Callie Angeline Prentice, daughter of William A. and Calphurna Babcock Prentice, was born at Berlin, Wis., December 4, 1872.

When eight months old, she with her parents moved to North Loup, Neb. At the age of eighteen years she took Jesus as her Saviour, was baptized, and became a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

December 4, 1893, she married John J. Abbey of Lexington, Pa., and they made their home at Erie, Pa., until March, 1903, when she returned to North Loup with her invalid husband, who died in 1912. After the death of Mr. Abbey she attended Alfred University for a short time, taking special training to fit herself for the ministry, later attending the Methodist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill.

In 1919 she entered the Minneapolis Nurses' Training School of Practical Nursing, Minneapolis, Minn., from which she was graduated three years later.

In 1919 she was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry at Dodge Center, Minn., after which she served several churches as pastor. Some time before she had been ordained deaconess and had served several groups and small churches as missionary pastor.

On September 2, 1923, she became the wife of D. S. Allen of Port La Vacca, Tex., the wedding ceremony taking place at the old home in North Loup, Rev. Herbert Polan officiating.

After her second marriage she moved to Fouke, Ark., where she served the Fouke Church as pastor, and as a teacher in the school for three years.

In 1926 she organized the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Edinburg. Later that same year she accepted the call of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on Sabbath afternoon, April 11, 1933, by Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of the bride.

Mrs. Allen was active in social affairs, church work, Women's Benevolent Society, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She served as president of the Edinburg unit of the W.C.T.U. for two terms, and for three years as district president over an area which covered thirteen Texas counties.

She had served as keyworker for lone Sabbathkeepers for many years, contacting by letter or personal visit many lone Sabbathkeepers throughout the denomination. She suffered a stroke of paralysis April 16, and passed away at Grandview Hospital, Edinburg, April 14, at the age of 80 years, 4 months, and 10 days.

Mrs. Allen's surviving relatives are: a brother, Deacon A. L. Prentice of Nortonville, Kan.; a sister, Mrs. Elaine Prentice Boehler of Edinburg; also five nieces and two nephews of whom only one nephew, J. Robert Boehler, resides at Edinburg. She also leaves many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was conducted by her pastor, James M. Mitchell, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Edinburg, Thursday, April 16. A second service, conducted by Rev. F. D. Saunders, was held Sunday, April 19, in the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church and burial was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup, Neb. — Elaine Prentice Boehler.

It becomes no man to nurse despair,
But in the teeth of clenched antagonisms
To follow up the worthiest till he die.
— Tennyson.

Marriages

Hulet - Knowles. — Mike Lincoln Hulet and Barbara Louise Knowles of Westerly, R. I., were united in marriage at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on Sabbath afternoon, April 11, 1953, by Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of the bride.

Obituaries

Shaw. — Dana L., son of Amos Anthony and Joanna Ryno Shaw, was born in Alfred, N. Y., September 29, 1879, and passed away unexpectedly at his home in Hornell, N. Y., December 4, 1952.

He was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred.

He retired in 1946 after 50 years in the jewelry business in Alfred.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sada B. Shaw; a sister, Mrs. Laura Chamberlain of Alfred; a brother, Leon I., of Santa Monica, Calif.; two stepsons, and other relatives.

Memorial services were held on Sabbath afternoon, December 6, at the Grandall Funeral Home, Hornell, with Rev. John Purlong, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church, Hornell, of which Mrs. Shaw is a member, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

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Protestant Christianity is making rapid headway in Brazil according to census figures.

In the 1930 census, 69,527 Brazilians described themselves as evangelicals, but in 1950 the figure was 1,657,524, and today the evangelical constituency has passed the 2,000,000 mark.

Evangelicals have increased 300% in 20 years, according to population figures. Brazilian Baptists reported 10,000 baptisms last year, a ratio of one to each 12 members. —Watchman Examiner.

Pastors Indicted, or Churches?

"There is something wrong with our pastor," is the unguarded or possibly malicious statement of someone in your church, no doubt. A few years ago a representative of one of our major boards visited all but six of our churches. It was not his purpose to check upon the pastors or the people, but he reported at the recent Ministers' Conference that in all but two of these churches he had heard criticisms of the pastor. If he had visited the other six churches it is possible that in one of them he might have heard criticism. That would make only three employed ministers above criticism in their parishes. But perhaps if the visitor had tarried longer in those two churches he would have heard criticism in one of them. Shall we conclude that there are only two Seventh Day Baptist ministers in America who are entirely above reproach and are doing a really satisfactory work in their churches? If so, we had better fold up and join some other denomination where we may suppose the pastors are more golden and the pastures more green.

Some of us have read more church history than others. There was once a wonderful, Bible-taught, weedy-grown man, John, who served in Antioch and Constantinople in a most effective way. His last name is forgotten; he is remembered only as John the Acts (Apostle, Chrysostom (Greek)). He died about A.D. 400. Basing it from his parish by his critics.

We purposely omit the name of the Alfred speaker. We do not want him deluged with letters from all but eight of our church members and all those that have not. And please do not ask us who those two "perfect" men are; we don't know.

There is more than a suspicion that they might be in two of our lesser churches. Certainly much criticism of pastors is not ill-founded and is not malicious. The man who dropped that charge African said to challenge all pastors to do better and be better.

Pastors need to put on the shoe that fits.

When criticism of the pastor exists in new areas, we must examine the considerable question of who is more seriously indicted in this court, the pastors or the churches. It is lawful for you to criticize your pastor in every lawful way. It is not always expert. It has often been remarked that the cemeteries are full of people who had the right of way. Our denominations have experienced an burying ground where lie the unmarked graves of many churches that passed away for want of pastors. Unbridled criticism may have been a contributing cause in many of those deaths.

Pastors are human and therefore subject to criticism. Pastors are human and therefore sometimes sickened by criticism. Pastors serve with thick skins and with tender hearts feeling that God has called and that God rewards. One of the greatest human rewards is the love and loyalty they do in the profession. If this is unjustly withdrawn from a pastor, and if it is not expressed in reasonable financial support, then it is no great wonder that some of our pastors are attracted by other Christian work which may lack the love and loyalty but also lacks the criticism.

If 90 per cent of our churches are criticizing their pastors before strangers, what are you doing in church? Are you in front of the children who are the potential pastors of the next generation? Let us not poison the stream at its fountain.

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Quitting School

We honor our high school graduates and well we may. Completion of high school is certainly an important in our education, but only a milestone. It is with some alarm that we read that even in a progressive state like New York, 46% of the youth who enter high school fail to finish. Low intelligence stands first on the list of eight reasons given by more than half of the principals. Parental attitudes and home influence are also in that list, as well as the lack of a job. Would someone like to make a survey of Seventh Day Baptist students? We know from personal experience that there is a direct relation between a new life in Christ and better grades in school. It is time for parents to realize that they cannot have average religious and moral standards in the home and expect their children to be very far above average in school.

High cost missions

How much does it cost to send out and maintain missionaries? From figures reported by the Missionary Research Library we gather that it costs some denominations much more than others. The so-called faith missions which are, for the most part, undenominational seem to have the lowest cost per missionary. They had in all, last year, 3,081 workers on the foreign field at a cost of $4,916,924, which figures about $1,600 per missionary. At the other extreme of cost are the Seventh Day Adventists who have 1,107 missionaries at an expenditure of $15,784,137, or a per capita cost of $12,451. For a closer comparison it is noted that the Presbyterian, U.S.A., Church has 1,176 at a per capita expense of $5,642. The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association with 2,650 workers spends at the rate of $3,730 per person. The Methodist cost is $5,890 each.

In this source no figures are given for Seventh Day Baptists, but frequently we hear Adventists tell with pride that they have a larger foreign missions budget than any other denomination. Certainly a figure of closely 14 million dollars reflect great consecration on the part of the people. We may well ask, however, why it costs them more than twice as much as any other denomination to keep a worker on the field? It is probably that they do not feel the need of economy as other boards do. We cannot answer the question, but from first-hand information we know that in Nyasaland our mission station was built for less than half of what it cost the sister denomination to build one of similar size and effectiveness. We do know, however, that the funds produce, "some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred." (Mark 4:20)
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O. B. BOND ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Already reported in these pages (May 11) was the service of consecration for Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond at Westerly, R. I., April 25. The following Sabbath, in connection with the semiannual meeting of the West Virginia churches at Salem, W. Va., Mr. Bond was called to ordination by the Lost Creek Church.

The nature of the work in Jamaica is such that an ordained man can do much more effective work. Although the primary responsibility of the Bonds will be at Cranford High School he will be expected to have supervision of some of the churches on the island. Some years ago his home church licensed him to preach. Ordination before departing for the field is a missionary.

Rev. Everett T. Harris

TITHING OR TIPPING

One who travels these days is apt to be impressed by the prevalence of the practice of tipping if one wants prompt and courteous service from porters, waiters, elevator boys, or taxi drivers. Though he may despise the system, he is under pressure to tip or be snubbed and neglected.

Thinking on these things, it cannot help but wonder if the people are letting this tipping practice extend almost unconsciously into our church and Sabbath school giving. There seems to be so little radiant joy in giving, so little humility or the sense of awe as we make an offering to the God of the universe. We remember that Jesus stood over against the treasury and watched how the people gave. What would He think of us if He did that in our churches today? Thinking of these things one day, the writer observed a full-grown man drop a piece of money on the plate in such a way as to make quite a noise. He wondered if God was impressed. Somehow that man ought to be made to feel something of the awe and reverence of the ancient Hebrew as he placed a lamb upon the altar as an offering. Could he feel a sense of standing before the great throne of God? Did he give down a fifty-cent piece? Somehow we must instill in our people a sense of the privilege it is to make an offering to the God of life. Whether it is giving about the making service or the Sabbath school hour, receiving the offering of the people should never be a perfunctory matter. The gift represents a little bit of our love that can be poured over ages and build up a rich storehouse. It well represents bread and meat, bringing life to the receiver in some faraway place. Let the giving of it be done with dignity and reverence.

Tithing or Tipping

Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, president of General Conference, gave the charge to the candidate and the church. Rev. Everett T. Harris, missionary secretary, gave the call to the mission field. Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Rev. Loyal F. Harris represented the theological seminary, with the latter giving the consecrating prayer. Doctor S. O. Bond, retired president of Salem College, also gave the service along with other West Virginia ministers. All the churches of the Southeastern Association were invited to send delegates. There were visiting brethren from as far west as California.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bond will replace Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills who will return to the Homer, Ohio, church. Rev. Mr. Mills has accepted the position of secretary of the Board of Christian Education with his duties beginning next fall.

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Who's Coming to Conference?

The housing committee of General Conference is making plans for entertaining guests. As soon as possible, will you write for particulars. As far as possible we want to entertain in homes but if you wish to have motel, motel rooms are available. If you desire a hotel room, please correspond with the chairman—Mrs. John Cornish, 492 Emmet Street, Battle Creek, Mich.

BARRA VISITS CHURCHES

Reports coming in through the press, church correspondents, and personal contacts invariably point to the good reception that Missionary Barrar earns for himself in his public and private contacts with our churches. By arrangement of Secretary Harris he has visited Ashaway, Westerly, Plainfield, Alfred, Battle Creek, North Loph, and Denver and is now spending some time in California. It is expected that he will leave California by a plane on or about June 14 and will be at Milton on June 20.

His itinerary as scheduled calls for attendance at the Wisconsin semiannual meeting July 4-6 at Milwaukee. Later, from June 19-28, brief stops at Chicago, Little Genese, Adams Center, Verona, Berlin, and Scheectady with a possible appearance at Brookfield or De Ruyter. He will return to the conference later, giving its appearance at the Western Zone for interchurch aid.

The Evangelical Church organizations in East Germany are experiencing increasing difficulties with the Red regime which seems to be bent on keeping the Church from having any influence on the youth. More than fifty church workers have recently been imprisoned, and church charitable institutions have been brutally confiscated. It is now almost impossible to get clothing, medical relief gifts to the Eastern Zone for interchurch aid. Evangelism, Bible study, and the time-honored Mission Congress are forbidden according to the Bishop of Saxony.—EPS.

NAE Convention

The eleventh annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 14-17. A great representative host crowded the ballroom and lunch rooms during the day sessions and the Taft Auditorium in the evening. The association has achieved a remarkable maturity. On Wednesday evening, when Evangelist Billy Graham was the speaker, quite a sensation was caused over the conversion of M. C. Martin, television star. He announced the following morning over WLW's breakfast party that he was leaving "the whole world of secular television."—Watchman Examiner.

Milton Commencement

June 5—Friday evening, baccalaureate service; June 6—Saturday evening, 1st performance of "Twelfth Night"; June 7—Sunday afternoon, Shakespearean review; Sunday evening, 2nd performance of "Twelfth Night"; Monday morning, music program; Monday evening, alumni banquet; June 9—Tuesday morning, commencement.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The two-year-old National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. ended its second year with all its bills paid, reported its general undesignated income had nearly doubled in two years, and began its third year with an operating budget of $98,000. Because of the heavy load of business since its first brief meetings in Denver last December, the General Board for the first time will hold sessions covering two days, January 27 and 28.—National Council News.

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FURTHER REPORT OF MINISTERS’ CONFERENCE

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” (Ps. 133:1).

That sentiment was deeply felt by the brethren who gathered at Alfred, May 4-7. They did not literally dwell together because they were entertained in various homes, and the time seemed too short to be called dwelling. In a greatly foreshortened sense we were like Abraham, sojourners. It is possible that the shortness of the time available for discussion of specific phases or the general subject of the conference may have helped to preserve the unity. Longer discussion might have brought out sharper differences of opinion or it might have resolved some of them. The latter must have been the general expectation, for the close of the conference may have helped to form that they were too quiet, they didn’t talk enough. Mr. Hurley remarked: “Shall we fold, or unfold?” Another challenge was mentioned as coming from a “prayer group in New Jersey which has printed the story of Seventh Day Baptists to challenge their own people.” Mr. Hurley concluded in words like these: “When a sour crab apple tree starts to say it is going to produce delicious apples, that is no good, but a graft will make all the difference in the world. When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, we will not have to try to produce the fruits of the Spirit. Then the Holy Spirit will produce His own fruits. Did this Ministers’ Conference bring any such challenge to you?”

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Central—June 2-7
Brookfield, N. Y.

Eastern—June 1-14
Westerly, R. I.

Western—June 19-21
Nile, N. Y. (Friendship Church)
Southeastern—June 26-28
Lost Creek, W. Va.

JUNE IS BUDGET MONTH

Next week’s Recorder will feature on the cover the Conference theme, “Yoked for Life in Christ,” and will emphasize the call of our new executive secretary to make an all-out effort to bring up our denominational giving. Our whole work suffers if the budget suffers. All Seventh Day Baptists should be receiving letters in regard to our work very soon. Let us read and act!

ANOTHER REDSKIN

We have come a long way, but a shamefully slow way, since these words were first spoken, “Another Redskin bit the dust.” In New Mexico, “the land of enchantment,” and in Arizona live the Navaho Indians spread out over a vast and nonproductive land. Some of the children of this tribe are transported for education to a government school at Riverside, Calif. Some others get a little education on the reservations. Anyone traveling through those sparsely settled regions with the Navahos have clung to their tribal language. We have friends who have been missionaries among them.

Another Redskin is not going to bite the dust; he is going to eat the Bread of Life. He is not going to die; he is going to live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” And in other words, after these many years the Navahos are about to get the Bible in their own language. The first hand-bound copy of a manuscript of the New Testament was ceremoniously presented recently to the American Bible Society by Mrs. Karl Dalton, Navaho, who flew to New York for the occasion. It was in 1910 that missionaries reduced the language to writing. It has taken forty-three years to bring this New Testament to the eye of publication. We have been slow, painfully slow, in bringing the Word to our brethren in their own language. But the reduction of a language, translation, and teaching to read are necessarily painfully slow.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 13, 1953

The British reformed Christian Liberty Lesson Scripture: Galatians 2: 1-10, 19-21
served the evening meal at the all-church social on May 9. The program was arranged by Dr. B. F. Johanson.

May 9 was made memorable by the visit of Rev. Ronald Barrar of the Nyasaland mission. He gave the morning sermon and the Berean Hour study, and answered many questions. In a simple, unassuming way he told of the amazing progress made in the area during the last five years. It was truly thrilling to hear what great things can be done, as Paul would say, "Through Christ which strengtheneth me." The Nyasaland booklet is full of information. - Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The Boosters class held its spring Retreat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Rev. Stanley Bean, pastor of the Durhamville Baptist Church, was speaker Friday evening on the theme of the Retreat, "Let Your Light Shine." All attended the Sabbath morning service at Churchville, being joined for dinner by the Helpers class. Both classes joined in the discussion groups of the afternoon. Miss Esther Burdick of Syracuse led the group on "Christian Social Service"; Mr. and Mrs. Garth Warner led the group on "Evangelism"; and Mrs. George Davis, the one on "Service Within the Church." Discussion groups were continued on Sunday, following which the class held a business meeting and adopted many of the recommendations that were presented. The Retreat closed with a Communion service conducted by Pastor Skaggs.

Melinda Mallison has been announced winner of an 8-week contest held in her junior Sabbath school class. A young people's party was given in her honor. The contest was conducted by the teacher of the class, Mrs. Mayola Warner, who is also superintendent of the junior Sabbath school. New contests for the juniors and other classes are now being planned. It is the junior superintendent's hope and prayer that this plan of Christian education will add greatly to the interest of the children as they seek to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

When decency should protest, silence is sin. — Hudson News Letter.

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Births

Barber — A son, Everett Loyal, to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell D. Barber, Coudersport, Pa., on May 15, 1953.

Neff — A son, Peter Jonathan, to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Neff (Ruth Sweeney) of Niantic, Conn., on May 6, 1953.

Obituaries

Loofboro. — Wade, 84, was born in Welton, Iowa, September 15, 1868, the son of John and Susan Loofboro, and died at the Beecher Convalescent Home, Janesville, Wis., April 11, 1953. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Loofboro was a faithful member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church. The devotion of his family to the church is outward evidence of his loyalty as a father. Mr. and Mrs. Loofboro celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 22, 1943. Mrs. Loofboro died the following year.

He is survived by two sons, Howard of Edgerton, and Wesley of Milton Junction; three brothers: Dr. Earl of Janesville, Rev. Eli of Western, R. L., and Elmer of Albion; and one sister, Mrs. Alice Burdick of Milton. There are five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Kenneth E. Smith officiating. Burial was in the Milton Junction Cemetery. K. E. S.

WANTED — Woman, preferably Sabbath keeper, to assist in small nursing home. No laundry or heavy cleaning. Good wages and pleasant family association. Burns Nursing Home, Gallupville, N. Y.