five sons. Refreshments were served throughout the evening.

The doctor was presented with a beautiful gold watch and chain in appreciation, good wishes, and humorous reminders were given by several speakers. Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock and family have been and are much appreciated as associate members and helpers in our church.

To Mrs. George Potter goes much of the credit, and working closely with her on committee were Mrs. Eugene Van Horn and Mrs. Dana Peck. Dr. Ray Wingate, a close friend of the doctor, played a special fifteen-minute carillon concert as Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock were walking to the parish house. — Mrs. B. R. C., Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The Junior Department observed Promotion Day on Sabbath, October 25. Following the children’s sermon by Pastor Skagg, the program was in charge of the junior superintendent, Mrs. Garth Warner, who presented certificates to those promoted from the Nursery, Primary, and Junior Classes.

The Young People’s Social Club held a Halloween Social the night after the Sabbath in the rooms of the church basement which were appropriately decorated. The social was for old and young. Those who did not come in costume paid a forfeit. Prizes were given to the most original costume and to the best disguise. Games were played and refreshments served.

Mrs. Victor Skagg entertained the Ladies’ Aid Society for their October all-day meeting. There was a large attendance.

The Doers Sabbath School Class held its monthly meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Catlin Sunday night. Mrs. John Williams, teacher, conducted a Bible study on the sixth chapter of Matthew. It was voted to continue to contribute to mission work in Jamaica. The class will later sell Christmas trees and wreaths.

The Young People’s Social Club held “A Lord’s Acre Auction” from which they realized $300. This will go toward church repairs.

The Boosters and Helpers Sabbath school classes sponsored a “Harvest Supper” on the evening of November 12. — Correspondent.

BIRTHS

Reed. — A son, Dan DeChris, to Chauncey and Mabel Reed of Adams Center, N. Y., September 7, 1952.

Roberts. — A son, Benjamin George, to John and Belva Roberts of Adams Center, N. Y., September 12, 1952.

Monroe. — A daughter, Deborah Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Lumbert Monroe of Texarkana, Ark., September 1, 1952.

Soper. — A son, Steven Mark, to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Soper of Texarkana, Ark., November 8, 1952.


Marriages

Bates-Stoodley. — On August 11, 1952, Sheldon Bates and Mrs. Margaret Stoodley were united in marriage at the parsonage in De Ruyter, N. Y. Rev. A. Clyde Ebre performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family. Their home is in Adams Center.

Obituaries

Glass. — Bess was born December 10, 1877, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Kuechle of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on Sabbath, July 26, 1952. She was married to Henry Glass on December 10, 1896. He preceded her in death on February 13, 1913.

Funeral services were held from the Piddock Funeral Home in Adams with Pastor Cruzan officiating, assisted by Rev. Emmett Bottoms. Mrs. Glass had long been a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Adams Center and will be missed by many friends.

Bates. — Sheldon S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bates, was born April 22, 1871, and died on November 13, 1952, at his home in Adams Center.

Funeral services were conducted from the Carpenter-Stoodley Funeral Home at Belleville, N. Y., on November 15, and interment was in Union Cemetery, Adams Center. Services were conducted by Rev. Earl Cruzan.

Openings in Alfred

Two good business opportunities are open for any of our people who like to locate in Alfred. Mr. Lynn Langworthy is retiring and will dispose of his plumbing and sheet metal business with all equipment and materials. A restaurant business is for sale and the building it occupies. Owner would rent to the right party. Ben R. Crandall, "Key Man," will be pleased to answer any inquiries.

(For the Vocational Committee.)
Conference President's Corner

We received a welcome letter this past week from a former Conference president in which he says, "I have faith that this is another year when the Denominational Budget will be raised. It is good encouraging to be informed of the faith of P. B. Hurley — and even more heartening to see us with the desire to share the beauties and responsibilities of Thy kingdom with all who may be influenced by our words and our lives. Make us confident that as we do Thy will we may expect the coming of Thy kingdom. Amen.

Church Management.

BIBLE CHARACTERS VI

One of the most interesting women of whom the Bible tells us is Lydia of Philippi, seller of purple, mentioned only in the 16th chapter of Acts.

We sometimes think it is a very modern thing for women to engage in business, but here in this first century we find a woman not only engaged in business, but in a business which required considerable capital. She had a constant touch with royalty. Purple dye from the Tyrian shore is so expensive that few beside the emperor or members of his family could afford to wear purple garments. Hence came the expression "born to the purple."}

The Sabbath Recorder
BIBLE EXHIBIT
Paul E. Swigart

The Library of Congress has on special exhibit a number of Bibles illustrating certain aspects in the development and production of the Bible. From the more than 1,800 Bibles in the library's collection there were on display examples ranging from a fourth century fragment on papyrus of the Book of Isaiah in Greek to the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament published in 1946.

The exhibit commemorates the five hundredth anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible. The two most valuable Bibles in the library's collection are the three-volume Gutenberg (or forty-two line Bible) and the Great Bible of Mainz. The Great Bible of Mainz is a two-volume illuminated manuscript on vellum which has been presented to the Library of Congress as a gift to the nation by L. J. Rosenwald of Jenkintown, Pa.

It was placed on exhibit on April 4, the five hundredth anniversary of the day on which the scribe started to write the manuscript, which was completed on July 9 of the following year. The leaves were all carefully ruled by the scribe and it is written in Latin. There are a total of 459 vellum leaves made from 250 goat hides.

At the same time that it was being prepared, Gutenberg was printing his Bible — the first book printed from movable metal type.

Also to be seen was the first volume of the Great Bible of Mainz, which was printed in Mainz, in the same city Gutenberg was printing his Bible — the first book printed from movable metal type.

The Bible includes the books of the Old Testament, and Revelation in the New Testament, and is based on the text of the Revised Standard Version. It was printed in Latin, and in the New Testament, such works as Hebrews, James, and 1 John. The source of philosophy is the writer's intellect or mind. It includes the works of the three divisions of Biblical literature, which we shall speak later.) The songs of the Bible are to be found chiefly in Psalms, Song of Songs, and Lamentations.

A second type of Biblical literature is History. We find history largely characterizing the books from Genesis to Esthers, and from Samuel to the New Testament. Other types of literature occur here and there throughout these books, and we should be on the alert to recognize them, but the overall characteristic is history. The sources of history are to be found in actual events that have happened or are supposed to have happened at some time in the past. The writer may speak of the immediate past or of the remote past. He may in some instances be personally familiar with the events of which he wrote. In many other instances, he may rely upon the report of others. These may be firsthand reports from eyewitnesses, or they may be the oral or written traditions of the people, reaching back for centuries or millennia in the prophet's conscience. In nature, prophecy is therefore subjective. It deals with the future, but is written in the present tense. The method of the prophet is semiotic and evangelistic. The writer asserts. He condemns wrong, and exalts right. He urges action, prompts obedience, writes in behalf of God and God's claim upon man. The prophet seeks to persuade men into acting in accordance with his counsel. He utilizes all the devices of eloquent speech and oratory that he can muster to bring about this end.

The fourth division of Biblical literature is Philosophy, comprising Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job, and in the New Testament, such works as Hebrews, James, and 1 John. The source of philosophy is the writer's intellect or mind. It is balanced with subjective and objective elements. It tends to be scientific in the manner of the day. It pays attention to the laws of reason. It is studied. The philosopher is to observe, to collect, and to report. He observes the laws of reason. He bases his conclusions on these observations. His report must be an accurate one of the events that have happened in the past. The nature of philosophy is therefore largely subjective, emotional, sensuous, artistic, lyrical. The method used by the writer is to tell of his own personal experiences — that is, his emotional experiences — his joys, his sorrows, his hopes and despair, his trials and vic­ tories, his troubles and the relief of his troubles; and (2) of the impressions made on his soul by nature and by history.

A third division of the literature in the Bible is Prophecy, characterizing the books from Isaiah to Malachi in the Old Testament, and Revelation in the New Testament. We should probably include also some of the New Testament, but in doing so, we should be aware of the differences between these works and the Old Testament prophecy. The immediate source of prophecy is the prophet's conscience. In nature, prophecy is therefore subjective. It deals with the future, but is written in the present tense. The method of the prophet is semiotic and evangelistic. The writer asserts. He condemns wrong, and exalts right. He urges action, prompts obedience, writes in behalf of God and God's claim upon man. The prophet seeks to persuade men into acting in accordance with his counsel. He utilizes all the devices of eloquent speech and oratory that he can muster to bring about this end.
Job and Ecclesiastes challenge the thinking powers of our minds. We will remember
that in the philosophical books, the writers sometimes trace the course of thought
which has led them to their final conclusions. Many statements in the earlier
advancements of literature
Biblical writings. These, too, should be
known and recognized. There is, for
instance, the apocalyptic literature of
Daniel, Revelation, and some other shorter
passages. This is properly considered as a
method rather than thought content. It
selves, but for the purpose of teaching
truth.

Preaching Mission in Plainfield
On Sunday night, November 2, Rev.
Clifford W. P. Hansen began a preaching
mission in the Plainfield Church. Careful
plans had been made for these services
to extend over three weeks with three
night services a week.

The general subject was “Finding God
in 1952.” Subjects for individual sermons
embraced “Prophectic Faith and the Mod­
ern World,” “What and Where Is God,”
“Key to Understanding the Bible,” and
other subjects of equal interest. These
sermons were scholarly, interesting, and
deeply spiritual. The services were widely
advertised through the Plainfield Courier­
News, a daily paper. Not only were strik­
ing advertisements used, but the church
paid for space for short articles prepared
by Pastor Stephan concerning the history
and beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists. The
sermons were recorded and summaries of
the sermons given in the daily paper
without additional charge.

To the great disappointment of many,
the meetings were brought to an abrupt
end by the sudden illness of Mr. Hansen, after he had preached five
of the nine sermons he had planned.
It is felt that much more might have
been accomplished for the whole series
could have been carried out.
However, church members have been fed,
some others attended the services, and
the history and beliefs of Seventh Day
Baptists have become better known in the
City.

(it is noted with pleasure that Mr. Han­
sen is much improved.)

Radio Broadcast
The Christmas program of “The Great­
est Story Ever Told” will be entitled “No
Room at the Inn.” It will be broadcast
on Sunday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m.,
EST, over the ABC radio network.

STEWARDS OF ALL WE POSSESS
Paul Green, Jr.

(continued)

itmENS OF INTEREST
Elder E. S. Ballenger, 88, was the guest
of honor the night of November 22 in
the church social rooms. An interesting
program was prepared including vocal
performances by Jim Dalley of Lebanon,
and words of appreciation from every
group in the church. Elder Ballenger is
not a retired minister; he is actively en­
gaged in publishing “The Gathering Call.”
He spent his birthday Tuesday in hard
manual labor, and was not absent from
prayer meetings in the evening. — Riv­
erside Bulletin.

Reporting on his sixty-day inspection
trip of chaplains and chapel facilities in
overseas installations, Ivan L. Bennett,
Chief of Army Chaplains, voiced satisfac­
tion with the Army's program of religious
worship and character guidance as he saw
it in action in Europe and the Far East.
He said, “Army Chaplains are bringing the
message of religion to their people. The
support of the commanders has been excellent. Not only is this evi­
dent in the provision of facilities for the
work of the chaplain but in many in­
stances in the commander's personal at­
tention to religious services.

“The primary purpose of the chap­
laincy is to bring the message of the
churches to military personnel in those
areas where the normal activities of the
church cannot reach.” — Office of Chief
of Chaplains.

A dream of years is coming true for
Dr. George Thorngate and three sons,
who are also doctors. Early in December
Dr. Thorngate and Dr. George (Brier)
Thorngate IV are opening a medical prac­
tice in Monterey, Calif., which will be
a clinic within a short time.

Within several months, Dr. David
Thorngate, now of Cleveland City Hos­
pital, will join them. A third son,
Dr. Stephen Thorngate, who is now an
intern at Minneapolis General Hos­
pital in Minnesota, will eventually also
join the California Thorngate Clinic. The fourth son, Philip, now in college plans to take up medicine and join his family in future years.

Two Seventh Day Baptists were among the five Salem College seniors named recently by President E. Duane Hurley to have their biographies published in this year's edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. These students are Owen Probasco, son of Mrs. John W. Probasco, Shiloh, N. J., and David L. Beebe, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Beebe, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Carraway, Fla. Owen is president of the college student body and a very active student in campus affairs, especially in the music organizations. David is editor of the college newspaper, the Green and White, and is serving the nearby Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church as pastor.

Bible on the Radio
Dr. Francis Carr Stifter of the American Bible Society will be heard on Mondays at 12:45 p.m., EST, beginning December 1 through January 26, over WOR. His themes will be:
December 15—The Bible in American Life
December 22—The Year's Finest Day
December 29—What Shall We Do With New Year's Day
January 5—The Bible in Song and Story
January 12—Japan's Best Seller
January 19—Matching Yourself With the Bible
January 26—The Everlasting "Yes"

Obituaries

Knight. — Charlotte Temple Lippincott, daughter of Elizabeth Babcock and Curtis Lippincott, was born in Logan County, Ohio, on March 14, 1864, and died on November 29, 1932, at Edelestein, Ill. Mrs. Knight was baptized and joined the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1879. In 1883 she married James M. Knight and they moved to Garvin, Iowa. They later moved to Oklahoma City, and to Gentry, Ark. Mrs. Knight was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Gentry until her death.

In October of 1949 she moved to Edelestein, Ill., and has been in poor health since that time. She is survived by a daughter, a sister, two brothers, and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Knight was known affectionately as "Aunt Lottie" to her many friends.

The funeral service was held at Bouton Memorial Home in Princeville on December 2, conducted by Rev. Edward K. Heininger. Burial was in the West Halluc Cemetery. E. K. H.

Lowther. — Eva Elizabeth Willis, daughter of Granville and Mary Margaret Broadwater Willis, was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., March 12, 1872, and passed away at her home near New Milton, W. Va., on November 21, 1952.

She was married to Varnum B. Lowther who preceded her in death, July 1, 1930. She is survived by two sons: Chester W., Minerva, Ohio, and J. H. (Bob), New Milton; two daughters: Mrs. C. T. (Edna) Hyatt, West Union, W. Va., and Mrs. J. E. (Maude) Sutton, Pleasant Grove, Utah; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She came from a Methodist background but turned to keep the Sabbath with her husband and was, for many years, a faithful attendant at the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The funeral service was conducted from the Middle Island Church on November 25 by David L. Beebe, pastor. The body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.

Alexander. — James Stewart, son of John William and Grace Stewart Alexander, was born October 3, 1888, in Yonkers, N. Y., and died November 14, 1952, at his home in Cortland, N. Y.

In September, 1916, he married Miss Abbie Kenyon of Alfred, N. Y., and to this marriage three children were born. Mrs. Alexander died in 1933, and in 1934 James married Mary Poole Gates. He was a member of the University Lodge of Alfred, N. Y. He is survived by his wife, Mary, one daughter, two sons, five grandchildren, three sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Beard Funeral Home in Cortland, N. Y., with Rev. Victor W. Skaggs officiating. Burial was at Alfred, N. Y., following brief Masonic services, with Rev. Hurley S. Warren participating.

V. W. S.

Welcome

"To all who mourn and need comfort — to all who are tired and need rest — to all who are friendless and want friendship — to all who are lonely and want companionship — to all who are homeless and want sheltering love — to all who pray and all who do not but ought — to all who sin and need a Saviour and whosoever will, this church says — WELCOME!" — Denver Bulletin.