Road Community Church, 2628 Union Road, Cheektowaga, N. Y. — Church Bulletin for March 16.

FOUKE, ARK. — Fifty years of service in their church was noted by members of the Fouke Church recently in an all-day meeting. Mrs. Ethel Davis and Mrs. James Crabtree had united with the church in 1906, and were present for the day's services.

The themes of the messages for the day were "Some Things to Remember," and "What Mean These Stones?" The emphasis was on the little memorials such as a book, card, picture, a certain tree or corner that cause us to recall the counsel of a former pastor or Sabbath School teacher — things that challenge us to new effort and vision in order to be true to the work and expectations of those who have labored before us.

Special recognition was given to members present. Mrs. Hortense Shelton was the oldest and Miss Diane Slaton was the youngest present. There are six, possibly seven, members besides Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Crabtree who have been members more than fifty years.

Another unusual feature of the recognition meeting was the presence of two groups of four generations. Mrs. Ethel Davis, Mrs. Esther Mitchell, Mrs. Merline Murray, and Miss Kathy Murray are regular attendants both at prayer meetings on Tuesday nights and at Sabbath services. All but Kathy, the baby, are members of the church.

Those in the other four-generation group are all members of the Fouke Church and of the Texarkana Fellowship and are regular in attendance in Texarkana. They are Mrs. Hortense Shelton, Mrs. Ruth Griffith, Mrs. Ruth Joy Relthford, and Miss Charla Relthford.

This is no doubt the last joint meeting the Fouke Church will have with the Texarkana Fellowship before the organization of the Texarkana Church at the end of March. We were glad so many could come. About fifty gathered for the services and fellowship dinner.

— Correspondent.

**Births**

Barber. — A son, Jeffery Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Clair Barber, Mar. 4, 1957, of North Loup and Grand Island, Neb.

Monroe. — A son, Eddie DuWayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Glathan Monroe of the Fouke Church on February 23.

**Obituaries**

Green. — Clarence V., son of Edwin and Pamela West Green, was born in Potter County, Pa., Jan. 4, 1887, and died at Almond, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1957.

He became a member of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in February, 1912. Until a few years ago he had spent most of his life near Alfred Station. After retiring from his farm, he was a painter and a carpenter.

Survivors include two sons, Harold of Syracuse and Lester of Andover; a daughter, Mrs. Edward Mason, of Almond; a brother, Grant of Portville; three sisters: Mrs. Ed Childs of Wellsville, Mrs. Lucy Storms of Cuba, and Mrs. Nellie Gwynne of Varysburg, N. Y.; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the home of his son, Lester, in East Valley, with his pastor, J. Paul Green, officiating. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. — J. P. G.

Bond. — Cora Ellis, daughter of Deacon Eugene and Lula Brown Ellis, was born April 22, 1886, in Ashland Township, Dodge County, Minn., and died on Feb. 7, 1957, at the Owatonna, Minn., hospital after several years of ill health.

At the age of ten years she was baptized by Rev. H. D. Clarke and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dodge Center, Minn. On Sept. 20, 1911, she was united in marriage with Henry Bond by Rev. Charles Sayre. To this union were born three children. Before her marriage she taught in the rural schools of Dodge Center and later used her teaching ability in her church's Sabbath School.

Surviving besides her husband are her children: Leona Bushaw, Superior, Wis.; Ormond, Ardith Greene, and Claston of Dodge Center; Arthur of Owatonna; and Berniece Jensen of Minneapolis; nineteen grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dodge Center by her pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn. Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery.

— Ardith Greene.

**The Scriptures in 1109 Languages**

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1109 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1956, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. Seventeen new languages have been added to the list since the last report.
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Contents Unknown

Last evening in a neighboring city we picked up, for ten cents, an 1897 book in good condition entitled Legends of the Virgin and Christ. The author had written a number of rather well-known books both in English and French — more secular books than this, on myths and legends. In preserving these legends which were current in the Dark Ages, he no doubt rendered a service. He wrote apparently with objectivity, believing the Bible, and discounting the legends.

Examining the 60-year-old book a little more closely this morning, we observed...
that the pages, between the preface and the contents, now bristle with age, as if never been cut. Perhaps some of the book had been read several times, but in one sense, none of the contents are unknown. We cannot feel too badly about it, for the contents are of relatively little value. The book really adds nothing authentic to our knowledge. At one time the book was held by at least two previous owners. It is far more disturbing to realize that there are Bibles that have been in some homes for 50 or 60 years and the contents are still unknown to the owner of the Book. Bibles that have been in some homes for many years and the contents are of relatively little value. The book really adds nothing authentic to our knowledge.

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Several things have come to my attention of late which I believe need clarification. We surely need to understand how our work will be supported. We have a special interest in unifying the work of forthcoming issues. Listed in the Request for Contributions are a number of other things, the details of which you may read about in the Year Book. It is our hope that you will give some consideration to carry forward the work of our Lord or we cannot be enthusiastic about its support.

First we should say that Our World Mission (O.W.M.) does not mean just "Overseas Missions." Taking the good news of the saving grace of God to fields afar is certainly a very important part of our work but it is not all of it. Our missionary and evangelistic efforts at home, work with our young people, the training of those who have chosen to become ministers and want to go to our own theological school are all included under O.W.M. One of our boards furnishes printed materials concerning our beliefs and the Gospel message for anyone who are inquiring at home or abroad, and also furnishes visual aids for helping any interested to be better teachers and workers for Christ. The money that comes from O.W.M. giving to the Woman's Board of Missions, the missio­nary work of this organization whose work is supported by O.W.M. giving and some of the funds are used for the expense of holding the General Conference yearly meetings. It is a time that decisions are made about forwarding our denominational work. A real uplift of the denomination would be felt in all our churches and groups - steps that decisions are made about forwarding our denominational work. A real uplift of the denomination would be felt in all our churches and groups. If they are some phases of denominational work that need to be considered, could it be that you are not informed about that part of the work? "Taste and see!"

It is true, we feel sure, that every individual is anxious that all the work of Seventh Day Baptists be aimed at carrying forward God's plan. If everyone takes time to become informed and then to pray, we do particular to our various avenues of endeavor, we know that God will direct and bless in every effort.

To date the giving toward the 1956-57 O.W.M. program has fallen short of the required amount needed to carry the program forward in its entirety. Roughly, 20% of the contributions designated for Seventh Day Baptists are due to the O.W.M. contribution. A special appeal could serve to kindle new interest in the cause represented by Seventh Day Baptists.

The Seven Steps of Extension and Growth

A major project of the Co-ordinating Council of the denomination last year was the preparation in outline form of seven steps in extension and growth to be followed by the churches and groups — steps leading from creating an interest to the truths we hold dear to the actual formation and cultivation of new churches.

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Tract Board News

More people traveled greater distances than usual to attend the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society held at Shiloh, N. J. Very few of the thirty-member board were absent. Two members came from Rhode Island, one from Pennsylvania, twelve from Plainfield. Visitors brought the total to over thirty. The local visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis, veterans in their interest in tract ministry.

Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, executive secretary of General Conference, had driven from Battle Creek, Mich., to speak in the South Jersey churches, to attend the meeting of the board, and to confer with the Conference president, the missionaries secretary, the tract secretary, and others who were in attendance.

Two committees met prior to the assembling of the full board; the Committee on Publications at 10:30 A.M. and the Supervisory Committee at 1 o'clock. The board was able to hear and act upon the reports of committees and officers and to transact its miscellaneous business in less than three hours.

The Distribution Committee pictured here as it met in the home of William and Mary Ayars two weeks previous to the board meeting. The committee reviewed previous plans for encouraging wider distribution of tracts in the country, and approved the increasing tract ministry in our English-speaking foreign countries. The committee recommended helping mission and pastorless churches in tract distribution projects by furnishing money for postage to the extent of $25 per project. The board approved this.

The Publications Committee favorably considered one new Sabbath tract and recommended the printing of a salvation tract, "Change Your Mind," to replace "Repentance of Time". This, recently reprinted or on order, will bring the salvation series into good balance with the other themes. Another of those carrying the name of the Day by Day Building was ordered reprinted. Three others, informational tracts in that series which are now out of print, were not favorably considered at this time because it was felt that the Handbook of Information could be urged upon those seeking a general knowledge of our history and position in the Christian world. Other authorized publishing will make the next quarter the largest of the year with a probability of 45,000 pieces.

Business Manager L. H. North reported that the publishing house at the end of February showed a much lower income than at the same time a year ago. However, there is more unbillled work in process which should do much toward evening out the irregular figures by the end of the fiscal year. May 31. The committee, through its chairman, Bert B. Sheppard, recommended the replacement of one of the smaller presses in the near future, funds for which are available. The flatted press in question is 35 years old.

The 1957-58 budget of the board, which was mentioned in a previous article in the Recorder (March 18), was adopted after some discussion as a tentative budget. It should be noted that the current budget, which will be operative only three months from now, was revised upward in certain areas of work to be more closely in line with the actual rate of expenditures. Recorder costs are running slightly above the estimate of a year ago. Sabbath Promotion work has greatly increased this year (under the leadership of the chairman, Rev. Lee Holloway). Clerical assistance to the corresponding secretary and editor was voted an increase in pay scale for the remainder of work to be done in the new budget.

The work of the Sabbath Promotion Committee will be reported in a separate article, as will some other phases of the Tract Society Program.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 13, 1957

"Honour the 'Crucify!'"

Lesson Scripture:

Matthew 21: 1-11; 27: 20-26

PERMITTED TO SUFFER

(Author's name will be given in next issue)

The grim fact of human misery and suffering presents a serious problem. We ask, "Why?" for it seems that as often as not the innocent and helpless are the ones who suffer. In this instance we have led some to renounce faith in God. Others have become hard and bitter. In fact, it has affected all of us in one way or another.

There must be an answer somewhere, and if any human can give the answer it should be the Christian. For this reason we should seek a definite and Biblical answer to give to others, lest their faith be lost by their own suffering.

Our first step to the solution is to fully face the fact that there is a God. You see, it is our basic belief in a Supreme Being of perfection and goodness that makes suffering such a problem. This problem reveals our fundamental belief that our universe is rational and that there ought to be an answer. Atheism is no answer to our problem. It essentially denies the existence of God, and the atheist has certainly raised more problems for himself than he has answered.

We must, then, believe that there is a good God back of it all.

God Is Good and Wise

Now we come to the next step: It is simply that we believe that our God is absolutely sovereign and completely wise. We know He could stop all suffering now. And we know He could have prevented it all in the beginning. But we believe that He must have loving and wise reasons for allowing it. This may sound harsh, but think a minute: 1. We know there is suffering. No question about it. 2. And we know there is a reason; we cannot escape this inner conviction. 3. Thus God must either be an almighty and good God who allows all this for a good reason, or He is a weak or wicked being. When we stop to reason, we are forced to admit that since our God is neither weak nor wicked, He must have an almighty reason for having suffering in the world.

When we try to complete the solution to the problem of suffering, we have great difficulty. So, before considering some reasons for suffering, let's face the
fact that many reasons are hidden with God which we cannot know or understand. But should that bother us? Isn't God good in those reasons? It is enough to know that His reasons are good and sufficient. Just trust Him. We walk by faith, not by sight.

Reasons for Suffering Partially Revealed

First of all, we need to face the fact of suffering. Suffering is the result of sin, and of the conflict between good and evil. God's way, and His turning from God's way toward our own way. Can we expect anything but suffering to come from that?

But, it may be argued, could not God have kept His creatures from such rebellion? Undoubtedly, yes. God must have warned us to avoid it, and conditioned us properly for the future existence God has planned for us.

This reminds us of the words of a song we have often heard:

Glory! Glory! Is what the angels sing.
And I expect to help them,
To make the heaven ring.
But when I sing redemption's story,
The angels will fold their wings.
For angels do not know the glory
That our redemption brings.

There is a real truth there. The fact of redemption brings glory, and makes us love God. But if there were no sin, there could be no redemption.

Purpose in Suffering

But what is the purpose of suffering in the life of the Christian? After we have been redeemed, can there be any purpose in suffering? There must be. Let's see if we can find it as we read our Bibles. In Hebrews 12: 11 we read, "Now no chastening seemeth for the present to be joyous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peacable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. What a comfort it is to know that no matter how great our sufferings, our ultimate joy will far outweigh all we have to go through now. So we can say, when troubles come, "Most wonderful a future God must have for me, if I have to go through so much now to get ready for it!"

A wonderful illustration of the blessings God has hidden in suffering is found in a story by Ralph Connor, where the "Sky Angel" tells the parable of the Canyon. To explain how a protective mother personality, or a crippled child, or a crippled girl. According to this parable, the pasture was not content with its lot, and complained to God that it was too barren and bare — that only a few flowers of little value grew on it. So the pasture prayed to God to make truly beautiful flowers grow there. But what happened was that a dark storm cloud rolled up, and the winds lashed out, and the lightnings played their roared. Then a terrific bolt struck the pasture and split it open, leaving a deep, ugly wound in the form of a deep canyon. The pasture cried and groaned, and couldn't understand why this had happened. But the storm passed, the sun came out, and yet the pasture did not recover; and the lightnings played their way. Then a raging bolt struck the pasture and split it open, leaving a deep, ugly wound in the form of a deep canyon. The pasture cried and groaned, and couldn't understand why this had happened. But the storm passed, the sun came out, and yet the pasture did not recover; and the lightnings played their way.

Another story further illustrates the source of comfort in time of suffering. A father had just received the news that his son had been killed in the war. Going to his pastor in the bitterness of his grief, he asked, "Go, and talk about, when my son was killed?" After a moment of silence and prayer the wise pastor replied, "Just where He was when His own Son died.

How many times Jesus' work was hindered by double-mindedness of the men who listened to Him. The rich young ruler could honestly say that he had kept all of the commandments from his youth. He had sent his business and gave all his wealth to the poor, and come, and in the opening chapter of his book:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men generously and without reproaching and it will be given him.

We, too, lack wisdom, and at times we earnestly ask of God who gives to all men generously and without reproaching. But do we ask in faith? Have we dared to ask what Kierkegaard would call "the leap of faith" and trust completely on Him? Are there not doubts within us which cast us about like a wave driven to and fro by the wind?"
The Reward Disease

Now the same thing may be true with regard to our church life. We wish to see our church grow; we wish to see our denomination expand till it holds the pure in heart, for they shall see God face to face. But often it is this very desire which hinders our accomplishment.

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A letter and suggestions for programs to observe the day will be sent out very soon. It would be helpful if pastors and church leaders begin doing some preliminary thinking right away.

The Tract Society would also be grateful if churches would send as early as possible the number of Rally Day bulletins they desire.

Youth Speaks

Being Christian in Daily Life

By Nina Traver, of Little Genesee, N. Y.

Being Christian in daily life is fundamental to our faith. This is the topic under two headings. First, Christianity is not simply a formal duty that we complete by discharge being gotten to church on Sabbath. Jesus' quipped with the scribblers and Pharisees was not that they were too religious, but that they did not carry their religion far enough; to them it was a set of religious laws about details, rather than seeking to discover God's will for their lives and carrying out that will.

There is a place for you and me in this world today. It is only His will whether He opens and prepares the place for you and me. All my life, it seems, I have always been preparing for something. In school I went from grade to grade. Now in high school, many young people prepare for college which will result in their lifework. One day I read in the New Testament, "I go to prepare a place for you." I did not understand it then, though I did feel a very strong connection with Jesus.

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Burddick and enjoyed an evening of fun, fellowship, refreshments, and a devotional service.

Members of the Ladies' Society have been busy. Besides their other activities, they have pieced and tied several quilts. Race week and Brotherhood Week was observed in the church.

We joined with four other churches to participate in the World Day of Prayer. Two of them took the mark in the program of the community services at Truxton.

On the evening after the Sabbath, March 9, we were blessed by seeing slides of "Our World Mission," presented by Rev. Earl Cruzan of Adams Center. In spite of the blizzard about 30 folks enjoyed the meeting.

It is encouraging to see several 'new' faces in the congregation. Attendance has been good in spite of inclement weather nearly every Sabbath. — Correspondent.

SHILOH, N. J. — On Sabbath eve, March 15, Mrs. Robert Petherston of Battle Creek, Mich., executive secretary of the General Conference spoke to the congregation.

This was followed by the singing, Rev. Everett T. Harris of Westerly, R. I., who is secretary to the Executive Secretary of the General Conference, Charles F. Harris, of this church. Slides pertaining to "Our World Mission" were shown in the evening. Music was furnished by the Ladies' and Men's quartets of the church.

Conference President Surprised

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JUDY was the ninth child in a family of ten born to L. Hoover and Jennie Lind Tomlinson Harris. Of the nine brothers and sisters living, those present for the evening were; Mrs. Nellie Jennie Lind Tomlinson Harris ..

In college, Charles majored in science. He received his B.S. and B.A. degrees from Salem College, Salem, W. Va., in 1932. He was married to Anita Gene Davis, of Salem, June 17, 1934. His teaching career started in 1938 in science in the Port Norris, N. J., High School. He was ordained a deacon of the Shiloh Church in 1941.

In 1942, there was an opening in the Science Department at Bridgeton High School. Accepting the position, Mr. Harris bought the farm home of his uncle, Deacon John T. Harris on the Barrett Run Road, about one mile from our church. Charles received his master's degree from Temple University in 1949, and became the head of the Science Department of the high school.

Two of his five children are attending Salem College, Carol and John. They were unable to be present. Nancy, Jeffrey, and Jane, the younger children, enjoyed the party. At the conclusion of the service, an engraved wrist watch was presented by Bert B. Sheppard as a gift from the congregation.

WATERFORD, CONN. — On March 16 Paul S. Burddick, whose messages were abbreviated form on "Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs" are currently running in the Recorder, presented a sermon entitled, "Is Tithing Unchristian?"

Flight to Freedom

A new filmstrip on Hungarian refugees produced by the American Bible Society has just been announced. It is so timely that it should draw large audiences.

This inspiring story may be had without cost from our Tract Society in the American Bible Society. It is now available from our Tract Society the same as other filmstrips.

April 1, 1957

Teen Talk

Saved by the Skin of Her Shins

Sometimes we say when we have a very narrow escape from injury, "I was saved by the skin of my teeth." Of course it is only a manner of speaking. It was almost literally true, however, that pert, bright-eyed Judy (age 13) was saved by the skin of her shins.

It was this way. Judy, more than 8 months ago, was severely burned from her head to her knees. The doctors have long said that a person with third-degree burns on more than 40% of the body could not live. She had third-degree burns on 74% of her body. It was her 14th birthday, after 8 months in the U.S. Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., her best present was to have her name removed from the serious list. She knew she was going to live. The doctors said she was saved by the skin of her lower legs — that, and some other things.

Judy was burned when she got up at night to warm some milk for her whimpering puppy. Her synthetic nightgown caught fire from the stove. Since then, she has had 76 general anaesthesias, 17 skin grafts, and transfusions enough to replace all of her blood 6 times. Seven of the skin grafts came from her own lower legs. Several times as new skin developed in that area, it was again used for grafts. Other people contributed skin for 10 grafts — three of them deceased sailors who had left their skin to a tissue bank. Without the skin, she would have died, said Dr. Haynes.

Skin banks, eye banks, and blood banks were unknown to men in the days of Jesus. God helped us in His sacrifice on the cross is far different than what was done for 13-year-old Judy White by the sailors who left their skin to be used after death by the skillful surgeons. What Christ did for us in His sacrifice for the salvation of the world was done for Jesus to do His work. At Matthew 5: 1 the King James Version says: "And seeing the multitude," "Multitudes" is a fine

The Mountain Revisited

By Rev. J. Carter Swaim

(Gone is the series of articles on the Sermon on the Mount, as stated in RSV. See picture in March 4 issue.)

Galilee was a surprisingly populous region. Josephus, in his history of the Jewish War, tells us that "the Galileans ... have been always very numerous... the cities lie here very thick, and the very many villages there are here are everywhere so full of people, ... that the very least of them contained above fifteen thousand inhabitants." Since Josephus says that Galilee was reckoned at 204, or as it reads in some versions of Josephus' autobiography 240 — that would mean a total population of well over three million, in an area of about a hundred square miles.

Josephus is the only reporter we have for these matters, and there is reason to think he may have exaggerated. Since he made terms with the Romans and was appointed military governor of Galilee, he was always eager to make it look as good as a showing as possible, and it would certainly not be like him to underestimate the population over which he ruled. Making allowance for that, however, it is certain that there were more people thronged. The Gospels reveal how, at the shortest notice, crowds gathered about Jesus wherever He was. Mark's preface to the Sermon tells us how "Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain."

The Revised Standard Version helps us to get this sense of how great numbers of people were always making it difficult for Jesus to do His work. At Matthew 5: 1 the King James Version says: "And seeing the multitude," "Multitudes" is a fine...
old Latin word, meaning a great number of persons collected together. A volume on best-sellers in the United States is entitled "Golden Multitudes." Webster, in fact, tells us that "multitude" is "now somewhat bookish." Really to get a picture of multitude tumbling over each other, we need the word "crowd," which suggests masses milling in disorder. Although "multitude" is a Latin word, even the Vulgate has a word for tumult, mob, commotion, the word from which we get "turbulent." The opening words of the Sermon make it clear that Jesus' work was not done in lonely seclusion, but rather that He lived and labored "Where cross the crowded ways of life."

**Duties of a Christian Wife**

Proverbs 31: 10-31

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If a wife is to be a Christian wife, she must be Christlike, not only in word but in deed. She must so love that others will see her goodness and want to be like her.

A Christian wife is kind. More has been accomplished through kindness than through any strength. She must be a good listener as well as know when to talk and advise her husband. She must also be generous of her time and talents. — taking time to really help others and using her special talents to make her life and others more enjoyable.

A wife must be tactful — withholding those sharp little remarks about others when they want so easily to slip out. Instead she will try to put into their place the kind word or deed.

A wife must be resourceful. Calling upon all the resources she knows she can depend on. A husband, even though it is not expressed.

A Christian wife must have a deep Christian faith — not only for herself but one she can teach others. She must anchor in time of storms, the something she can hold on to when sickness or trouble comes. Hers must be a deep abiding faith in God, the Creator and Sustainer of all. The lady of the house must spend much time in thought and prayer and supplication with her Lord because this is the source of her great strength. And she must be strong, standing only for the good and the right, striving ever to down the wrongs in her own life as well as in others.

And certainly a wife must have love in her heart for her husband, her family, her friends, her God, and all mankind. Love is the strongest power on this earth if people would but try it. Love your husband with a deep abiding love that no one can destroy because you have something real and dear that you are proud to hang on to and fight for.

These words may sound like the words of a perfectionist and something no one is able to fully attain (it may be true) but we should be ever striving toward the goal of perfection. If we do not set our ideals and goals high we will not be able to climb to the heights we are seeking.

A Christian wife must be truthful. When we lie we are not Christian. God cannot delegate us the right to be to glorify Him. Coupled with this is honesty. We must truly live what we are and not try to lead people to believe we are something that we are not. Honesty is an every-day affair — not something we put on and take off at will.

A Christian wife should work not only in her home but also in her church, doing those things she may be called on to do no matter how great or how small. She cannot be selfish but must be consecrated in all her work. It is selfishness and jealousy which breed distrust between husband and wife. Any one and everyone has dashed his toe and fallen. It doesn't take any strength to cry and moan but it takes a great person to pick himself up and brush himself off and smile at his mistake with a grim determination to try again.

**Sabbath Testimony**

Galt, Mo. — I had always belonged to the Methodist denomination until the last few years. . . . I was very confused to think anyone had to keep God's law. . . . I always believed there was a God, but I never really knew Him. I changed. I will follow Christ in order to be a great person to myself and the rest of the church members. . . . I changed. I will follow Christ in order to be a great person to myself and the rest of the church members.
gave fire to three servants. The first servant went out into the world carrying his torch high. Presently he came to some people groping in the darkness because they had no light. The servant said, "They shall have light," and gave to them some of his fire. The second servant likewise went forth with his torch of fire. He came to a group of men huddled together in the cold, for they had no heat. The servant said, "They shall have fire for warmth," and gave to them some of the fire.

The third servant left with his fire. But he said, "This fire is precious. I must keep it at any cost. I will hide it in my heart where I shall always be able to draw upon it. It shall not perish."

Sometime later the master met the three servants and asked about the fire which he had given to each. The first two told their story. When the third told what he had done the master demanded to see the heart which contained the fire. When he had opened it, he found within nothing but charred walls and white ashes.

It is a temptation for the church, or even for a pastor to take great pride in certain good works of the church. It may make growth, adding to its numbers and its budget. Even our denomination may make certain strides towards a stronger program, but if we pride ourselves on our meager accomplishments and keep to ourselves the fire which we may make growth, adding to its numbers, this is probably the most destructive. For though we appear to will the good, and though we have given ourselves in commitment to God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have not been willing to go all the way. We have kept back a portion of ourselves from full service to Him. Perhaps Weymouth's translation of our text illustrates this most pointedly: "And make your hearts pure you who are half-hearted towards God."

We, like the rich young ruler, have failed in large measure to receive the promise because we have been only half-hearted in our commitment. We have not gone all the way. We have put our hand to the plow, but our eyes have been turned in the other direction, and so we are not fit for the Kingdom.

But it is not too late to turn to the Lord with a pure heart. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners,

And purify your hearts ye men of double mind.

"There is nothing more irrational than a man using his reason to prove the universe is irrational." — Lecomte du Nouy.