It is no small thing that our S.C.S.C. teams have been doing—
It is no small thing to change the thinking and the emotional life and attitudes, and goals, and character of a man.
It is no small thing to break the bands of alcoholism.

It is no small thing to open the windows of an individual soul to behold the beauty of God's wonderful universe and to breathe the air of truth.

It is no small thing to surround children with love; to provide youth with both a challenge to their souls and a guide to their feet.

It is no small thing to furnish comfort and security as the shadows of life lengthen, to point to a world where there is no sorrow, no pain, no parting.

It is no small thing to be a bulwark of faith to men and women in the midst of life's fierce battles.

It is no small thing to change the center of a man's concern from himself to that of being for all the world.

It is no small thing to restore a sense of dignity and significance to the people who have lost it and to equip others against the danger of losing it—both inside and outside of the organized church.*

Do you think our S.C.S.C. hasn't done all of that? Then you weren't listening very closely during the reports they have given for three years. They have done all of that and more.

Young people, this is one of the best opportunities in the world to witness and teach. It gives you maturity, too, and some of these who have served faithfully are ready to move on into the next phase of service. We need volunteers, with God's finger on them, to fill their places. God has not promised that witnessing will be easy or always as fruitful as we humans feel it should be. But never forget that God moves! He moves at His own rate and in His own time, but He MOVES! and He can continue to move through our S.C.S.C. Will you pray about it and ask for the Lord's leading?

We are looking for Christian "pilgrims" who will be able to pack in their backs for the summer of 1967.

* Adapted—Roy B. Deer, American Baptist Convention.

World Evangelism Congress

"The World Congress on Evangelism is an idea whose time has come." So says Editor Carl F. H. Henry of Christianity Today, the conservative Protestant magazine which is sponsoring the ten-day global conclave in Berlin beginning October 26.

Dr. Henry announced that the flood of interest in the Congress required moratorium on delegate and observer invitations as of mid-September, six weeks before the scheduled start of the meeting.

Henry states that "this is no stage-managed conference. No secret strategy has been drawn up for ratification by the delegates, no public declarations have been devised in advance, and there are no projections for the last-minute plotting of organizational maneuvers. The Congress will be in the hands of the delegates."

"If indeed the World Congress on Evangelism is an idea whose time has come," he adds, "a flood-tide of spiritual and moral power will inundate the wastelands of modern life with prospects of personal peace and hope, and will lift our sinking civilization to behold anew the commandments and the redemption of God."

A Pastor Resigns

The resignation of the Rev. Don A. Sanford as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud, Mich., has been accepted effective October 1, 1966. Pastor Sanford, who has served the church for the past seven years, will continue in the part-time employment of the Board of Christian Education as editor-writer of the Helping Hand, a position which he has held for the past twelve years.

Although future plans are indefinite, the Sanfords plan to remain through the current school year in White Cloud where Mrs. Sanford is employed as a second grade teacher and he will continue with other work.

In announcing his resignation, Pastor Sanford states that he will be able to devote his primary interest and concern to the writing ministry.—From the White Cloud Eagle, Sept. 22, 1966.

What a difference in the day it would make if we were more fully aware that the piercing eye of Christ is ever probing every effort to hide our faults, cleansing as it probes. "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4: 13).
Nature Musings

It is once again fall. With the coming of the autumn season some of us who have our roots back in some northern village or farm quite naturally develop nostalgic feelings for our childhood haunts or for a repetition of some of the roving experiences of a teen age that is now quite a ways back.

The first turning of the leaves, the ripening of goldenrod, the listening of the ground with the arly fall rains, the crisping of the early morning air, the realization that our plump-bosomed migratory birds are fewer in number—these and many other things make us wish we could get our feet on good black soil and observe once more those intriguing secrets of plant and animal life and fence row that cannot be found in our suburban life or appreciated from a speeding car on a far-too-wide superhighway.

Is this a religious feeling that struggles for emergence at this maturing time of year? Some of us like to think that it is more than just an imaginary walk down memory's lane. To be sure we have such feelings may be due to the religious training and nature observation of youthful days. Then again there is a pretty close parallel between the short-lived beauty of the fall and the natural season of life. There is an urgency about making the most of life and viewing nature at its fleeting best. The news media tell us just how short this week, how short this day, how short these colors will last. The Bible long ago reminded us that as Christians we should retem the time, for it says that "the days are evil."

Suppose we cannot get back to the boyhood haunts or may not have the amount of energy to traverse the hills or to explore streams, woodlands, or climb to the treetops for miles around. We have duties that we would not shirk which keep us tied to a daily routine. How, then, can we appreciate nature if we live in a metropolitan area? The probability is that we are roving experiences of a teen age that is nowhere near. For those of us who have roots in the northern sections of the United States, there are perhaps more varieties than one would normal-ly find, if such a thing is possible, too, if you have a hidden corner in your back yard where you can make a compost pile of leaves and grress. When opened it can give you a feeling that it has produced a rich, loose dirt like that from a forest floor. You can spread it out, walk on it and call it your own. God is wonderful! Life can be beautiful?

Why They Change Denominations

It is easier to uncover statistics on the number of people who change denominations than to discover why they change. In a recent survey conducted by Dr. Ross P. Scherer, formerly of the National Council of Churches and now on the staff of Loyola University, it is shown that 25 percent of the alumni of the fifteen Protestant denominations studied had previously belonged to some other denomina-tion. Forty percent of these people were considered to be a fair sampling of all (over ninety "outside" membership). It would be safe to conclude that the percentage of change is fairly true of the fifteen Protestant denominations studied and that more than one-third of American

The trees that line our streets tell strange stories of God's creative mysteries. In the spring when most of the maple budded, blossomed, and scattered their two-winged or single-winged seeds on lawns and pavement some held back to observe the fall season with the nut-bearing trees. Thus in one block the black pavement is covered with smaller than normal maple seeds. In the next block the pyramid-shaped nuts from an overhanging beech tree are crushed from their small brown burs by the passing cars. As for getting one's feet on some rich black soil, that is possible, too, if you have a hidden corner in your back yard where you can make a compost pile of leaves and grass. When opened it can give you a feeling that it has produced a rich, loose dirt like that from a forest floor. You can spread it out, walk on it and call it your own. God is wonderful! Life can be beautiful!
church people have changed denominational ties at least once. One such report ventured the opinion that the motivation in many cases was more likely convenience than conviction. This seldom fits the person who comes from another religious background into a Seventh Day Baptist church. It probably fits the majority of those who leave us. There has to be convenience of keeping a different day and belonging to a minority. The person would be chancing affiliations—no more than the fact that it is much harder to change. Convenience is on the second step, the parent preacher knows it. By the time he becomes a minister he has developed convictions that can be called, in the preachers’ case. the parent will of God or teachings contrary to the law of God and remain faithful and loving obedience. Well nurturing conviction rather than convenience must give. Conviction gives us a body into the Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship.

The motivation for tithing can be various. Why is the conclusion of the opinions that “the motivation for tithing probably fits the majority of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.”


give their procedures should not be in doubt. And yet must turn away from them the church that sees itself not to be in harmony with the law of God and remain faithful to the one that leads us in paths of self-denial and freedom. Well nurtured conviction brings peace. Conviction rather than convenience must guide us.

The election of trustees resulted in the addition of a few new members as follows: John Conrad, Philadelphia; John L. Harris, Shiloh; David T. Shennard, Cedarville; Ethel M. Wheeler, and Wayne C. Maxson.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry says that far-sighted leaders who think one denomination can evangelize the world need ecumenical lenses. He warns, however, against any organization that promotes mergers and social revolution while it veils the Great Commission.

There was a change in some of the officers. The new president is Charles H. North, who has been treasurer for many years. The treasurer is Ethel M. Wheeler, who has been secretary. The organization meeting the president appointed the standing committees. C. Harmon Dickinson replaces L. H. North as chairman of the Advisory Committee. Victor W. Skages heads the Supervisory Committee in place of William Armstrong. Everett Dickinson takes chairman of the Distribution of Literature Committee in the place of Charles Bond.

At the regular board meeting action was taken to authorize the use of invested funds to straighten up publishing house accounts and to capitalize the new printing plant in the immediate future. The Publications Committee it was voted to contribute $200 from budgeted funds to the Burma Conference for the printing of additional Seventh Day Baptist literature. The committee reported a good level of work accomplished during the quarter.

The secretary-editor noted that General Conference had approved an adequate budget for the Sabbath Recorder and the total amount requested at our July meeting for the general work of the board from OWM. He expressed the hope that the board in the near future would reduce its monthly mailing list to three pages every week.
Helen Shaw Thorngate

Helen Shaw Thorngate was born when her father was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nile, N. Y. His pastorate took his family to live at Plainfield, N. J.; Yonkers, N. Y.; North Loup, Neb.; Ashaway, R. I.; and Salem, W. Va. — so Helen was a much-traveled person. But this was only the beginning.

She was graduated from Milton College in 1920, and that summer was married to a young medical student and veteran of World War I, George Thorngate. The ceremony at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church was performed by her father, assisted by his father, the Rev. Charles Borg.

The fall of 1924 finds Helen and Thorn with their first son, George IV, called "Briar" because he was a little Thorn, settling out for the China Mission field as medical missionaries. They traveled with the H. Eugene Davis family and visited at the home of the farthest west (John Davis) but was a canoe trip on Rock River. Their first home was in Madison, Wisc., where "Thorn" was attending medical school.

A story of Christian opportunity, of dedicated lives, of committed members of the Missionary Society, and a people’s heart-warming response to need told on these pages by those closest to the events as they are happening.

The Blantyre Story

A VENTURE IN FAITH IN MALAWI

Rev. Everett T. Harris,
Secretary of the Missionary Society

Sometimes it is well to look back over the way we have come in order to appreciate better where we now stand and what should be the way ahead.

It was in 1944 that the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson first began missionary service in Nyasaland/Malawi. Pastor Pearson served as superintendent of the mission field for two five-year terms. He expressed the desire to be released following his second term of service and on April 24, 1964, the Missionary Board took the following action: "The secretary of the Missionary Board is authorized to recruit a properly qualified person to go to Nyasaland after Superintendent Pearson’s departure, to serve as a teacher for pastoral counseling and training. Such person will be expected to set up a continuous program for training and recruitment for pastors and church leaders." This is a logical and important step in the continuing indigenization of our work in Nyasaland/Malawi.

Months were spent in prayer, consultation, and in correspondence to find the right person for this position. Calls were issued to qualified leaders in our denomination but without success. Pearson’s deadline was set.

Then it came time for the Pearsons to return to this country on furlough. Again after much prayer and deliberation and counseling it was decided to request Mr. Pearson to reconsider his decision to discontinue service in Malawi.

At a specially called meeting of the Missionary Board held June 19, 1965, with almost 100% of the board members present, the following resolution was voted: "In view of the two terms of sacrificial service given by Rev. David Pearson and his wife in the employ of the Missionary Board in Malawi, Africa, (Continued on page 15)
and because of the great value his ex-perience and maturing judgment have in this work:

"Be it resolved that we express our deepest appreciation to him, to Mrs. Pearson and to the children for their contribution to the spread of the gospel message and the Seventh Day Baptist witness;

"And be it further resolved that we reaffirm to him and his family a call to setting guidelines for his services.

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conference."

Challenge Accepted
After several months of consideration Pastor Pearson finally accepted this call,

HOME-HEADQUARTERS PLANNED
(Dr. Victor H. Burdick, M.D., medical chief of staff, Makapwa)

Problem Presented
Seventh Day Baptists have been faced with the need for obtaining a house in the Blantyre-Limbe area for these reasons:
(1) The Malawi Government is raising their rents and selling prices. The house should be completed in about six months. Payment, in cash, is required, in cash, we will have to supplement what we can pay, with money obtained on loan (from sources in U. S. A. or from a building loan society in Blantyre, the New Building Society).

Missionary Board Action
At a special meeting of the Missionary Board September 18, 1966, the following recommendation of the Executive Committee was approved:

"That the treasurer be authorized to negotiate with prospective buyers and renters on a first come, first served basis, one must begin negotiations with them in advance of occupancy—generally even before the houses are built. With this information Dr. Burdick has advised that we deal through this corporation as soon as possible.

The Development Corporation completed building 50 new houses early in 1965, all of them now taken. They have started another 36 houses, many of which are already reserved. Although the corporation does build houses for rent, buyers always have priority and a renter could lose his house to a buyer. Also, at the present time the corporation is short of funds, and are building houses only for buyers.

The advantage of buying over renting is chiefly economical. Rent at the going rates would be in 9-10 years pay for the house. With present expansion in Malawi the value of houses is going up so that, if it was necessary to sell after some years, one might expect to recover close to the purchase price, if not more.

The Development Corporation will build according to the one of their three architectural plans which the buyer chooses. The houses sold varied in size and price: (1) single bedroom house at $13.00, (2) two-bedroom house at $2000, (3) three-bedroom house at $7000. One "bedroom" would be used for office, library, and possibly committee room and class room. Water, sanitation, lights, etc., would, of course, be available. The kitchen is equipped with an electric range. It is not advisable to build varY in cost, but

"That the Development Corporation deal with appropriate action on a special appeal for funds in the amount of $10,000 to be used as a down payment on property in Blantyre, Malawi;"
chase of such property at a price not to exceed $20,000 and with the Malawi Development Corporation looking towards the purchase of suitable property.

Conference Recommendation
We recommend that the Missionary Board be empowered to make a special request for a $10,000 down payment on property in Blantyre as a headquarters and home for our director of Christian education and evangelism.

Faith and Works
Convinced that the best way of demonstrating faith is in one's works, members of the Board of Directors of the Missionary Society are pledging toward the home in Blantyre. One pledge for $100 has been received. Ninety-nine more such pledges would put us over the top on our appeal while countless smaller gifts will mean that much less in interest payments.

Bricks for Sale
Verv soon your local church will have paper "bricks" representing the bricks with which our new Blantyre headquarters will be built. "Bricks" will sell for just $1 so that boys and girls as well can have a part in witness. Ask your pastor about them. Help build a "wall" of the new building in your own Sabbath School.

Pearson in Intensive Training Program
A veteran of ten years' experience in the field in Malawi, the Rev. David Pearson is probably the most experienced Seventh Day Baptist for serving in this newly independent country. Yet far from being satisfied with his present knowledge he is spending a year in intensive training to better serve the needs of his adopted people.

Mr. Pearson is enrolled at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia where he will pursue such exciting studies as the development of Christianity from the Apostolic Age to the Reformation with emphasis on the personalities and significant influences which have helped to shape the life and thought of the church. Coupled with this he is studying the Christian mission in the world of today and its approach and attitude toward the non-Christian world.

Other courses deal with theory and application of the teaching-learning process, organization and administration of churches, biblical studies, and an analytical study of culture of man.

Because You Want to Know

Question: What are the projected plans for raising this amount?
Answer: (1) A "Minute Man" appeal is being launched to raise $5,000, needed at once for a deposit or down payment on the property.
(2) Red cardboard "bricks" are being printed for distribution among the churches at $1.00 per brick. It is hoped that 10,000 bricks may be sold. Churches will be encouraged to "build a wall" of Blantyre House.
(3) The four center pages of this issue of the Sabbath Recorder will be printed in extra copies which may be mailed to a list of "related Seventh Day Baptists" who are not supporting the local church and denominational budget to the full extent of their ability or resources.
(4) Consideration is being given to securing a loan from the Malawi Building Society of Blantyre which would make it possible to spread the payment of any remaining amount over several years.

Question: To whom should funds be sent?
Answer: Funds may be sent directly to the Missionary Board office at 403 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, R. I., or may be sent through church and denominational treasurers. This appeal has been approved by action of General Conference.

Plans for a Ministerial Training Program in Malawi

(An address delivered by Rev. David Pearson on Sabbath afternoon, August 20, 1966, during Conference at Redlands, California.)

There is a stewardship of preaching. The Apostle Paul felt this stewardship and expressed it in the words, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

Along with this sense of compulsion to speak for Christ there is the kindred stewardship of preparing men to preach. This is the top priority matter, both in our home country and abroad.

Applying this matter to my own plans, it is my intention, at the request of our Missionary Society, to return to Malawi, Africa, possibly in July 1967. Plans call for residence to be in Blantyre, a city located about 40 miles northwest of Makapwa Station.

Program Outlined

Actually the situation proposed for Blantyre is somewhat parallel to the work being done by Dean Victor Skaggs at our Central Ministerial Training in Plainfield, New Jersey. However, it is not our purpose to attempt to conduct a Ministerial Training School but rather to co-operate unofficially with the Likubula Bible Institute, led by Rev. Robert Barr who has worked in Nvasaland/Malawi as an interdenominational missionary for approximately 30 years.

Pastor Otain Manan, and possibly others may help in our own ministerial training program. My work in the interests of pastoral training represents about half of my total work. The rest of my time will be spent in visiting churches and assisting the pastors in various ways.

Staff Considered

Should we find that co-operation with Likubula is not much to be desired, we may find it necessary to conduct our own ministerial training school, somewhat along the lines of what we have done at Makapwa in past years. If so, Mrs. Pearson could teach in the area of Christian education and possibly Bible. Pastor Manan could assist and I could take what was primarily the fields of homiletics, theology, and denominational subjects.

Dr. Victor Burdick has assisted considerably and together with his fellow missionaries has conducted a training school during our furlough absence in 1959-60. He might be willing and able to serve again as a special lecturer, making his lectures coincide with his town purchasing trips from Makapwa Station.

Selecting Students

Shortage of students is no problem in Malawi as it is in this country. But though it is relatively easy to enlist ministerial students, it is not so easy to get the right ones. Especially is this true when work is short. Some may work up on the ministry as merely a job. But we want men that are called of God. It is a glorious calling.

We have heard talk of the shortage of ministerial students caused by underpayment. Sometimes it seems that the minister ought to pay for the privilege of preaching. There is a thrill to standing before people with God's message, reaching "as a divine man to dying men."

Ministerial education at Blantyre, or wherever, must be more than mere academic study. The heart must be prepared and if the young men are to be turned out of school academically fit but void of the Spirit and power of God. May God save us from such a thing.

Applying this matter to my own work, I am among the very few I feel has assisted me—alone as I have to do with our training program in Blantyre, I wish to help create and maintain an evangelistic spirit in our educational program.

Commendation to Deborah

Before closing, I want to thank the ladies of the Women's Board for their efforts to secure a car for use in Blantyre. My God bless these efforts.

In all our foreign endeavors, and work here at home too, let us keep in mind the words of the missionary hymn, "And all thou spendest, Jesus will repay." Of this fact I have no doubts. May Jesus Christ be praised.

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Training Leaders for Malawi

(Loren G. Osborn, President
S.D.B. Missionary Society.)

The dream of every mission effort is to train leaders as soon as possible. This dream takes one step closer toward reality with the planned return of the Rev. David Pearson to Malawi. The District of Christian Education and Evangelism for the Central Africa Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

Several fascinating aspects of this new phase of Seventh Day Baptist work in Africa become evident when the project is in its introductory phase of advanced studies in education subjects so that Malawians will stand at the head of their Missionary Board.

Second, and also important in the over-all aim, is the fact that this outreach will focus in great part on the city dwellers. Africa becomes evident when the project is under way.

Baptists, through the continuing program of their Missionary Society, is now staffed to aid them.

Making this move from the “mission” concept to the contemporary emphasis of overseas ministries, a drastic change in plans and facilities is required. The personnel are available, both for teaching and learning; the need is clear and the method to follow is evident. An urban headquarters, conveniently located for students, leader, and outreach projects is now the problem.

Your financial assistance and prayerful support are urgently needed so that this new phase of Seventh Day Baptist overseas ministry can be carried on without delay.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Big Money for Missions

Total contributions to world missions during 1966 through the Southern Baptist Convention reached the $378 million mark in August, a monthly financial statement from the SBC Executive Committee has disclosed.

Contributions thus far in 1966 have exceeded gifts and missions for the same period of 1965 by nearly $3 million, the financial summary reported.

During the month of August alone, a total of $1,978,075 was given through the Cooperative budget, and an additional $262,606 to designated mission causes.

Biggest amounts of the missions gifts, both designated and undesignated, go to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, to support SBC foreign missions efforts around the world. So far this year, a total of $21.4 million has been given to SBC foreign missions.

Adventist Giving Is Up

Latest reports from world headquarters in Washington, D. C., show that Adventist per capita giving in the U. S. stood at $310.35 for 1965—a $30 per member jump over 1964. The 1965 figures with 350,000 U. S. members and 1.5 million members worldwide, in the lead in per member giving among U. S. churches above 100,000 members.

Total fund raisings by the Adventist church in tithe, missions offerings, and home and local offerings in the United States amounted to $109,319,981.36.

Church World Service Increases Aid to Malawi

Malawi is now to receive a greater share of CWS aid, partly because increased giving had been discussed at Mission Board level (see page 4 of Sept. 19 issue), and partly because the need is greater in some areas of the African countries. The following article is of particular interest to Seventh Day Baptists because of our wide­spread churches in that country.

The Christian Council of Malawi has now asked Church World Service to serve as agent for a national development program within its country which almost stagers the imagination.

Malawi, formerly known as Nyasaland, achieved its independence from Great Britain two years ago. It became a republic this past July 6. It is a small (50 by 500 miles) land-locked country in south­est Africa with few natural resources.

Its population is 5 million. Its annual per capita income is less than $40. It faces immediate famine but it must double its agricultural output if needs caused by increasing population and lessening foreign (British) subsidies are to be met.

There is no church-state problem in Malawi. Half of the population is Christian. Its president, Dr. Hastings Kamuzu Banda, is a physician and a Presbyterian. The Christian Council of Malawi is strong and maintains good relations with the government; its development plan has the immediate approval of the government and fits in with the economic goals of that government.

Initially, the Malawi Plan has three aspects. Development of water resources has top priority. The first “bore holes” for deep wells, based upon a completed government survey, will be dug this year.

While rainfall in Malawi varies from 30 to 80 inches each year, the terrain is such that there is quick run-off and little water storage. However, most of the country is underlaid with a good strata of pure, fresh water that would provide in many areas, all of the water needed for safe drinking and irrigation.

The Malawi government has well-drilling equipment which it has been unable to use due to lack of funds. It will lend the equipment to Church World Service, which will employ the technicians to operate it.

Tom Colvin, general secretary of the Malawi Christian Council, is understandably excited about the well scheme. He says it will aid in “village development” because “the wells are only a first step.” Villagers will be expected to contribute something for the well—and that “something” is expected to be a village school, a farm-to-market road, or some other community development project requiring the donation of local labor and materials.

Agricultural development will be given a huge boost by the creation of a pilot agricultural extension service. A demonstration farm will be maintained, where Malawians will be trained to take back their new knowledge to their own villages. They will be taught to use irrigation efficiently, how to use fertilizers and improved seed. The Malawi government is lending a mobile self-contained audio­visual unit also to Church World Service which will be used in villages to teach hygiene, nutrition, and better methods of agriculture.

Although 95% of public education is now supported by the Malawi government, the churches will initiate still one additional program which is related to education. A school lunch program is being launched this fall which will provide hot noon meals in 4 of 26 secondary schools; more schools will be added later. Such lunch programs are now unknown and students, arriving at 7 a.m. and leaving at 4 p.m. each day, rarely bring anything to eat with them. Feeding of pre­school children, with nutritionally-balanced meals, will also be inaugurated.

Malawi School children receive educational materials.
The Malawi Plan is being projected over a five-year period, "to tackle the things which should be tackled," as Tom Colvin puts it. Cost to Church World Service is expected to be around $250,000. After five years, hopefully, the government will assume responsibility for projects not yet completed.

There is much reason to believe that the Malawi Plan will be a significant, visible nation-building program. The country is small but the plan is comprehensive; the government is cooperative and its own development plans are being tackled. The Church World Service believes the risk is worth taking.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Junior Conference Report

Junior Conference was attended by 23 boys and girls ages 9-11. Sessions were held in the basement of Anderson Hall. The program on weekdays, Monday through Friday, was as follows:

Choral reading: Scripture and poetry, Fun songs and choruses, Hiking, Indoor and outdoor games, Daily swim—University gymnasium, Meetings with three missionaries, Preparation for Conference worship, Assistants included Mrs. Lewis H. V. May, Riverside; Miss Phyllis Fuller, North Loup; Miss Elizabeth Maddox, Riverside; Miss Becky Butts, Alfred, Roger Bottoms, Boulder, Douglas Wheeler, Salem, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Denver.

Special sessions were held in connection with the General Conference program on Friday helping to lead midday devotions, and during Sabbath School on Sabbath morning.

Mrs. Albert N. Rogers, Director.

New Hymnals

We ordered several hymnals to be used and purchased at Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat last August. Because of the low attendance we have 14 left, and we are offering them for sale. They may be purchased at any time. The hymnal is just off the press, and is called "Hymns and Songs of the Spirit." It is published by the Judson and Bethany Presses. The cost is $1.75 per hymnal.

Order from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

Personalities in the News

The 100th year of instruction at Pacific School of Religion began October 3 at the Berkeley campus. At the opening Convocation for the centennial year the address was given by Dr. Wayne R. Rood, professor of Religious Education at PSR, who has just returned from a sabbatical year of study at Oxford, England. His topic was "Words and the Word: a Problem in the Teaching of Christianity."

Dr. Rood is chairman of the Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Secretary Rex Zwiebel attended the semiannual meetings of the Department of Educational Development, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, Sept. 25-30, at Atlantic City, N. J. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Program Board of the Department.

He conferred with General Secretary Wheeler and others in Plainfield en route.

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and was more concerned with authenticity than with relevance, said Dr. Garrett.

Another era of liberalism has come as the pendulum swings back and certain voices cry for the relevance that was felt nor for an abandonment of sincere attempts to communicate. He did deliver the pendulum swings back and certain voices cry for the relevance that was felt and was more concerned with authenticity than with relevance, said Dr. Garrett.

The question naturally arises as to whether one has to choose between relevance and authenticity. The speaker did not call for an unthinking traditionalism nor for an abandonment of sincere attempts to communicate. He did deliver a clarion appeal for careful assessment of the biblical and historic Christian categories and their abiding significance before these should be scuttled for the latest theological fad.

“It is an urgent plea that in the race for relevance we not lay aside that authenticity. The speaker did not call for an unthinking traditionalism nor for an abandonment of sincere attempts to communicate. He did deliver a clarion appeal for careful assessment of the biblical and historic Christian categories and their abiding significance before these should be scuttled for the latest theological fad.”

Garrett said he was not willing to toss aside “our historic heritage” and a biblically based theology, but there is a sense in which we must be modern without being captivated by the errors of modernity.

**Army Chaplain Promotions**

The Department of the Army has announced a new promotion policy for chaplains, which may be seen as an incentive for ministers to volunteer.

Chaplain (Major General) Charles E. Brown, Jr., Chief of Army Chaplains, stated that chaplains who are ordered to active duty on or after 31 October 1966 will be promoted to temporary Captain on date of entry on active duty.

Previously all Army chaplains entered the service in the grade of 1st Lt. and served in that grade until promoted like other officers. Doctors have frequently received the grade of captain when going on active duty.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

**October 22, 1966**

**God, Our Security**

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 37: 14-21a, 33-35.

**Marriages**

Palmer-Farber.—James Francis Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Palmer of Brookfield, N. Y., and Linda Marie Farber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farber of North Brookfield, N. Y., were united in marriage on July 30, 1966. The Rev. Carl Metz of the First Baptist church officiated at the service in the Bethesda Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Soper-Matthews.—LaVerne Soper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Soper, Oshkosh, Neb., and Beth Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Matthews, of Oshkosh, Neb., were united in marriage at Oshkosh, on July 30, 1966. They are now at Bartlesville, Okla., where he is a ministerial student at Central Pilgrim College.

Williams-Jess.—Leonard Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Williams of North Loup, Neb., and Judy Jess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Jess of Scotia, Neb., were united in marriage at Scotia, Neb., on August 21, 1966.

**Obituaries**

**BABCOCK.**—Miss Katharine M., daughter of Edwin J. and Jessie Tree Babcock, was born at North Loup, Neb., Nov. 7, 1891, and died at Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 17, 1966. She became a professional photo retoucher in Lincoln and Omaha, making her home in Omaha for many years. She cared for her aged mother, who died in June 1966, nearly 101 years old.

She was baptized by the Rev. George B. Shaw and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1908, during her interest and loyalty as a nonresident member through life, also fellowshipping with the Church of the Deaf in Omaha. Survivors are two brothers, Edwin J. of Lincoln, and Arthur of Omaha, Neb. A brother now deceased was Oscar T. Babcock of Milton, Wis.

Funeral services were conducted in her home church by her pastor, the Rev. Duane L. Davis, and interment was in Hillsdale Cemetery, North Loup.

**Trees of Righteousness**

There is beauty in trees, whether the golden maples of New England that contribute their sweetness every spring, the towering redwoods of California that date back to the time of Christ, the twisted pines and spruces that struggle with the elements at timberline in the Rockies, or the stalwart oaks of Florida that bear patiently the burden of hanging moss, or the spreading oak of New Jersey that inspired Sgt. Joyce Kilmer’s immortal verse from World War I.

“Told I that she shall never see A poem lovely as a tree.”

Perhaps Sgt. Kilmer’s thoughts went back to the Bible which tells us that we are called of God to be trees of righteousness. The blessed man (Psalm 1) meditates on the law of God and “he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; . . . and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

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