternal kingdom plan. He has a place for man in that plan, and through His grace, He provides a way for an individual to join Him in that kingdom enterprise. He knows that man has sinned. He knows that He has declared that "the wages of sin is death," and the Spirit, or life-giving Spirit, shall dwell in the sinner. Yet, as Paul says in Romans 5:8: "God so commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus loved so much the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have ever­lasting life." For added emphasis, in verse 17 He insists that "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." This conception takes place when man reaches upward through faith, and faith is joined with grace.

This is the faith of the man who has caught the heavenly vision, and who wants above everything else in the world to become a part of the eternal plan and to have intimate fellowship with God. It is not the faith of the man who believes in everything that isn't true. Almost simultaneously, as man beholds the purity of God, he becomes mindful of the sinfulness within himself; hence in humility and in penitence he turns to God with the cry that is not of perplexity, but Jesus says, "Look, 'Guide me' wherein I shall go." Spurrier in his book is not the faith that one is born again; furthermore, through faith — taking God at His word — he is convinced that it can and will take place in his life. This conception results in the birth of a new life, "born again," (born from above). This is the experience of being "converted," or of what Paul refers to in 2 Corinthians 5:17 as becoming a "new creature," a different person. Jesus told Nicodemus that the transformation would be the result of being born—"of water and of the Spirit." Thus, as the man who is born of water, his life is emptied of all sin and selfish desire. Through Jesus all sins are forgiven. Through baptism of water, "a witness is made of the cleansing of the unrighteousness." When one is born of the Spirit, his life is filled with the Holy Spirit.

This analogy of Jesus is indeed profound. It reminds us that just as one is born at one time in body, so he is born again at another time in spirit. It does not mean that it is the same person, it is what is gradually becomes a Christian in the passing of years, never sure of his rela-
tionship to God to his dying day. The world haunts man in untold ways with insecurity. Herein the Lord gives man assurance. John says, "...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1: 12). This analogy of Jesus reminds us that when one is born again, he becomes a child of God, and intimately turns to Him as his Heavenly Father.

Ye must be born again!"

--- Golden Anniversary at Pomona Park

Amelia Sanders

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Maxson, formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., now residing in Pomona Park, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at Pomona Park Community Hall, with an open house reception. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Cook, were hosts for this occasion.

A gold motif was carried out in the decorations. The table, which was all in lovely golden lace cloth, was centered with a crystal bowl containing delicious fruit punch. Two crystal vases with yellow flowers were at each end of the table.

Individual gold cakes, with 50 in each, along with pecan puffs were served with each. The guests were given napkins with "Edwin and Grace Maxson, October 7, 1902 to 1952." The couple, married in Gentry, Ark., 50 years ago, are the proud parents of three sons: Glen I., Earl E., and Milton R., all of Battle Creek; and one daughter, Mrs. David R. Cook, of Pomona Park. They also have six grandchildren.

W. S. Middleton, Jr., served as master of ceremonies for the afternoon. Entertaiment consisted of community singing 1.

Assisting hostesses were Mrs. George Main, Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. J. A. Nunn, Mrs. W. P. Peck, and others.

Approximately 60 friends were present to congratulate the Maxsons on their anniversary. — Crescent City, Fla., Courier.

If we had to walk awhile in the other fellow's shoes, perhaps we wouldn't criticize his gait. — White Cloud Bulletin.

--- Conference at Wakefield

A group picture of the Jamaica Conference has just been received. Some of the people are identified. Seated left to right are Rev. Neal D. Mills, Rev. Vernon O. Burke, Rev. Warden T. Fitzrandolph, Rev. N. H. Grant, Rev. J. E. Hamilton, Socrates A. Thompson, Rev. C. S. Lyons, Mrs. E. Smilke. The tall man at the back is A. Black. Mrs. L. W. Crichtlow is standing (with hands folded) at the left, next to her is Mrs. Smellie, and the face next to Mrs. Socrates Thompson can be seen looking over Mrs. Smellie's left shoulder. The young man back of Rev. N. H. Grant is his son, Henry. Mrs. Mills is at the right in the picture.

--- Workers in the American Tropics

British Guiana, S. A. — Four men engaged in work in Seventh Day Baptist churches and groups are paid by the Missionary Society. Many in this country know Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin O. Berry, having met them while they were studying in Alfred University and School of Theology. They are rendering commendable service in their homeland. Rev. Alexander B. Trotman is another effective worker in this field. Not all the churches and groups have adequate meeting places and equipment. A portable organ would be a valuable help to Brother Trotman, were funds available for its purchase. Mrs. Trotman is a musician of ability. Brother Joseph A. Tyrrell is a capable leader and preacher. He is ably assisted by his wife, herself a zealous Christian worker. Rev. Charles C. Belgrave is the other. Brother Belgrave is a proficient linguist, having spent some years in India. He supplements his salary by conducting classes in language study. This is a very brief introduction to workers in British Guiana. Jamaica, B. W. I. — Not all pastors and workers in Jamaica receive salaries from the Missionary Society. The Jamaica churches and conference pay the salaries, the following named receiving supplementary sums from the Missionary Society: Rev. N. H. Grant, Rev. V. O. Burke, Brother C. S. Lyons, Brinser S. G. Stirling, Sister E. Smilke. Brother S. A. Thompson, who was a student in Alfred University and School of Theology and who was graduated from Milton College, is a teacher in Crandall High School. He receives a modest salary from the Missionary Society, as his pastor and evangelist. These men are efficient co-workers with Rev. Warden T. Fitzrandolph and Rev. Neal D. Mills, our representatives on that island. — H. R. C.

--- Proposed Visit from Missionary Barrar

Plans are progressing for a visit from Missionary Ronald Barrar of Nyasaland, Africa, to this country next spring. It is expected that he will remain in this country about six months, making it possible for him to attend General Conference at Battle Creek next summer. He has indicated his desire to pursue study and training while in this country that will aid in his service to our African brethren when he returns. The Nyasaland Mission is
presently supported by the New Zealand Seventh Day Baptist churches and his coming to this country for a visit has received their approval. An item in the General Conference budget for 1953 will assist on the expense of his visit. Support the budget and help in this worthy project.

E. T. H.

POWER

In an address at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., at the meeting of the Division of Christian Life and Work of the National Council of Churches last December, Dr. Frank J. Sladen said, "The ignorance of people I meet in a large industrial city is not of the Scriptures or of the Church, but it is the entire lack of realization that the Church is dealing with a power that can and does change all the aspects of life for those who are willing to give themselves over to it."

Our Lord said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go... Make disciples... Whatever there is in weakness, or lack of progress and advancement of the kingdom of heaven is due primarily to neglect of use of the power that is in us. Reverently I say that the most important thing that is missing in us is the same power that was in Christ. True, there is a difference, but the difference is in degree. Our human weakness, our imperfect faith, our wills limit the power within us.

When Jesus opened the eyes of the blind He did more than give them sight; He gave them a power of readjustment which unquestionably worked through them for the betterment of the community. When the withered hand was restored, not only was physical activity regained, but a definite power did something inside the man to change his outlook upon life and his relationship to his fellow men. Lives were transformed by the expulsion of evil spirits and a spirit of power for good bestowed upon those lives. Miracles have not ceased. The same wonder-working power that transformed Simon the fisherman into Peter the Apostle, the same power that transformed Saul the persecutor to Paul the Apostle, who could write such a treatise on love as is found in 1 Corinthians 13, is still in the world, in you to transform all that may be unloved in your life, but even more, to work through you to the transformation of lives about you. It is this power, the gospel of the love of Jesus Christ, that we are called upon to proclaim to all the world. To work for the increase of this power is our mission, our life task.

Kennedy School of Missions

In 1910, a world missionary conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, laid the foundation for the development of the International Missionary Council and took another important forward step in recognizing the great need for a more adequate preparation of missionaries to take up their God-appointed work in spreading the gospel.

The chairman of the Commission on Preparation of Missionaries at Edinburgh was Dr. William Douglass Mackenzie, president of Hartford Theological Seminary. Largely as a result of his vision, course, and the formation they led for a new approach to the training of future missionaries. "The Commission report laid bare mercilessly the pitiful condition of the facilities for the training of missionaries in Great Britain and the United States."

On the Day of Prayer for Colleges, January, 1911, the Hartford School of Missions was founded, later known as Kennedy School of Missions in memory of Mrs. Emma Baker Kennedy who generously endowed the school, in memory of her husband, Rev. Albert Douglas Kennedy. Fourteen students enrolled at the first session in September, 1911. At present there are two hundred. It is limited to this number by dormitory space. It is essentially a postgraduate school. Any missionary on furlough may enter and candidates without college graduation may enter as students.

In the past years, two Seventh Day Baptist missionary nurses received a part of their preparation at this school: Miss Miriam Shaw and Miss Beth Severe, to work at the school during the second semester.

They are at present enrolled in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and plan to take an intensive course in tropical diseases at Loma Linda College in January.

The historical facts stated above were taken chiefly from the book, "Kennedy School of Missions," from the library of the late Rev. William L. Burdick.

Board of Christian Education

Ben R. Crandall

(Relport of the acting executive secretary, September 30, 1952.)

It is with a feeling of humility and a sense of the prayers and hearty co-operation of every officer and member of the board that I accept the responsibility of acting executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

The opportunities are so numerous and the responsibilities are so great that one is challenged to give his full time and undivided ability to the task. Under the present conditions it is impossible. However, we shall be happy to do our best and shall at all times appreciate constructive suggestions.

Since Secretary Hargis had been so long absent on the field, it seemed desirable to begin with the home base. Dean Bond kindly granted our request that the southern room of雏 The Gothic be used as headquarters for the board during the second semester. We have been doing our work on a much-improved appearance since it has been printed instead of mimeographed.

We are fully aware of the great service the Sabbath Visitor provides and the help it gives us in preparing for the presentation of the work of the Board of Christian Education. As soon as we have accomplished something worth while we shall hope to improve this opportunity to inform our people.

There are many other special and regular matters "too numerous to mention" to require the attention of your secretary. We shall endeavor to meet them as time and opportunity provide. May the numerous and widely varied interests of the board all work together in a united, devoted service interested in our denomination in the name of the greatest leader and teacher of all time — our Saviour.
Our Children's Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My mother just read me your story from the Sabbath Recorder. I liked it. I like to read your letters, too. My Grandmother Clarke sends your letters and stories to me.

Last Sabbath we went to church at Berlin. A few Sabbaths ago we had dinner with Miss Mildred Greene. I am in second grade. I am six years old. My Grandmother Burdick is your cousin. Your new Recorder friend,

Nancy Burdick

68 Ontario St.,
Cohoes, N. Y.

Dear Nancy:

Since your Grandmother Burdick is my cousin that makes you my cousin, too, and I am doubly glad to welcome you as one of my new Recorder children. I do hope you will write very often. I'm sorry I could not get your letter into the Recorder, but it came just the day after I had sent my material to the Recorder to be printed in two weeks, so you see I am now sending your letter to be printed in another two weeks. I am pleased that you like my letters and stories and I am sure you like the children's letters too, and hope with me that they'll write more often.

I wonder if your Grandma Burdick has ever told you how she and I, with her sister Flora, when we were not much older than you, used to walk to church in Walworth quite often on Sabbath day, a distance of over two miles. One day we were in the midst of a field when we thought we saw a large bull coming toward us, and we were much frightened. We ran as hard as ever we could and, nearly out of breath, at last reached the fence and climbed over it. What was our surprise to see that the animal we had run away from in fear was just a gentle old cow who was probably trying to make friends with us. When I got home I wrote my first rhyme about it.

I have one more letter to answer this week so must close.

Your loving cousin,

Mizpah S. Greene.

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Dear Mrs. Greene:

Jean is only in first grade so she can't write this herself. She enjoyed your poem in the Recorder that came today and wants me to send you three little verses she thought of. Jean likes the Recorder stories and I do too, and so did her daddy.

Bessie Davis Grosscup.

Dear Mrs. Grosscup:

Thank you for your letter and writing out the verses for Jean. We haven't had many rainstorms lately but have had two snowstorms. One was a weak one which broke great limbs from the trees, and broke down telephone and electric wires about three o'clock in the morning.

Sincerely yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

When the rain is pouring down,
And the children, not a sound
Then there are little rivulets

Coming down the window nets.

The universe is beautifully designed
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Dear Jean:

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NORTH LOUTH, Neb.

In Decatur, Ala., the circulation of a petition calling for an election which might have had the result of opening up Morgan County to the sale of whiskey, quickly ran aground after the pastor of the Central Methodist Church announced his intention of reading over the radio the names of all persons signing it. In Alabama, whiskey isn't very respectable. — Release.

The Sabbath Recorder

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Jean is only in first grade so she can't write this herself. She enjoyed your poem in the Recorder that came today and wants me to send you three little verses she thought of. Jean likes the Recorder stories and I do too, and so did her daddy.

Bessie Davis Grosscup.

Dear Mrs. Grosscup:

Thank you for your letter and writing out the verses for Jean. We haven't had many rainstorms lately but have had two snowstorms. One was a weak one which broke great limbs from the trees, and broke down telephone and electric wires about three o'clock in the morning.

Sincerely yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

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And the children, not a sound,
Then there are little rivulets

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Our Servicemen

A/3c Denison Barber, AF11254363
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Fort Lawton, Wash.

Sabbath School Lesson
November 22, 1952
Jesus' Thanksgiving — and Ours. Scripture: Matthew 11.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

pastor and family were on vacation. Reports of Conference were brought to us by Pastor Bond and Secretary Harris. Our young people participated in Vacation Bible School and Lewis Camp, and old and young enjoyed the Sabbath school picnic at the beach. Rally Day was observed September 25 with a program by the children and promotion exercises during the Sabbath school hour.

October 4 was our second home-coming celebration. Pastor Bond was assisted at the Sabbath school hour and the Communion service by Secretary Harris.

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In and through Africa, illustrating with interesting tokens of African life and industry. This will be an introduction to our study of the book, "African Safari." The parish house parlors and tea table were lovely with fall colors in vines and gay leaves and a social time followed with between 30 and 40 members and guests participating. Devotionals were in charge of Mrs. Hurley Warren, Mrs. Dora Putnam, and Mrs. J. A. Whitford. The program committee

At the quarterly church meeting, October 12, regular business was good work done. The pastor commended the members for their "earnest spirit and consecration to the work of the church." The resignation of the church treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Whitford, was necessarily but gratefully accepted since she and Dr. Whitford will be spending about six months of each of the year among missionaries. Dr. Whitford was, until recently, chairman of the Board of Trustees. They will be greatly missed while absent. Mrs. Edith Dudley Place was elected treasurer for the remainder of the year.

This is an opportunity to do missionary work while enjoying your summer vacation away from the frozen North. — Angeline P. Allen.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The congregation of the First Alfred Church are enjoying their new pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, and family and the year's work is well begun. We have a full choir of young people. The Alfred Youth Group has been active since September 14. It is composed of high-school-aged Seventh Day Baptists and University Church young folks. Miss Miriam Shaw is working with them.

Pastor Warren presented the Board of Christian Education the platinum edition of the Bible. The session of the Alfred Station Church where they took part in the service, after which the 31 juniors gathered under the window of Rev. Harley; written and sung their new camp song, "Ode to Camp Harley." This may long be remembered as an historical event. The early and sympathetic dedication of the church was, until recently, chairman of the Board of Trustees. They will be greatly missed while absent. Mrs. Edith Dudley Place was elected treasurer for the remainder of the year.

Our church joined in celebrating Worldwide Communion. Rev. Loyal Hurley shared in administering the sacraments.

Miss Phyllis Burdick was with us the weekend of October 11. On Friday night, she gave a most interesting account to a large group as he told of the visits of high-school-aged students to Bottoms to New Zealand, Australia, and Nyasaland, Africa, illustrating with fine colored photographs taken on the trip. On Sabbath morning, Mrs. Bottoms preached on the subject, "Missionary Work Around the World." The junior young folk of our church and no doubt those of the other churches of the Western Association are still grateful for a special event in connection with their first summer session at Camp Harley. 'On the last Sabbath at the camp, the whole group with their leaders trooped to the Alfred Station Church where they took part in the service, after which the 31 juniors gathered under the window of Rev. Harley; written and sung their new camp song, "Ode to Camp Harley." This may long be remembered as an historical event. The early and sympathetic dedication of the church was, until recently, chairman of the Board of Trustees. They will be greatly missed while absent. Mrs. Edith Dudley Place was elected treasurer for the remainder of the year.

Another Chair Needed

Some of our modern colleges have chairs galore of this and chairs of that. With so many chairs being established we wish to pass along a suggestion that comes from one of our leading laymen that our church colleges would do well to establish a Chair of Tithing. Maybe some of them already have such a chair. If they cannot devote a whole "chair" to tithing, let them at least make it a footstool in some of the religious education courses. The Bible teaches tithing; why not Bible schools? The colleges would benefit. Our church colleges, we mean — for their own sakes, but not for the other good causes that tithing would promote. At least this is a seed thought for the colleges to think about.

— Alabama Christian Advocate.
Americans Believe in God

99% of American adults believe in God. This figure has been arrived at in the first impartial nation-wide survey of religious beliefs ever made in the United States. The survey, made by an independent commercial opinion research firm, cut across racial and religious lines and examined the beliefs of Catholics, Protestants, Jews, other sects, and those professing no religious beliefs. The questionnaire and polling techniques, four months in preparation, were reviewed and approved by Dr. George Gallup of the Gallup Poll.

Of the total, 87% were absolutely certain, 10% fairly sure, and 2% not quite sure, with less than 1⁄2 of 1% not at all sure. — Release.

Obituaries

Norwood. — Ruth Forbes, daughter of Eugene and Christie Forbes Sherman, was born in West Union, N. Y., September 3, 1881, and passed away at the Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, N. Y., October 12, 1952. She united with the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptists Church, Alfred, N. Y., on May 18, 1912, of which she has been a faithful member. She was married to J. Nelson Norwood on September 3, 1908, at Cowanesque, Pa. To this union were born two children, Ruth Elizabeth (Mrs. A. B. Moulton) of Miller Place, Long Island, N. Y., and John Eugene of Los Angeles, Calif. Besides her husband and children, there survive two sisters, Mrs. Lloyd R. Watson and Miss Lillian F. Sherman of Alfred, and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted from the First Alfred Church on October 14 by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, pastor, and Rev. Everett T. Harris, former pastor. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

TEARS

God made both tears and laughter, and both for kind purposes; for as laughter enables mirth and surprise to breathe freely, so tears enable sorrow to vent itself patiently. Tears hinder sorrow from becoming despair and madness; and laughter is one of the very privileges of reason, being confined to the human species. — Leigh Hunt.

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