RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

It has been a custom of some of our churches and particularly the women's organizations within the churches to pass resolutions of respect for outstanding members who have passed on to their reward. These memorials are sent to the next of kin, become part of the permanent record of the church or society, and are sometimes sent to the Sabbath Recorder. Such recognition of outstanding service is both right and commendable, especially in circles where the individual was well known. We forget all too easily those who a short time ago worked with us and brought blessing to our lives.

Several such testimonials have recently been received by your editor and he is glad to make mention of them. It has been our rule to print brief obituaries of church-connected deceased when sent in by the pastors, and longer life stories of ministers and deacons.

Upon the death of the highly respected Mrs. Walter D. Kenyon came the resolution:

That we, The Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, R. I., express our sense of loss in her passing, and together with all her bereaved loved ones, look forward to a reunion in a happier and larger life that is prepared for all that love the Lord.

The Women’s Benevolent Society of Leonardsville, N. Y., looks back upon the life of Mrs. Bertha Rogers with these words of appreciation:

“Sister Rogers was one of our oldest and most devoted members. In her quiet and unassuming manner she was a tireless worker for her church and society as long as her health would permit and was vitally interested in the affairs of both until her death.”

The Ladies’ Aid Society of Battle Creek paid tribute to Miss Helen Libby saying that they held her life of Christian faith in grateful remembrance.

A beautifully worded tribute to the life of Miss Susie Stark of Verona, N. Y., emphasizing her devotion to the church and her “rare unselfishness” has been received from the ladies of the church. Although we are not printing it in full, we would like to add that Miss Susie Stark was for many years a most faithful correspondent, furnishing the Verona news for this paper.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 15, 1955

The Baptism of Jesus


Accessions

By Baptism:

Mrs. Eleanor Collier
Mrs. Lillian Tompkins
Mrs. Winifred Van Horn
Donald Hansen

Obituaries

Bliven. — Jessie Van Horn, was born in Jefferson, Wis., April 23, 1868, and died in the Edgerton Hospital, Sept. 16, 1955.

She was married to John Bliven Dec. 26, 1894. Mr. Bliven died in 1933, and a daughter, Marjorie, preceded her mother in death in May, 1950.

Always active in community, civic, and church life, Mrs. Bliven was a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Marion Onsgard and Doris Saunders of Albion; and one son, Horace, of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., five grandchildren, and a stepbrother.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery near Albion, Sept. 19, with Pastor Doyle Zwibel officiating.


She was a member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. Besides her husband she is survived by her father and mother, five brothers, and a sister.

The funeral service was on September 11, with burial at Dighton, Kan.

C. H. D.


Mrs. Wilson joined the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church Dec. 16, 1911, by letter from the New York City Church. Her husband was the late J. Alfred Wilson who died in 1952. She has been living with her son, Austin D. Wilson, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Frank R. Kellogg, from the Runyon Funeral Home at Dunellen, N. J., September 7.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield.

P. R. K.

Winter in Florida

WANTED: Married couple (or other family of two) to share my house in Daytona Beach the coming winter, they to board me as rental, and I to pay for water, electricity, gas, fuel oil, and telephone. If interested please write to Jay W. Grofoot, 739 Huntington Ave., Plainfield, N. J.
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THE QUIET SABBATH MORN

Once upon a time my grandfather told me that we would overlook Sabbath again. We were standing under the stars in northern New York State. He was referring to the glow of light reflected from the clouds over the Starry Path, seven miles away. The village of Adams Center, some 41/2 miles distant, could only see a little light in that direction. Grandfather could remember the days when there was no street lighting strong enough to make a glow in the sky. He was pointing out the part of the country at least, city lights reflected in the clouds would make total darkness impossible. We who were in the country would always have enough light to determine directions even if the stars did not shine.

Along with the advertising lights of the city has come also the hustling and bustling that goes on around the clock. Trucks and cars are constantly moving night and day. For a generation and more, people have worked with the local never see a quiet Sabbath morn again. There has been a growing feeling that for quietness on the Sabbath we must flee the city and take refuge on some remote farm or farm such as that on which many of us grew up. Even the President looks longingly to that type of life and buys himself a farm. But is it necessary? Are our cities changing? Can we find a quiet Sabbath morn even in the midst of a city?

A few weeks ago, shortly after the opening of school, my editor had occasion to ride his bicycle downtown at 8 o'clock on a Sabbath morning to get a book from his office in the denominational building. He was in the habit of encountering heavy traffic - men going to work, commuters rushing to their trains, buses clogging the thoroughfares, and students filling the streets and crosswalks. In the city of Plainfield it seems that Sundays are no exception to the daily parking problem, at least a little later in the day. But on Sabbath morning at the usual business and school hour the streets were empty; all was quiet. It gave us a happy feeling - as if at last the world was co-operating to give us a consideration Sabbath even in the middle of a city. It is true, of course, that by church time these same streets were full of traffic, but not much of it could be termed business traffic. The moral of the story could be to arise at the usual hour if you wish to enjoy a Sabbath.

A change is coming over the face of America, a change which should make the life of an earnest Sabbathkeeper more pleasant. Perhaps the change is not as noticeable as it is in the community as it is in a city like Plainfield, but it is coming. We observed it in California three or four years ago; we have seen it in other places. Saturday is ceasing to be the biggest shopping day of the week, the only day of food and dry goods bargains. The grocery markets have pioneered in this in order to better serve the buyers and to meet the heightening competition. In talking with the manager of a nearby food market about these matters recently, our observation was confirmed that much more meat, produce, and canned goods are sold on Friday than on Saturday. Buying tapers off by noon of the latter day in this locality. Probably this situation is definitely tied in with the 5-day working week, and the desire for pleasure seeking and travel on the longer weekend. Whatever brings it about, it can be a boon to the Sabbathkeeper.

We believe that there is a growing tendency for other stores to follow the lead of the grocery markets in serving their regular customers. Witness the practice of having all the stores open one night during the week. It is true that some cities may choose Friday evening, but not those in the great metropolitan circle around New York. The evening may be Monday or some other convenient time. In Plainfield, the downtown area swarms with people on Thursday evening. Almost every store is open to serve those who are not going to work in the neighboring communities. If one was going to work in such communities he might rightly claim that he has to attend to his private business or shopping needs on the Sabbath, if he has attempted to rationalize thus in years gone by.

It has not yet come to the point where Sabbathkeeping and Sunday observance are on equal footing, but the tendency is in that direction. Our people have suffered silently and willingly for three centuries as a minority. We have faced economic, social, political, and religious pressure aimed at making people conform to the day of worship held sacred by the majority. It is our belief that the Sabbath cannot lose its sacredness, because it is ordained of God. It is our observation that Sunday is losing its sacredness because it is ordained of man.

Shall we exult and shout when we see our Sundaykeeping friends sorely tempted by the many stores that are open to catch the Sunday trade and when we see ourselves faced with not more but less obstacles to keeping God's day holy? Let us not do so! We may well thank God that our temptations have been reduced quite largely to the temptations of the flesh, that we can keep Sabbath even if all the world kept Sabbath.

There are last-ditch desperation attempts in some places to enforce or re-establish modern versions of the old blue laws. We may politely point out in letters to local editors that Seventh Day Baptists have long been content to make Sabbathkeeping a true worship of the Lord. We are the worshipper and the Lord of the Sabbath. True spiritual strength is not necessarily generated or bolstered by the favoritism of religious authorities sanctioned by civil authorities. The testing time for Sundaykeepers is here or is near to come. Will the feeble foundations stand the onslaught of the flood waters? It is our conviction that if the foundations of that old structure are honestly probed in the light of Scripture and in view of the growing popular equality of weekend days, many may move to the Sabbath. That we can pray for.

Conference Delegates Please Note

The large panoramic Conference pictures taken at Mount Sequoyah were not available as many hoped they would be. Upon inquiry, Secretary Burdet Crofoot has recently learned that the photographer is able to supply copies postpaid for $1.50 each. Those interested should enclose the full price and mail to R. Jack Sasser, University Studio, 314 N. University, Fayetteville, Ark.
WALKING ON THE WATER

Those people who in times past have had difficulty accepting on faith the account of our Lord’s walking on the water, have attempted numerous natural explanations, some of which have been most degrading to the dignity of the Gospel writers who claimed to be eyewitnesses of the miracle. Some have suggested that Jesus fooled the disciples by walking on a sand bar that was unknown to the Galilean fishermen. They have stated as fact that Peter did the same thing except that he stepped in a hole and had to be helped out of it by Jesus.

We are surprised that some of the people who find it hard to believe anything above natural law in relation to Christ have not come up with some more modern explanations drawn, for instance, from the sport of water skiing. The newspapers tell us of a water skier who made a 20-mile trip from Florida to an island in the open sea. Others have succeeded in using a kayak-like skis propelled with paddle poles. His picture was in the paper. He could not sink because he had a little covered boat on each foot.

Most of us do not find it more difficult to believe that what the disciples saw Jesus do than what they heard Him say. For Jesus to be the water of life, quenching the greatest thirst of life, is more stupendous than for feet that can walk a hundred times, and to material possessions about one thousand times. Sixteen of Jesus’ thirty-eight parables are clearly concerned with stewardship of all worldly possessions. We wonder if anyone ever said to Jesus, ‘Lord, you emphasize money too much!’

Tithing is not a way to financing the church. It is a relationship with God. No one should plan to tithe merely in order that the church might have money. Paying the tithe is a symbol of our recognition of God’s own wealth.

Our Christian stewardship is based on the conviction that our material possessions are a trust from God, to be used in His service for the benefit of all mankind, in acknowledgment of Christ’s redeeming love.

A man owns only what he uses and no more. To him who uses wisely and well what has been entrusted to him shall be added other talents. The talents not used wisely shall be taken away. If you use your mind, it expands, and if you do not, it goes in the direction of idiocy. If you use your riches wisely, you become richer. — Selected.

WHY EMPHASIZE THE TITHE?

The Bible refers to prayer about five hundred times, to faith less than five. The stories of the material possessions of the last parables of our Lord appear about one thousand times.

Some readers will be tempted by these remarks to discredit the greater miracles mentioned. The testimony is reliable; we will rely upon it in both the lesser and the greater matters. The pages of Scripture, the sermons in our churches, invite us to take of the water of life freely, to be nourished with the true bread of heaven; to partake of eternal life, to look forward to the certain hope to a glorious resurrection through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In such a life we can outdo the Apostle Peter who only walked on the water. With us there is the possibility of daily setting our affection on things above and treading upon the clouds of the heavens in communion with a risen Lord.

SECRETARY’S COLUMN

Important Items for Church Action

Many of the churches, we hope, are now giving serious consideration to their local budgets for calendar year 1956. We hope further, that at least two items of importance are entering into their thinking in this regard.

In the first place, Conference this summer took action to relieve pastors of their obligation to our ministerial retirement provisions for those who elect Federal Social Security. May we do without adding too heavily to their financial burden. In doing this, Conference decided that the obligation for caring for our retired ministers lies with the local churches which are profiting by pastorial service.

It was the vote of Conference that the churches be allowed to turn over to the retirement fund six per cent of the amount they are paying their pastors. Where a parsonage is supplied, 15 per cent of the cash salary is to be added for competing pastoral pay as in the past. While six months were allowed in the Conference action for making the change-over, it is to be hoped that churches in considering their programs for the coming year will include the item for retirement of their pastors.

The second item is that church members, while considering their contribution to local expenses, should also think seriously about how much they are going to give to the Denominational Budget. At least one church we know includes its giving for denominational purposes within its local budget. Some others set aside a percentage of their collections for denominational work — ‘a tithe of the tithe.’ Quite a few of those churches which conduct every-member canvasses include a personal ‘will endeavor’ pledge for the budget with their pledge for local expenses.

Your secretary inclines to favor the last-named procedure although the other two plans have advantages also. The new year’s budget is 74,113, 075, not quite five per cent higher than last year’s. Whatever method is used within the local church in handling pledges for the budget, the amount necessary for carrying forward God’s work through the denomination should be kept in mind.

Just how we as a denomination fared with last year’s budget has not yet been revealed. The information should be available within a few days. We do, however, that several churches, by special efforts, met the year’s end with their targets more than reached. It should be rememvered, however, that the suggested targets were set in the spring of this year. Unless those that passed their targets did so by more than those who failed fell short, the budget was still not met in its entirety. We should know shortly.

Let us remember, in planning our support of Christ’s Kingdom on earth for this year, that the need does not lessen. Let us remember also that where targets are suggested they are minimum figures, and that those of us who are more able should plan to offset those who are less able to give. But above all, let us plan now to give regularly this year to both the local church and to the denomination’s work.

PRAYER GIVEN AT CONFERENCE

Dear God, our Father, we bow before Thee as the great Power, as the great source of Light. May we realize how weak we are. We realize the tremendous responsibility, the tremendous field of service which Thou hast given us as a people. Indeed, O God, it represents a challenge, a challenge which we feel inadequate for, but a challenge which we are going to try to meet. We realize that we don’t have to work alone because Thou art with us, helping us to shine forth. Indeed shining forth with us because we are Thy hands and feet. We are Thy hands and feet. Indeed we are the workers with Thee in Thy Kingdom in the building of Thy Kingdom.

Be with us, O God, during the coming year that we may accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. In everything that we do we give Thee the praise. Amen.
DRAW NEAR TO GOD
(Sermon preached by Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel August 20, 1955, at the annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.)

TEXT: James 4: 8a — "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."

(Continued from last week)

Will He draw near to us?

What will He give? Listen to St. Paul’s testimony: "If he did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, why then will he not deliver us? Why will he not draw us?"

The Psalmist gives witness: "Open your mouth and I will fill it."

Beloved, let us learn from our children who often unconsciously live by the promises of God, and let us go to Him for everything for He has promised to deliver.

We are coming oftener, coming for more reasons, coming for larger blessings, coming with greater expectations, when we deliberately follow in faith.

There is a second figure used by Peter after he points the way to God, using the needy child as an illustration, and that is found in Peter 2.

"You also, as living stones, build up yourselves and become spiritual temples and holy priests to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

As beautiful stones are used to make a beautiful building, so each Christian life becomes a spiritual temple, a fit dwelling place to which God may draw near.

I have read that there has been discovered beneath Jerusalem an immense cavern or quarry near the Damascus Gate. All around the sides of the cavern are natural columns that were made by God’s own hands. Solomon’s temple was there on the top of the rock and deep down in the huge quarry you may see the places where the stones were cut.

There was a process of coming by which each stone came to the temple. Some stones that were expected to be used never were used. We are told of one that was hewed out on all sides but one. It stood on the end, two sides, top and bottom, but never cut away at the back, so it clings there unused in the darkness. In this process of coming, for some reason it had been stopped.

So many of us do not experience God’s growing nearness because for some reason or another we stop growing toward Him.

We have cut out a great many habits that kept us earth-bound, but we are not willing to part with the rest. We have just so much church doctrine, gain a little knowledge of the greatness of God, then stop. We need further excavating. We cannot take our full part in life or in the body of worshipers until we are chiseled loose.

We have in part drawn near to God but in the way we do so often in secret, our heart clings to those things of which we know that He would not approve. If we have not given up that darling lust of the heart, we are not yet quarried, and until we are cut loose our progress in coming to God is stopped.

After those giant stones had been cut completely, the next operation was to pull them to the top of Mt. Moriah. It was a long drag. It seems impossible without machinery that they could get them there. It must have taken thousands of men working years. Or is it possible that you will alienate God’s grace too much the same way often does it seem impossible to get a soul into contact with God. So high is His goal of perfection that even for the children of God not so much as they draw us back that it takes thousands of sermons, thousands of testimonies, thousands of minutes spent in study before we can be placed side by side with the true saints that even now make up the foundation of the temple of the living God.

At our back and call we have thousands of testimonies, sermons, sermons, sermons, but never is there the sense that anything can lift us up and place us where we ought to be. Unless Christ Himself somehow gets command of the quarrying we hang fast in the darkness."

"If I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. Man’s testimonies and saintly life are a pure and precious thing in the sight of God, but all that man can do is to soften man’s heart and stubborn will so that the Spirit of God can lift him up."

"So we’ll hitch the quarry stone as it is lifted up. What next? It must be let down so that it is in full line with the others that make up the temple. It will have to be hitched, and edged around so that no part will stick out farther than the rest. How near God is to you depends on how you sit in the wall of His temple. Do you want to be propped up with a little bit of self-righteousness, do you want to tilt a little, do you want to stick out a little so that you’ll be noticed? Are you firmly resolved that you will alienate God’s grace to cause you to lie flat and square in the Christian wall? If you are, then you are aware that only on these conditions are you so many the forces of gravity that you have to be shifted and edged around so that no part will stick out farther than the rest."

"What? Will He draw near to us?"

"It will be that when among you two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of you."

"Every day people are trying to refuse the Legacy of God’s love. But we cannot refuse it any more than Suter can refuse his father’s legacy. We are the inheritance of God’s love as long as we draw breath. Nothing that we do or could do can ever put us outside of God’s love. It is His nature to love and we are as His children receive moment by moment, and day by day, the gift of His love. Though we were to become the most wretched of all humankind, God would still love us and with His love seek to turn us towards Him before we were cast forever into outer darkness."

Beloved, we may have our disagreements, we may stumble over points of doctrine, we may at times forget the essence of brotherhood, but let us first draw near to the heart of God, experience His love, and then with Christlike forbearance be a peculiar people unto God.

It has been said that the newer media of communication were invented just at a time when nobody had anything to say. The churches have something to say, and it is their responsibility to learn how to say it."

-Dean Liston Pope.
Men and Missions Sabbath

Many churches use the second or third Sabbath in October as a time to emphasize the place which Christian laity may have in carrying forward missions at home and abroad.

Too often the men have allowed the ladies of the church to carry forward this important phase of the Christ's Kingdom work. Many inspiring Sabbath services have been led by the men of the church, when the pastor has urged them to take over the plans for this special day.

Perhaps a father and son banquet with program featuring the layman's part in missions might bring our menfolk, young and old, into a lively interest in this great field. You are urged to try some new plans this year or put some new enthusiasm into old and tried plans. Let us encourage the use of Sabbath day, October 13, to be observed as a Mission Sabbath.

If the above-mentioned date does not fit into the church program, it would be well to choose a later date. The program should be the needs of the church and a time chosen that will be most convenient for those taking part.

President's Address to Jamaica Conference

Rev. Vernon A. Burke

This evening I am very happy to see everyone. I am sure we've been preparing for these conference sessions since conference was dismissed on the 18th night of July last year. Each year we look forward to this meeting. We leave from different parts of the island and world and gather ourselves together at conference time because we know we are engaged in one common task with Jesus Christ our Saviour. This task we know is unfinished. It requires your faithfulness and mine (Matt. 25: 21).

In ancient times there was a thrilling drama in which four men were engaged. One was a general - Joshua; the second was a priest - Aaron; the third a layman - Hur; and the fourth - Joshua, the general. These men were engaged in a great struggle; the issue of the battle depended upon the unwavering comradeship and mutual love of all four men. Victory depended not only upon the faithfulness of Joshua the general and his army, but quite as much upon the mutual forces released back of the line. That is, the prayer of the priest and layman that God would grant power and strength to win the battle.

We, too, who are engaged in the work of God's Kingdom today have thrilling dramas as we enter these struggles. The work of God's Kingdom today as in the past, demands all the unwavering comradeship, mutual love of all who are engaged therein. If victory must be ours, we cannot waver like the waves of the sea. We cannot take sides with God. Whatever God hands cannot have envy, hatred, and jealousy. Victory came to Israel in the battle with their enemies because there was an unwavering comradeship of faithful service and prayer. When Moses, the statesman, was tired, they put a stone under him, while Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands until the battle was won. It is certain that God needs your faithful service and prayer. Your leaders need your unwavering comradeship, they need your mutual love, they need your prayer. The suns setting in many lives now; it's time for us to arise to our God-given responsibilities. Could any call from God be more urgent than that of today? And the background of God needs your faithful service and prayer. Your leaders need your unwavering comradeship, they need your mutual love, they need your prayer.

Before I speak of any actual progress within the past two years I should like to remind you that the background of the school is the prayer of the priest and layman that God would grant power and strength to win the battle. Victory will come, but in the meantime we are engaged in a very important task. The prayer of the priest and layman that God would grant power and strength to win the battle is the most important thing we can do to help the school.

With reference to the critical situation in the far east Dr. John A. Mackey said something which has general application: "Monologue is insufficient in human affairs. If discussion is to be fruitful, a discussion is needed, a word at one another or about one another; they must talk to one another. They must meet face to face."
Plan to Attend Assembly of United Church Women

The 7th National Assembly of United Church Women will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, next month, November 7-10. These important meetings will bring together Christian women from all over the world. Leaders in Christian colleges in India, Pakistan, Korea, and Japan will share in a panel on Wednesday afternoon, November 9. These leaders in Christian education and training for women in Asia are able to come to this assembly and other meetings in the United States through an allocation from the 1955 World Day of Prayer offerings to cover their expenses. Every woman, therefore, who gave an offering, however small, on the World Day of Prayer, has a share in bringing these educators to our country, and can think of them as her guests. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and many other noted speakers will be on the program.

The theme of the assembly is, "The Working of His Power — Within Us, Among Us, and Through Us," with a study of the Book of Ephesians urged as advance preparation for discussion at the assembly.

The sessions will be opened each evening with a drama portraying the expansion of the church, written especially for these meetings by Miss Margaret Applegarth.

The opening session of the assembly is at 8 p.m. on Monday, and the closing session at 8 p.m., Thursday. The registration fee until October 31 is $12. You may write to United Church Women, 175 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y., for registration blanks and for a leaflet listing the Cleveland hotels and their prices. Registrations at the Cleveland Auditorium, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and Thomas Nelson & Sons, publishers, at the Twenty-third International Convention of Christian Education, Cleveland, Ohio, July 30, 1955, Harold E. Stassen, president; Gerald E. Knoff, secretary.

The hearty endorsement of the Board of Christian Education and of the denomination goes to the Division of Christian Education and to Mr. Davis who attended the convention at his own expense to represent us there. Being unable to attend our General Conference at Fayetteville he sent the Bible by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis. At the Conference session on Schools and Colleges Secretary Mills read the Scripture lesson from the new Bible and explained how it was received. — N.D.M.

Youth Workshop at Conference

One of the three Youth Workshops held as a part of the camp program was conducted by Miss Ellen Swinney. The subject for study was "Youth Leadership." The following is her report:

The Youth Leadership Workshop held during Youth Conference at Mount Sequoyah was conducted for the purpose of helping young people gain new ideas for and a new interest in improving their youth groups in their local churches. Toward this end, therefore, the four-committee plan of organization was discussed and the responsibilities and possible activities of each committee presented. A constitution which could be used in the local group was suggested. The importance of advertising meetings and socials was stressed and various means of doing so were considered.

The second session was a continuation of the work of the youth group. A simplified "Surprise" meeting was held to give ideas about conducting a different kind of meeting. Other types of meetings were suggested, and considering the ways meetings can be varied. Social activities were also considered and several kinds of socials suggested.

Blantyre in June of 1954 and it was not until that time that we were to find out just what kind of a position the school was in. The school was not as well known as we thought it was and we had to work hard to improve our reputation. The school was not at all recognized and that we should seek to secure government recognition. Even then we were not completely aware of what had happened, but were not sure whether or not we had completely understood the status of the school concerning the registration.

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to help prepare the young people to teach therefore, the group considered how to 

Bible session after teaching. To help the group understand the way to teach on the level 

groups methods used in teaching.

The workshop proved to be a good means of exchanging ideas and discussing problems concerning the local youth groups. The people expressed their opinions of suggested methods of correcting the existing problems. A solution which

was believed would work was formulated. The three sessions proved to be a valuable source of ideas and, it is hoped, a means of helping the young people to be better leaders in their individual churches. — N. D. M.

A HISTORY of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission School at Fouke, Ark.

A history of the Fouke School, founded in 1901, by Rev. G. H. Fitz Randolph, general missionary on the Southwestern field, is now ready for those who may be interested.

It is an illustrated, mimeographed book of sixty pages containing historical data, letters and manuscripts, reminiscences, evaluations and appreciations of the work written by different teachers, friends, and students of the school. It further contains a biographical sketch of the founder and short sketches of former students and what they have been doing since school days.

The material has been assembled by Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Davis, of Shiloh, N. J., and John Fitz Randolph, of Milton Junction, Wis. About twenty different people have contributed to the pages of the book. — J. F. R.

DEAR BECKY:

I feel sure you had a very happy time staying with your grandparents and having your cousins for companions as well. I remember having the same experience about your age when I went from Chicago to Walworth, Wis., with my aunt and cousin to spend a week with relatives there.

I'm looking forward to meeting you and all your family when you make your home in Alfred. My home was there for seven years in all, and it still seems like home to me.

Here's hoping I'll hear from you again soon.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

DEAR MRS. GREENE:

We went on a picnic at Chautauqua and went swimming. My brother learned how to swim.

I catch minnows at the creek. My sister found a crab six inches long.

Kendall Wellman (9 years old).

DEAR KENDALL:

Picnics are fun especially when you have one at an interesting place like Chautauqua.

Mr. Root wrote back:

"I have always thought that the opportunity to do something worthwhile while is the substance, and trying to get something was the shadow."


SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 22, 1955

The Struggle in the Wilderness


swimming soon. Our mothers have a fire started and we are going to roast corn and hot dogs.

We have two dogs here with us at the picnic. They just had a fight.

I am going to Camp Harley next summer.

I am five years old. My parents are Stanley and Lydia Butts of Alfred.

Your friend,

Denny Butts.

DEAR DENNYY:

Picnics are always good fun, especially I think when we feast on green corn and hot dogs. The young people of the Independence Church and others, myself included, enjoyed that kind of a picnic at Camp Harley a few weeks ago, and what a fine feast we had. I'm sure you will enjoy your week at Camp Harley next summer.

Most dogs seem to like to fight. It often happens in Andover, perhaps because we have so many dogs. A few years ago they counted the dogs in Andover and there were 277.

Do write often.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

DEAR MRS. GREENE:

I am writing this from Grandma's where my two brothers and I are staying for two weeks.

Yesterday I went tomato picking. It was quite hard work and this morning I am stiff. It seemed to me that most of the tomatoes were either green or rotten.

There is a creek back of Grandma's and we go swimming in it every day. It's freezing cold and Mother doesn't like to swim in it.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Wellman.

DEAR JUDY:

When I was a little girl my Grandma Sherburne lived with us and I spent many happy hours with her. She told me such interesting stories, a good many of them Bible stories. Then she usually had a nice apple to eat which she had kept in her bureau drawer to get nice and ripe.

It is surely hard on one's back to go tomato picking. I love tomatoes though; don't you? My next-door neighbor keeps me supplied with ripe tomatoes and green corn.

I never learned to swim. I tried once when I was a small girl, but my head went down and my feet up. I never had a chance to try again, as I remember.

I enjoyed your letter. Please write again.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

DEAR MRS. GREENE:

We caught four eels in the creek. We are having fun at Grandma's. We play Chinese Checkers and another game called Tetrac.

We see hummingbirds and catch lots of hummingbird moths.

Love,

David Wellman.

DEAR DAVID:

I'm sure you are enjoying your visit at your Grandma's and I know from my experience with my grandchildren, that your grandma is enjoying having you with her. I have four granddaughters and only one grandson. With the exception of five-year-old Kathy the girls are all taller than I, and Kris, the grandson, will soon be. One day one of my neighbor girls was walking down town with me. She is growing tall, so she said to me, "Mrs. Greene, you are shrinking." Perhaps that's what Karen, Gretchen, and Joyce think about me. I like your letter and hope you will write again soon.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

WHEN ELIHU Root was called into the Roosevelt Cabinet as Secretary of State, an intimate friend wrote him: "Why not wait three years and get the substance instead of being the shadow now?"

Mr. Root wrote back: "I have always thought that the opportunity to do something worthwhile while is the substance, and trying to get something was the shadow."

SUNDAY LAWS AND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
George A. Main

The investigation now going on by the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the United States Senate to determine how religious freedom is being thwarted in the United States is lasting under the guarantee of the First Amendment," offers a most unusual opportunity to the friends of religious liberty to expose the intolerance and un-constitutionsality of the Sunday laws that now disgrace the statutes of most of our states and municipalities. A review of the facts seems especially opportune at this time.

Sunday-law Enforcement

Prohibited by the Constitution: While it is generally understood that the United States Constitution still permits the enactment by states and municipalities of intolerant Sunday laws, it is not so generally realized that it also prohibits their enforcement anywhere in the country! Article VI, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Constitution provide:

2 This Constitution and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made, or which shall be the supreme law of the land, and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

3 The Senators and Representatives beforementioned, and the members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by oath or affirmation to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

Objects of Constitution and Powers of Congress to Attain Them: The framers of the Constitution were of the opinion that certain objects of the Constitution, the establishing of justice, promoting the general welfare, and securing the blessings of liberty. And Article 1, Section 8, paragraph 18, empowers Congress to "make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by the Constitution in the Government. In accordance with these objects and powers, the religious portion of the First Amendment to the Constitution provides, Article I:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. Sunday Laws, a First Step in Overthrow of Our Government:

Since there are some who profess to hold that Sunday laws are not religious laws from now on the standpoint of the United States Constitution, we remind our readers that some 150 efforts have been made to induce Congress to enact Sunday laws. All of these have met defeat because Congress refused to violate the First Amendment, which prohibits Congress from making any religious laws; and because congressmen refused to violate their oaths to support the United States Constitution.

The enactment of Sunday laws by any state or municipality to that extent constitutes an effort to partially overthrow our government; and their enforcement by any state or municipal judge or magistrate is a flagrant violation of Article VI of our Constitution.

Sunday Laws Unbiblical and Unchristian: It should not surprise anyone that the opponents of the Seventh-day Sabbath of the Scriptures are dependent solely on the persecutive tactics of the Dark Ages in their efforts to foster the observance of the pagan-born sun-day. For Sunday observance did not enter the Christian Church (except in the two cities of Rome and Alexandria) until late in the fifth century after Christ. "In England, Sunday, p. 289. London, 1880.) The writings of the so-called 'Early Fathers' to the contrary have long since been proved either spurious or actual forgeries.

The Purpose in Sunday Legislation: The only conceivable object in the Sunday laws which now disgrace the statutes of most of our states and municipalities, and the greatly increased fines provided therein for Sunday 'desecration,' is to discourage those who consider transferring their allegiance to the Sabbath of Jehovah, of Christ, and of the Apostles, from doing so.

"Truth Crushed to Earth Shall Rise Again": Possibly the present exposure of the error of Sunday laws may help to expose the errors of Sabbathism, and the perfection of the Sabbath of the Bible.

In any event we may be sure that God is still on His throne and that all will be well.

[Editor's Note: The above unsolicited article reflects the conclusions of the writer. Our own study of the Ante- and Post-Nicene Fathers would not justify us in placing the origin of Sunday observance as late as the 5th century; although we do not know of any writings earlier than the middle of the 2nd century that argue for any special regard for that day.]

Religious Interest Growing: The mid-century tide of interest in religion is sweeping America ever since World War II — appears to have reached new flood heights.

Church membership figures by faiths in 1954 show there are 57,000,000 Protestants; 32,000,000 Roman Catholics, and 5,500,000 members of the Jewish faith.

Americans are also providing more financial support for their churches than ever before. Three or four times greater than membership increases. In Protestant and Orthodox churches alone, contributions totaled $1,537,132,309 for one capi­ta average of $45.36 over the year, a rate of giving increase of 8.5 per cent over the previous year. Yearbook of America Churches.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

HAMMOND, LA. — We were happy to have a visitation, again, from Hammond Metarie attend the Southwest­ern Youth Camp at the YWCA camp grounds near Texarkana, Ark. It was an excellent group of boys and girls, and the week was successful in every way. The group consisted of 32,000,000 Roman Catholics, and 5,500,000 members of the Jewish faith.

Mentioned as the most significant event of the week was the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Persus DeLand, who were the cooks for the group. It was their second year attending the camp, and they were well received by the boys and girls.

The camp was well attended, with over 150 youths participating in various activities. The purpose of the camp was to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to explore their faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

HAROLD'S INABILITY TO WALK

Harold is now at home, and has been able to resume his studies. He is making good progress in his classes and is expected to graduate at the end of the school year.

We were very well represented at the conference, and Pastor Hibbard and family were among those in attendance. Conference. Pastor Hibbard has been conducting services at Hildegard Nursing Home in Baton Rouge, Sabbath afternoons.

On Monday, September 12, the hobby of Harold, 12-year-old son of Earl and Persus Coalwell DeLand, of pushing wheel chairs for the patients at the Home for Incurables, was hindered. Harold began feeling pain in his leg, below the knee, a few months ago, but it was passed off as growing pains or rheumatism, and treated as such. But when swelling of the leg increased, he was taken to a hospital.

The doctors diagnosed it as Ewing's tumor, and said that the leg must be amputated above the knee.

The brave youngster faced the operation unflinchingly. He kissed his mother and father, and it was a quiet goodbye at the family doctor, who had delivered him when he was born. He talked only of how he would learn to walk on an artificial leg some day. Even the nurses were amazed at his bravery.

His teachers have permission from the school board to attend school until he is able to attend school, thus enabling him to be graduated with his class in June.

Harold and friends of our Hammond Church, of which Harold is a member, donated him a combination short-wave radio. Another 'admirer' gave him a TV for his room, and many other gifts have helped him to pass the time.

Harold is now at home, and has con­quered his crutches. A lovely new wheel­chair was brought to him. Countless prayers have lightened his pain. — Correspondent.

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — Items gleaned from the church bulletin of October 1 give a glimpse into the current life of this vil­lage. There was an item in the local paper a short time ago about the death of a work­man, who had lived in the village for many years. The funeral service was held in the church, and the family was received.

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The bulletin states: Sabbath school will not be held until we once again have heat in the church build­ing, and places for the classes to meet.
We have discovered that repairs such as we need are not available for the church furnace, making it necessary to consider a different heating system.

Receipts from the Lord's Acre Bazaar of the Ladies' Benevolent Society totaled $174.50. The Lord's Acre Committee has authorized the treasurer, Mrs. Coon, to send another check for $200 to the Denominational Budget.

The parsonage family is deeply grateful to all of you for your interest and many kindnesses during the illness of your pastor and son Leon (the youngest of six children). The Pastor was confined to his bed four days with a sinus infection but is on his feet and feeling somewhat improved now. Leon was in the hospital a week with a virus type of pneumonia.

A junior orchestra, coached by Mrs. Ben Kolvoord, Sabbath school pianist, will soon be ready.

The Annual Sabbath School Business Meeting was held Sunday evening, September 25. A good spirit prevailed — one of faith and unity with a forward look. Many officers were re-elected to serve again, among them, our devoted Dora Hurley, superintendent, and Mrs. Florence Garrett, treasurer.

— Correspondent.

Accessions

By Baptism:

Marlboro, N. J.

Carol Peterson
Joseph Godish, Jr.

Marriage

Stevenson-Flake.—Neil C. Stevens and Marguerite Flake, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens, 21 Central St., Sept. 2, 1955, by Rev. Herbert L. Polan, a great-uncle of the bride. They are at home at 34 South 25th St., Battle Creek.

Obituaries

Clarke.—Nora Metcalf, daughter of Hubbard and Laura Johnson Metcalf and wife of Sam W. Clarke, was born in Mansfield, Pa., in 1890 and died Sept. 12, 1955, following an extended illness. She was married, her first husband, the late Clair Mapes, died in 1941. In 1947 she was united in marriage with S. W. Clarke of Independence, N. Y. Mrs. Clarke was an accomplished musician and a successful music teacher. Funeral services with Rev. Don A. Sanford, pastor, officiating, were held in the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was an associate member. Miss Sally Clarke, her first piano pupil at Independence, furnished the music for the service. Interment was in the family lot at Wellsville. D. A. S.

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