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Pastor Bond’s Seven Years

All readers of the Sabbath Recorder were joyed in Rev. A. J. C. Bond’s account, on another page, of his seven years’ service in the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Every step in these years has been one of progress and Salem Church now stands in the front rank among our churches.

We will venture to say, however, that the account of Salem’s prosperous condition today will cause no more joy in any heart outside of West Virginia than it does in that of the editor. Very few now living can fully realize the transformation which the years have brought to this dear old church.

Thirty years ago next Thanksgiving Day we landed in Salem to enter upon the work of mission pastor in that small church. The little old meeting house with its board pews, its sealed wood walls, its globe-shaped, soft-coal stove near the middle of the room, its small windows, and its inferior oil lamps, was then standing close by where now stands the present commodious house of worship. There was no parsonage, and no systematic plan had as yet been devised for securing needed funds to carry on the work. There were but few members, and hard times had for years caused much concern for the future of the church. It had never then been able to support a regular pastor by itself, and for the most part had enjoyed preaching only once a month or on special occasions.

In November, 1890, there came a call which seemed so much like a Macedonian cry for help that we could scarcely find a heart to say no, and we shall never cease to be thankful that the Lord led us to cast in our lot with the good people of the Mountain State.

On the next page we give a cut of the little old church as we found it, and Brother Bond gives us pictures of progress and parsonage. For our first two years the Missionary Board paid $100 a year on the salary of $200, and the good people of Salem and "Buckeye" and "Flint" all took new courage and "strengthened their hands for the good work." The envelope plan was adopted for money raising and a thorough canvass was made during the first winter. In spring steps were courageously taken toward building a parsonage, and in ten months a good house was ready for the pastor’s use, with land enough to pasture a cow.

On April 8, 1891, Brother John L. Huffman and myself measured off the lot on the hillside and on the following day staked off the building plot, and for five and a half months the people worked together until the building was ready to occupy.

When we recall the struggles of those days, the burdens that then seemed almost too heavy for the people to bear, the small number who had to bear them, and the little people had with which to do the Lord’s work; when we remember the additional burdens due to the establishment of Salem College, the desperate efforts necessary to keep the school on its feet and provide substantial buildings for its use, and when we realize something of the splendid work of the last seven years with the improvements on the church building, and securing of the new parsonage with its large lot joining the meeting house, we can but "Thank God and take courage" for Salem.

Out from Salem have gone those who stand at the head in both churches and schools today in various sections of the land. The college and church there have furnished many competent leaders in their own State, and we rejoice that the dear old church for seven years has had one of West Virginia’s own college-made boys making good as pastor, and as leader in other lines of work.

The Salem Group. The group photographed of Ye Young People were taken in front of the Salem church, which is found in connection with Pastor Bond’s report in this paper, shows a company of Christian Endeavorers, three-fourths of whom belong to the Salem society. The others are members of our
churches who are in school at the college. The Middle Island Church is furnishing the largest number in the college from our churches outside of Salem.

**New Forward Movement**

A personal letter from a friend in Salem brings us the calendar for Commencement week in Salem College. Before this Recorder is issued the exercises which begin with a "Class Day" and end with the Alumni Luncheon, will all be over, and the college people will be looking toward a proposed new forward movement which is greatly needed and which must be successfully carried through if the school is to go on with its blessed work in the years to come.

The Alumni Association issued a circular letter to its members, which shows something of the hopes of the board, faculty and students, in regard to enlargement, and urges all old students to attend the meeting and give counsel and support to the move for advancing the college interests.

In addition to this movement among the old students, the trustees have asked Pastor Ahva J. C. Bond to spend some time this summer organizing a campaign to secure endowments for seven professorships. Five of these professorships they hope to be able to raise in West Virginia, and people outside of that State will be asked to furnish funds for the other two.

We know of no section occupied by our people where there will not be many loyal hearts who would rejoice to see such a movement for Salem College succeed. That school has made a wonderful record against fearful odds, and it has a host of friends all over the land who long to see it prosper. It is not expected that the entire funds for all the professorships can be raised immediately, but it is hoped that a beginning may be made and such an organization secured as to ensure a steady and permanent accumulating of endowment necessary to put the enlarged college on its feet to stay.

**Honoring the Dead From Three Wars**

There never has been such a Memorial Day as we had this year. In years past the main attention was given to the dead of the Civil War and those of the war with Spain, and the exercises were mostly confined to American soil. This year the three great organizations of war veterans, the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, and the soldiers of the American Legion, united to pay homage to their dead comrades of three wars.

Many bodies of those who fell in France have been brought home, and now there is a section devoted to World War veterans in Arlington National Cemetery, which called for special attention this year for the first time.

More than nine thousand posts of the American Legion co-operated with other organizations of veterans in decoration ceremonies in America. And across the Atlantic in France with French troops as guards of honor, the devotion of the French people to the memory of seventy thousand of our boys buried in that land, was manifested by gifts of flowers and by planting over their graves the flags of both nations to wave their benediction for our heroes.

In the cemetery at Oyster Bay, L. I., the grave of Theodore Roosevelt became a veritable mound of flowers. Thousands of persons thrust as many bouquets through the grating that surrounded his tomb. At the unveiling of a tablet dedicated to Mr. Roosevelt's memory the pastor said: "Never in the history of this country did we need a Roosevelt more. He was noted for his bellicose spirit not because he loved to fight, but because he was ready and willing to fight for the right."

The American sailor dead were not forgotten. Graves at Brest, Lorient, and Bordeaux were decorated, and aviators from the American forces in Germany strewed flowers over the waters of the English Channel, the Rhine, the Atlantic near Brest and over the Mediterranean near Marseilles in honor of those who were lost at sea. Over the graves of nearly five hundred burial places along the old battle front flowers were scattered and services held.

King Albert sent a message to our President expressing the appreciation of the Belgian people for America's part in the war, and their deep-felt gratitude toward our heroic soldiers and sailors, and marines, who fell for the cause of world-freedom.

The following is a part of King Albert's message:

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The Old Salem Church in 1890

The Old Salem Church in 1880
The Belgian army is proud and happy to have fought shoulder to shoulder with the American army. As a token of that feeling it has, been decided to have the graves of American officers and soldiers in Belgium ornamented on Decoration Day according to the American usage.

Remembering the cordial welcome given me by the British people during the occasion of my visit to the United States in October, 1919, I am glad to have the opportunity which the patriotic celebration of May 30 gives me to express to them gratitude and profound sympathy.

The British Ambassador sent these words in the name of his king and the people of his homeland:

"In the name of my sovereign, his Majesty, King George, and of the British peoples throughout the world, I tell all the sons and daughters who have died that freedom may live.

In Alsace, bands of children marched from cemetery to cemetery singing patriotic songs over American graves where sleep the bodies of Michigan and Wisconsin boys. In the Sedan region eight hundred graves of our boys were literally banked with flowers.

Decoration Day has become more truly national in late years, with honors bestowed upon the blue and the gray alike. But in 1920, this extension to all signifies greater than we ever dreamed it could. Never before has this day been the occasion of so much sympathetic commemoration from the nations beyond the Atlantic whose armies and statesmen hasten to pay tribute to heroic men and women who died for the good of the world.

Help for the Pulpit

A good many years ago we had a book entitled "Helps for the Pulpit." But we have not seen it for many years and know not what has become of it. In early life it was quite helpful in the matter of preparing messages for the people, but as the years have come and gone we have found that there are many sources of help for one who would become more effective as a minister.

Probably every young preacher is looking for things that will help him as a pastor to lead his people into more whole-hearted and loyal service. This is as it should be. Every such man will heed Paul's words: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

But no matter how good may be the seed one comes to possess, nor yet how faithfully he may sow it, if he has taken no pains to prepare the soil he can not hope for a good harvest. Indeed the preparation of the soil is the very first thing to do if one would see his seed take root and grow.

Thus the wise minister will find that one of the very best helps for the pulpit is to prepare the pews beforehand by inducing receptive minds in his hearers. In order to do this he should make the denominational paper his ally. If his people never see the Sabbath Recorder, they will be poorly prepared to receive appeals from the pulpit regarding the causes we hold dear. But if men and women possess the information carried in the Recorder pages from week to week, the seed sown by the pastor will fall on prepared soil. The minds of the congregation will be in a receptive mood for the messages, and that is most essential to success.

Pastors, are you looking for helps for the pulpit? Then please make the Recorder your ally and do all you can to send it forth as your helper to carry the information so much needed if your people are to be made ready for the messages regarding our work, which you may bring to them.

Mail the Boys

Under the title "A Disciple Never Received a Special Message," the New York Sun and Herald publish an editorial regarding the great mass of mail now in Washington, which never reached the soldiers to whom it was sent. The post, office officials have given up finding either the ones to whom the mail was directed or the senders.

These packages contain many little luxuries, necessaries, comforts, photographs, jewelry, money, pipes, etc., sent by loved ones to the boys who never found them. They represent many disappointments on the part of homesick boys in France, some of whom probably never returned to the homeland.

The Department at Washington is helpless, and the announcement is made that if any one believes his or her property may be in the undelivered mass of letters and packages, or if he or she will write a description to the Adjutant-General a search will be made, and, if found, the mail described will be forwarded.

Please Do Not Forget

In this issue we complete the list of lapsed Sabbath-keepers, as we have it. But we feel sure there are some errors which should be corrected if we knew just how to do it. Our readers can help us in this matter, and so we request the request given last week for all who discover mistakes to give us the corrections on a card.

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A Great Denomination Speaks, At the Will Its Message Be Heeded?

Quod erat demonstrandum. General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a special message was prepared for the Republican and Democratic National Conventions, urging them to declare in favor of enforcing constitutional law as found in the Eighteenth Amendment, and in approval of prohibition as the policy of the nation.

What good such a message from a church representing two or three million voters will do toward moving politicians to heed the unmistakable sentiment of a great nation is not to be seen. The people at large are carefully watching the political game now in progress to see what the outcome will be. It does seem to take a long time for the sympathizers with the accused rum power to get it through their heads that the American people are in earnest regarding its destruction. We hope that when the votes are counted in November, the political machines and politicians of the nation will get such an eye-opener as this nation has never known. They certainly will if Christian people vote as they pray.

FIELD WORK ON THE SOUTHEASTERN FIELD

Rev. John T. Davis

Leaving Palm Beach I next stopped at Fort Lauderdale, where I found Brother George A. Main superintending the establishment of a water system for the city. I was pleased to learn that a Seventh Day Baptist was a relics that favor a wet nation will get such an eye-opener as this nation has never known. They certainly will if Christian people vote as they pray.
beautiful surroundings I returned to Fort Lauderdale to be entertained again by our loyal friend, Brother George A. Main, and to take a boat the next morning for South Bay. I spent the day writing, now and then allowing a glimpse of an alligator, or seeing the flights of fish, which I fear, should I give a time record of their "high jumps," some might think it fishy.

Belated by a severe storm I reached South Bay about 11 p.m., to put up at the home of a typical "cracker," and if you doubt that Florida can produce onions, you should have slept in that room. Sabbath morning I found one of Brother Orel Van Horn's neighbors at the Landings who kindly carried me out to Brother Van Horn's, where I spent the day visiting, planning for work, studying the Sabbath-school lesson. The next morning I looked over one of the richest looking countries (taking the appearance of soil as a guide) that I have ever seen. In the afternoon and evening I spoke to a goodly number in the schoolhouse at the Landings, and at the closing of the evening service organized a Bible Study. In distinction, I was told, five or six denominations represented. If this accomplishes what I hope, my trip to South Bay will not have been in vain.

Tuesday morning, April 13, Ivan took me in his motor boat to Tom Island where I caught a large cat to Canal Point then by boat to More Haven, on the west shore, of Ochocola Lake.

At Tampa, after spending considerable time looking in vain for Mrs. Eva Seager Bevant, a daughter of our Elder Seager, I found a Mr. Potter, an engraver for a jewelry company, who proved to be the husband of Mrs. Mabel Potter whose name I had been furnished. With these good people I spent the night, having a splendid visit regarding our work. While here I had the privilege of visiting with a former Seventh Day Baptist who now claims perfect peace of conscience in Sunday observance. As I meet this so often I can but wonder if as a people we will stand condemned in the judgment for neglect.

Brother and Sister Potter I found loyal in heart, and anxious for better Sabbath provisions among the young people that pleasant visit and season of prayer. Wending my way across the bay to St. Petersburg, my attention was attracted to a sign something like this: "Battle Creek Baths Given Here." When I enquired if it was connected with Battle Creek and received a negative answer, I was surprised as I turned away to hear: "How do you do, Mr. Davis?" I turned and looked into the smiling face of Mr. Robert E. Ludlum, one of Battle Creek's efficient helpers, with whom I had a very pleasant visit.

Through the kindness of Mrs. J. A. Potter I was permitted to spend some time at her cottage at Pass-a-Grill, in company with Mr. Orson Witter, of Second Alfred, Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Kennedy, of the saniarium, Wellsville, N. Y. (Mrs. Kennedy is a daughter of Mr. J. T. Burdick, formerly of Nile) and a Mr. Potter whose parents were members at West Hallock when he was a boy. While this time was spent pleasantly, pleasure did not oblitera Seventh Day Baptist interests. Friday in company with Brother Witter I returned to St. Petersburg, Brother Witter going to his daughter's, Mrs. Mabel Potter, in Tampa, and I to look for Seventh Day Baptists.

Finding that Mr. Bonham had left St. Petersburg, I turned to others and soon found Miss Juna Dorward, of DeRuyter, N. Y., whom seemed pleased to see some one she had known before. Sabbath Day was spent with the Seventh Day Adventist people, who, after finding out I was a Seventh Day Baptist were very cordial and arranged for me to speak in connection with the Young People's meeting in the afternoon. After another visit with Miss Juna Dorward, closing with a season of prayer for God's blessing and guidance, I went to my room, donated to my use while in the city by Mrs. J. A. Potter, there to prepare for my onward march, an account of which I hope to give at a later date.

Shepherdsville, Ky.
May 27, 1920.

"The worst possible luck for a young pastor is to have a lot of women dote on him. He should by all means preserve enough masculine gruffness to constitute a perfect anti-dote."

"A notable organization that works for welfare of young men believes in and works hard for the personal triangle—health of body, mind and soul. Is there a higher and more worthy goal to be found anywhere?"
star signs is placed in the list of those churches which completed their canvass in 1920.

The entire denomination and all sister churches are proud of this ancient landmark that has stood so faithful for more than one and one-third centuries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CHURCH TREASURERS

This month ends the Conference year, the treasurer’s books close June thirtieth. Remittances should therefore reach him by the twenty-fifth in order that the boards and societies and the other beneficiaries may promptly receive his cheques for their respective amounts.

Churches which made their budget correspond to that of Conference should have the entire amount collected and forwarded to William C. Whitford by the twenty-fifth. Churches which date their denominational support January first are supposed to send at least one-half their apportionment by that date.

Fortunately most of the churches when making their canvass collected all or a large portion of the year’s pledges, and doubtless have already remitted these amounts to the Conference treasurer, or to the other treasurers. It is however greatly to be desired that each church will have every dollar collected on time, and enjoy the satisfaction of forwarding their full quota this month.

“"This is the year” when our boards and societies will come up to Conference with a record of work accomplished and larger plans outlined for next year, being assured of the financial support needed to extend the larger lines of work.

The labor involved in collecting the payments falls largely upon the local church treasurers. Its success involves considerable hard work for the next few weeks, especially in securing the absent members’ pledges. The cause however is so important, so necessary, that the work deserves the very best efforts until the result is achieved.

The middle initial for many treasurers is E. In some instances this letter stands for “Ezra,” in others, for “Faithful.” It all means the same, they will do the work and do it thoroughly.

Over-subscriptions are fine, they have rejoiced the hearts of our people as week by week the list has been lengthened; one hundred per cent collections are finer, they are the sinews with which to furnish a more generous support to our workers, and are a call to much larger service.

Let’s have both by making June the busy month for the final ingatherings.

WALTON H. INGHAM,
Director General.

REPORT OF FORWARD MOVEMENT FUND

The General Conference has received for Forward Movement from April 26 to May 25, 1920, the following items:

- Adams Center Church $280.00
- First Alfred $430.06
- Second Alfred $138.80
- Farina $32.25
- Friendship $40.00
- Milton $800.00
- Nortonville $10.00
- Plainfield $136.10
- Richburg $21.00
- Riverside $123.00
- Waterford $100.75
- West Edmiston $100.00
- Second Westerly $125.00

Total: $2,336.96

The ten dollar item at the close of last month’s report is to be credited to the Hammond Church.

Forty-three dollars has also been received from the Adams Center Church as a special for various funds.

W. C. WHITFORD,
Treasurer.

Alfred, N. Y.
May 25, 1920.

SEVEN YEARS OF PROGRESS IN SALEM (W. VA.) CHURCH

On Sabbath Day, May 1, Rev. Alva J. C. Bond entered upon his eighth year as pastor of the Salem Church. A review of the work of the church for the last seven years revealed some facts as to the growth of the church which may be of interest to Sabbath Recorder readers.

PHYSICAL EQUIPMENT

The auditorium has been remodeled, re-decorated and enlarged. An Esty pipe organ has been installed, and an adequate choir loft built. In one corner has been built a large music cabinet with drawers for the communion set. On top of this cabinet in sight of the worshipers has been placed, under glass cover, the communion set of the fathers. Pictures of four former pastors have been placed on the wall, electricity has taken the place of gas for lighting throughout. The basement has undergone similar improvements. The outside basement walls have been covered with stucco, the church yard has been graded and a retaining wall built; the street has been graded down and gravelled, and widened into a parking place for automobiles. The cemetery which was an “eye-sore” has been converted into a “beauty-spot.”

A new parsonage has been bought near the church, including large grounds occupied with orchard, garden and lawn, and extending from the church lot through to Main Street. This spot is practically the first to be occupied by the original settlers of this community, who were Seventh Day Baptists from New Jersey. If we had not bought it at this time it would have gone into the hands of strangers and been built upon, which would have left us on a back street. It affords ample room for future expansion for Salem Seventh Day Baptists for all time, so far as a church plant is concerned. As one lady said in making her gift, “It puts Seventh Day Baptists at the front where they ought to be.” The property is almost paid for, the small amount yet due is provided for in pledges which will be paid when due. There are two small houses on the property which bring in a monthly rental that will help to keep the property up.

MEMBERSHIP

In regard to membership the growth of the church has been encouraging. It has been a source of much regret to us all that the smaller churches are constantly giving up members who remove to the larger centers, for obvious and proper reasons. Ho-
all, her own life was being narrowed. We may say of the church as Jesus said of the Sabbath, "The church is for man, and not man for the church." It has been one of our pleasures to grant letters to some of our best workers who have gone back to some of these smaller churches from which so many of Salem's good people have come. We are not anxious to lose these good people, but we shall be glad if more shall find their way back to these churches.

Another gratifying thing in regard to our increase in members is the fact that a large majority have been by baptism. When those who have been received by testimony are included they are more than two to one. There have been dismissed by letter to join other Seventh Day Baptist churches half as many as have been received in that way. The number disfellowshiped just equals the number received by testimony.

| By baptism | 71 |
| By letter  | 19 |
| By testimony | 13 |
| Total increase | 123 |

There have been added to the church:

| By death | 19 |
| By letter | 19 |
| By disfellowship | 13 |
| Total decrease | 51 |

Net gain in membership | 72 |

**THE CRADLE ROLL**

I once heard Professor Edward Steiner tell the following story. A minister was showing a stranger about the city in which the former lived. As he came to the church of which he himself was pastor he told the stranger that the wealthy people of the city belonged to his church. In his effort to impress his friend with the fact that his was the rich man's church he finally remarked: "This church might properly be called the automobile church of the town." When Dr. Steiner had told the story he followed it with this observation: "The church of the future is not the automobile church, the church of the future is the baby carriage church." Believing there is something in what Professor Steiner said, the present writer took the pains to interview the Cradle Roll superintendent of the Salem Sabbath School, and to examine her records. No doubt all the babies of the church have found their way to this department, for it has had faithful superintendents through this year. The result of the investigation was most gratifying.

It was ascertained that within the last seven years forty babies had been born into the church and had been enrolled in the Sabbath school as members of this department. Some are children of non-resident members, and a few have gone with their parents to other communities. However, of the total number enrolled, thirty-one are still with us in Salem and the Salem community. Many are still on the Cradle Roll, and others have been promoted to the Primary department. At least one baby has been born to loyal Seventh Day Baptists since this report was made to the church.

**PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

In regard to the program and methods it is not so easy to speak. These are things that change through the years. And during the last few years they have suffered more than the normal change of a progressive program in peace times. The church's program was adapted to the conditions as far as possible during the war, the Brotherhood being entirely absorbed by other organizations and activities. Half of Salem's Minute men were members of this church. A member of this church was chairman of the committee that put across the largest financial drive of the war for this district. Many of the ladies were workers in the Red Cross. The little volume of sermons published last year will indicate something of the spirit of the church during those trying days.

The Sabbath school, the religious school of the church, has used an elective graded course of study for this entire period of seven years. The school was ready for reorganization when the pastor first arrived, and the grading was effected the first year. Not only have all the regular grades been provided with graded lessons, but four adult classes have finished the six years course in the Historical Bible. This study furnishes a splendid background for all future study. Some of these classes are again using the *Helping Hand* in the International series. The annual every member simultaneous canvass has been an established method of finance for several years.

This year, in addition to the regular home budget, provided in the usual way, the church's full quota of the Forward Movement was subscribed early in the year through a special committee.

The church has increased the salary of the pastor five times during the seven years. The total increase equals one hundred and twenty-five per cent of the salary seven years ago, or the salary has been increased from $800 to $1,800, and a parsonage. The rental value of the present parsonage is greater than that of the one first occupied.

The Ladies' Aid Society has done consistent work during these years, and has experienced new life lately in the reception of several new members and in the enlargement of its field of service. The young people, especially the Y. P. B. C. E., experienced a decided slump in attendance if not in spirit and purpose during the war. Today it is made up very largely of those who have come up from the Junior through the Intermediate C. E. during these seven years. Our young people took the prize recently at the District convention offered for the largest attendance. There were Juniors enough alone to have taken it. The other two societies were represented. A Salem Endeavorer was elected president of the district.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

The measure of real success can not be found in any or all of the above items. A church needs equipment for its work, and not to provide it cripples the work. A living church will likely grow in membership. It will have to receive new members occasionally if it continues to live. Some sort of a program must be worked out by some one if a church is to perform its service in an adequate manner. But the real life of the church is measured by the growth in spiritual life of its members, and by the service which they render to the community and to the world. These are things which can not be tabulated.

We trust there has been some progress made in these fundamental things. There are evidences that this is true. Perhaps the prayer meeting reflects this growth in spiritual life as well as anything.
WOMAN'S WORK

PROGRAM OF PRAYER

Third Week of June

Pray for an intense religious atmosphere in the home life that will give to the world consecrated young men who will hear the call of God to the gospel ministry and will have strength of mind and heart to do effective service therein.

NOW the robin in the maple is building in the bough;
And the cardinal in the cherry-tree is singing
To his spouse;
The dogwood in the fringes of the wooded land reveals
The glimpses of a sheeted ghost that through the forest steals;
And nature in her garden court for every
Thing that grows,
For her heart is full of rapture when the lilac blows.

BETTER NEIGHBORS

CLARA S. BURDICK

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." 

For every succeeding day we are told of some new creation until we come to the following: "And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. . . . And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, . . . and God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work."

My mind's eye says, "That is the Sabbath. Make us women better neighbors, and if so, how, and if not, why?" I answer, No, it does not; it never made any one any better in any way, unless through obedience, it was applied to the life and heart of the individual. Man has walked in the light of the sun by day, and of the moon and stars by night since the infancy of the world, when God created him, male and female in his own image, in the image of God, and the whole teaching of our Savior corrobirates this. That is why he expects us to understand him, that he rested on the seventh day and sanctified and blessed it. Did you ever set before yourself a large campaign of endeavor? Have you worked at it diligently, planned its details, solved seeming intricate problems, fitted the various parts to move harmoniously, to grow just as a machine grows from a single fitting to thing of many cogs and wheels and belts, which of themselves would be meaningless if they were a part of the great whole, whose purpose was known? While you were at work you did not realize that you were tired; your enthusiasm carried you on; the added burden of detail spurred you on, discouragement gave you strength of purpose; and so after a while you saw your great task accomplished; your work was done and for the first time you realized that you were very tired. Maybe our heavenly Father felt that way at the completion of creation, and the day of rest was so good to him that he sanctified and hallowed it of his own accord, and if subjects, then are we heirs unto all eternity.

Does the Sabbath make us women better neighbors? We know that it does not, but in the keeping of it there is great reward. We are to remember to keep holy. Holiness is a mystery which is bound, and is a part of our conception of God, "Who shall ascend into the temple of the Lord? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." Are your hands clean and your heart pure, that you may keep the Sabbath in the beauty of holiness as a day set apart you can go up to the mount of transfiguration and be with God? Though you may have to come down for the rest of the week, some of its radiance will go with you. We were intended to shine; we were fashioned but a little inferior than the angels, and it is the angels' mission is in heaven, so it is ours here upon earth, to carry the light with us always. We have said that the Sabbath was made for a perpetual memorial for all time, and we believe this is so, because it is written in the time of the new heaven and the new earth, "from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord." Here we see the saying of Jesus justified, "That the Sabbath was made for man," not for Adam, or Abraham or Moses or the Gentiles—but for all flesh. Hereby were we commanded to work with our might for six days of the week in order that we might know the sweetness of rest on the seventh, that our strength might be renewed as the eagles, and our youth restored from week to week.

A mother who loves her boy will write him all sorts of adoration when he is away from home. So God wrote to the children of Israel on stone, and by his servant Moses, when they had wandered so far away they could not hear his voice. A mother expects her boy to see all through her loving laws for his health that she loves him, for he does not live. So God is grieved because of his thoughtless children. Will you keep your commandments as he wants you to—because you love him? All the commandments were given to his children from time to time, to make them better, and to make manifest his love. But the Sabbath has a special significance. He says it is not ours on which to do as we please, but his own, given to us for a blessing forever. Listen! I have worked hard all the week, my body is tired, or my mind wearied with responsibility, but I rise up on this Sabbath morning, realizing that it is my privilege to put away my selfish cares and go about doing good as Jesus did. Jesus did not have anywhere to lay his head; he often went hungry. In Psalms 22: 17, it is written of him: "I may tell all my bones; they look and stare at me." Yet his Savior was not controlled by worry, his thought was all for others. Can not you and I lay aside everything for this one day? After a night with wild beasts, under the stars, Jesus went forth to teach in the synagogues on the Sabbath; to heal the sick; to walk with the Sabbath; to heal the sick, with publicans and sinners, in order that they might be saved. Are you one of the disciples, and is the disciple above his Lord? God forbid. "Whatsoever ye ever ye would that men should do to you," is more applicable to the Sabbath than to
any other day. Are there any sick? Let them know—some way—that you care. Any lonely, any sorrowing, any poor, any in disgrace, ill-spoken of? Go to them— it is your one day of freedom. Go with it in your heart to do God's will and the Father will teach you. You will seem to make many mistakes, you will be humiliated, but out of your humility you will learn how to get closer to God. And the reward? The food which the Spirit gives is not of this world; it is purity, peace, longsuffering, thanksgiving, hope, faith, love.

On such there is no condemnation for their works do follow them, and they shall shine forever and ever. There are the ill, too exhausted for anything but rest, but what can be said of the well ones who know, and do not? The awful doom reserved for the disobedient, is couched in Scripture, in the most awe-inspiring terms ever written in any language. Can we measure divine sacrifice? Can we weigh the cost of persecution or sacrifice, for Christ's sake? Yet is it written, "That obedience is better than sacrifice." Will the keeping of the Sabbath not be a tangible purpose, make us women better neighbors? Yes, it will. The reason is written in the hearts of every one of the children. I am glad there are no limitations to that expression: "us women"; not us women Seventh Day Baptists, or Christians, or women of Milan, of any particular set or clique, but just "us women": young or old, rich or poor, wise or simple, healthy or sick, famous or infamous, honorable or shameful, they are all one, when they come into the fullness of the knowledge of God.

May you have heard of the three kinds of Christians:

"The workers who work all the while, the shirkers who shirk all the while, and the jerkers who work by fits and jerks; they plunge, head over heels, into every new thing, but their enthusiasm soon is past and they turn and pull that counts."

"Let us try with all our hearts to keep the Sabbath in the spirit that Jesus kept it, without jerking, without shirking, that we may all grow toward one family, one with Christ, as Christ is one with the Father, and may God help us."

Every other baby in India and Bolivia dies before its second year.

THE LONE SABBATH-KEEPER, A STORY OF HARDSHIP AND ENDURANCE

REV. HERMAN D. CLARKE

CHAPTER VIII

On the following day they started for their claim which was to be their future home. In a lumber wagon piled with the trunks and bundles that could be carried, they slowly drove across the country and around the buttes. Their goods had been re-shipped before they left Monot and the horses and cow would be cared for by Mr. James. In three or four days Mr. Livingston would be after their things and drive his own team and lead the cow.

"Oh, papa," exclaimed Leila, "just see that flock of ducks. I think Mr. James told the truth about killing three at one shot. And there is a little pond of water in which they swim. But look quickly, what is that animal leaping across the little ravine yonder, is it a wolf or wild cat?"

"Never fear, Leila, that is a coyote or prairie wolf, but we'll have to look out for our hens and chickens when we raise them," answered her father.

"Are there any snakes out here?" asked Mrs. Livingston.

"I am sure I do not know. They say that down in Nebraska in the sod houses they often drop down from the roof into the rooms or crawl in at the door, but our house will be of wood made with matched boards."

Turning and passing a butte they saw another lumber wagon with a driver and one man, his bundles and a box roped as though having come on a long trip. They stopped to inquire of a man who came out of a shack, and Mr. Livingston soon overtook them. It was the same man they had seen on the train, and he smiled. The driver said he had left his family in town for a day or two. He could not speak much English, but managed to make a few of his wants known. Asking his name he did so as far as he could. Mr. Frank, the owner of the farm where they had lived so happily for years. Not a house of any kind in sight; not a schoolhouse nearer than three miles; not a church of their faith within three hundred or more miles; not a neighbor they were acquainted with, and not an English-speaking family within five miles. Not a fence to relieve the monotony and not a tree of any importance, just road, land, land, and a shack for horses, cow and poultry. It was more than she could stand as she thought of all left behind. It would not be theirs in three years at least, and what of those fearfully long three years? She was now nearly fourteen years of age, and ought to be in high school, at least in two or three years, if not next year, and there was not a high school within sixteen miles or more. Frank tried to be brave and cheerful and indulged in a few jokes to choke back some of his disappointment. The mother said nothing at all tried to be cheerful for her husband's sake for he was doing the best he knew how, or thought he was, and not a word of discouragement would she show him in any way. Something might yet come to help them out of their condition.

"I think we can be happy here," she said after a few minutes of self-control. "We will have a garden to take our attention and lots of chickens to pet, and Leila shall have a cat; and you, Frank, a dog and your gun. We will send for seeds and make a nice flower garden and have climbing vines about the shack and the inside we will fix up like aristocrats. Cheer up, my dear children, this is better than they have it in Belgium. We have our health and our God and lots of room, and we will see and pray for us. We will join the Home department of our Sabbath school and spend each Sabbath joyfully and profitably. Now let's get busy fixing up.

The man who brought them from Williston was full of sympathy and said, "I'll stop over a day or two, and help you get a little start. It will be rather late for me to return tonight, but I'll not charge you any more for that. You can have these blankets of mine to help out for this one night and by day tomorrow you will have your own beds and at least a shirt. I'll sure the remark—a taste of milk from your Jersey will be refreshing. By the way, Mr. Livingston, let's get busy getting some grass for beds tonight and we will sleep like pigs in clover. We will drive some of these stakes we brought along, or I can hitch my horses to the wagon wheels. I brought
some oats, thinking I might need to feed more than once."

They set out to unload and carry into the shack what was needed for the present, trunks and bundles and a box. Mrs. James had slipped in without their noticing.

"What is in that box, mamma?" asked Frank.

"Why, I did not know we had such a box," she answered. "We will investigate.

"Oh, such a kind woman!" exclaimed Leila.

"See these fine sandwiches, and cakes and pies and chicken salad, and here is a can of condensed milk and some jelly and what not. She knew how hungry we would be. I just want to kiss her."

"Good for her and you," said the driver.

"But I have brought my own lunches along and maybe can share a bit with you. Did I tell you about driving for a family once up north of Willington? No? Well, we started out in the month of January. It was an unusually cold winter but the sky was clear. They were not new settlers but had been on a visit East over the holidays and were returning home. We had gone about twelve miles when clouds began to appear thick and fast, and the wind came up. I knew then that we were in for it. I urged the team faster hoping to get there before the storm struck us, or to reach a well-known shack two miles this side. We somehow got off our beat and in less time than it takes to tell it, the snow was coming against us and blinded to watch and for us. At last, exhausted, the horses stopped. I had three blankets, I put one on each horse, unhitched them and tied them to the wagon, turning their backs to the storm. The family got on the wagon bottom and covered them with the remaining blanket. I then buttoned up my overcoat tight and pulled down my cap, tying my handkerchief over my head, and under my chin, and got between the horses and waited for the storm to cease. It grew fiercer every minute until midnight and then ceased, but we were covered with snow and where could be seen a light so we stayed until morning. At daybreak we found that we were within a half mile of their house! Now I tell you that if ever a warm drink and food tasted good it was then. Ever since that time I have gone prepared for the worst in any season or weather."

"Well, we are not in the season of snow storms now and we will turn in and eat and get ready for a night of pioneering," said Mr. Livingston.

It was a long night for Leila and her mother and little sleep came to them, but when morning dawned Mrs. Livingston prepared breakfast on the little oil stove they had brought and was seemingly as cheerful as ever. The sun came up bright and warm and they talked gaily as they ate the first breakfast in the new shack. After the meal, Mrs. Livingston took the Bible from her hand bag and turned to some of the promises of God and read them impressively and Mr. Livingston offered a brief prayer.

The driver made as though he would start back to town but Mr. Livingston said: "Do not hurry. You have been very kind to us over night and we may want your services again sometime. Bring your wife over here when convenient and take a little vacation. We shall be very glad to entertain you."

"Thank you, Mr. Livingston, it will be a pleasure to do so as my wife has been teasing me for a long time to take her out in the country and see the buttes and have a picnic together," he replied. He then went away after being paid for his services and engaged to bring down the freight and horses if they should arrive before Mr. Livingston received word.

Now they must plan for the day and the future.

"Let's go out, all of us, and take a look at the claim, part of it at least, and then where we shall sow our grain and plant our corn and have our garden and keep the chickens," said Mr. Livingston.

"We will in a few moments, James, but sit down here a little while and let me have a say about matters and things."

And she chided a little and hesitated but soon became calm and cheerful.

"We are now here, to stay no doubt until God in his providence orders us elsewhere. We will let all our misgivings go and forget the past and take a new start bravely and with determination to win out. But to win we shall have to have the presence of God and his Spirit. We must never forget that. We have had great blessings with our own church people and now removed from all those means of grace we will the more need to be on our guard and keep close to him whose we are. We will meet new temptations and will have none of the restraints of society. We will be surrounded by people who have not had our education religiously and otherwise. Especially will you, Leila and Frank, meet boys and girls that have little respect for sacred things and will be wholly ignorant of what we know to be true and right. It will require great moral courage on your part to stem that tide of opposition or influence. You will want company and shall have it of the proper kind as far as we can."

"But Mr. Livingston,"

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"We, after we were covered with snow and got between the buttes,"

"And the one that I especially want you to know is that your people will want to exchange work, especially about harvesting and threshing time, and Sabbath will come in conflict with the exchange or paying for work done. We must at the very first, when asked to do so, tactfully explain that we will be glad to help all we can but that it must not come on the Sabbath Day. You see, the most of our troubles can be avoided if we tell them at first what to expect. We will not be offensive or dogmatic, or force our views on people but watch for opportunity to express the light God has given you to make known the great truths we love. There may be opposition or criticism from a few, but we will by kindness and helpfulness overcome all that wherever manifested. And now we will go out and make our plans."

"That talk was never forgotten, and through in the future there came tests and we, because we were remembered and had their influence. They walked up to the butte and looked over the claim.

"Over there I think I will put in some grain and next to it plant some corn," said Mr. Livingston. "I will not have to fence off much pasture, for posts and wire are cheap."

"But Mr. Livingston,"

"I think I have a trained dog to look after stock. Often you and Leila will have to watch and attend to them. By the way, Lura, the spring water is fine but we do not know whether it will dry up or not and so it will be a good plan to dig a well; if possible, near the house. The spring is quite a ways from the shack and there will be times when you ought not to go so far with a pail of water, and times when it is best not to lead cow or horses to the spring. I am glad we can have a supply of this water for the cattle and, Mr. Livingston, we must plan some way to kindle a fire without wood. What do you suggest, Frank?"

"Why, papa, I have been thinking of that very thing. Spare moments, Leila and I can cut and gather some of the grass and weeds and tie them in small bundles or in some way make them suitable for lighting coal. Uncle John so often said that 'Necessity is the mother of invention.'"

"We will not worry just now about that. Now where shall we have that bed of flowers, and what have you to sow?" asked Mr. Livingston.

"I thought them with me, but we must send for a catalog. Flowers will do so much to make home pleasant and we will often wish to share them with a neighbor.
or send them to a sick person to give him cheer," replied his wife.

"Papa, where will our post office be? We must write our friends at once and tell them," said Leila Maud.

"Yes," said her mother, "and we'll have our Recorder changed to the new address. We can not keep house without our denominational paper. I'll want to know what is in the lone Sabbath-keeper's department and the Home News."

"Yes, and the marriage and obituary notices first of all. That is what Aunt Nancy always looked up first," laughed Frank.

"Say, mamma, I may be too old now for the Visitor, but I have had it so long I shall miss it greatly. I want that if I live to be a hundred years of age. Frank and I have read it together as long as I can remember reading anything," said Leila.

"I hope never to be so old that I am not interested in the children's reading," replied her mother. "But we can't take everything out here. We have enough money to bring us through this season only, and if anything should happen we would have no serious sickness we would have a hard time of it. We must be as saving as possible and make every cent count. So they planned and spent the first day.

Again at night they made the most of the floor and grass and coats, and after singing some old home songs they built castles for the future and went to sleep. Two prairie wolves came near the shack and a night hawk was looking for chickens.

During the night Mrs. Livingston heard a sob from Leila and went to her. "Oh, mamma, we are away out here miles from any one and no horses yet and the roads unknown. Suppose papa were taken sick, or Frank, what would we do? No neighbors to help us or comfort us. Our old pastor, we can not see him again or hear him. I just cannot stand it," and she sobbed aloud.

"Hush, dear, do not awaken your father and discourage him. I know he is feeling sad just now but will not tell. We must be brave and cheer him, and look and feel hopeful. God will keep us from harm. Lay quiet and sleep now." And the mother's tender hand on the girl's face and her loving kiss soothed the troubled child, for child she was in innocence and trust.

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**PROGRAM FOR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN WISCONSIN CHURCHES**

To be held at Excelsior, Wis., June 25-27, 1906

**FRIDAY EVENING**

Praise Service. Leader, E. F. Crandall
Address of Welcome. Pastor Thorngate
Serenon. Rev. Angelina Abbey
Conference Meeting. Mrs. Abbey

**SABBATH MORNING**

Praise Service. Leader, Rev. Henry N. Jordan
Serenon. Dr. W. D. Tucker
Sabbath School. Mrs. B. A. Dekoven, Superintendent
Essay. Minnie Godfrey

**SABBATH AFTERNOON—YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOUR**

Praise Service. Leader, Luella Coon
Essays. Marguerite Thorngate, Freda Fowler
Address. Alberda Van Horn
Clyde Clapper

**SABBATH EVENING**

Praise Service. Leader: Mrs. Clayton Freeborn
Essay. Mrs. Alton Churchward
Serenon. Rev. Eugene Socwell

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Business Meeting. Rev. C. B. Loofbourow

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Praise Service. Leader, Mrs. Freeborn
Essay. Mrs. Eva Payne
Serenon. Rev. H. C. Van Horn

**SUNDAY EVENING**

Praise Service. Leader, Rev. H. C. Van Horn
Essay. Mrs. William Saunders
Serenon. Rev. Henry N. Jordan
Conference Meeting

ELLERY F. CRANDALL.

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**THE IMPORTANCE OF SATAN'S SILENCES**

God's Word has its silences, merciful and benevolent, but Satan's Word has its silences, too, not merciful and not beneficent. Satan's word tells of flattering paths, of alluring pleasures, of seductive companionship; of jovial nights and days; but Satan's word is silent concerning the hidden precipices, the gnawing remorse, the degrading bondage, the deathless despair that lie in wait for the footsteps of those who walk in evil paths. Flashing lights, costly paintings, merry music send out their welcome to the passerby, from halls of fair-seeming, which are wholly devoted to the service of evil; but no voice from within, no legend on the walls, tells of the ruined lives, the scattered households, the broken hearts, whose history found its first tragic meaning beneath these lights.—H. C. Trumbull.
SPRITUAL THRIFT AND EFFICIENCY FOR ENDEAVERS

A true Christian Endeavor is a follower of the Master, practicing through the week what he or she professes on the Sabbath. It is a great and worthy calling to be a Christian Endeavorer. Every Endeavorer undertakes to make the Christ of history a reality today, or to make the living Christ an indispensible fact among men, and states it more truly. This is the mission of every Christian, of course, but the Endeavorer seals his or her purpose with a solemn binding pledge. We are glad to commit ourselves in this way, as it is our golden band to bind us together and to him. So it should bring a great joy to every one of us to remember that we are not the only representatives; it is ours to mirror him as we find him in the World and in the inner temple of communion. This means for us the constant upward look and aim of life; a quick and tender conscience; the open Bible; gratitude for blessings; an open eye for opportunities; a self-sacrificing spirit of consecration and service; unflinching fidelity to duty; faith in God and the certainty of the ultimate triumph.

Too often we are apt to forget, I fear, that our first consideration for real Endeavor efficiency should be, “What are we,” rather than, “What we are to do or say.” We are apt to get things reversed here, and zealously forage about to find things to do and to say, and give scarcely a thought as to what we are to be. The lasting effectiveness of our knowledge, our witnessing, our giving, our beliefs, our service, and our several virtues, if not, we depend ever so much upon “What we are.” And “what we are” will depend upon how near we keep to this Master and Savior of ours. I believe if we catch this thought aright there will be a great transformation in all of our Christian Endeavor activities, devotional, social, recreational and business. Jesus calls us to success. The pathway for us may lead through many attempts that seem to fail. But some one has said, “Get your lesson out of your failures, then throw them away as worthless; then, forgetting the past, press on to the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Since the devotional meeting of the C. E. forms the greater part of our work, brings us together more frequently than any other of its stated sessions, we should all feel a real interest in, and responsibility for its success. Let us all for our own spiritual culture and growth prepare a gem of truth bearing upon the topic, the product of our own sincere searching and bring it as our contribution to the meeting: ours in possession and experience. Do not worry as to what kind of speech you will use. It shall be given to you.” The light of the Christian shines brightest for Christ when he or she is least conscious that it is shining—Sanford B. Kurtz, Pastoral Counselor, in Cheero.

PROGRAM OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION
To be held with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Piscataway, at New Market, New Jersey, June 30, 1828

THURSDAY EVENING
7:45 Praise service—Dr. Edwin Whittford 8:00 Welcome—Pastor W. D. Burdick 8:05 Response—A. W. Vars 8:10 President's address—J. G. Burdick 8:30 Sermon—Rev. L. D. Seager 9:00 Intercession and benediction—Rev. D. B. Coon

FRIDAY MORNING
10:00 Devotional service 10:10 Business

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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Announcements

Song—Mizpah

Suggested hymn:

“I'll go where you want me to go”

“Safe in the Arms of Jesus”

“Help Somebody Today”

“God Will Take Care of You”

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

The Element of Christian Service

Miss Josephine Maxson

The Element of Christian Stewardship

Rev. Paul E. Tisworth

Joint delegate from Western and General Associations

FRIDAY EVENING

8:00 Praise service—Professor A. E. Whitford

8:15 Sermon—Rev. George B. Shaw

Conference meeting closing with Intercession—Rev. E. A. Witter

SABBATH MORNING

10:30 Opening service, in charge of Pastor W. D. Burdick

Sermon—Rev. L. A. Wing, delegate from the Northwestern Association (Offering for Missionary, Travels and Education Society)

SABBATH AFTERNOON

2:45 Music

3:00 Sabbath school work—E. M. Holston

3:20 Conference message—Professor A. E. Whitford

3:45 Young People's Work—Miss Edna Burdick

4:30 Intercession—Rev. D. B. Coon

4:45-5:30 Children's meetings—charge of Mrs. L. S. Davis, Rev. Edwin Shaw

SABBATH EVENING

Program prepared by Mrs. Edwin Shaw, Assessor

8:15 A Play—“The House of Friendship”—Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Junior

Address—“The Stranger Within Our Gates”—Mrs. Sarah L. Wardner

A New Christmas Barrel—Plainfield S. D. B. Woman's Society for Christian Work (Offering for Woman's Sabbath School and Young People's Boards)

Singing—“America”

SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 Business

10:40 Music

10:45 Paper—“Vocational Opportunities for Seventh Day Daughters”—Dr. Edwin Whittford

Music

11:15 The Training of Our Young People for Denominational Work

a. In the Sabbath school—E. M. Holston

11:30 b. In the Christian Endeavor Society—Rev. R. R. Thornigate, delegate from Southeastern Association

Sunday Afternoon

2:15 Business

2:30 General Theme: The New Forward Movement

Six ten-minute papers or addresses with chance for question and discussion at the close

Our Young People and the New Forward Movement—Miss Marjorie Burdick

The Element of Spirituality—Robert T. Spicer

The Element of Evangelism—Alexander P. Austin

The Element of Christian Education—Miss Mary Locke

JOHN LELAND SHAW—A TRIBUTE

Today we went aside for a time into the quiet flower-decked church. On such occasions it is frequently said we go “to pay our last tribute of respect” to one who has passed on. But that expression does not seem quite fitting to express what called us today. The man on whom all our thoughts were centered needed from us no “last tribute of respect.” He had had always the respect of those who knew him. There was never any question about that. Not only would one feel no impulse to show him disrespect, one would hesitate in his presence to show disrespect to any one. A spirit of sympathy with those who had helped him most passed over us. We were now part of him who had been one of the reasons for our coming together. Though we felt this loving sympathy the occasion was not, as such occasions sometimes are, one of heart-breaking sadness. There were tears, it is true, but could not otherwise. But the one who had gone on, though he had kept the soul of youth had begun to feel the infirmities of advancing physical age. Many whom he had most dear had preceded him to the land. And so in spite of tears there was rejoicing in thinking of his release and the happiness into which he had entrance.

But another reason in addition to that of sympathy had called us to lay aside our daily duties and spend these moments in the quiet church at the farewell services of Mr. J. L. Shaw. We wanted to place ourselves once more within the circle of his influence, the circle and his feet. And as his life was reviewed to learn, if possible, the secret of his benign influences. In this we were not disappointed. There was music by a quartet of male voices, voices of friends he loved, and the hymns they sung were the fine ones that have
stood the test of time. There were flowers, but they were not on the casket. We would not have thought it out of place had they been heaped upon it for he loved flowers and all nature, but when we saw them about the casket instead of upon it we realized that that was most fitting. Mr. Shaw was a plain man, never given to show or ostentation, and the simple black casket, bore only a little spray of lilac beside an open Bible. The absolute fitness of this open Bible upon the casket must have appealed to all who knew our brother. Here was the keynote of his life, for the Bible was not placed there for show.

It was not a new one, it was not a large one. It was of convenient size for use. It had been carried to pioneer life and among me as to promote in intended, he loved literature.

It had been taken by Mr. Shaw's perennial youth known Mr. Shaw intimately, nevertheless. It was the answer. Years after, when we spoke of great achievements or stood in the May sunshine the keynote of his life, for the Bible was never to be seen, nor could those who spoke never to touch it. The pennies collected in Frank's bank was just a wooden box tied up with string; it has no locks, and yet his money grows and grows. Well, how is that, do you suppose? Joe twirls and twirls his bank about, and shakes the shining pennies out. He never shows how the money is spent. His money seems to melt in air. But Frank's store has a magic way of growing he fire day by day. The reason is it's really Frank who saves the money, not the bank! For what can matter bank or box when self-denial guards the locks?

---Youth's Companion.

**THE LOCK ON THE PENNY BANK**

I know two boys, named Joe and Frank, Each with a little penny bank.

Joe's bank is made of shining tin, The pennies clink as they slide in.

Frank's bank is just a wooden box Tied up with string; it has no locks, And yet his money grows and grows.

Well, how is that, do you suppose? Joe twirls and twirls his bank about, And shakes the shining pennies out.

He never shows how the money is spent. His money seems to melt in air.

But Frank's store has a magic way Of growing he fire day by day.

The reason is it's really Frank Who saves the money, not the bank!

For what can matter bank or box When self-denial guards the locks?

---Youth's Companion.

**AN ENEMY OF THE "NO GOOD" BUSINESS**

"Fire! Fire!" screamed nine-year-old Jimmie Roberts, as he dashed in at the front door of his home—nearly knocking the door from its hinges, astounding his grandmother, with whom he lived, and arousing the neighbors.

"What is it, Jimmie?" said grandma, as Jimmie danced up and down like a wild Indian.

"Oh, it is Mr. Ball's furniture store!" shouted Jimmie, tugging at his grandmother, with whom he lived, and arousing the neighbors.

"What is it, Jimmie?" said grandma, as Jimmie danced up and down like a wild Indian.

"Yes, it is too bad to have such fine things destroyed. And Jimmie heard all the neighbors who gathered about the fire say, "It is too bad. It is too bad. Such a great loss."

One week after the burning of the furniture store, Jimmie again rushed into the house shouting, "Fire! Fire! Grandma!"

This time it was the saloon that was on fire. Hurry! Hurry! Grandma hurry, I want to go down and see it."

To Jimmie's great surprise grandma said, "You shall not go near it, I am glad it is burning."

Jimmie fretted, and cried, and pleaded, but it was of no use for grandma was determined. However, she was a wise old grandma, and ever so loved her; and she knew how to care for boys. So she took Jimmie gently by the hand, and said as she drew him lovingly to her, "Now, Jimmie, my lad, I'll tell you something, listen. You and I were sorry a week ago when the furniture store burned, but now I'm not sorry that this saloon is burning, and I'll tell you why."

Then she patted him lovingly and continued, "When the furniture store burned something good was burned, and it was a great loss, but this is a "no-good" business, and it does lots of harm, Jimmie."

Then grandma wiped the corner of her eyes with the corner of her apron at the memory of the damage this saloon had done to Jimmie's father, for he had died a drunkard.

"Now, Jimmie," continued grandma, "just think what a terrible loss it would be if all the grocery stores, and all the shoe stores, and all the furniture stores, and all the good stores, not only in our town but in our county, and in all our State, and all in our whole country, should be destroyed. What an awful loss it would be. Everybody would be so sorry. But, Jimmie, if all the saloons and all the distilleries, not only in our county, and State, and nation, were destroyed almost everybody would be glad. Jimmie, the saloon business is a "no-good" business. I wonder why it is that the nation permits a business which it is destroyed almost everybody would be happy."

That evening grandma sent Jimmie down to the grocery for some tea, and when he saw the ashes of the saloon, a great feeling came into his heart and he said to himself, "Grandma is right, and I am going to be a mighty enemy of the "no-good" business."

Every boy and girl should resolve right now to be a mighty enemy of the "no-good" business.---Rev. Edwin Hamlin Corr, in Christian Work."

"It is of vital moment to every Christian whether sweat-shops, child labor or too long working hours are permitted in his neighborhood; can we believe that it would not have been of vital concern to Christ if he were here in the flesh?"
THE DISCOVERY OF CHRISTOPHER C.

W. H. MORSE, M. D.

Christopher C. made a discovery, a discovery over which he was elated. He discovered a church, a Seventh Day Baptist church, the Seventh Day Baptist church in Plainfield.

He was as enthusiastic about it as was his ancient countryman when he discovered America. It was nearer 1802 than 1492; I am not positive as to the year. It was at the time that the trolley road was being built through Union County.

Christopher C., or as he would have it, Cristophero C., was one of the Italian workmen. The C did not stand for Columbus, however. If I am not mistaken it was for Carmona; but it makes no difference, for he was always called Christopher C. Just an ordinary day laborer in the gang.

At that time I was superintendent of the Sunday school at New Orange, now Kenilworth, the town between Westfield and Elizabeth, back of Cranford. In the school we had a goodly number of Italians and while the road was building, every Sunday the men from the gang would come over to the school and learn the day with them. Italians are notable for getting others of their race to come with them when they become interested in Protestant worship, it came quite naturally that some of the gang came to the chapel. Among these was Christopher C. He was not long before he was interested, and professed conversion. I admit that I do not like that expression—"professed conversion," but it will have to be appropriated if not appropriate. It was a good, heartfelt conversion.

One Sunday afternoon he came in full of enthusiasm. He should have exclaimed "Eureka!" but instead, he used his best English to repeat, "Discovery! Discovery!" Of course we had to ask for an explanation, and he was very ready to give it.

"Yesterday, Saturday," he said, "at that plainfield, when it was after the noon, and I buy shoes, I go by, and there—What—a church open!"

He described the location, and we readily understood that it was the Seventh Day Baptist church. I undertook to explain the denomination, but he interrupted me.

"No, no," he said, "There was no churching going on. No one in. The door open. My surprise, I went in by. I sat down. I kneeled. I prayed. I wanted to sing. Just think! Open church on week day, Saturday, yesterday!"

At the close of that afternoon's session we had an address by Rev. Dr. Halloran, who was at that time presiding elder of the Elizabeth church, the Methodist church. He spoke of the number of Italians and Hungarians present, congratulating us on reaching them, and saying that he would be glad to know how the churches could interest and win more of them. When he had concluded, Christopher C. hurried up to my side, and asked if he might just speak? Before I could manifest consent, he began. He told first of his "discovery," then (I wish I might give his own language), he went on to say that Protestant churches could reach the Italians better, if, like the Catholic churches, to which the Italians are accustomed, they should be open every day.

"See that! A great building open once a week for a few hours, and then shut, locked, barred, gated, padlocked, as if God had gone away! But come here in a week next Sunday! What! You think that we think that the Protestant churches have an interest in us, and invite us, and welcome us, and the big building kept shut three hundred and thirteen days? The Catholic churches, always open, every day, can be entered by any who would worship. The Protestant churches not."

He bowed with profuse politeness to Dr. Halloran, and concluded by saying:

"They want to keep us? Yes! And the churches closed! What say those big doors, that padlock? 'Go and tell my Afflict' is all."

The presiding elder thanked the man.

Hartford, Conn.

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TRAINING LITTLE CITIZENS

BUYING TOYS AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN
MAUD BURNHAM

(Author of Descriptive Stories for All the Year, "Rhymes for Little Hands")

A certain little boy was given an electrical train and his whole family would gather around to watch it operate. Very shortly they found reason to wonder why their pampered child ignored the expensive train and preferred to play with the boy next door, whose train was made from cigar boxes and the broken parts of toys contributed by his playmates.

An old toymaker once said, "Children sometimes get the toys they want, but many times those their parents want them to want." In buying a toy one does well to make a selection which will be helpful to his development. Toy manufacturers of today recognize the educational possibilities of the toy and produce many playthings that promote the physical and mental development of children. The coaster cart, Kiddie car, Erector set, and architectural blocks serve as illustrations.

The possibilities of certain old and familiar toys and games should not be overlooked. The domino is easily forgotten, but offers valuable aid in number work. The well-known nest of picture blocks, is also excellent, and a loan of money is a real source of education.

If one acquaints himself with the educational toys of the kindergarten he will learn at once the benefit and pleasure to be derived from their use.

For outdoor play, the problem of toys is not difficult to solve, since Nature's garden produces much for a child's needs.

Before school days, parents alone are responsible for their children's development. From that time on teacher and parents take up the problem together. Why not give the teacher the all possible help by providing our children with suggestive toys and games which will supplement the school work and develop initiative?

There are many interesting educational games on spelling, arithmetic, history and literature adapted to the different ages. The well-known game of Authors is excellent for older children, since it familiarizes them with the best literature. Stamp collecting also is fascinating, and teaches both geography and history.

Today, educational play is organized not only in our public schools, but on the summer playground. It is the parents' privilege to direct play in the home through the intelligent selection of toys.

The following circulars and books will be found helpful:


I know there is no book for the Christian except the Bible, because it is my Master's Book. You will recall that the Lord began his ministry by going into a synagogue, and calling for this Book, he read: 'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath appointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.' and so on. He never let go of that Book during all his ministry. He believed it—he never has uttered one word or one syllable to indicate that there was a jot or tittle that he did not accept. It was in truth the very Word of God. - David J. Burwell.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD SECRETARY

Annual reports for the Conference year closing June 30 will soon be asked for. Pastor, superintendents and secretaries should all co-operate in having the blanks filled out and promptly mailed after the last Sabbath in June. The Sabbath School Board can be of little assistance to the local schools without information.

The price of silk has made a considerable advance since last Conference, but a number of our Sabbath schools will be awarded banners at Conference at Alfred for having attained the full standard of organization during the past year. Lost Creek, Walworth, Plainfield, Shiloh, Milton Junction and Little Genesee were the six on the honor roll last year. The field secretary will be disappointed if there are not at least ten more that will claim banners this year. Score your school, Mr. or Mrs. Superintendent, on the return postal you will soon receive. You may know whether to provide a banner for you. If he receives no report by July 15 he will provide no banners. Occasionally superintendents miss some vital things published in the Recorder. Will others interested ask their superintendent if he read this item?

The Sabbath School Board follows:

Sabbath School Standards

(1) Cradle Roll
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NOTES FROM THE FIELD SECRETARY

CITIZENS

June 6—1 Sam. 16: 1-13. A shepherd boy
June 7—1 Sam. 16: 14-23. David in Saul's court
June 8—Eccles. 7: 12-7. Serving God in youth
June 9—Tim. 3: 14-17. Taught from childhood
June 10—Phil. 3: 1-14. All for Christ
June 11—Rev. 1: 1-8. "Kings and priests unto God and His Father"
June 12—Psa. 2. The Great King

(For Lesson Notes see Helping Hand)

ORGANIZATION OF JAPANESE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

In Chicago there is a unique organization of forty Japanese theological students which meets similarly to a church organization every Sunday morning and evening. At these gatherings, which are held at the Y. M. C. A. building on East Thirty-sixth Street, there is a song service followed by a deep religious address by an Evanston Methodist Seminary student who has been in the organization, or by his assistant, a Moody Bible Institute student. These Japanese students also hold prayer meetings every Thursday evening.

In their spare time they devote their efforts to evangelizing their fellow countrymen in Chicago. Those attending the Moody Bible Institute have ample opportunity to do this, since the school provides practical work for those who attend it. Thus at street and gospel meetings the Japanese students are continually watching for some of their compatriots in the audience, in order that they may have the opportunity of leading them to Christ.

These forty Chicago Japanese students are all planning for work among their fellow countrymen both here and in their homeland.

"Let us not be deceived by the liquor men's quoting of physicians' opinions in favor of alcohol. 'No health authority anywhere advocates the use of alcohol as a medicine, food or beverage,' says Dr. W. A. Evans, recent health commissioner of Chicago."
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Program for Raising $100,000

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This is about what was done ten years ago when The Betterment Fund of $100,000 was raised by about 700 subscribers.

High costs of fuel, labor and supplies and increases in salaries made imperative by the high cost of living, necessitate a deficit of $10,000 per year above present revenue.

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What This Program Will Do

1. It will provide for the necessary annual deficit.
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7. It will allow five years in which to increase the endowment funds sufficiently to provide a reasonable and adequate maintenance.

DEATHS

CRANDALL—Mrs. Emily Benjamin Crandall, daughter of Samuel Sawyer and Benjamin and Laura Anne Vincent, was born in the town of Norway, Herkimer County, N. Y., April 7, 1849, and died of acute indigestion at her late home in Independence, Allegany County, N. Y., May 9, 1920. He own mother died when she was about a year old, and later her father married Miss Helen Payne, under whose motherly care and direction she grew to young womanhood. Her family was, for Emily was about fourteen years of age, and two years later she with her step-mother and her half sister, Mary Benjamin, who later became the wife of Rev. E. A. Witter, came to Independence, where she has since resided. Mrs. Benjamin became the wife of Decatur Clarke and in his home Emily lived and began her nearly fifty years of wedded life, after her marriage to William R. Crandall on December 21, 1870. Later they established their own home on Crandall street, where they have since lived. To them were born two children, Anna Laura and Samuel Benjamin, who were privileged to be in the home as a comfort and help in these recent years of declining strength. These with the husband and wide circle of relatives and friends remain to mourn the loss of a most devoted wife, mother, and a loyal friend. Before her marriage she spent about three years in school at Alfred.

While living in Herkimer County she united with the Methodist church, but the winter following her marriage, January 24, 1871, she was baptized by Rev. Jared Kenyon and joined the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church of which she has remained a loyal and consistent member until called to the church triumphant. The last service of her life before she was so suddenly stricken was for the church which she loved. A faithful attendant upon the appointments of the church, and a loyal and efficient worker in the Ladies' Aid, she has left a memory of Christian living and service which may well be to us inspiration as well.

Her home however was her real kingdom. Here her gentle, cheerful and refined spirit was at its best. Those who have enjoyed the hospitality and thrift marked her as looking well to the ways of her household. Her cheerful, sunny disposition and her kindliness and sympathetic interest in others, her desire to see and encourage the best in others have left a rich heritage to those who have shared her home-life and enjoyed the privilege of her friendship.

Farewell services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist church in Independence, May 12, 1920, conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. L. Greene, assisted by President B. C. Davis of Alfred.

MASON—Charles E., son of Joseph C., and Laura Tanner Mason, was born at Nile, N. Y., December 28, 1867, and died at DeRuyter, N. Y., May 23, 1920, aged 52 years, 7 months and 27 days. He was united in marriage January 31, 1894, to Miss Nellie Taylor, who died about two years later. To this union was born one son, Glenn, who departed this life three years ago. Mr. Mason was married to Miss Rose Crumb, March 21, 1897. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mason: George D., Jennie L., and Charles R.

Besides his wife and children, Mr. Mason is survived by his aged father and two brothers, C. Albert, of Little Gertes, to whom the father has his home, and William L., of Montana. Funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday afternoon, May 26, conducted by Pasto. H. R. Crandall. Interment was in the DeRuyter Cemetery.

CLARK, William L., son of Thomas Marsh and Anna Lewis Clarke, was born in Charslcston, R. I., September 16, 1835, and died in Weston, R. I., May 15, 1920. A more extended account of Deacon Clarke as president of the Missionary Board, and as a leader of many other activities will appear later.

SAUNDERS, Lucy A. Barber, daughter of Paul Maxson and Almira Dewey Barber, was born in the town of Weston, R. I., November 25, 1826, and passed from the scenes of earth May 23, 1920, at her home in the town of Weston, R. I.

She has always lived in the vicinity of Ashaway, R. I. The data are not at hand concerning the time and place of her marriage to Nathan Saunders, who was for years a deacon and prominent leader in the First Seventh Day Baptist church of Hopkinton, in Ashaway, R. I. He died some thirty-three years ago. Among them were born four children. One of them, Nellie, died in 1879, at the age of eighteen years. Three sons are now living: Everett B., of Hopeville, N. Y.; William C., of Waterford, Conn., and Nathan, of the town of Weston, R. I. Her son, Nathan, has lived with her at the old home these many years.

At the age of fourteen she was baptized and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, with which church she has been a faithful and consistent member for more than seventy-seven years. Though not able to attend the services of the church for some years she maintained her interest in it and in the denomination till the last. But a few days before her death she
talked freely with the pastor and his wife concerning the welfare of the church, and told of her interest in the Forward Movement of the denomination, specifying the amount she was going to contribute to it. Her funeral service was conducted at the First Seventh-day Baptist church of Hopkin by Pastor D. Burdett Coon, and burial was in the Hopkin Cemetery.

**HOME NEWS**

CHICAGO, I1L.—The Home department of our Sabbath school has a membership of nine, the neatest being in Ohio, Wisconsin and Colorado. The contributions for last year amounted to $14.00.

The Endeavor class of the Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath school planned and successfully carried out a church social which was held in a room of the Masonic Temple. The young people provided and served ice cream and cake. The program, under the direction of Allison Burdick, consisted of singing popular songs by the company, several solos, games, etc. More than sixty were in attendance and a general good time enjoyed. Secretary Shaw was present and made a few appropriate remarks.

On Monday evening, May 4, a "Surprise Social" was held at the home of Deacon J. M. Maxson, that being his natal day. As he came in at 5:30 the children met him in the hall and greeted him with a "Happy Birthday song. About fifty guests were in attendance. The abundant menu was served cafeteria style, a box lunch being furnished by each family, with tea, coffee, and several warm dishes prepared in the home.

An impromptu program was enjoyed, the most important part being an apt speech by Pastor Fife Field accompanying the presentation of a substantial purse, given as a token of love and appreciation by friends of "Uncle Murray" and "Aunt May." Deacon Maxson responded very fittingly, and in his usual modest manner paying a touching tribute of regard of his Christian parents, and the loyalty and courage which he "true helpmeet." Games followed, and at an early hour the guests went home having enjoyed an evening of happy fellowship.

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"Greater love hath no man than that he give his life for his friend."

"God is love, and he who loves is born of God. He who is born of God has love divine."

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A path winds upward through the pasture
To where the nest is fed today.
In and out where rocks are stranded
The lambkins call and play.
Oh, I could follow up that pathway
If but the joyful sun would rise.
But all the hill in dark and cheerless,
And shadows fill my eyes.

I hear the hoarse owl's challenge ringing
From some high cliff above the glade,
But all the little birds below him
Are silent and afraid.

Long beaming shafts, all rose and golden,
Should surely pierce the eastern sky;
From the green heavens of the forest
The winds of morning cry!

Why should I fear to trust my champion
To the great millers of His sea.
My pilot being He who silenced
The waves of Galilee.

Then blow sweet winds from off the coast land
To speed me on my happy way;
I leave the land of dreams and slumber
To find the glorious day.

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