shall be offered for you and for all who will share responsibility with you in the executive branches of our government and in Congress. Our prayers will be offered for your health and safety. Even more we shall pray that you may be granted the wisdom and courage to withstand godless tyranny abroad and the threats to personal freedom at home. “We shall pray that you lead us steadfastly and faithfully in the struggle for freedom and dignity among oppressed peoples in many parts of the world. We do not ask that you lead us in an easy way, but that together we may be led into God’s way. For in His way alone can we find the peace and freedom we seek.” — United Presbyterian.

Births

Campbell. — A son, Michael James, to Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, Edgerton, Wis., November 19, 1952.

Apel. — A daughter, Mona Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Addison Apel of Stonefort, Ill., at Haysville, Kans., October 11, 1952.

Warner. — A daughter, Diane Joy, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Warner of Verona, N. Y., January 31, 1953.


Marriages

Coulter-Crandall. — At Wakefield, R. I., in the Baptist Church, February 14, 1953, Lt. Edward Burke Coulter of Alexandria, Va., and Nancy Davis Crandall of Wakefield, R. I., were united in marriage. Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Rockville officiated, assisted by Rev. Ralph H. Lightbody, pastor of the Wakefield Church.

Obituaries

Potter. — Kittle M., widow of Manford O. Potter, and daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. F. O. Burdick, was born June 6, 1878, at Utica, Wis., and died December 26, 1952, at Boulder, Colo. She was married in North Loup, Neb., and moved to Boulder in 1903 where her parents lived. She was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother, a consecrated Christian, and a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Boulder. After the passing of her husband in 1947, she was cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Roy Davis, in whose home she resided. Awaiting her heavenly home, the family offer this tribute: “In the Sweet By and By.” Survivors are a daughter, a son, a brother, eleven grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. A. Davis, from the Howe Moravian Chapel with interment in the Green Mountain Cemetery. L. E. D. Young. — Willard Morris, son of Charles Henry and Addie Stryker Young, was born February 11, 1894, and died October 17, 1952. He is survived by his wife, Elsie, a son, and a daughter. He was a member of the Nile, N. Y., Church.

Cartwright. — Bruce K., adopted son of John I. and the late Cora B. Young Cartwright, was born March 22, 1914, at Alma, N. Y., the son of Frank W. and Mary A. Kimble Omlstead, and passed away December 28, 1952, at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, N. Y. He was married to Ruth A. Buckley on June 30, 1938. To this union were born four children, all of whom survive him. He was a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Besides his children he is survived by his wife, by both his father and adopted father, with whom he lived: also by a sister, a half brother, and two nieces.

Farewell services were conducted by Pastor Paul Osborn of Richburg, N. Y., assisted by Pastor Delmer Van Horn of Little Genesee, N. Y., at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Little Genesee. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery, Little Genesee, on December 31, 1952.

Osborn. — Lettie Palmerton Beebe, daughter of John and Harriet Downing Bickle, was born January 30, 1866, in Sumner, Wis., and passed away quietly in Riverside, Calif., January 33, 1953.

Her early life was spent in Wisconsin where she was married in 1884 to Orville James Palmerton. Two daughters who were born to this union preceded her in death.

In the spring of 1885 she was baptized by Rev. S. H. Babcock and joined the Albion, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church. When she moved to Riverside in 1917 her membership was transferred to the Riverside Church where she has been a faithful worker through the years.

Mr. Palmerton passed away in 1927. In 1930 she married E. S. Beebe who passed away in 1936, and in 1941 she was married to Glen E. Osborn who preceded her in death by only a few months.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was the stepmother of Mrs. Gladys Curtis of Riverside, and Rev. Lester G. Osborn of Ashaway, R. I.

Memorial services were held on January 26 at the Simmons and Co. Funeral Home with Rev. Leon R. Lawson officiating in the absence of her pastor, Rev. Leon M. Mabth. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside.

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“Though he slay me,
yet will I trust in him.”

CONTRASTS

The deeper the darkness,
The brighter the morn;
The spirit’s rare gladness
Of sorrow is born.

The fiercer the tempest,
The sooner the calm;
The sharper a wound,
The more soothing the balm.

The brightest of blossoms
Lie close to the sod;
The lowliest hearts
Are the dearest to God.

The heaviest cross
That to earth bows us down,
If patiently borne,
Wins a glorious crown.

— Herald of Light.
Conference President's Corner

In the act of tearing the month of February off the calendar we come to the sudden realization that the 141st session of our Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, meeting in Battle Creek, Mich., August 18-25, is less than six months away.

Are you planning to be one of several hundred Seventh Day Baptists attending our annual national Conference meetings this year? If you haven't been able to quite make up your mind at this time, I'm sure the more you learn of the Conference plans and program the more certain you'll become that this is a year you must not miss.

Recently I had the opportunity to visit Battle Creek and attend a number of the large Congregational Church plant that is to be Conference headquarters. The spacious facilities there will be adequate to our every need. An interview at the YMCA directly across the street from the Congregational Church gives us assurance of excellent accommodations for the sessions and the program throughout the Conference. Many other restaurants are easily accessible to the headquarters.

Young people interested in Pre-Convention Retreat will be thrilled with the proposed location for it. Visiting the Boy Scout camp on the wooded shore of a lake near Battle Creek, I found myself becoming excited by its possibilities even in the middle of the winter. But even more impressive than the excellent physical arrangements being made for the entertainment of Conference is the enthusiasm in the Battle Creek Church and their efficiency in tackling the job. (The generosity and friendliness of the Congregational and YMCA officials with whom I have spoken speaks eloquently of the high esteem in which our Seventh Day Baptist Church and its people are held in that community.)

In succeeding issues of the Sabbath Recorder we expect to tell you of the rapidly developing plans for supplying the needs of Conference. We're certain that the more you hear of this year's General Conference the more determined you will be to join the Seventh Day Baptist family next August. Elmo Fitz Randolph.

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MEMORY TEXT

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's." Matt. 22: 21.

The Psalmist's Prayer

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Amen. Psalm 51: 1, 2.

BIBLE CHARACTERS

Our concordance is not an exhaustive one, but as far as we can find Onesiphorus is mentioned only once in the Bible. Paul speaks of him in his letter to Timothy and prays God's mercy upon his household saying, "For he hath refreshed me, and was not afraid of my chains." How welcome to Paul must have been the visits of friends when he was a prisoner at Rome; bound chains to a Roman centurion, day or night, and the company of a friend and fellow Christian must have been very comforting. Paul says of Onesiphorus that he had previously ministered unto him during his stay at Ephesus as well.

How much the ministry of friends means to those in trouble and sorrow, to the heavy-burdened and the lonely. It is a ministry richly blessed both now and hereafter.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25: 36, 40.

CONSIDER THE OLDER WORSHIPERS

In various parts of the country new housing projects are including specially equipped apartments for elderly people. The dwellings are designed without stairs, but holds to trip, over, with non-slip floors, and with color schemes that are easy on the eye. The idea was developed by elderly worshipers. Most of our street entrances still can be reached only by climbing up icy steps, and there are all kinds of hazards and handicaps in many churches that only the nimble can surmount. We provide sound-proofing for the hearing-impaired, but we often forget the needs of those faithful older members, who somehow manage to be regular at worship when the storms and delays keep younger folks away.

Now that our new churches are planned to be more comfortable, perhaps building committees can do more for our aged members than to provide hearing aids during services. And not only the aged but others who must use crutches or wheel chairs should be considered. For those who are in any way handicapped are most conscious of their need of church service. And the church ought to use every available means to make their visits convenient and safe. — Gospel Messenger.

ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT

It was announced recently by the Alfred University School of Theology that an archeological exhibit in the Biblical city of Mizpah will shortly be on display under the supervision of Professor Loyal F. Hurley and his class in New Testament introduction.

The exhibit is from the Palestine Institute of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., and was planned through Dr. Wayne R. Rood, former member of the Alfred faculty.

An expedition to Palestine working from 1926 to 1933 brought back a large number of objects from its excavations at Mizpah, part of which is now loaned to Alfred. The collection includes coins, a jar handle, a metal incense holder, a bronze or similar metal, a foot-scraper of lava, various lamps in use during different periods of Biblical history, and pictures of the excavation site.

Professor Hurley's class is studying the material and arranging it for display at the Gothic, Exhibition. Dates will be announced later. — Release.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For March 21, 1953

Not only do we tend to forget that worship is directed toward the Person of God, but we even seem sometimes to think that it is directed toward the persons of the congregation. One recent writer has depicted a stranger coming into the average village church service. The visitor enters a building which has no focal point or symbol suggesting God to either the eye or the mind. The most obvious object in sight is a row of organ pipes or an elaborate throne for the minister. As the service proceeds, the visitor discovers that everything that is being said seems to be directed to him as a member of the congregation. Not only is the sermon an attempt to edify him and the Scripture lesson to teach him (which is reasonable enough), but — being a person of some acumen — he notes that the hymns are intended to do something subjective, feelings or to stimulate him to good behavior, that the creed is not the battle cry of enthusiastic believers in an unbelieving world, but a means of indoctrinating him. The choir is singing, he suspects, not to please God but to entertain him and to win his approval for their splendid talent. The collection is obviously an effort to get more of his money. Everything has long been composed with the idea of teaching him something he ought to know rather than to present his education and his petition to his Deity.

Church services are very needful, but do they make God very real and near to us, or are they merely a matter of ritual and formalism?

The early Hebrew had a concept of God, and like the other early peoples that worshiped a deity, he believed that God "refilled" his offering with blessing. The prophet Amos cried out against this practice: "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Yes, though you offer me your burnt-offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts, when you take away from me the noise of thy songs: for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." (Amos 5: 21-24.)

Another great prophet, Isaiah, cried forth to the people. Isaiah lived at a time when his nation was in utter despair. He had seen the law fall! He had seen the temple destroyed! He had seen the people carried away captive. And in his agony, he cried out.

Placing trust in all these things is vain. God is personal! He dwells here within my heart. My devotion to Him is a personal thing. I, and I alone, can be held responsible for my wrongdoings. The worship of God must start within my heart.

God is not confined to one spot. He lives within each person, and it is there that one must first search for Him. The Hebrew sought God in his ritual and sacrifice, and today people search for God and His will for them. How can we find God, and what He desires of us? We have many denominational bodies and sects. Each has its own theological doctrines and forms of worship. This is, I believe, true freedom of worship. But there is a great teaching in the Book of Micah, that brings us to the real heart of the relation between God and man. I find I believe that everyone in his search for God, and God's will for him, could do well to follow this teaching. My Christian friends may ask you to look up this passage of Scripture and read it, adapt your lives and thoughts to its practice.

"Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah, and bow myself before the High God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? will Jehovah be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God." Micah 6: 6-8.

Jesus Christ placed a crown upon this teaching. He taught us to live the life that He did, and by the things that He taught. Let us pray that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Darrell Barber.

The First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized in 1833, and the present house of worship was erected in 1869. In 1922, through the efforts of the Christian Endeavor Society, a parish house was built. This building serves well in the community, and it is used at present time for all church and community activities, including the grange.

The first pastor of the church was Elder Robert Lock; the present pastor, Darrell Barber. The Hebron Church is quite active in the community, and it takes an interest in all community affairs. — D. B.

GOD LIMITED BY MAN'S LACK OF CONSECRATION

(Given at the morning service at Riverdale, Gallif., Feb. 7, 1931, by Paul R. Crandall, church treasurer.)

We say that God is omnipotent, all-powerful, and rightly so, and yet I submit to you that there are certain things which God, by His very nature, cannot do. Think that through with me for a moment. God is Love, and therefore He is incapable of performing any act which would come into conflict with love, pure and undefiled. God cannot compel the obedience of His creatures. Love is a commandment for disobedience, but in His infinite wisdom He has given us the privilege of free choice and He cannot, without changing His plan of salvation, limit that freedom.

Another thing that God cannot do, as I see it, is to use, at least to the fullest extent, the gifts of the individual when they are not freely given. Our tithes and offerings on the collection plate are to Him, not so many dollars, but rather the measure of our devotion to His Cause. Because after all, it is devotion rather than dollars which He can use to extend His Kingdom. Many rich people put it in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And He made to the disciples to him, and said to them, Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their
abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything that she had, her whole living:"

The statement is plain — her penny was worth more than all the dollars of the rich people, because it was truly a gift of love.

Again, consider the feeding of the five thousand, and let me be a little bit imaginative and fill in a background for John's account of it. You may read it in John 6: 5-13. Jesus, looking over the great crowd that followed Him said to Philip, "How shall we feed all these people?"

But He said it only to test Philip, for He Himself knew what He would do. How did He do it? He had already seen a boy in the crowd who had a lunch with him, and looking into the boy's heart Jesus knew He would be willing, nay, glad to share his loaves and fishes with those who had none. Does any one of you believe that, if the boy had been unwilling to share, Jesus could have used his lunch to feed the multitude, with twelve baskets of food left over?

And so, it seems to me, the problem of church finances must always rest with each individual member. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 9, beginning with the 6th verse, "The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he himself has decided, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness." Not how much, but how sincerely it is given, is the test of the giving, not what this gift means for the church, and every church, can accomplish in His Name.

ATTENTION

The date set for Sabbath Rally Day is Sabbath day, May 16, 1953.
prelude to postlude the service followed
the usual order, and the dignity of our
service which we all appreciate was not
sacrificed in the hands of these young
people. Our pastor was an interested
listener in the pew with his family.

On Sunday night, February 15, the
young people were hosts at our church
family get-together. This was a huge
birthday party with birthday cake for each
table and plenty of ice cream. Dr. David
Cohen was guest artist demonstrating the
power of memory and mental skills.

Other occurrences of recent weeks have
been the usual happy Christmas events
connected with the services of the church;
the observance of the Week of Prayer in
union with other city churches; and a
banquet attended by men of the local
churches in celebration of Brotherhood
Week.

We are looking forward to union Lenten
services. On April 2, our choir will render
"The Crucifixion" by Stainer. Pastor Bond
has announced the following Lenten ser-
mon topics beginning February 21.

February 21: Pilate: "The Coward"
February 28: Unknown Soldier: "The Call
Answered"
March 7: The Crowd: "Meet the Critics"
March 14: Robber: "The Unbelieving
Criminal"
March 21: Robber: "The Believing
Criminal"
March 28: Joseph: "The Secret Follower"
April 4: (Easter) "Darkness to Dawning"

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 lenging and if it is taken seriously by
each member of the church, we should
not only keep our beautiful church in
finest condition, but should enlarge the
working units to accommodate an ever-
growing membership. Dreams can come
ture. — Mary Alice Loofboro.

ATTENTION
A real opportunity for a doctor is
the opening in New Auburn, Wis. Write
Rev. S. Clarke of that address for
details.

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