There was a heartening attendance throughout, and especially at the Sabbath morning service. Deep and lasting are the spiritual blessings received at these augmented fellowships.

April 23 was observed as Stewardship Sabbath. The recent showing in the Sabbath school hour of the colored slides from Jamaica taken by Miss Jacqueline Wells brought an upsurge of interest in that field — the beauty of the place and solidarity of the work. Temperance was stressed the last Sabbath of April. That evening, as a fitting close to an eventful month, the Moody Science film, "The Stones Cry Out," was shown. Wonderful corroboration of the truth of God's Word! A good attendance was reported for such a stormy night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Crandall of Battle Creek, Mich., are now residing in El Monte, Calif. We are pleased that they attend church here in Riverside part of the time and also share the blessing of their fellowship with our sister church in Los Angeles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crandall are enthusiastically interested in Lone Bathkeepers. They are doing a good correspondence work with them.

Schenectady, N. Y. — Several months have already passed since we have secured a pastor and we feel that we have been going forward. We have secured a plot for our new church and hope to get work done on it very soon. On Sabbath, April 30, we had a consecration service for our new elders and deacons but were sorry to learn that one of our candidates as elder, Arthur Burns, could not be with us because of a knee injury. However, Maurice L. Moore was made elder and Gordon Kille and Eugene Fatato were ordained as deacons.

Secretary Leon Malby was here and assisted Pastors Maxson and Barber in the service. We were happy to have the Berlin Church folks unite with us for the service. A dinner was served by the ladies of both churches and the fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. — Mrs. M. L. Moore, Secretary.

"Solomon was a guidepost, rather than an example. He pointed the way to wisdom, but in the latter part of his life he did not walk in it; hence his son, Rehoboam, followed his example, rather than his counsels, and became a foolish and evil ruler." — H. Halley.

THE BIBLE IN VETERANS HOSPITALS

It is well to remember with flowers our well-sung departed heroes. Let us not forget our ministry to the unsung living still in the hospitals of the land.

MEMORIAL DAY

From out our crowded calendar
One day we pluck to give;
It is the day the dying pause
To honor those who live.

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Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day

Before this issue reaches many of its readers a special national day of increasing significance, Armed Forces Day (May 21), will have passed. Another holiday which holds onto our hearts with tight-clinging tendrils of sentiment and love, Memorial Day, will be just ahead of us.

Armed Forces Day has been duly publicized. We can add nothing more of value to the popularizing of patriotism. The fact that your editor is a frequent wearer of the uniform in his capacity as a Reserve, an experience which makes him, with considerable interest the news about military preparedness. He trusts that it does not disqualify him from being reasonably objective in such matters. This objectivity was tested in Washington recently when the Associated Church Press listened to what amounted to a debate between the Defense Department and John Swomley, executive secretary of the National Council Against Conscription.

Mr. Swomley, at least, spoke from cards as if he were debating. Arguing against the large reserve force now incorporated in Congress, he asserted that in Korea we never had more than 250,000 troops. For a small war within he made his point, but for a large atomic war we would need them. In that connection it is interesting to read that our country is trying to maintain a larger force than ever before. It is probable that in the event of trouble our soldiers would feel their numbers pitifully small. The experience of the last few years would indicate how much our anti-Christian adversaries can only negotiate peace from a position of strength. We do not profess to know just how many men our nation should prepare for a "peace police" force.

Decoration Day has a backward rather than a forward look. We do not honor our dead by shaking the earth of their graves with the rumbling read of mighty tanks. Love and patriotism take more quiet forms. Even the military music of the bugle fire in the cemetery seem a little jarring to our finer sensibilities. Here the military dead are traditionally honored by crisp new flags which replace the tattered ones of the year before. Here soldiers and sailors who survived the rigors of war lie buried among other members of their families.

Repatriated bones from temporary foreign graves hold onto our hearts with tight-clinging tendrils of sentiment and love, Memorial Day, will be just ahead of us.

If we have no time for the past and its memories the future will have no honor for us. Only with God is love undiluted with human weakness. Because of His love for a Suffered Son and an empty tomb, we who honor our dead trust the living One and look for a bright tomorrow.

View from Mount Brumbaugh

The thirty and more ministers assembled at Salemville, Pa., May 9-12, perhaps ascended more than one spiritual mountain during the three days of the conference. There was, however, one half-hour that will be long remembered, both physically and spiritually. On Wednesday morning the clouds that had covered the view in the evening the day before had cleared away. Now half the ministers of our denomination were worshiping, all eyes were turned toward the farm lands and villages miles wide, known as Morrison's Cove. As they ascended the mountain a great view opened up which replaced the tattered ones of the year before. Here soldiers and sailors who

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Tiny Salemville with its one store and three churches snuggled close to the mountain on our right. New Enterprise lay a few miles in front of us. Beyond was a gap in the opposite mountains where a stream flowed through to join larger streams in other valleys.

Our wooded mountain was not one of the thousand hills that the Lord mentioned as belonging to the Lord. The cattle entrusted to the care of a thousand industrious dairymen were grazing the pastures of the more level land of the cove below us. All were too far away to be seen distinctly. We were alone with God except for the few passing cars.

This was missionary day at the conference. Secretary Everett Harris had just come from his office in Westerly, R. I., and had presented mountain views of a few miles in front of us. Beyond was a gap in the opposite mountains where a stream flowed through to join larger streams in other valleys.

We believe that every church member needs a wider view of the plan of God for his life, for his church, for his praying, his giving. Questions as to what is home missions or foreign missions, a wider view and a longer look will not only benefit the work, it will tone up our love and cause us to grow.

A Church in a Day. Sixty Baptist laymen and preachers met in one day at Waverly, Ohio. They started at 7:30 a.m.; at nightfall they turned on the lights in the building. — The Baptist World.
SECRETARY'S COLUMN

One fact with regard to our monthly budget giving, as reflected elsewhere in this issue, which becomes evident only when we compare results from month to month, is that we are giving approximately 80% of our budget requirements. There have been months during the current Conference year when it fell below 60%, and there was one month when it rose to 100%. April giving was just under 80% of monthly requirements, and the average for the seven months which have passed is approximately 84%.

This can mean one of several things. One possibility is that we are only 80% as enthusiastic as we should be about carrying forward God’s work. Or it can mean that only four fifths of us have the ardor which we should have for this important task. Are we only four-fifths Seventh Day Baptists?

A third possibility, of course, might be that our budget is too big for us. This would hardly seem to be the case when there are so many calls that come to us continuously which we have not written into the budget—Nigeria, Brazil, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, to name but a few. Further evidence against this latter assumption is that when some special need arises, such as purchase of the property in Naysland, or supplying of refrigerators to our workers in Jamaica, there seems to be no difficulty in meeting these calls. Rather it would appear that we may be too small for our budget instead of the budget being too big for us.

The expenses of most of our agencies recur to a great extent monthly. It is monthly giving that enables these agencies to meet payrolls and other periodic expenses.

We are coming to a greater awareness of our financial responsibility for God’s work. Giving is consistently higher than it was last year or other previous years.

Several churches have clearly demonstrated that this superficial practice found in some lay visitation does not incriminate genuine personal witnessing by consistent Christians. Personal witnessing is deeply rooted in New Testament example and precept. Moreover, it is an indispensable method for today. There is no element in the evangelistic method more urgently and generally needed by both evangelical churches than this. The lack of it has caused many churches to fail completely in their soul-winning missions. But this method, when used alone, and apart from revivalism, becomes a half answer—-a substitute for the whole. Lay evangelistic visitation becomes spiritually and when used in congregations which do not have virile evangelistic preaching and Spirit-filled revivals.

—Bible Advocate.

COLOMBIAN PERSECUTION CONTINUES

Conflicting reports are abroad concerning the persecution of Protestants in Colombia. We get the impression from some that Catholic fanaticism has been curbed and that the government is giving Protestants some equality of rights. The probable truth is that those who live under this totalitarian system live in uncertainty from day to day.

Here is a partial picture from a letter sent out March 21 by Miss Mary Vicinus, a Baptist missionary supported on a faith basis at Bogota. (Miss Vicinus is well known for quite a number of Seventh Day Baptist churches in the East.)

"The two evangelical schools for Colombia children that I told you were closed, were opened and closed again. Now there is a new accredire that would close 50 per cent of the evangelical schools. That would be a terrific blow to the Gospel. A Christian lawyer is going to take it before the authorities. Please pray that the year will endure." The

Miss Vicinus expresses great joy that visas have finally been granted, for a couple to assist in the work in Bogota. It required more than 50 visits to the government official to secure the visa.

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Our future in the stars

Few people with good sense or Christian training take any stock in astrology. Nevertheless a few minutes’ study of the stars (asterisks) on the back page of this issue of the Sabbath Recorder will unfold the future of the Seventh Day Baptists designation—the immediate future. As you read these stars you will know what you and your church have done and what may happen in the next few months.

Secretary Crofoot presents a challenging analysis of the budget figures. Don’t neglect to read his column. We would only, in addition, call attention to the stars in the two columns of receipts on the back page. We would ask you also to look up the Recorders for April 18 and March 21 for further comparisons. At the close of February 9 churches had equalled or exceeded their suggested goal for that month. Fourteen churches were above or exceeded their 5-month goal. Now we notice that April giving and 18 are ahead of unrealistic. Churches starred in the second column sent in nothing during April. It could be more than $292.75 per month in order to get a star. We do not know the relative slow awakening to their financial responsibilities throughout the nation. It is apparent, Seventh Day Baptists?

"What will the stars tell us next month about the future of the work which we as a people have voted to undertake?"

OMISSION

The credit line “Review and Herald” was unintentionally omitted at the end of the article “Strange Use of Sabbath Text” on page 268, of this May 16th issue. Chaplain Bergherm was a Seventh Day Adventist chaplain and former missionary for that denomination in the Philippines.

MEMORY TEXT

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38-39.
JUNE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Central Association meets with the Verona, N. Y., Church June 2-5 with Burrit B. Cranford as moderator. Details of the program are not available but it will be observed that this central and northern New York group of churches is venturing a long session (beginning Thursday evening) to pioneer the idea of associational workshops which has been suggested in case the General Conference should decide to hold biennial instead of annual sessions.

Eastern Association, which takes in the Seventh Day Baptist churches of New England and New Jersey, meets with the Marlboro, N. J., Church, Friday through Sunday, June 10-12. Jonathan Davis is the moderator.

Western Association, composed of a compact group of churches in western New York and northern Pennsylvania, meets with the Little Genesee, N. Y., Church the third weekend of the month with Donald S. Pierce of Alfred Station as moderator. The meetings, we understand, will be held for the youth at Camp Harley and for the adults at the Alfred Station Church.

Southeastern Association is scheduled for the fourth weekend of June at the Salem, W. Va., Church. Mrs. Lucy Fleming of the Middle Island, W. Va., Church is listed as the moderator.

There is an exchange of delegates between the various associations. The meetings deserve the largest support possible. Some business is transacted in each one, usually on Sunday. The chief aim is inspirational. The gathering together of large numbers of delegates from six to twelve churches always proves stimulating. Reports of the meetings are desired for the pages of the Sabbath Recorder.

The great festival at Soldier Field, Chicago, which opened the World Council of Churches Assembly cost $75,000 to stage. It was financed jointly by the Church Federation of Greater Chicago and the U. S. Conference of the World Council. — E. P. S.

LESSES IN SABBATH PROMOTION FROM OUR HISTORY

A paper prepared and presented at the Ministers Conference by Miss Evalois St. John, librarian of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders and they will tell thee."

I came upon those words from Deuteronomy a few days before I was asked by Mr. Malby to be present and talk for a few minutes upon the theme, Lessons in Sabbath Promotion from Our History.

Those words from Deuteronomy suggested to me that what I prepared to give here should not be a history of Sabbath Promotion — such a paper could not be given in so short a time — but rather that I should interpret the word lesson to mean that which is learned or taught by us today. It is with this definition in mind that I present this paper.

You may believe, and perhaps you have read that the effort to propagate the Sabbath truth was first made in 1843, and from that beginning Sabbath promotion has been maintained up to the present day, under the direction of what is now known as the World Sabbath Society. This is really not the fact. It is true that the circulation of Sabbath literature awakened inquiries that have led to the acceptance of the Sabbath truth. It is true that the employment of Sabbath lecturers and evangelists became an efficient means to promote the Sabbath, and resulted in the formation of many new churches and in additions to our ministerial ranks. It is true that the many Sabbath Reform periodicals of the late 1880's, 1890's, and early 1900's, and the several volumes presenting the historical background of the Sabbath had their important place.

However, we must not forget that preceding societies, people preceded the printed page. God used individuals to present His truth. The early leaders looked upon the individual Sabbathkeeper as a kind of living Sabbath tract. The individual Sabbathkeeper, they said, spreads the Sabbath truth by his consistent, daily behavior. We find these words recorded:

"They are frequently led to judge of the prosperity of the Sabbath by the Sabbathtruth by your ordinary life in other respects."

And much later we find these words:

"Watch your daily conduct if you wish well to the cause of the Sabbath; watch and improve the openings of Providence to spread the truth; watch that those who labor in words and doctrine have your prayers, and have their hands held up better than Moses.

In this age of specialization, with emphasis on organization for efficiency, one can lose sight of the part to be played by the individual.

Dr. A. H. Lewis, whose name is almost synonymous with Sabbath promotion, once wrote in a letter to the Sabbathkeeper, "You are eminently religious and spiritual, and has to do with those first principles which grow out of the relation between God and man... There must be that spirit of obedience which accepts God's law because it is His."

John James had that spirit of obedience. I think it is important for us to know that as young men he made a public declaration of his stand on the Sabbath, and appealed to the crowd who had come to watch him die, to remember all of God's commandments.

William Gillette said that spirit of obedience... So did Stephen Mumford, Samuel Hubbard, Thomas Hiscox; so did William Bliss Maxson and James Bailey; so did Thomas B. Brown and Nathan Wardner. All these and many others were important figures in the work of Sabbath promotion.

Thus it is well to keep in mind that no matter how efficiently organized we are for carrying on the work of Sabbath promotion, the essential prerequisite for the successful unfolding of the work is a loyal, faithful, and zealous membership. Perhaps the word zealous is the one word to use, for to be zealous is to ardently devote oneself to a purpose, fervent, and enthusiastic.

Our fathers recognized that times and conditions necessitated other devices and tools for spreading the truth. As early as 1801, we find churches resolving to unite in an institution for propagating our religion in the different parts of the United States. They moved slowly. Yet that slowness should not indicate that they were unaware of the need to move. Perhaps it indicates that they walked very close to God — and waited His direction.

God never hurry.

That they waited on God is very evident from the records. "Nothing but the spirit of God," wrote one leader, "can render a man willing to submit to the many inconveniences which are likely to befal him in his effort to sabbaticize according to the commandments." The leader continues: "Prayer is the grand resort to which we must resort if we expect extensive reformation. We are doomed if we depend on mere force of argument."

At the Conference of 1827, it was resolved "that the last fifth day in December next, be recommended as a day of fasting and prayer for a revival of religion among us, and for the spread of the gospel throughout the world."

In 1835: "Resolved that the first sixth day in November be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer to God for the outpouring of the spirit that we may have wisdom from Him to discharge the important duties devolving upon us," etc.

In 1843, November 1 (Wednesday) was observed as a day of "fasting and prayer, humbly imploring God to arise and plead for His holy Sabbath."

In 1845, the first Sunday of January was observed as "a day of fasting and prayer, devoutly acknowledging blessings bestowed, and earnest prayer that God would continue to plead for His holy Sabbath.

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Student Quartet and Evangelist Plans

Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of the Alfred School of Theology has consented to serve again under the auspices of the Missionary Board as evangelist during a summer program of special services in the churches of the Mid-Continent Association. He will be assisted by several young people from Milton and Alfred.

The personnel of the quartet is: Justin Camenga, low bass; Doyle Zwiebel, first bass; Paul Green, second tenor; Edwin Green, first tenor.

Itinerary plans are being made by Rev. Duane Davis, chairman of the Associational Missionary-Evangelism Committee and are as follows:

- June 13 or 14: Leave Milton, Wis.
- June 17-26: Assisting at Boulder
- July 1-10: Assisting at Denver
- July 11-19: Helping at Mid-Continent Association Camp
- July 22-24: Weekend Services at North Loup
- July 29: Assisting at Nortonville
- Aug. 13 (Sabbath a.m.): at Kansas City S.D.B. Fellowship
- Aug. 13 (Sabbath p.m.): at Ottawa S.D.B. Fellowship
- Aug. 14 (Sunday p.m.): at Fayetteville Pre-Conference

Crandall High Expansion Plans

A portion of Secretary Harris' report of his recent visit to the American Tropics mission field had to do with Crandall High School's plans to eventually move from Kingston to the Maiden Hall property near the center of the Island of Jamaica. Approximately six (6) acres of this land is now under cultivation under the supervision of Rev. Charles L. Smellie who resides on the property. The goal is to have about ten (10) acres under cultivation by the end of the year, chiefly planted to a banana crop. The funds for this have come from the Jamaica personnel.

The Jamaica Conference has delegated to their Board of Christian Education the carrying out of a plan to move Crandall High School from its present location at 29 Charles St., Kingston, Jamaica, to this new location and expanding the curriculum to include vocational subjects such as agriculture and home economics. An Over-all Planning Committee has been appointed by the Board of Christian Education which has met on several occasions with O. A. Clarke, building officer of the Department of Education, located at Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. Clarke was asked to draw up plans for constructing the necessary buildings to house the expanded school, to suggest the location of the buildings, and to estimate costs. The plan which was submitted ran to such a high figure of cost that the Board of Christian Education voted to instruct Mr. Clarke to draw up another plan which would more nearly match the resources available or that seemed likely to be available in the foreseeable future.

Recommendations covering Crandall High School and the Jamaica and British Guiana mission field with the American Tropics and Advisory Committees of the board and are being brought before us through the committee reports.

Voted that the secretary write the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education asking them to submit a proposal for the sale of the board-owned 29 Charles Street property, such proposal to be acceptable to the Kingston Church, to be submitted to the Board of Managers for consideration.

News from German Seventh Day Baptists

Pastor Ulf Oldenburg writes from Hamburg, Germany, regarding his activities.

Dear Brother E. T. Harris and to all the beloved brethren of the assemblies and to the Sabbath Recorder:

God's eternal Peace and Jesus' abounding Grace be with all the saints. I feel obliged to write to you and greet you at the beginning of this new year, and wish you the full blessing of our Heavenly Master for you and for the work in His holy name. We in the assembly of Hamburg thank you for your prayers for the work in Germany and for any help we have received from you, and the Lord will reward you for that. We all of us remember you at any time in our prayers for you, that the Lord may strengthen and fill you with every spiritual blessing for preparation for the coming of the Lord.

I also know that you have paid great attention to my service in the assemblies in Germany as to anything which the Lord does among us, and I am thankful for this and shall herewith be glad to inform you about my service for the Lord and experiences in the past half-year. It is with great thankfulness to the Lord that I can write a report about this, because I have at any occasion seen the mighty hand of the Lord be with me in anything done in His name. I have fully recognized that He has prepared all my ways in this foreign land and given me all strength for the fulfilling of my ministry. It has required all my attention and power, and with all my might I can say that I have fought in faith and prayer to present a chaste virgin to Christ which is my jealousy to God. I have not fought alone. God knows and rewards all these beloved brethren and sisters among whom I have served, and I am happy that they have taken full part in any offer and self-sacrifice which was to be paid, and because of the faithfulness of all my brethren and sisters of the assembly I can say that the Lord has succeeded in doing a worthy work in and among us. From Elder H. C. Bruhn to the humble brother and sister among whom all of them have taken part in a great rebuilding work of the assembly. It has been and is a great work of the Lord, and I can say that it has not been done without much struggle and travail with pains to bring forth. So it is any place where the cross is brought near with its offence. The Lord has gone up higher and higher among us: the cross and the way of sanctification as preparation for the coming of the Lord. The personal love to Jesus in the Holy Spirit which alone is able to lead us this way of perfection has worked this among us. These are depths of the gospel which must be touched in earnest prayer and consecration before the Lord. In all what has been done it is a work of prayer in which all have taken part, here, in all Germany, assisted greatly by prayers of the assembly of Christ in Copenhagen who in this way and by great food supplies which were sent to our poor brethren in the East Zone.

We have, besides several Bible and prayer hours in the homes, two official meetings a week to which all brethren of the assembly attend faithfully. And the hour before preaching on the Sabbath we have prayer meeting and Bible hour for the assembly only. Also brethren who live far away come by train to be among us, and some are very old. There is much blessing among us by the grace of the Lord and much happiness. Besides I go much on mission in streets, harbour, and to the doors with the gospel of Jesus, and several new attend the meetings. In the autumn I was on a preaching tour to Brunswick where we had several meetings, and I learned the brethren to know. Later I was in Gelsenkirchen where we had several meetings to the holy baptism of a young brother. Till now I have been able to follow a Bible course at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg. May this report comfort and some our brothers in prayer and faith for our work in Germany.

The Lord reward you all in doing this. With this we send greetings to all the assemblies of our faith in America wishing all blessings for this new year. The Lord is soon to come! Matthew 25: 6.
Dr. Beaver Resigns

Dr. R. Pierce Beaver, director of the Committee on Research in Foreign Missions, has offered his resignation effective June 30, 1955, and it was accepted by the Committee of the Library. Dr. Beaver has accepted appointment as professor of missions in the Federated Theological Faculty at the University of Chicago.

The present secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society takes this opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Beaver for his prompt, courteous, and efficient assistance in matters of research or advice in any mission problem referred to him. It has always been a source of encouragement to know that Dr. Beaver could be relied on to come to one's help when needed. He will be greatly missed. May God's richest blessings go with him to his new field of labor.

The Church's Unique Ministry

The Church is the one institution on earth doing the job that God wants done. The Lord Jesus Christ commissioned her to preach the Gospel so as to make disciples. Her ministry is spiritual, having in mind the welfare of the soul.

We feel that the church should offer the community something that cannot be obtained anywhere else — not only in worship, instruction in doctrine and in right living, and training in Christian service, but in recreation and social life as well, ministering to spiritual growth.

There are plenty of service organizations, social clubs, and places of amusement. What the church offers in these lines is different. A spiritual flavor should permeate all. We strive in planning all our activities to give you this.

To Think About: The Christian religion is a religion of happiness. A certain man once said he did not like to go to church because there were so many sad-faced people there. That is a startling observation. Is it true of you and me? If so, why? The words "joy," "glad," "happy" appear often in the Bible. Perhaps we have not thought of happiness as a positive force. It is constructive, even dynamic. A happy spirit overcomes obstacles, and the "oil of joy" softens and soothes the rough places. Ponder this and ask for understanding.

Prayer Hymn: God, Who Touchest Earth with Beauty.

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— Albany (N.Y.) Times-Union.

WORSHIP THOUGHT FOR JUNE

Theme: Rejoice and Sing

Select Scripture from the following: Psalms 9: 2; 16: 8, 9; 40: 16; 68: 3; 71: 23; 90: 14; 100: 118; 24; Proverbs 17: 22; Hebrews 5: 18; Philonem 4: 4; 1 Thessalonians 5: 15-18.

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

"Tis is hell alone that is given away,
Tis only God may be had for the asking;
No price is set on the lavish summer,
June may be had by the poorest comer.

"And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look or whether we listen,
We hear life murmer with Beauty.
And groping blindly about it for light,
Every cloid feels a stir of might.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT CLEVELAND

"Home and Church — Teach Christ Now!" was the theme of the 23rd International Sunday School Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31. About ten thousand people are expected to attend festivities in the United States, Canada, Asia, Africa, and elsewhere.

The opening address is to be made by Harold E. Stassen, president of the convention, and the well-known evangelist, Charles B. Templeton, will give the closing address. There will be five other major addresses, inspiring worship services, and eighty-nine "interest groups" dealing with such subjects as "Beginning Kindergarten Teachers," "Working with College Youth," "Leaders of Parents Classes," "Church School Superintendents," "Using Radio and TV," and "Religion in Public Education.

The daily program emphasizes will be the Bible, Home, Church, Outreach, and Around the World in Christian Education. The convention will not only provide information, a broader vision, and deeper appreciation of the great task of the church to make the Gospel a reality, but it will make a great impact for good upon our nation and the world.

The first national Sunday School Convention was held in New York in 1832. The last regular convention was in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1947. It was attended by Dr. Ben Crandall, Rev. Oscar Burdick, and perhaps other Seventh Day Baptists. The second one was held in Toronto, Canada, was attended by Rev. Ronald Hargis.

Information and programs have been sent to all our pastors. Further information may be had by writing to Secretary Neal Mills, Alfred, N. Y. — N.D.M.

Institutions born of faith will inevitably change unless they are constantly nurtured by faith. . . Our fathers have left us a rich spiritual legacy. Surely it is our duty not only to keep it, but to let it be replenished so that we, in our generation, may bequeath to those who come after us a tradition as noble as was left to us.

— John Foster Dulles.

Our Children's Letter Exchange

Address: Misspgh, S. Greene, Anderson, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My mother told me you wanted letters, so she is typing what I say. I am six years old and in first grade at Alfred-Almond Central School.

We have a dog. His name is Snooper Sam. Our two parakeets are named Nicky and Pixie. I have a brother, too. His name is Mark Ehret and he's nine.

My middle name is Katherine for my Great-grandmother Potter. She lives in a nursing home in Wellsville, and we go see her some Sabbath days.

We hope you receive more letters. My mother says she wrote letters to the Sabbath Recorder, too, when she was a little girl.

Your new friend,

Shelly K. Potter.

Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

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Arlie Davis so I'm trying to leave room for it, but will divide the third chapter into at least two parts.

In Christian love,
Mizpah Greene.

Out of the Night
By Arlie Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.

Chapter II

Days passed and then two weeks. Lilie and her crutch were into everything. She had her own little mat in one end of the children's ward; but Lilie was never there. She was always prying into things. Doors marked "PRIVATE" meant to Lilie "COME IN." And then catastrophe — things began to disappear!

"Lilie, have you seen my bar of soap?" asked her next mat friend one morning. "No, I haven't," said Lilie hesitantly.

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"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders and they will tell thee."

"It is through the faithfulness of those who profess this important Scriptural truth, that we are led to look for the final triumph," wrote our fathers.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, spoke of the hydrogen bomb in relation to the Christian hope, when he preached in Canterbury Cathedral on Easter Day.

"It is our Christian duty," said the archbishop, "to regard it (the hydrogen bomb) always in relation to our Christian hope. So regarded, it does not differ in principle from the atom bomb which preceded it or from the cobalt bomb or any other worse horror which may succeed it. These things make war more hideous, but not more evil. War always was and always will be evil. These things may extinguish all hopes of man in this world. But Christian hope never rested in this world, but in God."

A Methodist paper recently mentioned a heresy conviction in a Presbyterian church court. By a typographical error it was spoken of as a "heresy" charge. There seems to be no reason to think that the conviction was based on hearsay evidence. This humorous error reminds one of the serious warning in Revelation 22: 18. 19 about adding to or taking from the Scriptures was published in Hong Kong for distribution among the Nationalist people of the church and community will extend itself into the future of this church.

**Ministerial Students Please Note**

This is a notice by the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund requesting that applicants request financial assistance by young men of our denomination for aid in their preparation for the ministry be in the hands of the Memorial Fund not later than June 1, at which time the applications are considered.

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**WESTERLY, R. I.** The Westerly Church held its annual business meeting on Sunday night, April 17. The business session was preceded by a roast beef dinner.

There were reports of officers and committees of the church and Bible school, the Pastor's Aid and the auxiliary organizations of the church. All these reports showed the church actively interested in Kingdom work. An especially encouraging time was that of the Stewardship Committee. They reported an increase in the number of pledges made, and proposed an enlarged budget, which was accepted. Our pastor's report gave evidence of a full-time job and a varied field of activities. He has an important place in the Westerly Pastors' Association. In that capacity, he has his place on the daily program of radio station WERI, has his turn as hospital chaplain, and frequently attends meetings of the city council where matters come up. Twice this year he was granted leave to participate in preaching missions, at Milton Junction and Alfred, Maine. We are glad he is affiliated with the YMCA, too. He naturally did not mention in his report the quality of his sermons, which is strong, nor the rapt attention given by children and adults alike to his down-to-earth sermons. He preaches at Hopkinton City as supply pastor each Sabbath afternoon and at Clarks Falls on Sunday.

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He meets the Junior Fellowship on Sabbath afternoons, the Seniors on Friday evenings, and teaches a fine group of high school and college young folks each Sabbath.

In February our Sabbath morning services were broadcast over WERI. The service was recorded as given on Sabbath and then broadcast to the listening audience of shut-ins on Sunday morning. This is in cooperation with the Pastor's Association. Pastor Bond always announces that the service was held on the Sabbath, thus using an opportunity to make our observance of the seventh day Sabbath.

The pastor's sermons during Lent were "Great Interviews." For a few weeks our Friday evening services are featuring stories from the life of Christ presented on the screen.

A community Vacation Bible School will be held again this summer with the Ashawegowaba. Several from our church will be on the teaching force including the pastor. The same will be true of Lewis Camp which convenes later in the season. Our pastor has his turn as hospital chaplain, and frequently attends meetings of the city council where matters come up. Twice this year he was granted leave to participate in preaching missions, at Milton Junction and Alfred, Maine. We are glad he is affiliated with the YMCA, too. He naturally did not mention in his report the quality of his sermons, which is strong, nor the rapt attention given by children and adults alike to his down-to-earth sermons. He preaches at Hopkinton City as supply pastor each Sabbath afternoon and at Clarks Falls on Sunday.

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The sermon emphasized the meaning of the familiar words "Love, Honor, Obey" as they pertain to the relationships that should exist within the Christian family, and to the Christian institution of marriage. The emphasis of the entire service left no doubt in the minds of those present as to the importance of Christian love in the sacred task of guiding children to places of humble, Christian faith and dedication, or to the place of the home as the center and source of that guiding love. — Correspondent.

**VERONA, N. Y.** The May 7 bulletin of the church carried this one-line notice: "Only 23 more working days until Association." The pastor wanted to emphasize that there was but a short time to complete all the necessary volunteer work which needed to be done to complete the large addition to the church so that everything could be in readiness for entertaining the Center Association, June 2-5. It should be a happy occasion, especially with all the new facilities available.

**Extra Recorders Available**

Last week's issue (May 16) of the Sabbath Recorder contained 8 articles dealing with the Sabbath question besides 2 evangelistic articles, one of which was particularly concerned with the second coming of our Lord. In addition there was a feature article on understanding the Bible. We found room also for forward-looking denominational articles besides 2 pages of church news and statistics. Extra copies of this or any other issue may be ordered at 10 cents each. Authors of articles are granted up to 10 free copies upon request.

**Accessions**

Little Geneseo, N. Y.

By Baptism:

- Mrs. Lester Eno
- Donald Shelly
- Linda Van Horn

Associate Membership:

Lester Eno
### Disbursements

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The asterisks are for those churches which are currently ahead of their suggested targets.

### Births

**Merchant.**—A daughter, Pamela Joyce, to Mr. and Mrs. Claire Merchant of Battle Creek, Mich., on May 12, 1955.

**Kohls.**—A daughter, Dianne Camille, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kohls, Jr., of Redlands, Calif., on March 17, 1955.

### Obituaries

**Ford.**—B. Harry, was born Aug. 5, 1890, at Darwin, Iowa, and died at Marion, Iowa, April 24, 1955.

He attended Milton College, Milton, Wis., and was married to J. Myrtle Garver at Marion in 1914. A member of the Church of God, many of his surviving relatives and friends are Seventh Day Baptists. Surviving are: his wife; 2 sons, Leighton, W., and Marion, and Cpl. Lynn, of Ft. McDowell, Ariz.; 4 grandchildren; a brother, Richard, of El Monte, Calif.; and 3 sisters; Mrs. James Bennehoff, of Alford, N. Y.; Mrs. Dwight Stewart, of Raymond, Ill.; and Mrs. Thomas White, of Dysart, Iowa. — W. Allen Bond.