At Denver the church appears to be moving forward with considerable vision and zeal. As announced previously, the congregation is looking forward to evangelistic meetings in June with the help of the field evangelist, Loyal F. Hurley, and the new summer quartet sent out by the Missionary Board.

A recent bulletin from Los Angeles carries the following note, which is characteristic of what a number of other churches are doing.

"Remember the special study of Extension and Growth which will be held on Sabbath afternoon, March 15. This will be a survey study of the manual with several persons presenting the steps outlined. It is hoped that out of this study will come several suggestions that will warrant a more thorough consideration at a later date. May we come expecting God to reveal to us ways in which we can indeed go forward in growth."

The pastor at Lost Creek, W. Va., (Duane L. Davis) regularly inserts in his church bulletin a printed page by the Rev. Howard E. Kershner of the Christian Freedom Foundation. Some other pastors of the denomination do the same. The material is helpful and it is free. The sermons at Lost Creek recently, as in numerous other churches, have been centered around our statement of belief.

The Milton, Wis., publicity mentions co-operation in community Lenten services. Two colleges professors have recently occupied the pulpit, the Rev. Ralph H. Coon and the Rev. C. W. P. Hansen. On March 15, after a fellowship luncheon, there was a panel presentation by the General Conference Vocational Committee, which is located in the Salem area.

There are times in this spiritual warfare when the warrior of the Cross must think in terms of what he can’t afford not to do rather than in terms of what he cannot afford to do. Therefore we accepted that challenge (of broadcasting in Formosa and Free China). — Far East Broadcasting Co.

**Accessions**

By Testimony: Stone Fort, Ill.

Rasmussen. — A son, John Edward, to Dr. and Mrs. Stanley K. Rasmussen, Salem, W. Va., March 19, 1958.

Roukema. — A daughter, Pamela Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roukema, Jr., of Warwick, R. I., Feb. 5, 1958.

**Births**

Bond. — A daughter, Josette, to Dr. and Mrs. Richard R. Bond, Salem, W. Va., Dec. 25, 1957.

Davis. — A son, Mark Weyman, to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Davis, Spencer, W. Va., Feb. 14, 1958.

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**Thou Knowest, Lord**

Thou knowest, Lord! the weariness and sorrow
Of all sad hearts that come to Thee for rest;
Cares of today, and burdens of tomorrow... .
O Saviour, Thou hast wept and Thou hast loved;
And love and sorrow still to Thee may come,
And find a hiding-place, a rest, a home.

Therefore we come, Thy gentle call obeying,
And lay our sins and sorrows at Thy feet,
On everlasting strength our weakness staying,
Clothed in Thy robe of righteousness complete;
Then rising and refreshed we leave Thy throne,
And follow on to know as we are known.

— Author unknown.
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Our Best National Defense

The accidental dropping of an unarmored nuclear bomb in the back yard of Walter W. Coote, 28, an innocent citizen, not even in the area, on March 11, becomes the subject of a release by the American Friends Service Committee.

The writer laments the lack of publicity which it received in American newspapers and the light way in which it was treated by the Air Force. People in the town of Florence. People took the attitude that the defense precautions of the Strategic Air Command were necessary and that a certain number of accidents must be expected. The Friends Committee, though acknowledging that the accident should be forgotten, uses it to put across the point that this type of "defense" is not the right way.

In the opinion of your editor it is unrealistic to assume that there are no predatory animals prowling around "seeking whom they may devour." It would be nice if such an assumption could be made in the present international situation. The evidence is against it. We freely admit that war is not the Christian way to settle disputes. Be responsible rights. There ought to be a better way. However, if our nation is truly nonaggressive, if it is concerned about the welfare of people in all nations, then it must take its giant share in the dangerous task of protecting those who are defenseless. To do less than this is not Christian.

There is implication in much of the peace talk which issues from the mouths of some of our leaders that our nation is not what it professes to be—a peace-loving nation. That, of course, is what our enemies are doing their best to make us believe. If, on the other hand, our motives are any nearer as hot as our astronomical benevolences abroad would indicate, we have little reason to be tremendously concerned when we learn that our defense carries modern weapons and tries to approach the announced goal of having one third of its striking force on fifteen-minute alert.

It is distressing to think that so many among us who do not have confidence in our national intentions. If such lack of confidence is justified, then we certainly have far greater problems than most of us believe exists. Our great concern then is to redouble our efforts to bring about a change of heart in our elected and appointed leaders. Though some of our leaders are not personally committed to Christ and though others are not as good Christians as they ought to be, they are men chosen by people who, for the most part, are nominal Christians. This is true of the majority of our culture. We cannot believe that those who control our national defense are brutes or predators. They are men who love their families and who are committed to the noble cause of international justice.

As long as men of criminal intentions exist in our society, we must have a police force sufficiently well armed and well trained to cope with those enemies of a well-ordered society. Shepherds armed with sticks, courage, and husky lungs have effectively guarded their flocks but the situation in our age is not quite the same. The Task of America is much in larger numbers and have sharper teeth. In fact, they are not wolves at all but "thieves who break through and steal. We have to prevent the scattering and killing of the defenseless. If modern weapons are necessary for the task, let us equip ourselves!

Having said this much we would say further that we hope and pray for the time when methods of moral persuasion will be as effective in other lands as in our own, when the Christian way will stand a chance of success. Somehow we must send out more missionaries and reach behind iron gates for the scattering and killing of the tongue of the Gospel. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Submission to Christ brings agreement.

We now go on to quote the closing words of the Friends Service Committee, leaving the reader to ponder the questions raised.

But as long as people rely for security on patrol planes carrying atom bombs on 24-hour duty, as long as people shirk away from any positive attempts to negotiate with the Russians, as long as people wish with a shrug of the shoulders the necessity for huge military expenditures, can real security and safety ever come to this earth?

As inheritors of the Judaeo-Christian teachings of peace and love of mankind it is not our obligation to face the present tensions squarely. Is it not our obligation to work actively for the setting up of more preparatory defense for but through a true manifestation of brotherly understanding and a genuine desire to live in harmony with our fellow men?

Poring Oil on Troubled Waters

Men who go down to the sea in ships have their problems. Small boats are in constant danger of being swamped by heavy seas. A proverb of the sea has often been applied to human relations. "Like pouring oil on troubled waters" did not come from the Bible, for the oil that now gushes from Bible-land wells has not been discovered and brought to the surface. As rough waters may sometimes be quieted with large quantities of oil, so some people are wise enough to stem the tides of anger with conferences or the little ships of Christian service.

A strange story comes from Newport, R. I., the birthplace of the church division which now has its basest denomination in America. The destroyer Forrest Sherman spilt 10,000 gallons of oil into the water at Coddington's Cove. In this case it was pouring oil on quiet waters. The oil which would have spread out over a large area befouling other ships, was confined to a narrow high-pressure spray from three tugs. Later the tugs sank the oil by spreading sand on it, according to a Navy report.

The psalmist knew something of storms at sea and the terrors of the deep. He knew also the answer to all these dangers and fears. That answer is trust in God. It is not spreading oil on troubled waters. It is not spreading oil on our troubled waters. It is not spreading oil on the water at Coddington's Cove. It is pouring oil on quiet waters.

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are wafted across the rolling centuries to our troubled times. His 'Peace, be still' subsdues the waves of fear and we in faith can step forth from our boats like

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Sabbath Rally Day Coming

Once a year, in nearly all Seventh Day Baptist churches, one Sabbath is set aside as Sabbath Rally Day to emphasize the importance in modern church life of observing faithfully and joyfully the Fourth Commandment. This year the suggested date for this all-day emphasis is May 17. Pastors and church leaders have co-operated closely together in the work of this new denomination and have greatly increased its circulation and size. With the March issue it again increases its

Sabbath Rally Day is sponsored by the Tract Society through its Sabbath Promotion Committee. The committee, headed by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, has enlisted the help of Rev. Lester G. Osborn who has prepared seed thoughts on "Spiritual Sabbath Observance." This material, together with detailed suggestions for making the day meaningful, will soon be in the mail.

Another free service to all churches is a specially prepared bulletin cover with selected Sabbath passages on the back for a responsive reading. The Tract Society feels that this gift to the churches is in line with its purpose, and urges all pastors to plan on a wide distribution of the bulletins together with one or two tracts. If larger numbers than usual are desired, pastors should notify the office at once — 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. Remember the date, May 17, and make large plans for maximum attendance and a full program emphasizing our distinctive message to the Christian world.

— Sabbath Promotion Committee.

A newly designed Wayside Gospel dispenser is being used by the district offices of the American Bible Society. The dispensers have been placed on store counters and in other public places. The dispenser contains New Testament portions in both the King James and Revised Standard Versions. These dispensers may be secured by individuals and organizations who want to make the Gospel available to non-churchgoers.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Christian Heritage

The Converted Catholic magazine which is now 75 years old has gone through numerous changes and improvements in the past several years and has greatly increased its circulation and size. With the March issue it again increases its

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schools and become "grant-aided" but we find that for us to take such a step would be contrary to our purpose as a Mission School, so we plan to go as far as we can in reaching those high standards but not to take the final step. "Grant-aided" schools cannot receive a student who is older than eleven years and must leave at the age of fifteen. We need to work on salaries and an athletic field to attain the standard. The government inspector was pleased with our new laboratory and expressed a possibility that if we couldn't substitute as an added item to insure recognition with Athletics, and since we are located close to a park, that the laboratory could be used as a suitable item for recognition.

Steven sixty-seven. We are happy to say we have weathered the storm and are on the upward climb and have reached eighty-seven fore we can be financially safe. We were again. The bank to a critical low but we feel we have the number we desire during our next term. Looking forward to the time when we can afford to hard-surface our small court which has more than thirteen hundred students but we lost to the level of Potash is produced from the waters

The results from Cambridge have just been published. We are pleased. We congratulate him. Also we congratulate all those who tried possibly make Cambridge in the present time. Besides, we observed as a student does in the spots which the previous year. The results from Cambridge can't supply it. We have decided upon this new phase of the five-year plan. Under the supervision of Miss Miriam Speed, a headmistress, the staff has taken the first step in rezorganizing Crandall High School. Another institution which we feel will revitalize Crandall High School is the organization of a Parent Teacher Association. Our officers are elected, and standing committees appointed. Our president, Alva Curling, is very capable and business-like but injects that amount of humor to make the meetings pleasant as well as profitable. We appreciate the goodwill shown by the parents and teachers, and with their help Crandall High School will be a success. We have received some very nice gifts marks, and we plan to go forward by putting our best into our work.

At the present time we have fifteen Seventh Day Baptist students on full scholarship, five on half scholarship, and three from the public on scholarship. We received permission to offer a few scholarships to the public. Due to the recent development in education in which the government is working on free schooling to secondary level students fourteen thousand scholarships were given to the high schools. To compete with this move independent schools offered scholarships and it is up to us through the students' and parents' efforts to make our students as competitive as they are. We have received very encouraging remarks and we mean to go forward by putting our best into our work.

Whether young people have a Cambridge Certificate or not, if they have it they can be proud, for some of our best players have been our senior students.

Whether young people have a Cambridge Certificate or not, if they have it in them to succeed, they will succeed. If they don't have it, we know that Cambridge can't supply it.

After observation and consultations with Jamaican teachers — our own and others — we have decided upon this new phase even though they were not successful in passing. They are to be praised for their endeavors. Crandall High School feels honored in having such nice young men and women in attendance: but best of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16: 33.
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Him with all your heart, soul, and mind — you must seek to understand each other, you must work together, helping one another — you must share your joy — you must teach one another as you find wisdom — you must be ready to sacrifice for another's need — you must remember the words I have spoken, for they are the truth and the life.

Other literature from the National Council of Churches:
Ten Suggestions for Enriching Family Life @ 5c
Family Worship with Young Children @ 5c
Stories of Family Worship @ 5c
Parents: First Teachers of Religion @ 5c
This Family Is Achieving Something @ 5c
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Christian Education — Sec. Rex. E. Zwiebel

The Responsibilities of a Christian Youth in the Home

A high school boy, Larry Gilmore, presents his thoughts on Youth Sabbath in his religion class, Center, N. Y.

I have chosen as my topic "The Responsibilities of a Christian Youth in the Home." Responsibility in this case means an obligation to God and my family. Home has the meaning of a place for a family to live. In being a good Christian in the home you must obey the commandments pertaining most to the home. "Honor thy father and mother." What does honor mean? To honor someone means to show respect and consideration toward that one. In following the theme of the "Ten Commandments," I should make sure that my brothers and sisters do not take the name of the Lord in vain.

The rule of "Love thy neighbor" is of the most importance in today's world of worry. Good neighbors make good Christians and it seems to me that youth of this generation must do their best to help everyone to believe in Jesus Christ. So this is one of the main responsibilities.

You should go to church with your parents and worship together. Work and have fun with your parents also. In these ways you get to know your parents much better.

You should not just do these things with your parents but with your brothers and sisters also. Help guide your brothers and sisters in the way of the church. One way of doing this is getting them into church and Sabbath School and helping them to like it.

Another responsibility is to encourage prayer and Bible reading in your family. Say prayers with your brothers and sisters and help them to learn new prayers.

Fathers and mothers of today are very busy trying to earn enough money to pay for homes, food, clothing, and other expenses of raising a family. Perhaps in concentrating on this effort they have let their obligation to God slip a little. I don't think they can be blamed too much for, after all, they are working for us, their children.

However, I do feel that the children have a greater obligation now than they did years ago to maintain and develop Christian beliefs and practices in the home.

New C.E. Secretary

Harold E. Westerhoff was named General Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by the Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Zwiebel, Ohio, according to announcement made by Dr. Earle W. Gates, president.

Mr. Westerhoff has been an active leader in youth work for more than a decade. He joined the staff of the International Society seven years ago as the Administrative Secretary. He also serves as General Secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

He has conducted tour groups to Japan and Hawaii for area conferences of the World's Union, and is planning an International Fellowship Tour in connection with the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, this July.

Mr. Westerhoff is President of the Downtown Optimist Club and is an elder in the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Columbus. He has served as secretary of the Columbus Christian Education of the Presbytery of Columbus.

April 14, 1958

He is a member of the Headquarters Committee of the Ohio Temperance League and is serving on the Executive Council of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism.

Youth Meeting Thoughts

The second of a series of program suggestions prepared by Mrs. Alvin Huntington of Los Angeles for Seventh Day Baptists youth groups is:

The thoughts, apart from the program outline, will make good reading for a wide age range.

Stand for Prayer

Hymn: "Stepping in the Light"
Report and Announcements

Hymn: "Higher Ground"
Scripture: 1 Cor. 12: 27-31; 13.

The lesson I want us to get out of this reading is that of working together. We have a big job and the only way we can accomplish anything is by working together.

In the last few weeks I have been reminded of a story I read once. A man said that he went down on a farm to spend his vacation, and that there was a windmill that was used for pumping water for the stock. Evidently the machinery had not been oiled for some time, for it made a squeaking and grumbling sound. The next day he went down to look at it, and was astonished to see the small amount of water that was flowing into the tank; the noise that the mill was making there was just a tiny stream. Just behind the base of a high hill. It supplied the water for the bath and for the kitchen, a score of ways. Yet there was no notice of the work that it was doing. It did not complain; it did not call attention to the work that it was doing.

of the two classes of people we find every day, always complaining about the service they are asked to render. Now and then they bring up a little water, but they make no much noise about it that we frequently lose sight of the work they do. On the other hand, there are people whose service is spontaneous and genuine; they utter no complaint; they call no undue attention to their work. Apparently they never think of themselves.

To which class do you belong — are you a creaking windmill or a living fountain?

In our Bible reading Paul is writing to the Corinthians about working together and after telling them that we each one have our own duties to perform, and that each one is dependent upon the other, he then adds this beautiful thirteenth chapter, saying that if they are to work together he will tell them the more perfect way of doing it. We might do all of these other things, but if we do it from any motive other than love for God, it profiteth us nothing — it is useless. So why not determine in our own hearts that we will take the more perfect way. Let us remember that Christ died for us, and that we are here to exalt Him and to bring others to Him. Let us determine not to be creaking windmills — complaining because we have been asked to do some hard task, but let us be living fountains — rejoicing that we have been found worthy of the harder tasks.

Hymn: "Living for Jesus"
Prayer

Alfred Theology Students

Hear Lectures at Rochester

Eleven days ago the University School of Theology attended the spring convocation at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School April 7-9. The Ayer Dean Albert N. Rogers and Prof. Melvin G. Nida also attended.

By courtesy of the Divinity School the Alfred men were housed as a group in the recreation room of one of its dormitories, where discussion of the lectures could be carried on between sessions. The plan originated some years ago under the administration of Dr. A. J. C. Bond, former dean of the School of Theology.

A. N. Rogers.
CHRIST IS Risen. The invincibility of the message of the Cross is the message of the Resurrection. Although it is entirely possible that the Redeemer of men could have returned to the glory of the Father without a bodily resurrection, and Christ could have remained the Living One by simply returning to heaven in a spiritual state — as some humanistic rationalists teach, since it was His state prior to His Incarnation, and bodily resurrection was not necessary to the continued existence and the ascent of Christ after death — it is not admissible by conservative scholarship, since it was bodily resurrection which is the precise prerequisite for the fulfillment of the redemption — for bodily resurrection alone was Christ's full demonstration of victory over death!

Return to heaven without a bodily resurrection would have availed Jesus as the complete Conqueror of death. His victory would have been limited — moral and spiritual, but less than complete. For man consists of body, soul, and spirit, and death is not cessation of existence, but dissolution of human personality; not extinction of his relation between spirit, soul, and body. Conquest of death must therefore, be displayed by the restoration of this oneness of being; the re-establishment of the organic connection between body, soul, and spirit, and the complete integration of personality. Therefore, without bodily resurrection no sort of triumph of life over death or plain fruit of victory can be displayed, and only by resurrection of the body can it be shown that death has been conquered. Even if we did not have the testimony of the evangelists to the empty grave, we must reach the same conclusion, for the resurrection was necessary as the prepossession of the arising of faith in the redeemed "for faith cometh by preaching," and this very preaching must stand upon the individual belief in the resurrection. Such faith was cumulatively achieved throughout the ages and found its foundation in the individual faith of those who had first believed in the first appearance of the risen One who witnessed the event. Yet, this individual belief had perished at the cross, and was re-established only by His resurrection and realistic appearances as the Risen One!

No rational man would have believed on the Crucified One, for His death would have contradicted His own prior statement that He "would die and would be raised again." I submit categorically, that ANY CHRIST LESS THAN A RESURRECTED CHRIST IS NOT THE CHRIST OF GOD, for the resurrection of the Son was the Union of the Father upon the Person and work of the Son! By His resurrection, Christ is demonstrated to be: (1) the Prophet and Son, for in the prophecy of the prophets — the sign of Jonah; (2) the testimony of Jesus to Himself; and (3) the testimony of His apostles — acceptable as credible evidence in any court of law. (The silence of the Jews in the matter is as significant as the testimony of the Christians.) When a man is dead, it can no longer be known in the temple — the veil was rent from top to bottom without hands. Why cannot David's seed be traced beyond Jesus of Mary? It vindicates further the truth that Jesus IS the Son of God, establishing His kingship and His authority as Universal Judge, and it guarantees our own future resurrection and glorification. Therefore: It is the best attested event in the history of salvation!

The authenticity of Paul's Letter to the Corinthian Church is established, admitted by even the most radical of critics, and his sanctity is not challenged when he appeals to hundreds of still living witnesses of the resurrection — some of whom were not a little skeptical, and he makes his appeal by four chief proofs:

1. The Proof of Experience. These Christians had experienced salvation through the message concerning the One who had died for them, and who had experienced reconcilement with God.

2. The Proof of Scripture. Christ had not only died, but had also been raised "according to the scriptures." Here he lays emphasis on the time element — three days after His death! No Friday burial and Sunday resurrection here!

3. The Proof of Competent Witnesses. Over five hundred people, under diverse circumstances, had personally seen Him after His resurrection! Their sanity is unquestionable, for the striking transformation of the dejected, em­bittered, and faithless apostles only three days after His death, and the evidence of the vitality of the primitive church as evidence of the belief in the resurrection in the very teeth of the most skeptical and religious pressure from the Jews, and without time for a process of legend or myth to grow, is remarkable indeed.

4. The Proof from the Necessity of the Event. And this was the Cross — the Open Door of Salvation. For if "Is Christ not risen — then our preaching is vain — and your faith is vain — then those who have died in Christ are lost — then we are the most wretched of all men." Consequently, the Cross and the Resurrection belong together.

The Crucified One dies so as to rise, and the Risen One lives forever as the Crucified One.

Here we find the saving grace of this union of facts, testified by our identification into the death, burial, and resurrection — the ordinance of baptism. The putting away of sin in believers; their living fellowship with the Redeemer, sealed by His Spirit; the Lordship of Christ in the Church; His heavenly priesthood; advocacy; His Second Advent and coming union with His glorified saints; and the perpetuation of the love of His heavenly Father — all which show the resurrection with the cross as the foundation of new life for believers.

Without bodily resurrection no one could have safely espoused the faith in the Crucified One as the sin offering of God. No faith in the Lamb of God could have been possible without the victorious triumph over Golgotha, for only in the Exalted Mediator does the salvation won for us become available. Humanly speaking, such faith is impossible, but it is made ours by the Spirit of God, even Christ realizing Himself in His sacrificial death resulting in our reconciliation issues in an organic union of the believer with Christ — a partaking of the death and of the life of the Redeemer. He thus becomes Christ in us — the hope of glory.

Thus the doctrine of substitution of matter is of far more gracious import than mere mercantile debit and credit in sin, it is the revelation of an organic integration of a radically new life principle: divine, personal, all-embracing — only Christ can give. As such, it is not only the way-shower, but the way; more than propitiation, but propitiation; not only Redeemer, but redemption, all of which relationships are personal, intimate. Demanding a degree of faith to be much more than mental acceptance or academic assent, but rather, involving a personal event and even union with Christ, such union means fellowship, and His Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are the sons of God.

To illustrate this new estate through faith, Paul used the word "Christ" 164 times in his writings, with such renderings as: justified in Christ; God's righteousness in Christ; sanctified in Christ; forever in Christ; everlasting joy in Christ; fullness in Christ; and glorification in Christ. Therefore, the propitiatory sacrifice of Christ can only righteously benefit the guilty sinner if he is at the same time united with the Holy Redeemer by the new birth!

Now an organic body, this very same organic connection we speak of, must have a head and members of the same nature, so Christ must remain a man forever! Only as man can He be the head of a human organism. It is the mystery of human nature, so far more gracious than we perceive with an incarnation of thirty-odd years' duration. Christ took man's identity for all eternity of the life eternally. Christ in us...
not have needed to assume it to begin for Christ to be the Completer and Transfigurer of the work of redemption. He would have left the human order, and He could not have been the second Person of the Godhead — yet the eternal is exactly where Christ is. This is super temporal and permanence of His redemption: for He was "begotten of the Father before all worlds." Christ are men living in newness of life as risen with Him. He is a member of our humanity, the original estate God intended for mankind, the second Adam all die, thus also in Christ will all resurrection bodies . . . and it is the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; the transfiguring of humanity in Him as its first-fruits. His resurrection is the basis of the transfiguration of the world, for it alone guarantees: the resurrection of the body in the life of the individual; the appearing of the Kingdom of Glory in the life of the earth; and the transfigured new creation in the life of the universe! The resurrection of the first-fruits of all resurrection bodies "and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him." Even the judgment is committed to the Son for the very reason "He is a Son of Man" — so that which will take place at the return of Christ will be completely transfigured in the history of salvation and is guaranteed. In this respect, also, Christ is the first-fruits . . . . from that time all transfiguration of heaven and earth rests on the resurrection of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ; and after the great white throne the living activity of the Risen One will be universally displayed, therefore, the final and most inclusive import of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus is: "Behold, I create a new heaven and a new earth."  

Massachusetts Churches Study "Nature of Unity"  

In an effort to bring the subject of church union from the ecclesiastical stratosphere to the level of Christian concern, the Massachusetts Council of Churches sponsored a year-long study the last week of January.  

The Rev. Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, council general secretary, listed the four parts of the study group's first official report: our concern; the unity we have, the nature of the unity we seek, and some suggested next steps.  

Thirteen major Protestant denominations in the state collaborated in the study, which Dr. Knapp predicted "may make a significant contribution to organic unions throughout the nation and the world. . . . The strong emphasis on union of denominations as well as unity among them."  

Religious News Weekly.
Mountain-Removing Faith

Just suppose that you were an engineer with an assigned job of removing a certain mountain. Would you do it by faith or by works? Probably by works, if at all. You are familiar with 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter. There Paul the Apostle speaks as if the job could be done by faith if the faith was great enough. You remember well his words: "And though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains and have not charity (love), I am nothing."

How about this mountain removing? We know it is possible. It is sometimes done for the benefit of mankind.

A few years ago. The bomb caused the little mountain to disappear. The return of the water and the waves washed over the place where it had been. There was no good reason for removing that mountain except to test the power of nuclear blasts. Long, long ago Isaiah the Prophet wrote about the power of God, "He taketh up the islands as a very little thing" (Isa. 40:15). In the Christian Gospel we read, "Keep silence before me, O islands." If God removes mountains He has a purpose and does it silently. He is interested in the salvation of all the nations and all the islands.

Other mountains are being removed by scientific methods. Just the other day there was a picture in the paper of what once was a mountain in the middle of the city of Rio de Janeiro. Great earth movements have blasted, blasted the mountain. Gradually, slowly, silently. He is even in the salvation of all the nations.

Our attitude to faith in which you will come to understand that there is something we can do to level them down. Are there channels of the sea that we can open up through the power of God? Perchance some of you will be called to devote your life to His work — a greater work than that of science, a work of faith in which you will come to understand what Jesus meant when He said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, 'Remove hence to yonder place'; and it shall remove" (Matt. 17: 20).

Slides Tell Mission Story

Newspapers and church bulletins indicate that Commission members and other friends of the Church were interested in explaining Seventh Day Baptist plans for the current year with the help of the recently released set of slides depicting the Our World Mission program.

The Rev. Earl Crusan, president, who contacted the Brookfield and Verona Churches on March 29, was given almost a full-column write-up on the front page of the Brookfield Courier which carried his picture along with the feature of denominational and associational work.

Correspondent.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DENVER, COLO. — The pastor mentions in his church bulletin of March 1 that additional copies of the special issue of the Sabbath Recorder have become available and should be used with friends and neighbors.

The bulletin informs readers that the second issue of their own Christian magazine has gone to press and is ready to be used with friends and neighbors.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Among the recent additions to the church membership were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klemm of Stevensville and Mrs. Rev. Earl Cruzan, president, who contacted the Little Rock Baptist, who have been actively distributing Sabbath School in their city.

The church has encouraged Pastor Davis to hold services in Benton Harbor to increase and consolidate the new interest there, according to the information received at the Recorder office.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — A significant number of our church attended the World Day of Prayer services on Friday, February 21, but were not on hand in the evening, March 22. We were urged to give our attention to the reading of the Gospel, to prayer, and to pledge our lives to God to do His work.

The pastor's sermon on March 1 concerned our relationship to alcohol. He pointed out the necessity of this, when we realize what Jesus said, "Whosoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed before the Father in the presence of angels."

A very successful library night on March 3, climax the planning of Mrs. Gleason M. Curtis. More than one hundred books were added to our church lending library by gift and subscription.

In Pastor Wheeler's sermon of March 22, we were urged to base our attitude toward smoking on the fact, that as bloodbrothers all Christians we should glorify God both in body and spirit.

Sabbath School Teachers Meeting was held, Sunday evening, March 16, with Miss Clara Hurley in charge. Cell discussion groups were lively features of the evening, stimulating some sound ideas for greater teaching effectiveness and soul winning.

The choir is growing in numbers and quality of performance from week to week under the capable direction of Miss Orvis Chapman, director of music, and Mrs. Gleason M. Curtis, organist. The youth choir also gave a nice special performance, under the direction of Mrs. Starlin Ross, Sabbath, March 15.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Little Rock Fellowship meets regularly on Sabbath days at 2:00 p.m. in the Brookfield MCA, Broad­ way at 6th Street (U. S. Highway 67 and 70). The newly elected officers are: president, Fred Spencer; vice-president, Alfred Fisher; secretary, Mrs. Ber­ nice Thorpe (formerly Miss Winnie Steidie of Battle Creek); treasurer, Mrs. Lloyd Seager; pianist, Miss Adeline Soper; program chair­ man, Mrs. Fred Spencer (Friends will remember that Mrs. (Mary Jo) Spencer was baptized at Conference in Milton last summer.); ushers, Bobby and Billy Hend­ erson. These two boys are great-grand­ sons of Darwin Maxson, the father of two of our ministers, Paul and Carl Maxson. Our church is active in Mission work, is sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Church, is interested in the work of the North Loup Church; has a significant number of our church attending the World Day of Prayer, and an excellent library.

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TEXARKANA, Ark. — The last Sunday in March the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Texarkana completed its first year as...
an organized church and held its first annual business meeting. Reports of officers and agencies showed progress and plans for the future, revealing the fact that the payments have been completed on the present building. This building we have called our Church Center because eventually it is to be the social rooms and classrooms. It has proved to be inadequate for our combined needs for classrooms and auditorium.

A special building committee was named and instructed to prepare estimates of cost of a new church structure to be submitted to the church as soon as possible. Addition of classroom space to the present building would solve the classroom need, but leave us still with inadequate worship space. The more adventurous building program of the auditorium would fulfill both needs. It is being given serious consideration.

Another dozen hymnbooks have been purchased in order to supply the need of our congregation. Our Junior Choir will wear white robes for the first time on Resurrection Sabbath. These have been made by our Ladies' Aid.

The officers for the coming year are: moderator, William FitzRandolph; clerk, Lura Craw; treasurer, Lillie Mitchell; trustees, Charley Relithford, Harley Soper, Jennie FitzRandolph.

FOKE, ARK. — At the Fouke Church a group is now meeting at 3 o'clock on Sabbath afternoons for Bible study and hymn sing. The pastor's family returns from the services in Texarkana about 4:30, after which we have church orchestra practice, both for the development of the group and for just the joy of making music together. We hope soon to have a better piano for use in our worship services.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

April 26, 1958

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God's Mighty Deliverance

Lesson Scripture:


Accessions

Battle Creek, Michigan

By Baptism:

Richard Walton
Mrs. Clair Maxson
Leo Klemm
Mrs. Beatrice Klemm

Marriages

Cupp—Mitchell. — Patrick Cupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Cupp, of Texarkana, Ark., and Loretta Gaye Mitchell, daughter of Mrs. Lillie Mitchell, of Texarkana, were united in marriage on February 7, at the Cupp home, by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn.

Births

Lewis. — A son, Gregory Eugene, to Captain and Mrs. Alfred Lewis of Germany, on October 5, 1957.

Hemminger. — A daughter, Sandra Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hemminger, of Elsinore, Calif., on January 1, 1958.

May. — A son, Matthew Franklin, to Dr. and Mrs. Lewis May, of Temple City, Calif., on February 24, 1958.

Carter. — A daughter, Cynthia Dee, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carter (Mary Crandall), of Rialto, Calif., March 4, 1958.

Polacek. — A daughter, Jeanette Patricia, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Polacek (Sylvia Bolton of Boulder), of Madison, Wis., on March 29, 1958.

Haller. — A daughter, Pamala Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haller (Shirley Hard of Boulder), at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada, on January 14, 1958.


Fetherston. — A son, John Patrick, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fetherston of Holland, Mich., on March 27, 1958. (The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fetherston of Battle Creek.)

Obituaries

Babcock. — Ernest G., son of Charles and Nellie Grindall Babcock, was born July 16, 1894, in Walworth, Wis., and died March 21, 1958, in Battle Creek, Mich. On October 30, 1920, in New York State, he married Grace M. Sprague. Mr. Babcock was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Since April, 1948, he had been an employee of the Battle Creek Water Dept. Surviving besides his wife are: a daughter, Mrs. Damon Lewis of East Leroy, Mich.; four sons: David, Robert, Charles, and Ronald, all of Battle Creek; a sister, Mrs. Joe Elias of Rhode Island; four brothers: Henry of Arizona, Kendall of Iowa, Victor of Wisconsin, and Charlie, stationed with the Army Air Force Base in Africa; several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from Farley Funeral Home by his pastor, the Rev. Leland Davis. Interment was in Reese Cemetery.

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For sale: Nine copies of the anthem book, "Praise Him," by Roy Ringwald, three parts arrangement. Have been used only three times.

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