I read my Bible to know what people ought to do and my newspaper to know what they are doing. — Cardinal Newman.

**OUR SERVICEMEN**

Laurence Stanley Harris, HM3, U. S. N.
Area I Dispensary
Sixth Marines
Camp LeJeune, N. C.

Fort Knox, Ky.

**Accessions**

Baptism:
Billy Crandall
Albion, Wis.

Shiloh, N. J.

Mrs. Edmar Hansen
Milton Junction, Wis.

**Obituaries**

Parks. — Homer Carr, son of Jonathan and Jane Vannor Parks, was born May 1, 1886, in Doddridge County, W. Va., and died at Smithburg, W. Va., July 1, 1952. He was married to Lora Belle Davis who preceded him in death in 1933. In 1936 he was married to Flora Blanche Sutton. He is survived by Mrs. Parks, one step-daughter, three stepsons, and several nephews and nieces.

For several years he operated a hothouse and ornamental tree nursery at Smithburg. He was a dependable man in his business relationships, and a strict observer of the seventh day Sabbath, and was an occasional attendant at the Middle Island Church.

The funeral service was conducted by a former pastor, Rev. James L. Skaggs, at the Middle Island Church and the body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.

J. L. S.

Van Horn. — Dale Rex, aged 57, husband of Louise (Petersen) Van Horn, died on October 20, 1952, in Edinburg, Tex. He was born in North Loup, Neb., July 29, 1895, the son of Jay and Edna Estella (Rood) Van Horn.

He is survived by his wife; a son, William Richard Van Horn of Lincoln, Neb.; a daughter, Mrs. Clark Bloomfield of Santa Monica, Calif.; his parents, and Mrs. Jay Van Horn of Edinburg; two brothers, Ross Van Horn of Baton, Tex., and George Everett Van Horn of Lincoln, Neb.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loup, Neb. For 30 years of his life Mr. Van Horn was a writer. He has submitted over 6,000 articles and stories to United States, British, and Canadian publications.

Mr. Van Horn established the Star Craft Manufacturing Co. of Lincoln, Neb., which later moved to the Rio Grande Valley.

He served in the United States Navy from May 23, 1918, to September 29, 1921. At the time of his discharge he held the rating of Quartermaster 2nd Class.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, October 23, at the Skinner Funeral Home with Pastor James M. Mitchell officiating. Burial was in the Valley Memorial Garden, Inc. J. M. M.

Swinney. — Belinda Robinson Southworth, daughter of Wanton R., and Annie L. Holland Southworth, was born August 13, 1881, in Wakefield, R. I., and passed away at her home on Prospect Avenue, Niantic, Conn., on September 27, 1952. She was married to Herbert M. Swinney of Westerly, R. I. She was an active member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and later moved with her family to Niantic, Conn., where she joined the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was engaged in the fight for right, with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and was a participant in many other community activities.

She is survived by her two children, Deacon Morton R. Swinney and Mrs. Virgil Neff, and a granddaughter, Miss Ellen Swinney, all of Niantic, Conn.

Funeral services were held in the Alderson-Prentis Funeral Home on September 29, 1952, conducted by Pastor R. R. Maxson. Burial was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery, Hopkinton, R. I.

30, 1952.

J. M. M.

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Thanksgiving

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: to shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."
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Conference President’s Corner

“Let us give thanks!” These four words, or their equivalent, should spring from the hearts and echo from the lips of every American during the national observances of this Thanksgiving week.

Yes, and this giving of thanks should find tangible expression through the offerings we bring to our Father God — the offerings of our money, our time, and our talents in acts of grateful, dedicated stewardship.

It becomes quite evident to people of religious insight that a genuine spirit or act of thanksgiving cannot be proclaimed and promoted and made effective for a day or a season, however. In practice, great multitudes of Americans for whom true worship is a lost art can do no better than indulge themselves at a turkey dinner and then enthrones football as king for the afternoon.

How natural, and how thrilling, should be the observance of our national Thanksgiving Day for Seventh Day Baptists. Like an athlete in peak physical condition for a sports event, we, by our consistent Christian training in worship, should find in a day set apart for national giving of thanks the opportunity for a new climax of spiritual exultation in acknowledging God’s continuing goodness to us.

As Sabbath-observing Christians, every seventh day provides us with the divinely sanctioned privilege and responsibility of giving thanks for God’s work of creation. And once we have caught the spirit of giving thanks through the renewing experiences of Sabbath worship and rest, that spirit overflows into all the days and activities of the week, offering us manifold reason and opportunity for being thankful.

By the way, let us not get the impression that Christian giving of thanks is only addressed to our Creator and Father God. Who of us is not debtor to innumerable fellow “yokebearers” — those whom we call friends and whose names we will never know? Is it not hypocrisy to make a pretense of being thankful to God while neglecting any observed the day set aside by their governor. The custom persisted and spread through many states until in 1864 President Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day.

With mingled feelings we approach this day. We are comfortably housed and clothed and fed. We have comforts and conveniences of which our forefathers never dreamed. Nor did they, that day so long ago in New England, foresee the world power which there had its small beginnings. Nor in their concern for the common welfare of all their small company could they conceive of the differences between rich and poor, small and great, which we find among us now.

In humility we will offer our praises to God today. We who live in plenty will remember the less fortunate. We upon whose homes no cloud of anxiety or sorrow hovers because our dear ones are upon the battlefield will remember in sympathy and sorrow those whose hearts are torn by anguish. We who are young and strong will remember those who are old and lonely. We who are old will remember the saints who have attended us all our way, and give thanks for the strength and vigor of youth and the wisdom of its stoicness.

We shall thank God for Himself, for His love and mercy; we shall thank Him for those whom we love and who love us; we shall thank Him for the material comfort and the freedom he has provided us to be ourselves, to hold in safety our opinions and our convictions.

We shall pray that such blessings may be the possessions of all men in all the world.

“Now thank we all our God... With heart and hand and voices.”

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MEMORY TEXT

“O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.” — Ps. 136: 1.

We Thank Thee

We thank Thee, Lord, on this recurring day, For liberty to worship as we will; We thank Thee for the hero souls of old Who dared wild seas their mission to fulfill.

O give us hearts with stalwart faith in good, Give us new trust in Thy providing hand, And may a spirit of brotherhood Inspire our hearts and bless our native land. — Thomas Curtis Clark.

WE THANK THEE

Thanksgiving time is here again. A day of family dinners and parties, of groaning boards and overflowing cupboards. There is double feeling of real gratitude to Him who bestows the bounties of life in the hearts of many who prepare the dinners or who travel to the old home-stead's public thanksgiving is not so popular today as it once was.

In England, November 24, 1588, was proclaimed a day of thanksgiving by Queen Elizabeth for the victory over the Spanish Armada. Since that time special days have been observed there on occasions of other victories or the recovery from illness of king or prince.

For us, the day originated in the proclamation of Governor Bradford after the first harvest in the fall of 1621. The suffering colonists must have remembered the long dark days of the preceding winter with its hunger and cold, its sickness and death. Now there was an abundant harvest with plenty of food for winter; the log cabins were being made snug for the cold, and all seemed well. Out of hearts overflowing with gratitude, the colonists found tangible expression through the offerings of our money, our time, and our talents in acts of grateful, dedicated stewardship.

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THE WORD OF LIFE

"The Word of Life" is the theme that has been chosen by the American Bible Society for its ninth annual observance of the Worldwide Bible Reading program. The program will start on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, and end on Christmas.

For the first time this year, the Bible Society will provide the reading lists in Braille, so that the blind too may join the many thousands of daily readers following this program.

The theme will be the basis for the materials prepared for the use of pastors in the annual observance of Universal Bible Sunday, which falls this year on December 13.

Note: Seventh Day Baptists will observe Universal Bible Day on Sabbath, December 13.

BIBLE READINGS

( Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas.)

This will be the ninth year that the American Bible Society has sponsored a worldwide Bible reading program from Thanksgiving to Christmas. In this period during the weekend of December 13 and 14, Universal Bible Sabbath or Universal Bible Sunday will be observed. The purpose is to secure simultaneous reading of the Bible all over the world. It is believed that the peoples of thirty-eight countries will participate.

Never before in the history of the world have so many complete Bibles in so many translations been available. For some years the Bible has been a best seller; but has it been the best or most read book? Any Bible class teacher of experience has been discouraged and perhaps appalled at the ignorance of what the Bible says on the part of many adults. No superficial or casual reading of the Scriptures is sufficient.

The Bible presents the plan of salvation, the principles of Christian living, and relates the marvelous story of the Son of man. Any study of the life of Jesus must be read and meditated at length upon the way to apply the truths that Jesus taught in this puzzled and chaotic world of 1952.

The following is the list of the readings suggested. Many would find it interesting to read the references in both the King James and the Revised Standard Versions. These readings were listed by 1,096 ministers as their favorite selections on the theme, "The Word of Life."

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LO S ANGELES

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermonet - Hazards to Christian Service

Text: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Cor. 15: 58.)

As we consider mankind, we are made aware that men fall into one of three distinct classifications in relation to any subject, position, or truth. There is first, the major; second, the respectable minority; and third, the disreputable minority.

Many Christians never enter the thin ranks of those whose devotion to Christ is foremost in their lives. WHY? Is it not because they are not willing to face and surmount the seeming hazards to such service? Perhaps we have never recognized these hazards. If we lived behind the Iron Curtain or in Catholic dominated countries we might feel that there were real hazards to living the Christian life. But today there are many greater hazards in the cities, towns, and villages where we are.

What are these hazards? How can we recognize them? Let us consider them under two different aspects. We first must recognize the hazards around us.

I. The Hazards Around Us

Attraction to Possessions is the first such hazard. We live in a grasping age. Men seek to heap up material things, believing that in doing so they will find happiness and success.

Second, the hazard of Attention to Occupation causes great loss in the army of Christ. We live in a busy age. We hurry to and fro, day by day, too busy to serve the Lord, it seems. Many are like unto the man in 1 Kings 20: 39, 40: "Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone."

Third, our loved ones, and especially our immediate family are very dear to us. Yet the third great hazard faces us on this level: the hazard of Affection to Family. It is right for us to love them, to cherish them, to thank God for them; but the danger comes when such love becomes greater than our love for our Saviour. Only eternity will tell how many men and women have been kept from the mission field, from the ministry, and other forms of service, by those in their family who were opposed.

"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that
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The one time hazards to Christian serv­ice were the guillotine and the gallows. Today the hazards lie around us and within us — mainly in the spiritual realm. How are these meeting these hazards? "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Our victory lies in the power of God and can be effective only as we: (1) Have certainty of our New Life in Christ; (2) have a knowledge of our faith — what we believe, and why; (3) have daily nourishment on God’s Word and will strive to accomplish by His grace through visita­tion of God’s Holy Word and will

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Our Purpose

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles is committed to one primary purpose — to proclaim the good news of salvation in Christ. This we strive to accomplish by His grace through visitation, worship services, Sabbath school, and all organizations. Our secondary purpose is to make possible in the life of each Christian a growth in grace and in the knowledge of God’s Holy Word and will for them.

The Church’s missionary society has adopted as their new name “Dr. Palmborg Missionary Society.” Although the new church building was dedicated on Sunday, October 29, there was still much work to be done for final completion of some rooms and the grounds. This work has continued during the summer. A flagstone wall has recently been built near the “entrway.” A public address system with hearing aids has been installed.

The first baptismal service was held on July 26, when seven candidates were bap­tized in our new baptismary.

here present were speakers: Rev. Jose Fernandez, a converted Catholic priest, who gave his testimony concerning the incidents leading to his conversion, and Dr. Fred Schwartz of Sydney, Australia, who spoke on “Communist Blueprint for the Conquest of the United States.”

Joan Clement and Beth Severe, mis­sionary candidates supported by the Pacific Coast Association, are taking work at the Bible Institute in Los Angeles, in preparation for service in Nyasaland, Africa.

Edith and Arlie Davis were with us this summer helping Pastor Lawton in the church work and camp. They were a joy and inspiration to us all and we were very glad they were here.

Church members, 75; Recorder subscribers: Miss Sarah Becker, Mrs. William F. Cooper, Mrs. L. M. Bowman, Arlie Davis, James Grants, Mrs. G. D. Hargis, Mrs. George W. Hillo, Mrs. W. G. Hoffman, Mrs. Emma Jeffrey, Mrs. Mae C. Kenyon, Mrs. Seena Kenyon, Albyn Mackin­nosh, J. Ross W. Palmborg, Mrs. Adene B. Wilcox.

FROM THE EDITOR’S MAILBOX

Dear Mrs. Van Horn:

I have a news item which might be of interest to you for publication in the Sabbath Recorder.

While at the parsonage last evening I happened upon a telegram sent to our pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan; a congratula­tion message from Rev. Dr. J. C. Firth, J. Los Angeles, Calif., president of Spiritual Mobilization. Mr. Cruzan was informed of the receipt of the message by the sermon he had entered in Spiritual Mobilization’s nation-wide sermon com­petition in recognition of the Annual Freedom under God observance of In­dependence Week.

He had been urged in the telegram to feel free to announce the contest and release the details to the local press. However, he had not done so, so the Loyal Class of the church voted to do this and I was appointed to send it to the two local papers and to our Sabbath Recorder as well.

Yours truly,

Nellie P. Barber.

Adams Center, N. Y.

November 10, 1952.

Congratulations to Pastor Cruzan.

Editor.
THE CALL OF GOD’S WORD

Beth Severe

(Continued from last issue)

To take but one example of what a change took place in a human heart and life when the power of the Holy Spirit was come upon him, take the life of Peter. In the Gospels we find Peter following Christ, living with Him, listening to Him, saying that He is the Son of God, yet denying His Saviour thrice as Christ was on the way to the cross to shed His blood for the sins of the world. And how sorrowful Peter was when he heard the cock crow, and remembering the words of Christ saying to him that he would do this, he went out and wept bitterly. Then even after Peter knew that Christ had died, his heart was pricked to rise from the grave, instead of being filled with the glory of it, he was concerned with what John would do, and we read that Jesus answered him saying, “What is that to thee? Follow thou me.” Then read of Peter after Pentecost: “But Peter, standing up with the eleven” (this is in front of the people), “and the rest of the disciples, saying they were drunk with new wine, ‘lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell in Jerusalem, that this is that voice which was spoken by the prophets of the Lord.” (Acts 2:31-32) Then we see the uttermost part of the earth, for whom, as far as their knowledge is concerned, Christ never was born, nor died on the cross as their Redeemer.

We cannot go back 1900 years, time cannot be recalled, but we can begin today witnessing unto Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit in our Jerusalem — for to the disciples, Jerusalem was where they were at that time. We can do this “in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” as Christ calls us to go. Jesus said, “For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall save it.”

A New Paper

Mission Notes, a new publication in the interest of Seventh Day Baptist Missions is now ready for mailing. Carrying news of our mission endeavor, in the United States and around the world, Mission Notes attempts to inform its readers of the work being done, the doors that are open for new work, the needs of the fields, with poems and articles of lasting interest in the missionary endeavor. If you wish a FREE copy, please send your request with complete name and address to: Mission Notes, 4976 North Figueroa St., Los Angeles 42, Calif.

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WILKES-BARRE RADIO MINISTRY

Many Recorder readers will know that arrangements were made late in the summer by the Missionary Society when they agreed to assist the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist Church in carrying on a fifteen-minute radio broadcast every Sabbath afternoon at 5:45.

The program is sent from station, WILK, broadcasts to an area thirty to fifty miles in radius around Wilkes-Barre. Perhaps you will want to dial 980 on your radio these Sabbath afternoons and listen to the program.

In planning this program, Paul Liptock, church clerk, wrote, “With the help of the Lord on our side, the possibilities of preaching Jesus Christ their Redeemer and Saviour to a sin-sick people are greater than we have ever known. They are not yet filled with his life, therefore we will use every means to make our message heard and appreciated. Our broadcasts are being heard and appreciated. Many responses by mail have come to the leaders of the program and appropriate follow-up is made in every instance.

Pastor Hansen writes: “Our program goes something like this: First, a typical hymn and the identification of the program as ‘The Seventh Day Baptist Quarter Hour, a program of information and inspiration, brought to you by the Second Century Fund Church of Wilkes-Barre.’ A hymn follows, then a brief talk on the subject for the day, another hymn, perhaps a poem, but always an announcement requesting mail, and the closing theme song. For the theme, we use ‘God of the Sabbath.’”

The initial assistance to the Wilkes-Barre Church to broadcast for three months was spotted to you by the Second Century Fund. As the program is carried on beyond this experimental time, the Tract Society has designated willingness to co-operate with the Wilkes-Barre Church in giving assistance to the church. Another interesting feature of the plan is to record the broadcasts and keep them on file for possible study and use in other localities, perhaps building a library of a series of programs on different subjects.

An attempt was made to use music recorded from our denominational choirs, but portable recording equipment seems to be inadequate to prepare high-fidelity recordings. This is something toward which we might plan in the future.

This effort on the part of our brethren at Wilkes-Barre is deserving of our interest and prayers. Always we want to hold in mind that our hope is so to present our message of faith in Jesus Christ and loyalty to the seventh day Sabbath as an expression of our love for Him, that we may win many souls to Christ and the Sabbath.

E. T. H.

WOMEN’S DAY

On Sabbath, August 9, special services were held at Berry’s Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church, Noigedacht, Wakenaam, British Guiana. A copy of the program was sent to Pastor Benjamin O. Berry, gives the morning service as presented by the Sabbath School, the superintendent, Mrs. P. Browne, in charge. Speakers were Mrs. Hannah Berry, Miss Wavney Osborn, and Mrs. Randolph Williams. Mrs. E. Carvan was soloist.

The midday program was under the direction of Mrs. Hannah Berry. Papers on the theme, “Go Forward,” were read by Mrs. Charlotte Mentus, Miss Wavney Osborn, Mrs. Philippa Brown, and Mrs. Berry.

The Sabbath following, August 16, Women’s Day was observed at Peters’ Memorial Church, Parika, where Pastor Joseph A. Tyrell is located. The theme here was “Courage.” Papers were read by Mrs. Tyrell and Mrs. I. O. Stafford.

These occasions were helpful and inspiring to our British Guiana friends. They are to be congratulated for taking advantage of such special seasons.

H. R. C.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

December 6, 1952

Jesus, the True Teacher.

Scripture: Matt. 13.
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**NOVA EUROPA, BRAZIL**

A letter from "Joao Martin Backerra, Pastor da Igreja Batista do 7°. Dia," was recently received at the office. A photograph of Brother Backerra was enclosed and also one of a small, neat-looking church building. On the back of the latter is written "S. D. Baptist Church to inaugurata 29/2,52." A small pamphlet titled, "Igreja Batista Do 7°. Dia — Estatutos e Regimento Interno," came with the letter. You may translate, if you wish.

This Seventh Day Baptist brother says, "I am sorry that I cannot yet speak in your native tongue, but trust that we shall in a way that expresses his thoughts well.

"With this letter I send you information over the work from Seventh Day Baptist of Brazil. The work do go slow, I have to win, 1952 noth more than 26 souls, of a church. Great joy for us, the winning of another Brother pastor of orthodox Church Ukrainian, was professor in Seminare of Adventist in Latin language.

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Pray for this brother, who with other faithful ones, is witnessing for the truth.

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**DISPLACED PERSONS**

The letters DP elicit our interest and our sympathy. Churches and communities which have included Displaced Persons in finding homes and employment have experienced a deep sense of joy and satisfaction in the happiness they have been instrumental in bringing to such persons. Probably no one who reads this knows from personal experience the distress and suffering that have been the lot of so many DP's.

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**Worship Thought for December**

**Displaced People**

Does Christmas Change People?

Matt. 2: 12. They departed into their own country another way.

The wise men had experienced something in Bethlehem which made it impossible for them to return home by the same road they had come.

They had seen a new vision. They were no longer the same men.

Yes, the truth of Christmas changes men. It can be the first chapter in a new adventure for each one of us. It can be an experience moving us to seek the year round for the real world of God. Surely if Christmas is to leave us with the heartening glory which it brings for a brief moment to our world it will not be an isolated holiday. Rather it will be a deeply moving spiritual experience bringing us the confident conviction of the triumphant victory of love in us and upon the earth. And if we have touched one small perfection, seen one new star of hope, or heard one new divine song in our lives, we have started upon that new way.

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**Rial in Seventh Day Baptist Churches**

On Sabbath day, November 8, twenty-nine churches reported a total attendance of 1,921.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,
AUGUST 18-23, 1953.

**Mrs. Eli Loofbor Rosenblad Women at Greenwich**

(Conference, General Department, United Church Women)

**Dear Friends:**

First of all, let me say "thank you" for the privilege of attending the Secre tarial Conference as your representative. I was cordially received. I made it clear to them that I was not an executive officer, but had been asked to attend because of my proximity to Greenwich. When I saw that women were there from all over the United States, even from the West Coast, I did not like to mention distance. How ever, I was able to explain that our board executive is not salaried, and that the members are elected by the General Conference. Of one thing I am sure since having this wonderful experience: The executive officer of our Women's Board should attend the meetings of the United Council of Church Women even if it costs considerable to do so. I hope our budget will have a fairly large item for such expense.

The theme of the meeting was the place of women in the work of the church. Time and again the fact was brought out that women from many denominations could work out problems common to us all as Christians — not as Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, etc., but as those who are — glad to accept the plans that have been successful in other communions.

One feature of the program was a paper by Dr. Mary Lyman of Union Theological Seminary on the man-woman relationship from the American point of view. This paper was prepared for a conference in Europe where two other theologians — not American — presented their views.

Another point of interest was unity — not union, but the working together for a common end without losing our identity.

The third point discussed was women's adaptability in the field of missions — because of their natural concern for those around them and the urge to do something for them, their sympathetic understanding of the needs, and their patience in dealing with them.

I feel that it is a very worthwhile thing to be a member of United Church Women. They have so much to offer, and it is possible for us to share with them. That means we may contribute as well as receive. I had some very worthwhile experiences in sharing with some women who inquired about the origin and beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists. I think one young woman was almost shocked when I reminded her that the Sabbath began at Creation.

I met Miss Annie Root, who was well acquainted with our mission in Shanghai. She knew as much about it as I, through...
Dear Mrs. Greene:

After Conference we went to Mesa Verde in southwestern Colorado. We went through the cliff dwellings there, where Indians lived hundreds of years ago. Then we went to Royal Gorge and saw the world's highest suspension bridge and the world's steepest cog railway.

We also were on the "Million Dollar Highway" between Ouray and Silverton, and swam in hot radium water at Ouray. Then we spent some time in Colorado Springs and came home.

Roberta said, "We flew out in the Stinson at Fourth of July, and Daddy flew out in the Hudson at Conference time."

Sincerely yours,

Lynn Randolph.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Lynn:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and to hear about your wonderful trip after Conference. I would like to have attended Conference but had I done so I should have traveled by train, and so would not have enjoyed seeing many of the interesting, unusual things you saw. The farthest that I have ever traveled was to attend Conference at Nortonville, Kan., over forty-eight years ago. I don't believe I'll be able to go to Battle Creek next year. Then I'll be able to see you and many other Recorder children.

Did you help to celebrate Halloween this year? If so, I hope Milton children were as orderly about it as they were here in Andover. The worst thing they did was to soap windows which probably needed washing anyway; go from door to door asking for "tricks or treat"; (by the way I had over twenty of such visitors who were very pleasant and polite, as they thanked me for doughnuts and candy). They were treated by the Exchange Club at the school building with tasty refreshments, and closed with a costume parade.

The night before Halloween was best of all, for the Girl Scouts went around soliciting clothing for the poor children in Korea.

Lovingly yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is the first time I have written to you. My Aunt Wilma Stephan is helping me write this letter.

I have one brother. His name is Joe. He is six years old and in the first grade and I'm seven and in the second grade. Our teacher is Mrs. Nannie Greeley.

I had the chicken pox last week and now Joe has them.

We have a kitten named Tippy. She plays hide-and-seek with us.

We have nine children in our Sabbath school class. We like our new pastor, Pastor Duane Davis. Your friends, Ileen Marie McCoy, Joe McCoy.

Nortonville, Kan.

Dear Ileen:

I am happy to welcome a new Recorder Girl and I hope you will enjoy being Recorder. Yes, and my welcome to Joe as a new Recorder boy since his name is signed to the letter.

Of course you are both entirely well from the chicken pox but I'm sure it wasn't any fun for at least the first two days. My son and his classmates from Bridge-ton, N. J., had just reached here for a few days visit a year ago last summer when their seven-year-old boy, Kris, remarked to his father that his wrist was all broken out. It proved to be chicken pox. For two days he was glad to stay in bed but after that was as full of fun as ever. Karen, aged eight, and I was about two years old, waited until they reached home to have their share of chicken pox. Of course you noticed that all begin with K, and by the way, their dog's name is Kelly. Kathy, who was three years old October 27, has fun playing with him as do the other two children.

I have lovely flowers in the company but there is one on each side of me. My neighbor on the left has a very old brown dog named Rondo, and my neighbor on the right has a white dog named Cookie. She, too, is quite old. One thing I notice about both dogs is how well they mind when spoken to. Does your kitten come at once when you call her?

With love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

AN EDUCATOR RETIRES

When Dr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Whitford leave for Florida, it will mean the first winter vacation he has ever experienced. Retiring in June from teaching, he has completed over half a century in education.

In 1946 Dr. Whitford retired as Dean of the Liberal Arts College at the University, but he continued teaching as mathematics professor for six years. It was in the fall of 1896 that he started teaching, being granted a position at Milton College. His first position was in the high school at Waupun, Wis., where he was one of the two teachers for the 40 pupils. His salary was $40 a month.

When asked what he taught, Dr. Whitford said with a laugh, "Well, I taught everything the principal didn't want to take. I taught Physics, Physical Geography, Botany, Algebra, and one or two other subjects.

He was then offered the principalship of the Milton Graded School in his home town. This promotion meant quite a raise, for he then received $60 a month, with a $5 raise the last year there.

After leaving the principal's office at the University of Chicago for two years, he joined the faculty of Milton College as an instructor in physics and mathematics. This was the beginning of a 29 years' association with his Alma Mater, where he served as registrar for several years, acting president in 1919, and president from 1923 until his resignation in 1930.

Upon leaving Milton he was appointed a Lecturer in Mathematics on the University of Wisconsin campus where he served two years. In the fall of 1932 he came to Alfred University as Professor of Mathematics, and two years later was appointed Chair of the Department of Mathematics in our College under President J. N. Norwood. He had received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Alfred in 1926.

He said, "My primary interest has been the classroom contact. It seems to me all classroom work is a co-operative venture between the teacher and the student; as both are seeking knowledge and truth. Actually I have received some of my richest enjoyment from teaching these last six years when I could concentrate on teaching alone."

Dr. Whitford followed a natural path for his family when he entered the field of teaching. His uncle, Dr. C. Whit ford, was president of Milton College from 1858 to 1902, and his father, Albert Whitford, was a mathematics professor until he was 78. Dr. Albert E. Whitford, his son, serves as the Chairman of the Department of Astronomy at the University of Wisconsin and is Director of the Washburn Observatory.

Along with his educational work, Dr. Whitford has always had an active interest in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, and at one time served as president of its General Conference. Music has always been one of his interests and he was director of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church choir for 23 years. He is also a well-known artist, and now serves in that capacity at the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.

From article in Alfred Sun of November 6.

What Shall Chicago Do?

We learn from the church paper, Chicago Call, that after January 1, 1993, the church will cease its building in which they have been worshiping. This is not through the will of the local congregation but because of higher edifices in the Reformed Episcopal Church. This decision must be a great disappointment to the Chicago people who have enjoyed meeting after church edifice after years of assembling in public places of other sorts. They have our sympathy and our prayers as they seek to find the Lord’s leading in this difficult situation.
ITEMS OF INTEREST

An announcement from the Dean's office of Central State Teachers College at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., states that Joan Johnstone has been chosen from the student body to be listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." Joan is to be congratulated for this honor bestowed on her. She is a senior in the school this year. - White Cloud Bulletin.

Dr. George Thorngate, our former missionary in China, recently returned from a two year hospital organizing ministry for the U. S. government in Indo-China, was in Riverside recently. He and his son, "Brit," now operate an office in Monte­rey. — In Riverside Bulletin of November 3.

Two faculty members of Alfred University were cited for 25 years of service, at the president's third annual dinner for university trustees and members of the faculties and administration.

Miss Eva Lucille Ford, Professor of Romance Languages, was one of these. Miss Ford, graduated from Salem College and Ohio University with A.B. degrees and from Middlebury College with a master's degree.

She also spent one year at the Sorbonne earning by examination from the University of Paris the diploma of 'Professor of French Abroad.' Miss Ford spent two summers of graduate study at Columbia University and Middlebury French School, and one year at Duke University, special­izing in French literature. — From Alfred Sun.

Cornell University's new $2,000,000 religious center, named Taylor Hall, was recently dedicated in services on the col­lege campus October 26. It is the gift of Myron C. Taylor, class of '94. - RNS.

Three of the oldest houses of worship of their denomination are in Newport, R. I. They are the Seventh Day Baptist Church, built 1772; the Jewish Synagogue, built 1763, now a National Shrine; and the Quaker Meeting House, built in 1699. — Westerly Sun.

REACHING SOULS THROUGH MEDICINE

Joan Clinton

(Given at the meeting of the Pacific Coast Association, October 11.)

I should like to briefly sketch a bit of the background of the relationship which medicine and religion have to each other in the light of history as it is re­corded for us today.

In the ancient, primitive cultures where superstition bound the ignorant in chains of fear, diseases of all kinds were thought to be manifestations of certain evil spirits. It was out of such beliefs as these that the so-called priest-physicians, or medicine men came into existence. We have all read about the magic and pagan prac­tices to which these people resorted in order that disease should be cured. I'm sure we can all recall seeing pictures of the ornate yet fearful garb which these medicine men, or witch doctors, wore.

However, in the advance of time came the development of skill in detecting in part, at least, various causes of certain types of illness, and along with this, methods of healing. Records in the form of papyri have been found in the ruins of Egypt which reveal to us the remarkable progress which this particular civilization made along these lines. We find the description of the preparation of drugs including infusions, solutions for injection, pills, capsules, powders, inhalations, lotions, ointments, embalmed or the other forms of medicines used today. The Egyptians also knew a great deal about the therapeutic action of drugs, and laid the foundations of chemistry.

In the Code of Hammurabi, we find a unique organization of medical treatment and surgery recorded for the first time of the ancient Babylonian era. But here, too, in the culture of such nations as Babylon, Assyria, and Chaldea, a great deal of superstition was associated with the art of healing, for it was felt that disease was a direct result of sin, and intermingled with what would today be called medically advanced knowledge of the diagnosis and treatment of illness, such practices as the custom of sprinkling with holy water and the ceremonial of burning small objects by fire were observed.

There are many accounts throughout the Gospel histories of how Christ healed all manner of illness among the people where He ministered. The purpose of this work which Christ did, and this is the main thought which I want to impress upon you, was to bring glory to God, and to prove to the people that He, Jesus of Nazareth, was the Messiah, long promised in the Old Testament. Two stories we find recorded in Isaiah 5: 5, 6, "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." All of these things we find were brought to a climax in His ministry, at the end of bringing them to the knowledge of God and His plan for their lives.

At this time, Christ sent the twelve apostles forth to the "lost sheep of the House of Israel" with the message, "Re­pent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." With the preaching of this mes­sage, the disciples were commissioned to "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." And Christ gave them the power of forgiveness as we find in the account in Matthew 10. We know that in the case of the apostles' healing, the primary purpose again was to glorify God and Christ.

Later on in the New Testament, in the Book of Acts, we again find the apostles performing a variety of miracles in healing through the power of the Holy Spirit, which gift Christ had sent from heaven in order that His ministry on earth might continue.

(Two continued.)

Attention, Pleased

The articles concerning our churches which appear in the Recorder are receiving much favorable attention. Only a few of those promised have been received. An early response from others would be greatly appreciated.

Prayer is not conquering God's reluc­tance, but asking from God's willing­ness. — Phillips Brooks.
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
VERONA, N. Y. — Our Church Family Night was held on the evening of October 4. The program was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Burton Crandall. A filmstrip on the presentation of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible entitled "Venture in Our Town" was shown by Rev. Paul Brown, pastor of the Methodist Church of Oneida. Light refreshments were served.

The church advisory board recently held a meeting at the parsonage. Reports of several departments of the church were discussed with recommendations to be presented at the next business meeting.

The work of redecorating the auditorium of the church and refinishing the floor is completed, and Pastor Skaggs gave a dedication address and planned a rededication service in which all the congregation took part on Sabbath, October 11. Much good was accomplished by the fall meeting of the Central Association held in the school. Activities in the school for the past year included a Christmas program, Children's Day program, West District meetings and Bible Conference, Daily Vacation Bible School, and West District picnic at Paletine Lake.

Our contributions of $384.56 have been given to the following: County Home boxes, $5; duplicator, Nyasaland, $5; Rev. Theodore J. Hibbard, $84; weekly radio program, $25; West District Bible Conference, $35; Auley Parvin, $25; W.C.T.U., $25; Kids' Radio Bible Club, $15; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Berry, $25; import tariff, Rev. Wardner Firthandolph, $21.56; evangelist's tent for Rev. Wayne Marona, $25; scholarship, Crandall High School, $50. — Correspondent.

SHILOH, N. J. — The annual report of the Sabbath school, as of October 1, shows an increase in enrollment from 194 to 208. There are 15 officers and 17 teachers in the school. Activities for the past year have included a Christmas program, Children's Day program, West District meetings and Bible Conference, Daily Vacation Bible School, and West District picnic at Paletine Lake.

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"The return of the liquor traffic has filled our garages with wrecked cars, overflowed our hospitals with mutilated bodies, and spattered our highways with human blood." — The Watchman Examiner.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, October 31, 1952

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