Changes

Have you ever seen a redbud
On a dark and dreary day,
When its boughs were bleak and barren
With no beauty to convey;
And then wondered why 'twas worthy
Of such wonderful acclaim,
Why they praise its pretty pageantry
And prime poetic fame?

Have you ever seen a human
With habitual hateful ways,
Like a sour and surly Saxon,
Snarling, snatching as he plays;
And you could not help be curious
Why Christ died on Calvary,
To redeem such ragged rascals,
From a rank eternity?

Then you saw a redbud blossom,
Opened by the sun and rain;
Then you saw this surly person
After he was born again;
And no longer did you wonder,
Since your answers you could see,
For they both were things of beauty
When God's Spirit set them free.

—James J. Dooley (From Home Life, copyright by
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Give thanks for your church.
Show it by weekly attendance.
November is attendance month.
THANKSGIVING FOR ALL

None but a Christian can give thanks for all men, as Paul exHORTS in First Timothy 2:1. We respond to the Presi- dency's proclamation of a National thanksgiving and we rather reasonably expect people of all faiths and of very little faith to acknowledge the material and spiritual blessings they receive from a beneficent Creator. That is far below the standard set for Christian leaders such as the young man Timothy. The two verses read as follows:

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and holiness.

It is probable that the judgment is to be understood as urging all these types of prayer for all men but the sentence structure would require the inclusion of giving thanks for all. He goes on to specify that government officials should be included. We do well to remember that kings and governors of this day were, generally speaking, quite hostile to the Christian religion. All that could reasonably be done in days in Plainfield, N.J., at the end of our freedom of justice from such men when Christians were brought into court for practicing or propagating their faith. Not much is said about the day of our giving thanks. There is an emphasis on our freedom of religion, but the stanza is not limited to that. It includes a prayer for all men, a prayer for all that are in authority. The prayer is for the people as a whole, for all that are in authority. The prayer is for the people as a whole, for all that are in authority.

We are now in the period between election day and Thanksgiving Day. Our thoughts have just recently been stirred to consider the election of local, state, and national officers or legislators. Under a democratic system, a majority of the voter's wishes are given thanks for the people put into office because they were chosen by majority vote. But what about those who were keenly disappointed with the way the election went? If you are true Christians you know what the Bible exhortation and pray for all in authority, not forgetting the hard part of praying when we think men are perverse, it is then that we should strive earnestly to “give thanks for all men.”

This is the thanksgiving season. The horn of plenty pours out its material blessings on almost every home in our country. Hunger does not stalk our streets. Famine and pestilence are not common in our land. Religious persecution is more to be watched against than to be experienced within our borders. Bitterness and hatred seldom rear their ugly heads in the Christian community. Even the disputes between human hearts, as the Bible says, are still “deceitful and desperately wicked.” Good will prevails rather generally within the church. The church shows some concern and kindness for the less fortunate abroad. Yes, it is a time when all should show that the thankful spirit is not only in words but in deeds. Still it is a time when every Christian must set the lofty standard called for in our quoted text, a standard that will yield happiness according to the measure of its achievement.

Thanksgiving
The Pilgrims knew that the greatest heritage they could leave their children was faith. Our lives are far removed from theirs. We live in the abundance of the Twentieth Century. But has any of us so much — or so little — that he cannot find room or time in his heart for thanks? This Thanksgiving, take time to offer your word of thanks to the One who gave you the right to offer. Do not forget to give thanks when we believe to be a misguided majority that takes action that puts some people in positions who we think are ill fitted for that trust. It is that then we must challenge ourselves with this sentence from the Epistle to Timothy.

Within the church we sometimes find it very difficult to give thanks when we believe to be a misguided majority that takes action that puts some people in positions who we think are ill fitted for that trust. It is then that we must challenge ourselves with this sentence from the Epistle to Timothy.

Dear reader, turn to page 93 for articles on the thanksgiving season. The theme is "Thanksgiving for All."
Quemoy, Taiwan, and Chiang
The brutal shelling of Quemoy and the other offshore islands occupies much space in the news releases. It sends the head of our State Department scurrying across the Pacific to confer with Chiang Kai-shek in Taiwan. It revives the talk about the Korean War and brings up the question of the diplomacy of our nation. All this, and perhaps little more, may be back of the shelling. It provides an opportunity to create foreign and domestic distrust in our international policy.

In the current situation, there is a revival of another distrust. Commentators are reverting to the theme which many consider to have ushered in the almost unhindered Communist conquest of the Cantonese provinces of China. It is an ancient theme. Then our diplomats emphasized that corruption existed in the government of Chiang—that we would like to save China, but the Communist rule could not be much worse than the government then in power. Chiang was left to shift for himself, and our nation appears to have regarded Chiang, in the light of later developments. Once more in the present minor crisis voices are raised to discredit Chiang. "We would like to save Formosa (Taiwan)," they say, "but we need to see younger and better leadership in what remains of Nationalist China."

It is well for Christians to take stock of the man who heads the Taiwan government. He is apparently a sincere Christian from the Pocket Testament League, just the present minor crisis voices are raised we need to see younger and better leadership in what remains of Nationalist China— that we would like to save Chiang—that we would like to save Formosa (Taiwan). It revives the talk of another distrust. Commentators who were, however, ready with the training rules that it looks like too great a task to make the team.

The third group, with little regard to size, shape, or color, gets into the games and fights the battles. What makes the difference? The boys in this group have purpose—they do something. Each of these boys can do something towards winning the game. Doing one thing well, others may do several things well. These boys do the blocking, the tackling, the punting, the passing, carry the ball, and make the touchdowns. If the team wins, they do it.

With our Sabbath truth we must be constantly on the alert to emphasize in our own lives this sort of positive thinking. This is especially true in our relations with our young people. We will not make Christ's team by the excellence with which we do not do something. We may not work on the Sabbath; we may not take our Bible to school; we may not do our share of the paper boy; we may not be arrested for driving while intoxicated. And yet we fail to make the team.

Even as a football player needs purpose and must do something to make the team, so must a Christian. A Christian's purpose still remains, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Possibly it is too easy, nominally, to make the team by joining a church. Rev. Lord instructs the leader of your church, as He did Gideon of old, to reduce the size of his team for this question: Will I make the team? What can I do well to assist in bringing a soul to Christ, which makes me worthy of the team?

You remember how Gideon gave all those afraid the chance to return home. This reduced his army by 22,000 men. He later, following the Lord's instructions, called out all who "lappedeth of the water with his tongue..." and those who "bowed down upon his knees to drink." This reduced his army to only 300 men. They were mechanisms, alert to see who were ready to do something. Can we not as Seventh Day Baptists take red care of our Sabbath? Judging from the declines in our membership through the last century it would appear that all "fearful and afraid" persons have left our ranks. The aggressive, forward-looking programs adopted at the General Conference indicate the team is ready for the contest. May each of us prayerfully seek his place on Christ's team and do something to bring the good news to all men.

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING
From Thanksgiving to Christmas the American Bible Society invites you to read from your Bible the following passages with your heart open to receive the love of God:

Nov. 27 ... Psalm 23: 1-6
Nov. 28 ... Psalm 27: 1-14
Nov. 29 ... Psalm 46: 1-11
Nov. 30 ... Psalm 103: 1-22

THE ROCK OF AGES
(A book review)

As I look into various books written on the subject of the Trinity, either for first time readers, or for those with inquiries, I find that Dr. Bickersteth's book, The Rock of Ages, is writing with a burden on his heart for those who do not share his faith in the Trinity. He wishes to see those in his soul, a very brilliant presentation of the case for the doctrine of the Trinity. The seven chapters are full of Scripture references which show the grounds for the doctrine, and is very handy to use for reference, as the margin of each page has the listing of each Bible reference beside the quote or reference to it.

He begins the book by asking each reader to prepare his heart for the worship of God. He contends that the natural man cannot discern such matters, and urges total confidence in God, rather than in any creature. His treatment of the material is reverent, and shows a great deal of love's labor expended on it. Especially good is his treatment of the pre-incarnate appearances of Christ. The concluding chapter is a remarkable gathering of Scriptures to show the individuality and unity of the Holy Trinity. Mr. Bickersteth, in the beginning of his book, writes of his own personal struggle of faith concerning the doctrine, and how it was only through much spiritual struggle over apparent Scriptural contradictions that for him finally "those very truths around which skeptical doubts had once clustered became the strongest bulwarks to which... I... resort." I would urge very strongly that anyone having questions concerning the Biblical teaching of the Trinity should read this volume. (Price on jacket: $2.50. Well worth it.) —Paul B. Osborn.
Why I Believe the Doctrine of the Trinity

By Paul B. Osborn

This is not to be an attempt to explain the Trinity, for to try to understand the infinite and eternal One with our limited, temporal minds is to undertake an impossibility. Our capacity to comprehend does not include the ability to look back into and know at a time when there was nothing, absolutely nothing, except God. Try it — it's baffling.

There is no recorded period in church history that finds the church without a belief in the Trinity. This belief is based on an understanding of the Bible, which teaches that there is one God who exists in three persons.

The Scriptures are very explicit concerning the duty of man to worship and serve only the One God. But God has chosen not to make the discernment of His nature and essence understood as the command to worship. If it were a matter of reading and assenting to a simple command to worship, we would do this quite naturally.

The unity of this Holy Trinity is emphasized by Christ when He commanded us to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matt. 28: 19). This is the earliest statement of the Christian Church, and is uttered by Jesus Christ Himself.

Many objections and false doctrines are charged against the doctrine of the Trinity, but they come from the inability of words to adequately describe the activity and relationship of the Persons within the Trinity. Many are the theological volumes written, attempting to clear up the objections and explain the functions of the Trinity. But for the child of God, a simple faith in the statements and assertions of God’s Word is sufficient.


Thankful for Common Things

By Lois Fay Powell

Waiting for a bus is the occasion of one of the assurances of the providence of God. Creation is giving us many benefits for maintaining our lives.

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Pray for them; don’t pray at them, pray for them that they may have a right to expect moral and spiritual leadership from them, but has it ever occurred to you that they are not passing by us, but often overworked, sometimes over their depth? They don’t need criticism as much as they need understanding and support and prayer. I don’t believe that any minister who is truly prayed for by even one small dedicated group in his parish will either fail his people or fail his Lord.
MISSIONS  Sec. Everett T. Harris

From Missionary Board Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board was held Sunday afternoon, October 26, at Westerly, R. I., with our new president, George V. Crandall, in the chair. There were twenty-two members present. Pastor Harold R. Crandall offered the opening prayer. He welcomed to the board a representative of the British Guiana Church. Another was the report of the special committee that had been appointed to work out arrangements for services of the Jamaica mission and churches to be held just preceding the board meeting and on the following Sunday.

Rene Mauch, chairman of the Commission, introduced the twenty-five scholarships recently given to students to attend Crandall High School, in addition to the twenty-five scholarships extended to Mrs. Robert Fetherston, chairman of the Commission. Mr. Mauch extended the twenty-five scholarships to students to attend Crandall High School, in addition to the twenty-five scholarships offered on a matching funds basis. This particular scholarship aid is to be without designation as to the number of persons who shall be aided by it.

A tentative budget for 1960 was drawn up for the consideration of the Commission at their monthly meeting. Appropriation of the budget, which will be subject to final approval at the January, 1959, board meeting. This budget is subject to final approval. The secretary of the Missionary Society gave a statement of tribute to the late Rev. E. Golay. A copy will be mailed to any church upon request.

The corresponding secretary presented a plan for extension and growth on the home field. It will be designed to really evaluate our spiritual inventory, to take an inventory of mission. As stated by Evangelist Loyal Hurley, "The taking of responsibilities, as taking personal devotions."

The president of our General Conference, George V. Crandall, in the report of the special committee in your church, write to the secretary of the Missionary Society for the annual camp. An especially helpful booklet is available, "Lay Visitation Evangelism in the Local Church," by Eugene E. Galen. A copy will be mailed to any church upon request.

High Purposes At Camp Harmony

The aims and purposes of Camp Harmony (Central New York Association Camp) were listed as follows:

1. To afford fellowship with other Christian young people.
2. To make possible a close personal relationship to God through Christ.
3. To get away from the rush of home life, TV, radio, etc., realizing that we need time to be alone to seek and find God's guidance for our lives.
4. To form a basis for our actions, to know what we believe and why, and to act according to belief rather than because of what people think.
5. To develop the habit of having personal devotions.
6. To develop sportsmanship.
7. To give training in leadership and the taking of responsibilities, as taking part in worship services and carrying out our work.
8. To realize that with any privileges come responsibilities.
9. To create an interest in crafts as a hobby or something creative, to do rather than to be entertained all of the time.
10. To gain a realization that the spiritual life is not turned on and off like a TV set, and that Bible teachings are not listened to for a time and then forgotten as quickly as a TV play; rather they must become a basis for life.

We trust that through our camp program each camper grew toward these goals by the grace of God.

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THE SAB BATH RECORDER
Not Under the Law
But Under Grace*
Romans 6: 14

(The last sermon delivered by Emmett H. Bottoms, substitute for Mrs. R. E. Butler.)

Many sermons have been woven around this statement of Paul’s, placing different implications upon its meaning; but truly it is a beautiful passage when love is the binding force among the depths of it — the real truth implied by Paul. When the power of the Holy Spirit grips our souls — becomes a moving force within us — then we are filled with love of our Lord first of everything. We then become so consecrated that love controls our every motive, and the study of God’s Word takes on an illumination that brings immeasurable joy.

Doubtless many of us have heard it implied that because we are under grace, we have no more obligation to obey God’s holy law, the Ten Commandments — that it was only for the Jews. God wrote this law on two tables of stone, and He said through Moses that it was to be eternal and unchangeable, as we find in Psalm 111: 7-8, and many other passages. Also Paul said that this law tells us what God requires of us in another passage. Jeremiah tells us, in chapter 31: 31-34, that after the Messiah was to come, this same law was to be written by the Holy Spirit in our hearts instead of on tables of stone. We find this very statement verified in Hebrews 8: 10 and 10: 16.

We know that the laws of our nation and state were instituted for our welfare — for the well-being of us all, for the purpose of our living together in peace and happiness. We know also that the commandments, or precepts would be needed to live by, to avoid confusion. Since Christ came, professing Christians, many, many of us, have fallen far short of fulfilling these commandments, but the fourth one, the Sabbath Commandment, is the only one upon which man devised a change that has brought so much confusion among professing Christians of the earth. Now we can see that when we obey God’s holy law by supreme love for Him, we are not under the law, not under condemnation, but under grace under the favor of God.

This commandment, that Paul called holy, just, and good (as we find in Romans 7: 2), is one of the most treasured. We find this in 1 John 3: 4. Yet in it there is no power to make us righteous, to give us faith and courage to live this holy law without the love of God — the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. When we have this power in our souls, the touch of His hand, then obedi­ence becomes our joy, our glorifying. In this connection, let me share with you a poem that means much to me:

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER’S HAND

By Myra Brooks Welch

‘Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer
Thought it scarcely worth his while;
And yet, let me tell you, it is there!
To waste much time on the old violin,
But held it up with a smile:

"What am I hidden good folks," he cried, in a voice

Of tender solicitude;
"Who'll start the bidding for me?"

In order to get rid of it?
"Only two?

Two dollars, and who'll make it three?

Three dollars once, three dollars, twice;

Going for three."

Froze the auctioneer’s heart:

"But no,

Far from that, a grey-haired man

Forward came and picked up the bow;

Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,

And tightening all the loose strings,

He played a melody pure and sweet

As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,

With a voice that was quiet and low,

Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"

And he held it up by the bow,

"A thousand dollars, and who'll make it three?"

Two thousand! and who'll make it three?

Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice,

And going, and gone," said he.

The people cheered but some of them cried,

"We do not quite understand

What changed its worth?" Swift came the reply:

"The touch of a master’s hand;"

And many a man with life out of tune,

And battered and scarred with sin,

Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,

Much like the old violin.

A "mess of potage," a glass of wine;

A game — and he travels on.

He is "good" and "worthy" twice;

He's "going" and almost "gone."

But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd

Never can quite understand

The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought,

By the touch of the Master's hand.

The touch of the Master’s hand! This is it! This is the transforming power that puts in our hearts supreme love, respect, and honor for God’s holy law, and gives us faith, power, and courage to live it, as Paul says in Romans 8: 1-4. This power of love is the controlling factor. God made it plain that we must love Him supremely — first and above everything, even ourselves; then our fellow men as ourselves. Love leads us in God’s way; love lifts us above the world and its many cares that would draw us away from His will; love regards not the popularity of the world — the desire to attain high places of prestige; and love gives strength to overcome. In this love God does become supreme in our every thought. We love Him and above all, we love His holy Sabbath that He blessed and sanctified and said we must remember, and truly love our fellow man and ourselves. Oh, for the touch of the Master’s hand on all our lives!

Each of us will in time meet this Master’s love to live by and when we do may we be as the good in this short poem from Kipling, "L’Envoi."

When Earth’s last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,

When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,

We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it —

Lie down for an aeon or two,

Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall put us to work anew.

And those who were good shall be happy: they shall sit in a golden chair;

They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comets’ hair;

They shall find new saints to draw from —

Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;

They shall work for an age at a sitting and never tire.

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;

And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;

But each for the joy of the working, and each in his own way.

Shall draw the Thing as he sees it for the God of Things as They Are!

America’s Fringe-Dwellers

The underchurched rural-urban fringe of our cities was the center of concern of the Congregational Christian Church in Town and Country, October 21-23, at York, Pa.

Three families seeking refuge from our teeming cities, Dr. Truman B. Douglass told the group, soon find that “walking on grass instead of concrete does not answer any of the profound hungers of the human spirit.” He deplored the lack of community-making facilities, including churches, in our burgeoning housing developments. In many rural areas which disregards the true nature of Christian fellowship. Dr. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Congregational Christian Board of Home Missions.

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Women's Work — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson
Denver, Colorado
October 27-30
General Impressions of a Delegate to the Eighth National Assembly

By Anna C. North
United Church Women, 2500 of them, studied the Bible, worked, worshiped, and prayed together at the Eighth National Assembly of United Church Women at Denver, Colorado, Oct. 27-30.

Seventh Day Baptists attending were the wives of the pastors of the Denver and Boulder churches, Mrs. Kenneth Smith and Mrs. David Clarke; Mrs. Keith Davis, and Boulder churches, Mrs. Kenneth Smith, president of the Battle Creek Assembly of Christian Women of the Plainfield, N. J. area.

The theme, "Christianity and Freedom," was carried out in study and in various addresses presented by prominent Christian leaders. Each delegate was assigned to one of twelve work groups, which met for four and one-half hours each day. The work groups were: study group on the cross; finance; study group on the cross before a map of the world, and the final session when the ecumenical cross stood before us as we in humility with reverence partook of the Lord's Supper.

Adding to the worshipful atmosphere was a panorama depicting Christian freedom which provided a backdrop to meetings of the Assembly. The background changed daily, sometimes more than once, to meet the emphasis of the day's program. Especially effective was that on Monday evening, the opening session, when the cross before a map of the world, and the final session when the ecumenical cross stood before us as we in humility and reverence partook of the Lord's Supper.

At the opening session greetings were read from President Eisenhower who said, "Christianity is freedom which provided a backdrop to meet the emphasis of the day's program."

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Church World Service Asks More

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Teen Talk

Partnership With God

Throughout his amazing business career R. G. LeTourneau has maintained that his success was largely due to making God his partner. Just how one can do that may not always be perfectly clear.

The findings of these groups were studied and presented to the Assembly in plenary session. The Resolutions Committee has set a goal of $90,000 to help Belgians make possible the originally announced aim to re-erect the building in a modified form as a permanent center for worship and ecumenical activities under the leadership of the International Christian Committee. The committee is launching a drive for funds in the United States to help keep the Protestant Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair a permanent Protestant Center in Belgium. The committee has set a goal of $90,000 to help Belgians make possible the originally announced aim to re-erect the building in a modified form as a permanent center for worship and ecumenical activities under the leadership of the International Christian Committee. The committee is launching a drive for funds in the United States to help keep the Protestant Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair a permanent Protestant Center in Belgium.
the auspices and ownership of the Belgian Protestant Federation. (There are only 75,000 Protestants in Belgium out of a population of 9,000,000.)

The program envisioned for the Protestant Center includes the use of the Center for regular worship services throughout the year, Protestant congregations and their activities during the week; use of the building from April to September by ecumenical groups from abroad and/or as a Training Center for Belgian Protestant congregations in the ecumenical movement and their congregational life; an annual music festival; a training and convocation center for missionaries, especially from and to territories where French and Dutch are understood.

Ecumenical News
A Christian's responsibility and capacity to meet the problems of the space age and upheavals in world affairs will have top priority at the fifth World Order Study Conference in Cleveland, November 18-21.

Such national figures as John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, and Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam will spark discussion of vital areas where the world's struggle for power and the potentials of recent nuclear developments make impact on Christian thinking and action.

Other major speakers include Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church (Methodist), New York; and Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, New York, director of the Commission of the Churches for International Affairs.

About 600 delegates are expected to attend. They will represent the National Council's constituent communions, nonconstituent communions eligible for Council membership, selected Council units, state and local church councils, and related Protestant organizations.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for November 29, 1958

Why Jesus Used Parables
Lesson Scripture: Mark 4: 1-12.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
WESTERLY, R. I. — The work of this church has been seriously handicapped by the loss of Pastor Charles H. Bond, who left here on September 7 to assume his new pastorate at Shiloh, N. J. In the meantime, under the guidance of the Pastor's Advisory Board, the program of the church goes on. Weekly Bible studies and devotional services are conducted by the deacons in turn, and have proved to be rewarding meetings. Volunteers have come forward to lead the Senior and Junior Youth Fellowships, and to teach the Sabbath School classes. The pulpit has been filled by capable pastors from the sister churches Westerly and Pawcatuck.

On October 11 the annual church homecoming program was carried out, with the Rev. Elmore B. Roberts of Clinton, Conn., bringing the morning message. A luncheon prepared and served by the SDB Society, assisted by the Senior Youth Fellowship, was served to nearly 100 members. After the luncheon, a program of singing, and other special numbers was presented. Highlight of the afternoon was for many the first meeting of Pastor Bond telling of his new charge.

The weekend of October 25 and 26 was especially eventful, with the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman of Commission, visiting Westerly for his fall quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board. While here Mr. Cruzan filled the pulpit on Sabbath eve, following completion of Pastor Bond's message. On Sabbath morning and afternoon, a Sabbath service was conducted by Mrs. Doris Fetherston, executive secretary, as also in Westerly for the church services and Missionary Board meeting at this time.

VERONA, N. Y. — Filmstrips on the "Life of Paul" featured the summer sessions of the Verona Youth Fellowship, with a meeting on alternate Sabbath afternoons.

The annual Sabbath School picnic was held at Hatch's Lake on August 17. A fellowship supper was enjoyed by eleven members of the "Pearl Seekers" Class at the home of Mrs. Edith Woodcock on August 7. It was voted to give $10 toward the OWM Conference and $50 toward the building fund of the church. The Booster Class enjoyed a corn roast at their August meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Warner.

On Sabbath, August 30, after lunch together, regular worship services were held at the Youth Fellowship Conference given by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sholtz and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Davis. Colored slides taken on the California trip were shown, which added an interesting touch to the reports.

The Ladies' Aid held their August meeting with Vie and Elmina Whitten. Jennie Sholtz gave an interesting report of women's work at Conference. The Parishionage Committee reported the purchase and delivery of a dining room suite for the parsonage and purchase of some needed equipment for the church kitchen. At their September meeting, held with Mrs. Sarah Lohr, the ladies held a plant sale.

The De Ruyter Church joined with us in a baptismal service as part of the Gospel Fellowship Hour on Sabbath eve, October 3. Pastor Swing of the De Ruyter Church baptized three candidates and Pastor Rex Burdick five who, with one by letter, received the right hand of fellowship at the Sabbath service when World-Wide Communion was celebrated.

Quite a number from our church attended the full meeting of the Central Association at Leonardville on October 11. Our new Conference president, Wayne Crandall, was the morning speaker. After discussions conducted by Carl Green, group discussions were held in the afternoon under the direction of Rev. Earl Cruzan, retiring Conference president. A children's meeting was held simultaneously under the leadership of Mrs. Herman Palmer of Brookfield. The visiting young people were entertained at supper by the local group, after which officers of the Association Youth Fellowship were elected as follows: president, Jo Mae Green of Leonardville; vice-president, Wayne Cruzan of Adams Center; secretary, Connie Reed of Adams Center.

The annual Lord's Acre auction was held on Thursday evening, October 16, at the home of Mr. Warner farm. A variety of farm products, fancywork, food, etc., brought $177. Olin Davis was auctioneer.

The turkey dinner on Sunday, October 19, was well patronized and the proceeds were about $225. This is the last one of the season. — Correspondent.

WATERFORD, CONN. — During the third quarter of 1958 our little church at Waterford has been busy. Our monthly hymn sings continue and are enjoyed by those who attend. Members of the Ladies' Aid Society have been busy tying quilts and are now getting things made in preparation for our Christmas sale.

Pastor Burdick and his family were our delegates to Conference in August, and brought back interesting reports of their trip and the sessions of Conference. During their absence, the pulpit was supplied by Chaplain Roderick Smith of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy and the Rev. Allen Scott from Flanders Baptist Church.

In August the 'Ladies' Aid Society conducted a food and fancywork sale, and in spite of the inclement weather, the sale was quite well attended.

On September 27, our church held no

SABBATHKEEPERS' 1959 CALENDARS

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services and several of our members attended the services at Ashaway, R. I., in celebration of their 250th anniversary.

We are now getting ready for rehearsals of a Christmas cantata, "Hail Messiah." Many people have been reached by our music, both at Christmas when we invite others in to sing with us and at our hymn sings. — Correspondent.

Accessions

By Baptism: Verona, N. Y.
Karen Van Dreason
Beverly Drummond
Gary Williams
Jerry Vierow
Douglas Burdick

By Letter:
Marilyn Osborn Davis (Mrs. Olin)

By Baptism: Marlboro, N. J.
Joan Buckley
Patty Baker
Mary Margaret Sheppard
David Cruzan

By Letter:
Mrs. Francis Babcock

Births

Monroe. — A son, Galen Manning, was born October 7, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Berwin Monroe of Little Rock, Ark.

Babcock. — A son, Barry James, was born October 6, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock of Benton, Ark., and North Loup, Neb.

Obituaries

Fitz Randolph. — Rev. Wadner T., son of Rev. and Mrs. Gideon H. Fitz Randolph, was born in China June 25, 1892, and died at Dayton Beach, Fla., Oct. 4, 1958. For many years he was a member of the Fauke Seventh Day Baptist Church, and then of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Texarkana until his death. In 1941 he was ordained as deacon in the Fauke Church. At the time of his taking supervision of mission work in Japan in 1955, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha; two brothers: John of Milton, Wisc., and Winfield of Adams Center, N. Y., and Daytona Beach, Fla.; and nineteen grandchildren.

Funeral services were in charge of the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn and burial was in Memorial Gardens, Texarkana, Ark. (See more extended article in November 3 issue.) — M.C.V.H.

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Hanna. — Lauren, daughter of Robert S. and Ann Stillman Hanna, was born April 8, 1954, and died October 10, 1958, in Houston, Texas. Lauren's grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. James I. Stillman of Houston, and her great-grandparents were Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw of Alfred.

By Letter: M.C.V.H.

Ayers. — Hannah Louise, daughter of Walter G. and Hannah (Bentley) Ayers, was born in Westerly, R. I., April 26, 1878, and died in Westerly October 1, 1958.

Miss Ayers was a devoted member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a member of the Phebe Greene Ward Chapter, D.A.R. She also gave much time to the Girl Scout cause and was active in other community and civic organizations.

Miss Ayers is survived by her brother, Hobart B. Ayers, of Hillendale Farm, Haver­sham, and two nieces, Mrs. Davis Ayers Knight of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Jane Ayers Riley of New Canaan, Conn.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery. The Rev. Harold R. Glendall, pastor emeritus of her church, officiated. — H.R.C.

Campbell. — Walter, was born January 18, 1878, in Fackler, Ala., and died October 14, 1958, at Hobbs, N. M.

In the early 1900's he came to Arkansas. He was married on June 2, 1910, to Vida A. Booty, who preceded him in death on September 10, 1955. Since that time he has lived with his son Gerald in Hobbs. He is survived by seven children and twenty-one grandchildren.

The funeral services were held in the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church, conducted by Pastor Marion C. Van Horn, assisted by Pastor Clifford A. Beebe. Burial was in the Booty Cemetery at Nady, Ark. — M.C.V.H.

Bivins. — Albert F., son of James and Sarah Bivins, was born April 11, 1884, and died June 26, 1958, after several weeks of illness.

He was baptized and joined the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church February 8, 1896. The whole Bivins family joined the Marlboro Church later for the sake of convenience, where Albert was active until the time of his final illness.

Services were held on June 29, with burial in the family plot in the Shiloh Cemetery. — P.B.O.

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