and material from workshops conducted at Alfred, Alfred Station, and Little Genesee that have been of great help to us. As a result we are now using the every-member-canvass envelopes for the weekly contributions. Practically everyone present is forming the habit of regular systematic giving, children and all. From the report in the Recorder, Independence is listed as reaching its goal and above in giving, children and all. From the report in the Recorder, Independence is listed as reaching its goal and above in giving.

Some of our young people attended Camp Harley. The Sabbath morning service, which is usually held in some nearby church, was held in the Independence Church July 30, followed by a tuna dinner with the Independence people.

By letter:

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By other activities, has been one of the four chosen to edit one part of the Helping Hand lessons. His comments, like his sermons (he has yet to preach a poor one), are of a high caliber. --- Correspondent.

Obituaries

Arnold—Hannah Brown, widow of the late Daniel E. Arnold, was born at Voluntown, Conn., June 19, 1882, and died in her home in Ashaway, R. I., on July 27, 1955, after a lingering illness of several years. Surviving are four sons: John of West Kingstown, Eldred of Stonington, Albert of Westerly, and Harold of Ashaway. The five daughters: Mrs. Fred Brayman, Mrs. Martin Oates, Miss Elsie Arnold (who was her companion and nurse), and Mrs. Earl West, all of Ashaway, and Mrs. Robert Grandall of Quonochontaug. Also surviving is a brother, Arthur Brown, of Ashaway, 27 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Arnold was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church and of the Ashaway Grange. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, on Sabbath afternoon, July 30, and her body laid to rest in the Riverbend Cemetery in Westerly.

L. G. O.

Branch—Adelbert, son of Erastus G. and Emily Stoughton Branch, was born at Hartford, Mich., February 23, 1862, and died at Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Mich., May 28, 1955. (A more extended obituary appears elsewhere.)

Libby—Helen, daughter of Chandler A. and Nancy Smith Libby, was born at Anoka, Minn., on March 7, 1876, and died at Marshall, Mich., July 21, 1955.

Miss Libby came to Battle Creek over 30 years ago in search for the Sabbath truth. Having written to our headquarters she was referred to Elder Fifield who was then in Chicago, and upon his recommendation she joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by two nephews, Arthur C. Libby of Moorhead, Minn., and Archie B. Libby of Minneapolis; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna Libby, also of Minneapolis.

Farewell services were held at the Hubble Funeral Home in Battle Creek on Sabbath afternoon, July 23, with her pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis, in charge, assisted by Rev. Eugene Ballard. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

L. E. D.


Her early years were spent at Farina, Ill., until she came to Nortonville, Kan., at a young woman. In 1879, she became a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. On Sept. 14, 1881, she was united in marriage to Charles Greely Wheeler, who died in 1915. Surviving her are her son, Edwin, and two daughters, Gertie F. Van Horn) of Logan, Colo., and Helen (Mrs. C. C. Crews) of Denver, Colo. There are 15 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. The A. Korean family is all smiles because of the new clothes and gifts pictured here. The Civil Affairs Officer (kneeling), Lt. Col. Harry C. Bursley, and Chaplain Charles W. Lovin are bidding farewell to this fatherless family after presenting them with the clothing made possible by the gifts of women employed in the office of the Secretary of the Army. Such needs are met when people on the scene make known the needs to those at home. So it is also with all missionary work.'
FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CONFERENCE

To create a picture of the opening of Conference in a place strange to almost all of the delegates is more difficult than was anticipated.

Mount Sequoyah, in the center of the Ozarks rising above the University City of Fayetteville, was transformed from an oak-crowned, blackberry hill into a beautiful Methodist assembly ground. This was done through the vision of local business men, as our delegates were told by the mayor of the city in his welcoming address.

Conference was indeed different, pleasantly different, this year. It came at a time when the weather had changed from hot to cool, making both travel and meetings much more enjoyable. It was held in a section of the country new to most of us on grounds far different from our usual meeting places. Roominess and seclusion are terms that have to be used in describing Mount Sequoyah. The former is possible because of the wide acreage owned on top of the hill. The latter is achieved by the placing of buildings among the trees in such a way that only a few buildings or parts of them can be seen from any single point. The partly enclosed auditorium and large roominess of Mount Sequoyah is hardly noticeable from the nearby trees in such a way that only a few buildings or parts of them can be seen from any single point. The partly enclosed auditorium and large dining room and spread their branches above it.

The people seemed to be prepared for something different, for they did not follow any known pattern of arrival. Young people were present at the registration table to begin until Sunday evening and the first regular Conference session was Monday afternoon. However, a few delegates arrived on Friday, 44 were registered on the grounds Sabbath day, and 214 were registered by Sunday evening. This made for a rather leisurely opening with plenty of time for renewal of acquaintances before the formal meetings got under way. At the end of Monday the registration figure stood at 302. This number is less than usual but we believe that most of the delegates found themselves less tired than usual at the end of the day and presumably at the end of the week.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

A full coverage of the General Conference has not been possible in this issue which had to be prepared before the editor's return to the office. The next few Sabbath Recorders will contain a few of the reports and some of the messages, in whole or in part, which will convey to our readers a measure of the achievements and the inspiration of our annual gathering. Since this was primarily a working conference, the results will continue to show up in the churches in months to come.

The story of Commission will be told. Fresh news of missionary endeavor and plans will appear on these pages. Certain changes in the Sabbath Recorder and other publications as suggested by Conference committees will be mentioned and put into effect as soon as practicable. We believe that this magazine will more and more become a "must" in homes where there is a desire to be well informed.

The next issue will carry further editorial comment about the events at Fayetteville. A picture of the Seventh Day Baptist leaders of Nigeria and a story of the lights and shades of that field as seen by Dr. Wayne Rood will be of interest to many.

Don't miss the next Recorders.

War is not inevitable. "Those who are resolved to build a peaceful world wherein dwell the righteousness not only of God Himself, but are the patriots who in fact preserve the nation and its priceless heritage. We separate ourselves from those who declare the teaching of Jesus to be irredescent idealism and who scorn His thought by suggesting it is but perfections of ethics. We are realists. We face contemporary threats to freedom with full recognition of our responsibility to preserve freedom for our children and our children's children. We know that Russia is at once an expanding imperialism and an infiltrating ideology. We must never forget that an ideology cannot be demolished by atomic bombs, nor suffocated by poison gas. It must be met by a better ideology, equally dynamic, that when translated into reality brings more of freedom, justice, and brotherhood to men; in a word, more of abundant living. We possess such an ideology. In our quest for the Kingdom of God on earth, we refuse to let the Communist appropriate the great objectives of the Kingdom, one of which is peace." - Bishop Oxnam.
A CHALLENGE FOR TODAY

The message of Conference President Clarence Rogers delivered on the opening day of the gathering at Fayetteville, Ark.

To this conference of people I presume to make an assumption that we are all believers. A second premise for our thinking today is that personal emphasis must be on how to grow in the Christian life. This growth, of course, would be expected within the framework of the Biblical principles of Seventh Day Baptist faith.

Growth spiritually may be compared in principle to growth in other areas of life. As the acorn changes to the tiny shoot and finally to a towering tree its metamorphosis contains changes which stagger our imagination. The tiny baby still in its mother's womb becomes finally a man or woman with insight and inventiveness that constantly amaze us.

The pattern you will notice is always from darkness to light. Even in the beginning as God created heaven and earth — so came the light and the darkness. Just so the day is ushered in by night and is completed in the light. There must be significance in the pattern.

Our Lord made careful reference to His mission as the light of the world. His stories are rich in illustration of light following darkness as the sequence for human development. But you say — that is all elementary. I agree. It is all so elementary that it is more often overlooked than recognized. So let us attempt to portray in some measure the characteristics of this pattern of darkness to light in spiritual changes which occur within the human soul and affect the whole personality.

As I mentioned to you before, the assumption is made that we are Christians and that the experience of recognizing our own inadequacies and believing that God through His Son Jesus Christ can forgive us our sins and cleanse us from our iniquity is like the dawning of the day after the night — like the sprouting of the shoot after the seed has rested in darkness.

We must continue to recognize not only the fundamental need of that experience but we must also learn better ways to effectively initiate spiritual growth. These characteristics of spiritual growth are all related to what John wrote: "Be ye doers of the word," "Study to show thyself approved," "Learn of me," "Love your enemies."

Certainly only one such characteristic is service. On this point I want to say that unless the Christian church finds greater areas of service, it is in danger of having the civilized world come to regard service as the achievement of the fraternal organization or the local service club. No one denies the validity and worth-while-ness of the Elks, the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, etc., but many people have reached the place where such organizations take the place of the church. This is largely the fault of the churchmen who have failed to visualize what the church must do to carry out its responsibility for others.

A second characteristic is to study and learn. Thus far we have found only God and His Son to have a more creative mind than man. What a responsibility for us as people and as the Christian church to be fenced in the belief that each individual must not only acknowledge the goodness and greatness of God, but must also use well the talents that have been given.

A minister said to me a few years ago, "This is what I believe and I'll never change." When the mind of man ceases to seek out the mind of God there will be no growth. Christianity is not static — it is something we are always growing in.

As the tree continually seeks new light — more air and growth — let us constantly be thinking and acting with a purpose for proper growth.

It will be as natural for us as a people to grow as it is for the tree if we but strive as a whole for our development. And as we admire and find usefulness in the tree, so can there be beauty and usefulness in one process of working out the task of the Christian, his church, and his denomination.

The expression of love in the life of mankind is not difficult to see but very hard to emulate. But there is one attribute

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"He whom God loveth he also chaseneth." To do God's work as a people we must intelligently and patiently analyze our program, attempting always to find a better way — a better way in His way, you know.

A challenge now faces us. A chance to do a job today is ours. It will not be here for us to do tomorrow. Let's do it!
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

Circumstances have forced your executive secretary to devote a great deal of his time to budget promotion and to encouraging efforts toward strengthening the denomination at the church level. Both these features are important parts of the over-all job because it requires money to accomplish our work. It is a testimony to him that our denominational mission is to individuals through the local church. The task of co-ordinating our entire denominational program has been carried forward, but has not been as conspicuous as the two facets already mentioned.

Budget Promotion

This work has occupied what seems to be a disproportionate portion of time, but since the rest of the work is dependent upon the success of our raising the necessary funds, it has been necessary. How successful it has been is hard to see, and it is impossible to assess what the secretary's effort may have contributed to the degree of success attained. With a budget 125% higher than last year, we had at the end of July raised 63% of it as against 53% a year ago at the same time. Such a comparison, however, is not completely fair, since this year's record included as budget giving many gifts recorded last year as "special." Perhaps more significant is the fact that our giving this year is almost four months ahead of last year, and it was for the entire year two years ago.

The backbone of budget promotion efforts has been the "Secretary's Column" in the Sabbath Recorder. Of 34 columns published since last Conference, 18 have been aimed directly toward encouraging more generous giving, and some others have made reference to the need for money to carry on our work. Well over half the space generously made available by the Recorder has thus been used for this purpose. Early during the year a special four-page leaflet showing what specific gifts would accomplish in our denominational work was prepared and offered to our pastors for use in their churches. They ordered, and presumably distributed, 3,500 of these leaflets. A special series was prepared at two of six bulletin covers, each showing the financial need of a separate agency. These were offered for sale to our churches, and the total taken by them was slightly over 3,000. Later in the year a series of slides breaking down the budget according to agency needs, and endeavoring to dramatize the necessity of a certain extent, was made up and one set given to each member of Commission. Your secretary has usually taken occasion to make reference to budget needs in his "public appearances" during the year.

More Strength Needed

Review of church statistics indicates that our total membership is slightly lower than it was a year ago. To a certain extent this may be attributable to the fact that some of our churches have been going over their membership lists and removing names of those whom they know (after direct inquiry) to be no longer interested in the Sabbath Church. That some of our churches have done just that has come to your secretary's knowledge.

While a certain amount of attrition is inevitable in a denomination such as ours which holds beliefs that are "different," it is true that we are not holding our own as we should; nor are we increasing our strength as we should. Your secretary has repeatedly suggested to all of our churches that they strive to attain a 5% gain in membership each year. A few churches have done that this year but there are others who report no accessions whatever. Since losses do occur through death or withdrawal, the net effect is a loss. Two or three of the "Secretary's Columns" have attempted to call attention to the need for greater numerical strength, and to possible programs for accomplishing this goal.

Some work has been done this past year in endeavoring to strengthen our associations. Your secretary feels that in the two associations where he had an opportunity to work, some real progress has been made. He believes that two or three of the associations he was unable to reach personally have also made real progress in strengthening their work and worth. Over a year ago he started the Western Association with the organization of a workshop program and this idea has been picked up by the Central Association where he again had an opportunity to participate. The association workshop program has been reported separately. Here let us say that this appears to be a program well worth continuing and spreading to other associations.

Part of the reason for your secretary's efforts to establish definite goals for future work. The Tract Society, for example, has set up a definite program for distribution of a quarter of a million tracts within the next five years on a progressive annual basis. The Missionary Society is formalizing its hopes for future work on a definite program. The Board of Christian Education is making to this Conference some specific recommendations for its future work. Unfortunately, many of these programs call for a large increase in money which will add to our already serious financial problems.

Early in the year a "Package Proposal," as called for by last year's Conference, providing for suggestions for changing Conference from an annual to a biennial meeting was drafted and sent to various interested groups for discussion and recommendations. The remainder of this report is written no redraft has been attempted.

During the year the Western Association conducted its second "Broadcast of Faith," a four-week series of quarter-hour radio programs extending over a three-month period. Your secretary spoke on one of these programs.

Work at the local level was confined largely to churches within easy reach of the secretary. In the fall, a visit was made to the newly recognized church at Schenectady, N. Y. The Sabbath morning message was delivered by the secretary, and the remainder of the day was spent in conference with most of the membership. How much of the progress since made by this church can be attributed to being influenced by this visit is debatable, but it

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Dear Pastor Harris,

just a line . . . I imagine you are up to your ears in work preparing for another Conference. It doesn't seem possible that another August is nearly upon us. I just wanted to write myself to let you and others who might be concerned know that I recovered from the complication from my first illness and I feel wonderful. I seem to be completely well now and have been back at the mission a week. School is over, our last class leaves tomorrow to write the government examination.

God has been most gracious to us—surely we give Him all the credit—for strength for Beth to help carry on my class in addition to her own, the help David and Bettie have given to the classes (Beth's and mine) received in the hospital, and spiritual strength for us all.

There was a time when Beth and I felt we might not need Blue Cross protection, but we are more than grateful to have had it—every penny we can save in the Lord’s service goes that much further in winning souls for Him.

Thanks to all for their concern and prayers.

In His service,

Joan.

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If my hand slacked, I should rob God,  
Leaving a blank behind, instead of violins.  
He could not make Antonio Stradivari's violins  
Without Antonio."  

Just as God was limited of old by His people, so if we, the present channels of His grace and power, fail in any small degree, then shall we be robbing God. Shall we follow God untriedly, unceasingly, unafraid? Follow then, confidently, courageously, joyfully. Remember, He is depending on you and me to answer a call similar to this one now: "Who knoweth whether THOU art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Poem: "Called to the Kingdom"  
(Sent to the Sabbath Recorder by Adeline T. Soper of Fouke, Ark.)

"When God needs a person to stand,  
though alone  
Against what is evil and wrong,  
He may choose a soul to the world all known  
Whom He sees is courageous and strong.  
So it may be now, in your humble home sphere;  
He is shaping your life to His plan;  
That when He may tell you the crisis is here,  
And call you to meet it — you can."  
Song: "In the Service of the King."  
Prayer.  
Mrs. Herbert Lippincott  
Battle Creek, Mich.

"Christianity is always just one generation away from extinction — always just one jump from the grave. Why? Because nobody, no one, can inherit biologically one wht of Christian Faith. It has to get learned, and from scratch by every human being." — Ralph N. Mould.
Rev. C. Burchard Loofbourrow

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this plan and our own retirement program, and made this available to our ministers. He discussed the same topic at the ‘Pastors’ Meeting in Salamence in May. In the light of availability of this program, it may be necessary or desirable to restudy our own program, because (especially) many of our ministers feel that they cannot afford to contribute to both, and the death benefits of the Government program have a very strong appeal to those younger men who are raising families.

The secretary has been in frequent consultation with the administration of the School of Theology, and participated with them once in a conference with the accrediting officer in Albany, N. Y., who appears to be largely responsible for determining future accreditation standing. While no terms or agreements were reached, all those involved felt that this meeting was very much worth while in the establishment of mutual understanding and respect.

Co-ordination

One meeting of the Co-ordinating Council was held in December and another here in Fayetteville the evening before Conference began. Much more in this direction has been accomplished by frank discussions between your secretary and the officers of our various boards, and by his consequent ability to bring to a problem of one the thinking and action of another in similar situations.

Your secretary has, of course, attended every regular meeting of our three major boards as well as two special meetings of the Board of Christian Education, several meetings of its executive committee, and one meeting of its youth committee. He has been able to carry to these meetings something of what he feels to be the sentiment of the denomination as a whole, bringing into their discussions a wider viewpoint than many of the members possess because of their preoccupation with their own board problems. This practice has also enabled him to feel the pulses of the boards themselves and to comprehend more thoroughly the "why's" of some of their decisions.

Extra-Denominational Contacts

There has been a steady correspondence between his office and the offices of the National and World Councils of Churches with which we are affiliated. Although we discontinued our support two years ago, we still maintain friendly correspondence relations with the Baptist World Alliance and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Relations. Your secretary arranged for our denomination to be represented by Rev. Elizabeth Fitz Randolph and Rev. Luther Chestow at the funeral of the late Dr. John R. Mott, honorary president of the World Council and widely known lay Christian leader.

Although perhaps the outcome would have been the same without it, it seems certain that our stand on the question of a World Calendar was seriously considered by our own State Department in its decision not to support such a project in the United Nations, and to urge that the matter be permanently dropped from its consideration. — A. Burdet Crofoot.

Want to Hear Some New Thing?

The pastor had preached several sermons on tithing. A friend asked, "Don't you have something fresher on the subject?" He went on to say that people got tired of hearing over and over, "The tithe is the Lord’s and holy unto the Lord." When will we learn that it is not new information that we need when we have not lived up to that which has already been given to us by the Lord? The same is true of the Sabbath — for, after all, Sabbath instruction in the Bible occupies infinite space than tithing instruction. We wonder sometimes about the motivation that causes church leaders to invent this Biblical emphasis — so much about tithing, so little about the Sabbath. Both rest upon the will of God revealed in the Bible, and upon no other ground. What we need is not a new philosophy or new information, but a new adherence to an old philosophy which says that true happiness comes from seeking to do the known will of God.

Rev. C. Burchard Loofbourrow

was born the son of William and Martha LeMasters Loofbourrow, April 1, 1878, in Dark County, Ohio. He moved with his parents to Nebraska as a youngster.

In August, 1900, he was united in marriage with Caroline Jones. To this union were born four children: Helen, Vivian, Grace, and Wade. In 1906, he moved with his family to Milton, Wis., where he attended Milton College. Mrs. Loofbourrow passed away in 1909. Mr. Loofbourrow taught school in Boaz Township, Wis., from 1913 to 1915. On June 30, 1915, he married Ruth Philip, whose family to Milton, Wis., where he remained until 1920. He and his family then moved to New Auburn, Wis., where he served as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for twelve and a half years, and as friend and community citizen since resigning from the pastorate.

He also served as pastor of the Edenburg, Tex., Seventh Day Baptist Church for three years.

Mr. Loofbourrow went to his eternal rest at his home on Sabbath day, July 23, 1955. He is survived by his wife and nine children: Helen (Mrs. Elmer Nelson), Grace (Mrs. Eli Loofboro), Juanita (Mrs. John Torgerson), all of New Auburn, Wis.; Vivian (Mrs. Chester Nelson), Glencoe, Minn.; Anna (Mrs. Wayne Rood), El Cerrito, Calif.; Wade, Yreka, Calif.; Phillip, Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif.; Donald, Lake Zurich, III., and Kent, Beloit, Wis. Also surviving are a brother, C. W. Loofbourrow, American Falls, Ida., and three sisters: Mrs. Grace Helman, LaMesa, Calif.; Mrs. Jennie Bee, North Loup, Neb.; Mrs. John Chartfield, Ord, Neb.; 23 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held July 25 at the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church, with his pastor, Rev. David A. Clarke, officiating.
DEACON BERT R. WELCH

The passing of Deacon Bert R. Welch at his home in Leonardsville, N. Y., May 19, 1955, was a sad loss to our church and community where he had been a highly respected citizen and Christian gentleman for half a century.

Deacon Welch was born in Edmeston, N. Y., September 11, 1879, the son of Murray and Emily Simmons Welch. On January 11, 1905, he was married to Lena Burdick who survives. In 1906 they moved to Leonardsville, and in 1914 joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church here. He always had been a devout, religious man, and now had become a convert to the Sabbath.

His loyalty and devotion to his church did not go unrewarded, his service was appreciated. In June of 1933, during the pastorate of Rev. Paul Burdick, he with Deacon George Rogers (who has also pastorate of Rev. Paul Burdick, Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Deacon Welch was often loyal to his convictions and to the truth as he understood it.

"One by every act of love or truth expressed, the impress of the soul can never die," J. E. Walker.

Whether we lean to an optimistic or a pessimistic view of the UN, we must not make unreasonable demands of it. The UN is not God — it should not be expected to accomplish a regeneration of human motivation. — Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

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STAYING among us, assisting Pastor Davis, directing the Bible schools, and helping with camps. The Conviv school was held June 12-17, 1955. There were eight teachers and helpers, besides some others who drove cars. Attendance averaged 360 a day. The Creek school attended a high attendance of 139 with eight teachers and 11 helpers. Transportation was in charge of Mrs. Ernest Thompson. Interesting closing exercises at Creek were led by Miss Swinney, and Mrs. Lewis arranged the Battle Creek program.

The camping program started off with a youth retreat, July 1-4, for those of 12 years and up. Seventeen young people and five counselors attended. The theme was "Living What You Believe." On July 7, the day for the youngsters of 6-8, there were 17 children. Junior camp was July 10-17, for ages 9-11, and 20 in this group participated. Miss Swinney and a staff of helpers again took charge. The intermediate camp, July 17-24, was directed jointly by Pastors Davis and Babcock. The theme for all the young people's camp was "This Is My Sabbath." There were several decisions made and new church members are anticipated.

This summer some of the 'older' church folk have a sample of camp life. Although many of the groups were smaller than in past years, there was a group of folk who wanted a sample of camp life. Although many of the groups were smaller than in past years, there was a group of folk who wanted a sample of camp life.
fresheens in the home and backyard of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pfieffer, 257 Clare­ment Ave., Verona, N. J., where Mrs. Emma Hennis was the honored guest just before her departure for Hamburg, Ger­many, on July 26, 1955, to enter a Home for Aged Men and Women in which the former pastor and his wife of the Ham­burg Seventh Day Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Bruhn, are now living. Mrs. Hennis spent about 6 years in the United States, having made an extended visit to her son, Walter B. Hennis, of Visalia, Calif. While in California, she attended the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Redcley, which is pastored by Mr. Friessen. Mrs. Hennis was active in the Women’s Group of the Irvington Church.

Accessions

Brookfield, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Joan Palmer
Barbara Palmer
Chris Van Horn

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Baptism:

Mrs. Thomas C. Bond (Mary Sue)

Mrs. Lucille Bond

Births

Fogt. — A daughter, Mary Rebecca, to Mr. and Mrs. William (Margaret Randolph) Fogt of Shohoe, N. J., on July 11, 1955.

Obituaries

Welch.—Bert R., son of Murray and Emily Simmons Welch was born September 11, 1879, in Edmonston, N. Y., and died May 19, 1955, at his home in Leonardsville, N. Y. The funeral service was conducted at his home May 22 by his pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, and burial was in the Leonardsville Cemetery. A more extended story appears elsewhere.

Freet.—Benjamin Alpha, son of Benjamin and Katharine Freet, was born near Garwin, Iowa, on August 11, 1870, and passed away at Garwin, Iowa, August 3, 1955.

On February 12, 1912, he was united in marriage to Nora M. Lippincott, daughter of Rev. Daniel L. Lippincott. She preceded him in death in 1923.

He lived most of his life in or near Garwin and was a member of the Carlton Seventh Day Baptist Church of Garwin.

He is survived by a daughter, Thelma (Mrs. Leight Stewart) of Kirkwood, Mo.; a son, Wayne Freet of Alexandria, La.; thirteen grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were held at the Miller Funeral Home with Rev. Glenn Holthus, United Brethren minister, officiating. Interment was in the Garwin Cemetery.

Kenyon. — Evangeline Canfield, daughter of George and Mary Canfield, was born near Alfred, N. Y., July 27, 1872, and died in Elmira Heights, N. Y., July 27, 1955.

At the age of twelve she was baptized by Rev. Jared Kenyon, uniting with the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She attended Alfred University and taught public school for a time.

Evangeline Canfield and Walter D. Kenyon of Hopkinton, R. I., were united in marriage by the late Dr. Bootho C. Davis, March 8, 1894. For some years the home was in or near Alfred. In 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon, with their three sons, moved to Hopkinton. Mrs. Kenyon became a member of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church and succeeded her husband as clerk after his death three years ago.

She was an active member of the W.C.T.U. for sixty-five years and served at different times as president of the Ashaway-Potter Hill W.C.T.U.

Surviving are seven sons: George C., Lawrence W., and Arling, of Hopkinton; W. Alexander of St. Paul, Minn.; Simon of Madison, Wis.; Kenneth of Plattsburg, N. Y.; Roy of Ashaway; and two daughters, Mrs. Hazel K. Greene of Elmira Heights, N. Y., and Mrs. Ruth K. Tate of Bath, N. Y. There are also twenty-two grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Buckler Funeral Home in Westerly, R. I., Rev. J. R. Crandall and Rev. Everett T. Harris officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway.

Loofbourrow.—Rev. C. Burchard, son of William and Susannah (Crow) Loofbourrow, was born in Dark County, Ohio, on April 1, 1878, and died July 23, 1955. His wife and nine children survive him.

Memorial services were held July 25 at the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church, and interment was in the New Auburn Cemetery. (See page 332 for a more extended obituary.)

Rogers.—Bertha, daughter of Roderick and Eveline Langworthy, was born September 19, 1868, in Brookfield, and died June 18, 1955, at her home in Unadilla Forks, N. Y.

She was married to George A. Rogers in 1887 who died in 1909. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Hobart Baldwin and Miss Bernice Rogers of Unadilla Forks; a son, James K. Rogers, of San Antonio, Tex.; four sisters, Mrs. Jennie Case, Mrs. Lina Brooks, Mrs. D. J. Fair and Mrs. Ordo Perry; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

She was a faithful member of the Leonardsville Church and Benevolent Society.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, June 21, and burial was in the Leonardsville Cemetery.

The nine young people pictured here with Miss Emma Burdick of Waterford, Conn., who traveled with them, are all from the Western R. I., Church. Their train trip and Conference expenses were made possible by several fund-raising projects during the year and by the gift of a young man in the military service who was unable to attend but was anxious that others have the opportunity. The photo was taken by a Fort Smith paper, The Arkansas American.