There is no single vantage point from which a church can be properly viewed. A partial view of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Plainfield, N. J., as seen from the parsonage steps, shows one of the entrances to the building. This church is unique in having five entrances, all of which are used every Sabbath day — and still the church is not filled.

Impressions of a church gained from walking around it are varied and inaccurate, lacking perspective. The purpose of the church can be appreciated only from within where coldness gives way to warmth, where wonder changes to worship, fault-finding to fellowship, and selfishness to service.

— Charles Harris, Head of High School Science Dept., Bridgeton, N. J.
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A Sunday in Peiping

China, we are told, has never given much recognition to Sunday; it has been a country with no day set aside for rest and worship except among the relatively few who have embraced the Christian faith. The Foreign and Home Adventist Church is not only open but well filled on the Sabbath. It would seem that in spite of obstacles those who sincerely try to remain faithful to their Bible convictions find a way to do so.

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Orders for the special issue came in a little too slowly to justify printing as many copies as the Tract Board had hoped to print. The number produced was somewhat in excess of the total membership of the denominations. Such an issue as this should be sold to at least twice our membership. In some churches many families ordered ten or more copies.

Those who failed to order, either through neglect or through not appreciating the importance of wide distribution, may even yet secure a considerable number of extra undated copies if the orders are sent at once. Although another special issue of high quality is expected to be ready in August, now is the only time that this valuable Gospel and Sabbath material will be available.

Now is a good time to start gift subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder. Your friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and church membership prospects will doubtless appreciate the weekly visit of the Recorder to their homes as well as the special issues to follow. Several improvements in our good magazine are to be expected in the near future.

Prayer is the creator as well as the channel of devotion. — E. M. Bounds.

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Presidents Column

Baptist Distinctives:

The Laity

...there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

"Christ is all and in all!" Thus Paul sums up the importance of each individual before God. There is no distinction of race or class or position in life. Likewise, it is true within the Christian Church that there is no distinction before God between the layman and the minister. Each comes to God through Christ. Each is called to a Christian vocation: the layman, to make his vocation a witness of Christian belief and practice; the minister, to lead in the church, to guide and direct in worship, to give comfort and assurance in the study of the Scriptures, to counsel and to help in finding a true relationship to God.

But the work of the church is a joint responsibility. Each is a citizen of God through Christ. Each must share the message of salvation. In formulating the program of the church that she may minister to her members and their families in worship, growth, and fellowship and that she may reach out with the message of salvation to others, each is required to assume a greater responsibility than the minister. That it may be the program of the church and not the program of the pastor, the layman must analyze the program of the church as to whether it is adequately functioning according to its purpose. He must be ready to make suggestions as to areas of life which may be neglected, and the improvement of the ministry of the church in the areas already being served. He must also be ready to make suggestions by prayer and the consecration of self (which means the giving of time and money) that his suggestions may be brought to pass and be made effective in the ministry of the church.

You may say, "What of the minister and his responsibility?" This does not in any way minimize his place or his responsibility. Ideally, he is called by the church to be a shepherd, a pastor, to give the guidance and direction suggested above in her work. Often he is thought of as one who must prod and prompt his people. This should not be. He should teach, lead, and guide his people. True, he must sound a clear note on moral issues. That the church may go forward and that the ministry of Christ may be enlarged, the laymen of the church need to uphold the pastor's hands, to give him the support and backing needed to enable the program which the church conceives to be their ministry for Christ to go forward in witness and growth.

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1958 Conference Publicity

Transportation

Guests to Conference, coming by air, will be met at International Airport in Inglewood or International Airport Ontario, or the Lockheed Terminal at Burbank. They will be transported to the Conference grounds at Covina, Calif. Those coming by train or bus may go into Los Angeles, to Riverside, or to San Bernardino, depending on the route selected and personal choice. Let us know your probable place and time of arrival.

The gymnasium at California Baptist Seminary, Covina, where Conference will be held August 11 to 16.

If you plan to come by car, several routes are available. All are hard surface, either blacktop or cement. Some are more mountainous than others, but all are easily traveled, even with a trailer.

For more information or suggestions, write to the Transportation Committee: Paul Crandall, 4160 Second St., Riverside, Calif.; Ervin Gillespie, 936 East Wana­maker, Covina, Calif.

And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God. Ezekiel 20: 20.

ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY

Donald E. Richards, pastor of the Ritchie and the Middle Island, W. Va., Churches, was ordained by a council called for the purpose at Berea, W. Va., Sabbath day, May 3.

The occasion was the Semiannual Meeting of the West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist Churches. The ample church building occupied by the small congregation stands on high ground above a creek which previously in time of flood has decimated the population of the village below. This, too, was a rainy day which made the streams overflow their banks with sullen, soil-filled water that looked as thick as soup. In spite of threatening weather the church was filled to capacity with large delegations from faraway ministers and ex­pectant people who were looking for a blessing and were not disappointed.

In addition to congregations and pastors from Lost Creek, Salem, Roanoke, and Middle Island there were quite a number from Salemville, Pa., including the brotherhood of the Plateau, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler. The Rev. Luther Cricht­low came from Washington, D. C., for the ordination sermon and a West Virginia radio preacher and evangelist made a 200-mile trip to assist in welcoming his friend to the ministry.

Delegations from pastors present for the occasion were much more numerous than at some ordinations. The president of General Conference, Rev. Earl Cruzan, came from northern New York. The dean of Alfred Theological School, Rev. Albert Rogers, and the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Rev. Rex Luther, came from western New York. From Plainfield, N. J., came Rev. and Mrs. Leon Maltby who repre­sented the Tract Board, with Mr. and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis. Mr. Davis, a member of the Missionary Board, repre­
Sixty New Missionaries
The Methodist Church added 60 new missionaries to its rolls with the recent commissioning of 31 women and 29 young men. The largest number were ministers who will do evangelistic work, but others are nurses, architects, doctors, agriculturists, educational administrators, and elementary, high school, and college teachers. The new missionaries came originally from nineteen United States and four foreign countries, Brazil, India, Canada, and Japan.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris
Missionary Board
Holds Spring Meeting
The quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board was held in the vestry of the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, with sixteen members and one visitor present. President Harold R. Crandall called on Pastor Paul S. Burdick for the opening prayer. After the vice-president and "courtesy of the day" were extended to Mrs. Robert Fetherston, Conference executive secretary.

Treasurer Karl Stillman reported that the apportionment from Our World Mission for the month of March had not yet been received and so his quarterly report could only cover the months of January and February. The corresponding secretary of the board reported "a total of 420 articles of mail (received during the quarter) of which number 278 were first-class letters. A total of 1000 articles of mail were sent out of which number 622 were first-class letters.

It was reported that sixteen employees of the board elected Physicians Service coverage beginning as of April 1, 1958. This Physicians Service Comprehensive Surgical-Medical Plan is now combined with Blue Cross as added protection to board employees and their families, the board paying the cost of individual coverage and the heads of families paying for family membership.

One recommendation of the Advisory Board, adopted unanimously, after much discussion, had to do with the offer of Miss Sarah Becker to serve at Makapwa Mission "should the need become apparent." The vote follows: "It is recommended that the Missionary Board accept the offer of Miss Sarah Becker, anticipating that her services will be needed as supervisor of nurses after the completion of the proposed new hospital at Makapwa Mission."

The board acted to set forward one week (from July 27 to July 20) the date of the next quarterly meeting so as to give more time for printing the annual report and getting it across country to Riverside, Calif., for the meeting of Commission on August 4.

African Interests
One item relating to the Nyasaland Mission field which was approved had to do with building a new hospital at Makapwa Mission. Blueprints as prepared by Dr. Victor Burdick and Albyn McKintosh of the proposed building were studied along with three different plans and estimates of cost (based on one-half the actual cost, in anticipation that government funds would match those sent from this country). This was the plan which called for the largest outlay of funds. It was stipulated that "plans for the new hospital, to be acceptable to the board, must be approved by the medical staff of Makapwa Mission, Executive Committee of the Nyasaland Seventh Day Baptist Conference, and by the proper agency of the Nyasaland Government, which agency will furnish one-half the funds necessary for the construction of the hospital."

Another approved recommendation had to do with the acceptance of the offer of the New Zealand Seventh Day Baptist Church to sponsor the sending of Miss Rosemary Hare to join the mission staff at Makapwa as a teacher this coming summer, in time to begin teaching early in October.

American Topics
The "Nortonville Project" which looks toward raising a fund to send a missionary to British Guiana was discussed. This plan calls for $30,000 (three digits above quota) and is not intended to undercut Our World Mission support.

The plan of Rene Mauch of Emileville, Canada, to serve as a "faith missionary" in British Guiana was considered. Secretary Harris hopes to meet and become better acquainted with Mr. Mauch at the Central Association meetings in June.

It was voted to approve the appointment of E. T. Harris for the closing prayer.

Bible Still Reaches China
Despite the communist effort to discredit Christianity, and, in fact, all religion, the Bible in tongues continues to be published and to remain a "best seller" in China, reports Dr. Frank W. Price, former missionary to China, now director of the Missionary Research Library, New York. He notes that, since 1949, 171,278 complete Bibles, 170,493 New Testaments, and 3,109,284 portions of the Bible have been distributed, and forty-three editions printed from old plates already in the country. In addition, seven Bible houses are maintained by the Church, and several book clubs are in operation.

— W. W. Reid.
The Goal of Evangelism

By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

The goal of evangelism is not plain to many people because men do not clearly understand the inner meaning of the Gospel. The Seer of Patmos reports that he heard the heavenly voices saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ." That is, everything on this earth (which is the habitat of man) is to become subject to Christ. His principles are to govern everything. His spirit is to be the motivating energy behind all action, His character the standard and goal toward which all life gravitates.

Such a goal will surely include our personal morality and attitudes, but also our social morality and attitudes. It can never ignore our industrial life, our political life, our economic life, our racial relationships, our educational institutions, our treatment of the orphan, the handicapped, the aged. Rev. William L. Burdick used to say that the object of the Kingdom of God was "a universal brotherhood, completely good."

The Instrument Needs Strengthening

The instrument for the accomplishment of such an ideal is the Christian Church. New Testament Christianity sets the church in the center of God's purpose for the world, not only in this age, but in coming ages. Paul expressed it thus: "...that in the coming ages they might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:7). Many people do not see the primary importance of the church in the world because many functions of society, originally started by the church, have been taken over as regular activities of our common life. Our present school system is the outgrowth of the educational activity of the church. Homes for children and for the aged, institutions for the handicapped, hospitals for the ill of body and mind, and hundreds of humanitarian endeavors are direct or indirect outcomes of previous activities of the church. With all her faults and shortcomings the church is the spearhead of the kingdom of God. Jesus said, "...on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death (Greek, 'the gates of Hades') shall not prevail against it.

So one of the purposes of evangelism is to strengthen and enlarge the church in the world. But such a statement would have different meanings to different people. For some it means a kind of a goal that the church might be to grow and prosper, and any organization, else they would not have appointed elders and bishops and deacons to direct and oversee the activities of the church, when the apostles expected, the church to grow and prosper. Whether the modern church is overorganized or underorganized its objective should be strengthened. Many organizational set-ups which do not contribute to that purpose is useless machinery. One primary purpose of all evangelistic endeavor should be the strengthening of the local churches in efficiency and numbers. Let us never be ashamed of statistics. The early church was not. They listed the numbers added to the church.

The invisible Church needs strengthening, for the church needs more than statistics. She needs quality. She needs converts who have experienced and shared the experience which Jesus meant when He told Nicodemus, "You must be born anew" (or "born from above"). Just what is this "born-again" experience? Everyone who has experienced it knows what is meant when some one speaks of it, but the one who has not experienced it often has difficulty in knowing what is being discussed. Faith and self-commitment, or self-surrender, one invites God, through Christ, to enter into his heart. That heart becomes an entrance for the living Being, a child, a spiritual being. Whatever estrangement and uncertainty were present in his life are gone. He is at home in God's world (Greek, 'the gates of Hades') and in the presence of the Most High. The churches are full of folk who have not had such an experience, though most of them are good folk.

Spiritual Rebirth

Possibly a simple and rather crude analogy may help to make clear this experience. A baby growing in its mother's womb has no life that can be spoken of as separate and personal. It is alive in so far as the baby's blood stream absorbs from its mother's blood stream. Through this blood stream there come to the child the food and the drink the mother takes, and the oxygen she breathes. Whatever life the child has is second to that of the mother, its life is a byproduct of her life and its growth is secondary affairs. It has eyes, but doesn't see; it has ears, but doesn't hear; it has hands, but doesn't hold things; it has feet, but doesn't walk on them. It is a fetus rather than a person.

The time comes, however, when the child is born; it breaks out of the confines of the womb to begin its own personal, individual life. It does not leave the mother but grows and develops until it becomes a separate entity within the family and in the world. A child is born into the world as a person.

Many young people grow up in the church more like a spiritual fetus than like a spiritual person. They are not converted. But the really dynamic leaders of the church are all "born again" children of God. They all need to know they have been converted, personally born of the Spirit into God's family. Many people are useful in the world, but not yet converted. Many in the church are also valuable to the church and the world who are not yet converted. But the really dynamic leaders of the church are all "born again" children of God. God over the list of great preachers, reformers, missionaries, evangelists, and Bible teachers and see for yourself. All of them knew themselves as children of God through faith in God's Son.

If the time is to come when the "kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ" it means that the church will be amazing that all men must not only hear the
message, but that they must be brought to faith in and surrender to the Christ who is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Preachers and teachers and evangelists must not be satisfied with merely getting people to join the church, valuable though that may be, but be satisfied only when folks are "born" into God's family. One young person wrote to a friend of the wonderful life the last few months had brought and then added: "This, ....... , you made a wonderful friendship with God." What more, or less, could one desire than that?

New Audio-Visual Catalog

Ready to go in the mail to all pastors and Sabbath School superintendents is a new filmstrip catalog put out by the Audio-Visual Aids Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society at Plainfield, N. J. This complete revision describes as accurately as space will allow the growing number of filmstrips available in charge for all Seventh Day Baptist churches and groups. The catalog is four pages larger than the one now in use. It contains the latest acquisitions arranged in easy-to-follow alphabetical order.

A general mailing will be made, but others who anticipate using filmstrips or slides for teaching purposes or for programs on special occasions are encouraged to write to Secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, for free copies of the catalog.

It should be remembered that the filmstrips are sent postpaid anywhere in the United States upon request and that branch libraries are maintained in Jamaica and Nyasaland. Return postage is paid by the user. The only stipulations are: ample planning, etc. All records, as well as catalog, is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Women's Work — Arabeth Deland

United Church Women Workshop

In Schwenksville, Pa., May 4-9, thirty-four church women, from twenty-six states, met for a workshop on Group Development for Leaders of Leaders. The purpose of the workshop was to help participants gain insight and understanding regarding the philosophy of group work and to develop skills in their "back-home" situation in church work.

Dr. Floy S. Hyde, director of the workshop, was formerly director of Leadership and Field Outreach for United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches. Associate directors were Mrs. Lacy W. Goosetree of Texas, national chairman of the Committee on Leadership Education, and Miss Edith Groner, former associate general director for United Church Women. Besides the five national staff people, there were 20 United Church Women and 9 national denominational leaders studying the new role of the group leader. We were able to exchange ideas and to learn from each other, and so develop skills, group member, how we communicate, program planning, etc.

At the fellowship hour the first evening we got acquainted by introducing ourselves and telling an interesting experience. The first session was spent in developing a list of needs which each Creative Committee would find helpful to discuss. Each group was asked to focus on a theme for the sessions. A list of possible themes was offered for each group to review.

In their business, social, and personal lives. The theme chosen for the sessions, "Our Fellowship of Love," from John 11:5, "The love of God," was enjoyed as we visited with friends over the noonday meal in the church dining hall.

Miss Joan Clement and Miss Beth Wells and Mrs. Orvis Chapman sang two beautiful songs from the collection. A film was shown in 1 John. The message was: "Let's forsake our lecture-listen and "sing" for fellowship, and a sense of fellowship breakfast. Their theme for the morning was "Together Through the Trials in Life." In the afternoon, a video presentation of "The Belmont Experience" was enjoyed as we visited with friends over the noonday meal in the church dining hall.

Miss Joan Clement and Miss Beth Severe led our thoughts in the afternoon missionary service as they spoke on "Perfect Love Casts Out All Fear." The truth of this text was illustrated by accounts of some of their experiences on the Nyasaland mission field. An informal men's "sing" from "Let's Sing" was enjoyed by many, not only by the men themselves, but by many who slipped into the pews to listen.

Following the fellowship supper, we reassembled as the young people led in a short devotional service. A film entitled "Centerville Awakening" was shown in the evening service. It was the story of a church, personal, and community, lacking in spirituality, and the transformation which occurred when members realized that God must be given first place in their business, social, and personal lives.

The evening after the Sabbath young people enjoyed a social, and on Sunday morning met in the park for a fellowship breakfast. Their theme for the morning devotional service was "The Unbreakable Bond." The Rev. Alton Wheeler summarized our theme, "The Fellowship of Love," in a rapid review bringing high points found in Scripture passages from 1 John. Quest shops followed and we separated into groups to consider: "Our Witness Through Area Contacts," "Our Witness Through the Pacific Tidings," and "Our Witness Through Pacific Pines Camp." Several helpful suggestions were later acted upon in the annual business session which followed shortly after the noon hour.

Meetings of Associations

June is the month of Association meetings for all Seventh Day Baptists and friends of the work. The month begins with a full weekend session of the Central New York Association held at the Utica, N. Y., Church. The month opens with a full weekend meeting of the Central New York Association held at the Utica, N. Y., Church.

On the second weekend the geographically larger Eastern Association meets with the Rockville, R. I., Church.

Western (N. Y.) Association convenes at Alfred over the weekend of the twenty-second. Finally comes the Southeastern Association on the last weekend, meeting this time with the Lost Creek, W. Va., Church.

Program details may be published later. All friends of the Seventh Day Baptist cause are cordially invited to attend the nearest gathering of churches as outlined above even if it means traveling across states and even the continent. Inspiration, fellowship, and a sense of mission will characterize all the Associations.
When you pray, "Lord . . . help our unbelief" consider

THE HELP CHRIST CAN GIVE THROUGH PRAYER

(A talk given on Christian Endeavor Day at Shiloh, N. J., by Mary Harris.)

We all talk of the hardships and problems of life. Many times they seem too great for us to solve or bear, but God has provided One who can aid us if we but seek His help. Only through prayer can we know what Christ would have us do.

There was a businessman who retired without praying. He could not sleep, he was worried over the outcome of a business venture that would come to an end the next day. As he worried, and it became later and later, he thought of 1 Peter 5: 7, "Casting all your cares upon Him; for He careth for you." which was God's invitation to let Him take over. He whispered a prayer, "O Lord, please take over." Peace came to his mind and soon he dropped off to sleep. The next morning he woke up fully rested, and the day's plans went off as hoped. We should ask God's help as the businessman did. Here is where men fall short so miserably. Many know not to say a form of prayer, but there are few who pray, few who call upon the Lord to show them the way and ask Him to help solve their problems.

Many have great difficulty finding time to pray. There must be a stated time to speak with God face to face. You must every day have a special time for prayer, if you want to keep the channel to God open. Many of us at some time or other have seen large ships going up the Delaware River with destinations of Philadelphia or beyond. These ships must be kept in the channel, but this channel is no form of prayer, but there are few who pray, few who call upon the Lord to show them the way and ask Him to help solve their problems.

We must put on the full armor of Christ. It is in view of the appalling character of the enemy that the call to arms is delightful. Without the armor of truth we, the followers of Christ, are weak and defenseless. The armor is a source of help and strength to our spiritual lives and our physical lives. It is a defense against the devil and his army, a weapon against the temptations of the devil, and a shield against the world's temptations.

The king to make victory possible, and to enable each of His servants to win the crown of life. The Apostle Paul closes his portrayal of Christian warfare with the description of the Spirit in which the conflict is to be waged. It is the spirit of sympathetic, watchful intercession. By these invisible warriors the warrior keeps in constant communication with his divine Commander, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on," says the Apostle. "For the battle is the Lord's; we are His army." Christians also know the promise that God will supply their every need, for in Paul's Letter to the Philippians we read, "But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This does not signify that He will supply all the Christian wants, but only what He needs. We often ask for many things which are not really needed, but rather are harmful. Our needs are many, both temporal and spiritual. We need faith, love, hope, and grace in all fullness. We are to receive this, according to His riches in glory. Thus there is an inexhaustible supply in God. Our needs will be met if we truly believe that Christ will meet them.

Christ does give help to His followers and believers, and we have the promise that He will supply all our needs. But let us remember that even with every spiritual weapon given us all is in vain without the direct appeal to God in prayer. For Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." So let us stand on the promises of God.

Men who "have been looking for longer cars and shorter hours of work" are advised by the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, of New York, to give "longer thought to life's essentials and shorter shift to its trifles."

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THE HELP CHRIST CAN GIVE THROUGH PRAYER

(A talk given on Christian Endeavor Day at Shiloh, N. J., by Mary Harris.)

We all talk of the hardships and problems of life. Many times they seem too great for us to bear, but God has provided One who will aid us if we but seek His help. Only through prayer can we know what Christ would have us do.

There was a businessman who retired without praying. He could not sleep, he was worried over the outcome of a business venture that would come to an end the next day. As he worried, and it became later and later, he thought of 1 Peter 5: 7; "Casting all your cases upon him; for he careth for you," which was God's invitation to let Him take over.

He whispered a prayer, "O Lord, please take over." Peace came to his mind and soon he dropped off to sleep. The next morning he woke up fully rested, and the day's problems were kept in the channel, but this channel becomes choked with the silt and debris of daily living. If God is to operate in our lives, He must help us if we seek His help. We need faith, love, hope, and grace in abundance to help our unbelief. Christian also knows the premise that God will supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. This does not signify that He will supply all the Christian wants, but only what He needs. We often ask for many things which are not really needed, but rather are harmful. Our needs are many, both temporal and spiritual. We need faith, love, hope, and grace in all fullness. We are to receive this, according to His riches in glory. Thus there is an inexhaustible supply in God. Our needs will be met if we truly believe that Christ will meet them.

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rangements were made to take these strangers in a strange land to the Chicago Church where the pastor invited them to tell something of their Christian experience. They spoke clearly and effectively. It is expected that some of their story, recorded on tape, will soon be made available. Later correspondence with the student pastor showed that they would like to attend our church during their stay in Chicago. They have expressed a desire to study for several years. Before coming here they had about all the education that was available in their country. Abel was principal of a number of schools founded by Lambert's father (who is providing financial support for their American schooling).

Character Development Program Explained by Army Chaplain

The character development and moral guidance of American servicemen was the subject of an address by Chaplain (Colo­nel) W. S. Hale, assistant to the Chief of Army Chaplains, at a luncheon for members of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Chaplain Hale cited the character guidance program conducted in all branches of the military service as an important means of developing "a healthy moral and mental attitude" among servicemen and women.

"The Army religious program," he pointed out, "is designed to take up with our military personnel while they are away from home and the church left off. If basic morality had been learned there, we would not have been troubled with protecting and supporting morality than with developing it."

Chaplain Hale is Chief of Training Division in the Office of the Chief of Chaplains. He is in charge of chaplain training, and supervises the conduct of the Army's character guidance and religious education programs. He also serves as chairman of the Character Guidance and Education Committee of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board. Chaplain Hale in since 1939, Chaplain Hale is a Baptist minister of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Salem College Alumni in Western New York

By Rex. E. Zwiebel

At a banquet meeting in Alfred Station, N. Y., the Western New York and Vicin­ity Chapter of Salem College Alumni was organized, April 26, 1938.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Harley D. Bond, assistant to the president of Salem College. After giving many facts concerning the progress of the alma mater, Mr. Bond answered questions showing keen interest in the welfare of the college.

Following a vote to organize, officers were elected to serve the new organization: president, Kenneth Davis; vice-president, Mrs. Don Lewis; secretary, Rex E. Zwiebel.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis, Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Nida, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Al Burkard, Dr. and Mrs. Hurley S. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cowles, Evert Peary, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Polan, Gordon Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Price, K. Richard Batchelder, Mrs. Madge Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pierce, Miss Eva Ford, Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn, and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle K. Zwiebel, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Bond.

The meeting was closed with the singing of "The West Virginia Hills," "Ode to Salem College," and the "Alma Mater."

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Alberta Davis Batson, formerly of Salem, now of Parkersburg, W. Va., was elected president of the West Virginia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs at the Annual State Con­vention and was installed by the treasurer of the national organization, Dorothy Brimcombe, of Las Vegas, Nev.

Miss Alta Van Horn, registrar of Salem College, was one of 12 West Virginians who attended the National meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Re­cruiters in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 21-25. Seven hundred delegates were present.

The Rev. Paul S. Burdick of Waterford, Conn., was one of 26 conduct volunteers at the Aloha Meeting House at Mystic Sea-

port, R. I., May 11. This historical museum preserves an old Seven-Day Bapt­ist Church building previously mentioned in this magazine.

Jennings Randolph, a member of the West Virginia chapter of the West­ern Day Baptists Church and a former Congressman from West Virginia, is actively campaigning in his home state for a seat in the U. S. Senate.

K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, who travels widely in the interest of his college and of CASC (Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges) of which he is also president, was in River­side, Calif., recently where he spoke in his home church.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan, president of the General Conference, was featured in the De Ruyter (N. Y.) Gleaner of May 8 as a speaker in the local church. He was a recent speaker at Salem and Berea, W. Va., and in June he embarked on a nation-wide tour of Seven-Day Baptist churches.

OTHER FOLDS AND FIELDS

Three fourths of the way through the current fiscal year at the end of February, Methodists had sent $7,411,805 in World Service funds to the central treasury in Chicago. Receipts for the nine-month period showed a 3.73 per cent gain over a year ago.

There are 4,257 rabbis of the Jewish faith in the United States today, according to a survey made by Dr. H. S. Linfield for the Jewish Statistical Bureau. In com­parison, there were 526 rabbis noted in 1927, 1,171 in 1935, 5,060 in 1940. In the beginning of 1955, there were 5,426 rabbis of the reform wing, namely, those who were members of their association (The Central Conference of American Rabbis), and the rabbis of the conservative wing, belonging to their association (The Rabbinical Assembly of America), constituted 50% of the rabbis in the United States. Dr. Linfield noted, "The Rabbits of America." Of the four seminaries in 1955, two were for the training of orthodox rabbis, and one each for conservative and reform rabbis.

In 1955, a total of 944 rabbis, or 22.2% were engaged full time in specialized Jewish community work, in the fields of religious observance, education, and welfare, while another 145 rabbis, or 3.4%, were officiating in the congregations as their preachers, teachers, and leaders.
God of the Sabbath
The song sheet "God of the Sabbath," with words written by Mary A. Stillman and music by William C. Daland, has long been available for insertion into church hymnals. To meet the continuing demand for this piece of music the publishing house at Plainfield has recently printed a new edition available at 2 cents per copy in lots of 25 or more.

A number of other song sheets with a Sabbath emphasis are also stocked by the publishing house at the same rate.

A collection of 25 hymns and songs by Seventh Day Baptist writers, bound in an attractive booklet, We Glorify Thy Name, by Testimony:

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Frank Neils
Phyllis Neils
Donal Drake
June Drake
Carol Arnold
David Branch
Milton Davis, Jr.
Todd Corless
James Todd
John Camenga
Justice Arms
Alen Crouch

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Mrs. Walter Neils

Marriages

Gould-Babcock. — James B. Gould of Galesburg, Ill., and Carolyn M. Babcock, daughter of Philip and Harriet Babcock Boroughs, of Galesburg, Ill., were united in marriage on Sabbath afternoon, April 26, in the bride's home. Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph performed the double ring ceremony.

Births

Burdick. — A son, Paul Arthur, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Burdick of Rockfall, Conn., on April 10, 1958. The paternal grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Burdick of Waterford, Conn.

Matteson. — A daughter, Linda Ann, to Roydon C. and Eileen Spencer Matteson, of Hope Valley, R.I., on April 7, 1958.

Woodmansee. — A daughter, Frances Gale, to Clifton O. and Virginia Woodmansee, of Rockville, R.I., on April 15, 1958.

Obituaries

Richmond. — Elmer L., son of William and Lovia Richmond, was born May 6, 1890, and died at his home in Hopkinton, R.I., April 6, 1958.

For most of his life he was a member of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Elma Lauphere Richmond, by eighteen of his twenty-two children, and fifty-five grandchildren.

The memorial service was held at a funeral home in Westerly and burial was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery. His pastor, the Rev. Neal D. Mills, officiated. — N.D.M.

Conrod. — James Andrew, was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Nov. 10, 1900, and died May 7, 1958, at his home at 2527 N. Fairfield, Chicago, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Frieda, and his children: John A., student pastor of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church; James H., pastor of the Logan Square Baptist Church; Donald E.; and Florence A. Davies.

He had been in short attendance at the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church until his heart condition caused him a period of confinement in Grant Hospital and the rest of the time in his home.

The funeral service was conducted at the Sterners Funeral Home by the Rev. James H. Conrod, on the Sabbath, May 10, with the interment in the Clarendon Hills Cemetery. — J.A.C.

DeVard. — Carl J., son of Ethel and Marion DeVard, was born May 26, 1901, and died March 27, 1958, in a Chicago hospital after a long illness.

Most of his early life was spent in southern Illinois. On February 6, 1926, he married Beulah Lewis of Stonefort, Ill. He was converted and baptized in April, 1934, by Rev. Mr. Laueber, then pastor of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church. The salvation of souls to Christ remained his chief interest throughout life.

Funeral services were held at the Wilson-Prick Funeral Home of Marion, Ill., with the Rev. Paul Ramsey officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Marion.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Lyon, of Chicago, a son, Carl J., Jr., of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, a brother, and four sisters. — Mrs. Carl J. DeVard.