

## Mission to Appalachia

The diaries of Theodore Livingston Gardiner (1844-1938), which he called "Memoranda", reveal that the 1960's and the 1970's were not the first time an effort had been made by people elsewhere in the nation to lift the level of citizens of Appalachia.

Gardiner graduated from Alfred University in Alfred, N. Y., in 1874 and served his first pastorate from 1874 to 1878 in the Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church (which stands in 1976 as one of the buildings at Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Conn.). He had been on the payroll of the shipbuilding company owned by the Greenman brothers who built the little church in 1850 so that they and their workmen would not need to travel ten miles to attend the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I.<sup>1</sup> In 1879 Gardiner accepted a call to the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church.<sup>2</sup> During this pastorate he attended the conference of the denomination held in Lost Creek, W. Va., in 1884<sup>3</sup> and the conference held in Salem, W. Va., in 1890. Gardiner was with the conference delegates on Aug. 19, 1890, when they arrived in Grafton, W. Va., at 12:30 a.m. They spent the rest of the night there, and reached Salem at 10:00 in the morning. Gardiner reported hard rain all day on Aug. 21: "Storm pulled up dinner tent pins and broke some of the dinner dishes and spoiled provisions...Conference in large tent."<sup>4</sup>

While he was in Salem, Gardiner on Aug. 24, 1890, stated that he had tea at the home of Preston F. Randolph who, having attended Alfred University in the early 1850's before becoming principal of an academy in Gettysburg, Pa., where he served until Lee's invasion caused the school to close and Randolph to return to Salem and open a private school, was the best educated man in Salem.<sup>5</sup> Randolph objected to a decision by the Missionary Society of the denomination to pay \$100 toward the salary of a minister the Society would send to Salem if the local church would furnish \$400 in salary and a house. Randolph thought the Salem church should be self-supporting. Randolph may have been told on Aug. 18 that Gardiner was the man the denomination had selected to come to Salem. Randolph must have clung to his idea for although Gardiner had resigned his pastorate at Shiloh on July 5, 1890, effective the next Sept. 30<sup>6</sup>, the Salem church did not "call" Gardiner until Nov. 2, 1890.<sup>7</sup> Gardiner arrived in Salem with wife and child on Nov. 27, 1890. Late in life Gardiner reported that whenever he launched an innovation in Salem Randolph, who had a stammer, would say, "I'll b-b-believe it when you l-l-live it out."<sup>8</sup>

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board may have thought that a man like Gardiner, whose last sermon in Shiloh was on the subject "The Grace of Liberality"<sup>9</sup>, would be a good influence where the people after losing by one vote a Methodist-sponsored college for their town in 1887, had in 1888 opened Salem Academy (renamed "Salem College" in 1890<sup>10</sup>).

Gardiner at first doubted the wisdom of his move for he wrote on Nov. 29, 1890, in his diary: "First Sabbath; audience seemed very small to me; the contrast is so great with our former church in view. God only knows the outcome of the change" and on Dec. 6, 1890: "Second Sabbath; audience fair for this place; began raining at church time...dark, long day. Expense of moving (aside from sacrifice at auction sale of horse, carriage, and goods) freight: \$56.37; railroad and lodging: \$29.20; total: \$105.57, all of which I have to pay as the church is unable to pay me. God only knows how we shall make out, but I am working for him in his vineyard and will trust him for the outcome. From a human standpoint the outlook is anything but flattering."<sup>11</sup>

Unable to find a vacant house, he accepted the invitation of Preston Randolph to move into Randolph's "chamber rooms". On Dec. 23 Gardiner bought of Jesse Randolph 148 lbs. of beef for \$7.73 and on Dec. 24 "cut up beef and bought a barrel for packing." On New Year's Day 1891 when his wife, in the ninth month of pregnancy, had "light pains all day" Gardiner furnished the turkey for the dinner he and his family had at the home of S. L. Maxson who had moved to Salem a year earlier from Albion, Wis., to be the president of Salem College. In the evening Gardiner left his daughter Dora with the Maxsons, returned to the Gardiner quarters in the Randolph house, and sent for Dr. I. S. Kennedy. The next day Dr. Kennedy called in Dr. D. C. Louchery "in counsel". On Jan. 3 Mrs. Gardiner was "delivered of a fine 9-lb.-boy---dead."<sup>12</sup>

1 Karl G. Stillman, "Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church", remarks Aug. 20, 1955, on occasion of dedication after church was restored.

2 Albert N. Rogers, Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America, Vol. III, p. 191.

3 His expense account in 1884 included a round-trip ticket from Philadelphia to Clarksburg, \$11.35; sleeping car, \$1; stage fare from Clarksburg to Lost Creek, .60; dinner at Philadelphia, .34, Grafton, .25, Washington, .25; shave and bootblack, .20; lodging in both Washington and Grafton, .50. As a clergyman Gardiner could ride trains for one-half fair. Theodore Livingston Gardiner, Memoranda 1883, 1884, 1885, Sept. 2, 1884.

4 Gardiner, Memoranda May 6, 1890-July 1892, Aug. 12, 21, 1890.

5 Ibid., Aug. 24, 1890; Corliss Fitz Randolph, A History of Seventh Day Baptists in West Virginia, pp. 356-7.

6 Gardiner, Memoranda May 6, 1890-July 1892, July 5, 1890.

7 Randolph, p. 116.

8 T. Edward Davis in an interview with Dorothy Davis, June 14, 1976.

9 Gardiner, Memoranda May 6, 1890-July 1892, Oct. 5, 1890.

10 Randolph, pp. 371-3.

11 Gardiner, Memoranda May 6, 1890-July 1892, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 1890.

12 Ibid., Dec. 5, 23, 24, 1890; Jan. 1, 2, 3, 1891. This was the first pregnancy of Hannah Barnes Gardiner whom Gardiner had married Sept. 2, 1889. Two daughters by Gardiner had been born to Emily Place Gardiner whom Gardiner married July 31, 1869, and who died July 27, 1888. Gardiner paid each doctor who attended his wife in 1891 fifteen dollars for his work. He paid Hiram Wilson \$6.50 "for casket and service in burying our little bebe." Ibid., Jan 13, 16, 1891.

Gardiner borrowed a horse to travel over "terribly muddy roads" to preach at the Greenbriar Church on Feb. 2 and Feb. 3, 1891, tried "to go cross lots" returning and arrived home "feet wet and almost frozen." In March on Sabbaths he preached at Salem in the morning, walked to Buckeye Run to preach in the afternoon, and to Flint Run to preach in the evening. A parishioner lent him a horse to return home.<sup>13</sup> He called a church meeting in April to consider building a parsonage. He drew up plans for a house estimated to cost \$832 and on June 7 held a "scraper all day grading for house" and on June 18 "worked in stone quarry drawing stone all day." The carpenters began work June 28, parishioners staged a lathing bee during the day of July 26, and Professor Maxson and Gardiner continued work the same evening to finish lathing the dining room.<sup>14</sup>

On Aug. 17 Gardiner sent his wife and daughter off from Grafton on a train to Alfred, N. Y., where the two would visit, and he went east with S. L. Maxson to attend the conference of the denomination in Westerly, R. I. In his diary entry for Aug. 24 after writing "started home on night boat", he remarked: "Ernest Randolph in state room with me."<sup>15</sup> He stopped in Philadelphia on the way home, visited Independence Hall and John Wanamaker's store, and purchased wallpaper for the Salem parsonage. He spent the first week in September painting and papering and on Sept. 22 "moved into the new house." In November after he had shingled the newly raised barn near the house and had planted 18 fruit trees and 3 grape vines, he wrote that he had contributed \$20.82 in cash and 65 days in labor on the parsonage.<sup>16</sup> Never again during his active years in Harrison County would he have time for a project which required long stints of manual labor.<sup>17</sup>

During the first months of 1892---in addition to carrying out the duties of his pastorate, helping with a weeks-long "Union" revival meeting in Salem, writing a history of the Salem Church<sup>18</sup>, and "all day making program for the state convention of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor" while he attended in March the W. Va. State Sunday School Convention in Parkersburg---Gardiner met night after night "until midnight" with men struggling with a crisis in the affairs of Salem College.<sup>19</sup> President Maxson who "did not know how to get along with West Virginia people" became so dissatisfied with opposition to his policies and failure of the board to pay the \$900 a year in salary promised him that he had resigned to accept a position at Broadus Institute in Clarksburg. The board sent off inquiries to two men to see if either would take the presidency. Gardiner agreed to solicit the money needed to keep the school open.<sup>20</sup>

As a delegate to the Associations of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination meeting in 1892 in Westerly, R. I., Plainfield, N. J., Genesee, N. Y., and Milton, Wis., Gardiner caught the train east on May 31. He traveled to the meetings on an expense account totaling \$49.52, met his wife and daughter in Alfred, N. Y., and took side trips to Shiloh, N. J., New York City, and Washington, D. C., which cost him in his own funds \$72.85 and was back in Salem on July 26 with more than \$1000 given by Easterners to meet operating expenses of Salem College.

Gardiner, "glad to be home", caught the afternoon train on the day he arrived in Salem for Parkersburg, where he preached a sermon at 9:30 in the morning on July 27 at the W. Va. state convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; he caught the 3:43 train home and "sat up till midnight talking over college matters." Gardiner had solved the financial crisis of the college, but the two men invited to take the presidency of the college had both refused the offer.<sup>21</sup>

The board of Salem College asked Theodore Gardiner on Aug. 4, 1892, to become president of the school. He resigned his pastorate<sup>22</sup> on Aug. 19 and left for Nortonville, Kan., for a church conference. He started home on Aug. 29 to open the college: "God only knows how reluctantly I

13 Ibid., Feb 2, 3, 28, Mar. 10, 11, 1891. Greenbriar Church was 6 miles south of Salem; Buckeye, 6 miles west; Flint, 8 miles west. All were in Doddridge County.

14 Ibid., Apr. 5, 7, 21, June 7, 18, 28, July 1, 21-24, 26, 27, 1891.

15 Ibid., Aug. 17, 18, 24, 1891. Ernest Randolph was the father of Jennings Randolph, U. S. Senator from West Virginia 1958-

16 Ibid., Aug. 25, Sept. 7-11, 22, Nov. 1-4, 18, 19, 1891. The house stands in 1976 at 8 Woodhill Terrace in Salem.

17 The well dug near the parsonage in 1893 cost \$127.68: labor, \$73.32; dynamite, \$1.65; powder, fuses, caps, \$8.21; sharpening drills, \$1.00; glass for windows, \$1.50; lumber, .30; bucket, .50; chain, .50; windlass, .65; plaster Paris, .45; rope, .75; trips to Clarksburg, \$1.80; tin tube, .35; strap, .20; Hawker Hardware, \$1.50. "This is cash cost of well aside from tiling which cost \$35.00." Gardiner, Memoranda 1893, Oct. 5, 1893.

18 History of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church arrived in Salem from the printer on Aug. 15, 1892: cost \$19.00, freight \$1.00. Gardiner, Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, Aug. 15, 1892.

19 Gardiner, Memoranda May 6, 1890-July 1892, Mar. 22, 24, Apr. 14, May 17, 24, 1892.

20 Wilbur Morrison, "Salem College Indebted to Rev. Theo L. Gardiner for Its Very Existence", Sunday Exponent-Telegram, Clarksburg, W. Va., Sept. 21, 1930.

21 Gardiner, Memoranda May 6, 1890-July 1892, May 31, June 27, July 12, 26, 27, 1892; Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, Aug. 1, 8, 1892.

22 Ibid., Aug. 4, 19, 1892. Instead of calling a new minister, the church asked Gardiner to preach a sermon each week as "acting" pastor for \$200 a year and use of the parsonage. He served the church on a part-time basis Sept. 1, 1892-June 30, 1893; Sept. 1, 1893-April 1, 1894; June 9, 1895-Dec. 31, 1895. And he was preaching again in December 1896 after a minister had resigned.

Gardiner, Memoranda 1893, Mar. 26, June 24, July 1, 1893; Memoranda 1894-Aug. 1895, Aug. 25, Dec. 15, 1894, Apr. 2, 1895; Memoranda Sept. 1895-1896, Dec. 5, 31, 1896.

enter upon this work. I succumb to the inevitable. There is no other way for me to go to save the school. The chasm must be bridged. How sad that Prof. Maxson could not have stayed... Why could he not have seen the mistake he was making in time to save all his trouble.<sup>23</sup> I can only accept this work for one year with the privilege of deciding as to permanent work later. I would rather preach.<sup>24</sup> On Sept. 7 he delivered a speech "The Book We Study" before the Harrison County Sunday School Convention meeting in Shinnston, where he stayed overnight "at Mr. Harmer's with Mr. Boughner."<sup>25</sup>

Gardiner enrolled students early in September for the "fall term" which ran until the end of November.<sup>26</sup> He taught English Literature and rhetoric.<sup>27</sup> The college had in 1892 at least four other teachers, one instructing in mathematics; one, English, history, and Latin; one, history and Greek; and another, music. A total of 151 students were enrolled during the 1892/1893 school year.<sup>28</sup> Gardiner ordered from publishers textbooks to sell at cost to the students; solicited students: "wrote to students all day, nearly"; hired teachers; disciplined students: "Trouble over attempted arrest of one student; stepping on cowcatcher of an engine; settled it up for him"<sup>29</sup>; arranged for advertisements of the school<sup>30</sup>; preached the baccalaureate sermon, presided over commencement followed by a drama in the evening where he was "literally overwhelmed by the crowd; many had to go away; receipts \$97.48." The same day Gardiner received \$25 in salary from the church and donated \$25 to Salem College.<sup>31</sup>

Joseph Rosier<sup>32</sup> and Gardiner left on July 5, 1893, for the W. Va. State Educational Meeting in Huntington; on July 12 Gardiner, back in Salem, stated that he had ridden on horseback "over 50 miles since yesterday at 9:30 a.m. soliciting students"; and on July 18 Gardiner spent the entire day at the Teachers' Institute in Clarksburg before boarding the afternoon train to go to Plainfield, N. J., and Westerly, R. I., to solicit funds for his school.<sup>33</sup>

Three events Gardiner did not miss: the annual conference of his religious denomination; any exposition or fair anywhere; and public appearances of famous people if he could possibly travel to the sites where the appearances were scheduled.<sup>34</sup> Gardiner arrived in Salem Aug. 12, 1893, after being away longer than he had intended because he had gone from Westerly to Nile, N. Y., for the funeral of his stepmother; he attended to college business, hoed his garden, and left Aug. 15 for Chicago, where he attended the Chicago Fair six days, Aug. 17-22, and preached once in the Chicago church of his denomination before catching the train for Milton, Wis., for a week's stay at the conference of his church.<sup>35</sup>

He opened school the last week in August and left, with Joseph Rosier, on Sept. 6, 1893, for Lumberport where Gardiner spoke at the Harrison County Sunday School Convention. The two "stayed all night with Mr. Horner, the miller" and ate dinner on Sept. 7 "with Mr. Boggess." On Sept. 17 Gardiner went "to Clarksburg on cars and preached twice at 11 and 7:30 [in the Baptist Church]. All night at H. D. Boughner's. Boughner gave me one dollar for my services. It paid my R. R. fare

23 S. L. Maxson did not remain long at Broadus Institute.

24 Gardiner, Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, Aug. 29, Sept. 1, 1892.

25 Ibid., Sept. 7, 8, 1892. When Gardiner spoke on Sept. 1, 1897, at a county Sunday School convention in Shinnston, he stayed "at Mrs. Lucas's, the mother of Walter Lowe." Memoranda 1897-1898, Sept. 1, 1897.

26 A "winter" term ran from Dec. 1 to mid-March; a "spring" term began in March and ended in June.

27 At various times between 1892 and 1906 Gardiner also taught logic, physics, moral science, and psychology.

28 Randolph, pp. 379-80, 382.

29 Gardiner, Memoranda 1893, Jan. 29, Mar. 20, Apr. 12, 1893.

30 Ibid., June 29, 1893. He paid \$2.00 per month for an advertisement in the Clarksburg Telegram and \$2.50 for three months for an advertisement in the Clarksburg News.

31 Ibid., June 7, 1893.

32 Student in Salem College 1893; superintendent Harrison County Schools 1893-5; principal Normal Department Salem College 1894-6; superintendent Fairmont, W. Va., City Schools, 1900-1915; president Fairmont State College 1915-1941; president National Education Association; U. S. Senator 1941-1943.

33 Gardiner, Memoranda 1893, July 5, 12, 18, 1893.

34 Gardiner attended the Chicago World Fair in August 1893; the Atlanta Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia, in December 1896; the Omaha Exposition, Omaha, Neb., in August 1898; the Buffalo Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y., in 1901; and the World's Fair in St. Louis, Mo., in 1904. He attended Lieut. Peary's lecture on his Arctic Expedition in New York City and the inauguration of President McKinley, both in 1897. He left Oct. 1, 1899, with a student, Moses VanHorn, for Washington "to attend the Dewey celebration". Next day the two visited "Pension Building, U. S. Capitol, Congressional Library, Treasury, White House, Cyclorama, Agriculture Department, Smithsonian

Institution, and Mount Vernon during the day and attended the Dewey reception in the evening. Next day they attended the presentation of a sword to Dewey by the Secretary of Navy and President McKinley, watched a grand parade and went for a tour of Arlington National Cemetery. They caught the evening train for Salem and next morning attended classes and chapel where President Gardiner described the Dewey celebration to the students. Gardiner, Memoranda Sept. 1895-1896, Dec. 20-22, 1895; Memoranda 1897-Dec. 4, 1898, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 1897, Aug. 16-19, 1898; Memoranda Dec. 5, 1898-Oct. 1900, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1899; Memoranda Nov. 1900-Oct. 8, 1902, July 15, 16, 18, Aug. 25, 26, 27, 1901; Memoranda Oct. 9, 1902-Aug. 2, 1905, Aug. 16-23, 1904.

35 Gardiner, Memoranda 1893, Aug. 12, 15, 17-22, 23, 1893.

and I had 30¢ left. 15¢ per sermon"; and again on Nov. 12: "went to Clarksburg; preached twice at Baptist Church; dinner at Ebert House. All night at H. D. Boughner's. Pay own expenses and get nothing."<sup>36</sup>

Gardiner moved aggressively to achieve any goal he set. Being a man who never passed through a city without visiting the bookstores, Gardiner straight off looked for a space in Salem College for a library. In Oct. 1893 he "moved piano downstairs and divided business dept. making music room of middle east room in college...wheeled stove from college to Will Leonard's [blacksmith] shop for repairs and spent most of evening blacking it and setting it up. Leonard charged 75¢." With the piano off the top floor, he had a quiet, isolated spot for books: "Jesse F. Randolph gave me set of old store shelves for college library; cut and fit them into the belfrey room back of college." He began to build a collection of books: "Received 4 volumes history ancient, modern, prehistoric for college; Huffman [a clergyman] and I pay for it and present it---\$11...sent to New York for books: Story of Earth and Man, Cotter's Saturday Night, Gray's Elegy, Deserted Village, Faerie Queen." He stocked the Encyclopedia Britannica by paying from his own funds a \$3 installment each month; he persuaded a man in Westerly, R. I., to buy a 16-vol. set of Appleton's New American Encyclopedia for the library.<sup>37</sup> He begged books from people in the East and in the North, books which arrived steadily in boxes and barrels at the freight station in Salem.<sup>38</sup> By the fall of 1894 he had so many books that he "worked in library listing books" constantly for two days and then began "making closet in library for apparatus." On Sept. 30, 1894, he realized that his room in the belfrey was too small; "moved library downstairs."<sup>39</sup>

Gardiner began to equip the school. He purchased 1 dozen chairs in Jan. 1894 "and had them charged to me [Gardiner]." He paid 25¢ for lumber and made two tables for typewriters. He had one secondhand typewriter for which he had paid \$30. He met the "typewriter man" at the hotel in Salem but could not pay the price the man asked for a new machine. So he wrote his Westerly, R. I., friend Edgar Cottrill, owner of a factory that manufactured printing presses, who managed to get for the college a Remington typewriter for half price.<sup>40</sup> The "apparatus" for which he made a closet was to be used in his physics classes. Gardiner paid \$100 for it at Queen and Co. in Philadelphia in July 1894 when, as usual, he stopped in the showrooms of the company while in the East. This may be the reason for building the cabinet: "Sept. 17, 1894: Apparatus too damp to work and had to postpone class in physics."<sup>41</sup>

Inspired by the work of his old teacher Jonathan Allen of Alfred University, Gardiner thought a college must have a museum. In areas he traveled he went "geologizing" to pick up interesting stones and Indian artifacts.<sup>42</sup> When visiting Atlanta, Ga., in Dec. 1895, he "walked along Sherman's old breastworks by the hour" and "found war relics" to lug back home to his museum in the college. Whenever he had a free day in Salem he "marked books for the library and worked in cabinet classifying and labeling specimens."<sup>43</sup> A log of a vacation with his wife to Webster Springs in 1895 shows his interest in geology:

June 10	Leave with Hannah for Webster Springs.	July 14	Off in mountains in search of rocks.
July 1	Cowen and stay all night.	15	A Mrs. Snyder sick with miscarriage at our hotel; came for Hannah at 2:30 a.m.
2	15 miles' ride over mountains to Addison <sup>44</sup> ; arrange for board at Bennett House for \$4.50 a week.		Packed stone specimens. Hannah taking care of sick woman's little child.
3	Go fishing.	17	Go fishing with Hannah.
4	Write letters.	18	Go to Mr. Bee's on the Gauley; all night there.
5	Go fishing.	22	Start from Addison in noon hack; reach Cowen at 6 p.m.; go to Camden-on-Gauley by train. Stay all night at Esker Mearns'.
7	Preach for the Baptist Church.	23	Searching for geological specimens.
8	Go geologizing; get fossils.	24	Take morning train to Lost Creek. <sup>45</sup>
9	Hannah and I go fishing.		

He was close to his students. The literature class came to his study in the evening "to read Walter Scott's works"; before commencement and after days and days of doing little but correcting

36 Ibid., Sept. 6, 7, 17; Nov. 12, 1893. Gardiner "preached twice [each Sunday] for Ed Garrett" at the Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport on Sept. 2, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18, 1894, and on April 25 and Dec. 19, 1897. When in Bridgeport he stayed overnight either at "Mr. Duncan's" or "Dr. Late's". He did not comment on the pay he received for preaching in Bridgeport.

37 Gardiner, Memoranda 1893, Oct. 3, 22, 23, 26, Dec. 18, 1893; Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, Dec. 29, 1894.

38 "Books came from Y.P.S.C.E. of Plainfield---283 volumes in all...20 boxes of books from Alfred [Y.]---213 volumes." Memoranda 1893, Dec. 13, 1893; Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, Feb. 14, 1894.

39 Ibid., Sept. 21, 23, 25, 30, 1894.

40 Ibid., Jan. 3, 10, 14, 23, Feb. 14, 1894. "Received word from Edgar Cottrill Remington typewriter for College, \$95; firm threw off \$25 and Edgar paid \$20; balance for us to pay \$50."

41 Ibid., July 21, Sept. 17, 1894. On June 14, 1894, Gardiner went from Plainfield into New York City "to get diplomas for college; engaged 100 for \$30." On July 10, 1894, Gardiner was in Philadelphia "all day buying maps and charts for school."

42 Once he traveled miles in New York City to pick up an Indian hammer a friend had offered to give his museum. Gardiner, Memoranda 1897-Dec. 4, 1898, Feb. 22, 1897.

43 Ibid., Mar. 8, 1897.

44 Webster Springs is the name of the post office; Addison is the official name of the municipality.

45 Gardiner, Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, June 30-July 24, 1895.

orations, he staged "rehearsals early and late" when he took students to a grove near the college where to be heard they must speak in an oratorical fashion. When students had problems, he helped: "Went to Jane Lew [Oct. 16, 1894] with one of the students---George Neeley who is sick; threatened with fever. Home on 4 p.m. train 1 hour late; expenses \$1.75."<sup>46</sup> Of course, differences between "town and gown" popped up: "Appeared before the mayor in behalf of John Williams, a student provoked by boys. He struck one. Paid fine of \$2.35. Students at the college made it all up and paid it back to me."<sup>47</sup> If he knew a student needed financial help, Gardiner dipped into the tuition fund<sup>48</sup> that he had established to pay school fees. He distributed clothing sent him by churches in the East.<sup>49</sup>

Any man who loves machines is excited when he sees a new one, especially if it is a vehicle. Three days after arriving in Plainfield, N. J., on June 16, 1894, Gardiner had his first ride on a bicycle. He wrote in his diary on returning to his Uncle's house: "Tired boy." Two days later he and his brother-in-law "went to Bound Brook fishing...took bicycles on train and wheeled out to fishing grounds and back." The following December he sold "Nellie [his horse] for cash, saddle, bridle and all for \$50." and on May 25, 1895, he "rode wheel to Buckeye; communion services" and everywhere else he went in good weather until June 20, 1896, when "to ride wheel to Sardis; it broke; took train; met with horse. Preached in Baptist Church; dinner with Mr. Ogden. F. E. Ashburn took me to train."<sup>50</sup>

In addition to speaking at county teachers' institutes throughout northcentral W. Va., Gardiner was present whenever the W. Va. State Educational Association convened. Between trains enroute to Charleston in June 1896 to attend the state meeting of educators, he "hired a rowboat [in Parkersburg] and rowed to Blennerhassett [Island]...returned in time for train at 9:30." He had with him an application to present the State Board of Examiners who, when he met with them in Charleston where he stayed at the Hotel Ruffner for \$2 a day, "readily admitted students graduating from Salem College to be certified for teaching on the "same footing as graduates from State Normals and the State University." Gardiner's comments on the celebration which followed the inauguration of President Raymond at West Virginia University in October 1897 are interesting: "Too bad for a university to have a dance hall in connection with her chapel...big dance last night...inaugural closed with a great football game---brutal game. Great college work this!" Gardiner attended the National Education Association meeting in Washington in 1898, when he found time to "run about the city [on a wheel]...look into President's church...visit Smithsonian and National Museum" and hear "a speech by Dr. Draper."<sup>51</sup>

Gardiner bought a magic lantern as soon as the mechanism came on the market. Two days before commencement in 1898 he tried "arranging for gas in magic lantern", but returned to carbide as a fuel to light the glass slides for a magic lantern show of war scenes in Cuba in the evening following commencement: "tremendous crowds; door fees \$87.85", all of which went into the library fund. He traveled throughout Harrison and surrounding counties "to exhibit war scenes"; he split door fees with the sponsors of the lantern show: "[Professor] Clawson and I go to Bridgeport to exhibit war scenes; took in \$16; after expenses \$7 for library fund." Sometimes his trips added little to the library fund: "Go to Sardis; walk across lots from Wilsonburg and carry apparatus; [next day] walk back; no one could be found to carry apparatus. After hotel bill at Sardis and half the hall fee, we had just 90¢ left." <sup>52</sup>

The boom years of the petroleum industry in Salem were a blessing in that they relieved Gardiner from the constant need to solicit funds for the college.<sup>53</sup> But the battle to run out of Salem the speakeasies, houses of prostitution, and "gamblers' dens" that sprang up circa 1901 filled every hour Gardiner was not in the classroom. He swore out warrants in Clarksburg Jan. 4, 1901, for "gamblers and liquor sellers." He and Ernest Randolph started for Charleston Feb. 7, 1901, to fight a bill in the legislature which would make legal the licensing of saloons in Salem. He and other "drys" hired on Mar. 14 Harvey W. Harmer as their counsel and to stop the voice of "the wets" bought the Salem Herald for \$4,000 on Dec. 14, 1901, two hours before fire broke out in the printing offices and destroyed the entire business section of the town. Two days later "the drys" arranged for the Clarksburg News to print their paper; on Dec. 22, Gardiner "nailed up door in college basement as precaution against incendiary or dynamite friends"; on Dec. 23, "went to Clarksburg; called on Ed Law and Lawyer Snyder"; on Dec. 26, "went to Bridgeport to see Mr. Faris of county court. Dr. Late loaned me a horse. Am now able to counteract the influence of the

46 Gardiner, Memoranda 1893, Nov. 16, 1893; Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, Oct. 16, 1894; May 28, June 5-6, 1895. Neeley was back in Salem the next April: "Geo. Neeley came back to ask me to baptize hom...baptize Neeley; working on [college] catalogue." Ibid., Apr. 27, 28, 1895.

47 Ibid., Mar. 29, 1895.

"Paid tuitions of 7 out of tuition fund given by G. S. Greenman and J. F. Hubbard." Ibid., Sept. 12, 1894.

49 "Box of clothing from Ashaway [R.I.] for distribution." Gardiner, Memoranda 1897-Dec. 4, 1898, Dec. 1, 1897.

50 Gardiner, Memoranda Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895, June 18, 20, Dec. 6, 1894; Apr. 22, May 1, 25, 1895; Memoranda Sept. 1895-1896, June 20, 1896.

51 Ibid., June 30, July 1, 2, 1896; Memoranda 1897-Dec. 4, 1898, Oct. 14, 1897; July 6-10, 1898.

52 Ibid., June 7, 8, 15, Oct. 15, 1898; Memoranda Dec. 5, 1898-Oct. 1900, Mar. 9, 10, 1899.

53 When the treasury was empty in Jan. 1897, Gardiner left his classes, went East and solicited a total of \$867.36 for the college. In Plainfield his uncle gave him \$25 "to buy new clothes"; his brother-in-law went with him to New York City and added \$9 to the uncle's gift: "I have a nice suit." Gardiner, Memoranda 1897-Dec. 4, 1898, Feb. 3, 19, Mar. 5, 1897. In 1904 Gardiner reported that in 9½ years he had solicited for Salem College funds totaling \$30,000. Gardiner, Memoranda Oct. 9, 1902-Aug 2, 1905, Mar. 13, 1904.

campaign lie about court's assurance of license in Salem in case liquor ticket carries. No truth in it"; Dec. 27, "Telegraphed Mr. Nathan Babcock, New London, Conn., to send new [newspaper] press." On New Year's Day 1902 the "Methodist preacher assaulted on the street [in Salem]", one day before Gardiner recorded: "Liquor ticket elected [in Salem]." On Jan. 3, 1902, Gardiner "went with large delegation to see sheriff to plead protection for Salem. Walked from Clarksburg to Bridgeport to Institute; lectured in evening." Gardiner addressed a prohibition rally at the Harrison County Courthouse Nov. 3, 1902, two days before an election in Salem put into office "the drys": "Right has triumphed over wrong. the 'ring' is defeated. Good! Good!" Still pending was the bill in the legislature for a new city charter for Salem. It took a trip to Charleston by Gardiner, D. G. Powell, Ernest Randolph, Jesse Randolph, and George Trainer to defeat the bill.<sup>54</sup>

On November 21, 1905, Theodore Gardiner resigned as president of Salem College. Opposition to his decision came from the same source that had opposed his coming to Salem in 1890: "Preston Randolph called to labor with me about going away from Salem. He applied S. S. lesson on Nehemiah's wall building to my case and said Neh. would not leave his work to go into the temple, not even to save his life."<sup>55</sup> Gardiner accepted a call to be the minister of a church in North Loup, Neb., stayed there one year, and moved to Plainfield, N. J., to be the editor of The Sabbath Recorder, official organ of his religious denomination. Once when he was in his eighties he traveled by train from Plainfield to Pennsboro, W. Va., and was met by friends who drove him to Berea, W. Va., to a church meeting. After he had alighted from the automobile, a young boy picked up his traveling bag. Dr. Gardiner said: "Put it down; when the time comes that I cannot carry my valise, I shall stop."<sup>56</sup> Theodore Gardiner broke stride at the age of eighty-seven when he resigned his editorship in Plainfield<sup>57</sup>; he stopped at the age of ninety-four when he died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, in Lost Creek, W. Va., July 3, 1938.

<sup>54</sup> Gardiner, Memoranda Nov. 1900-Oct. 8, 1902, Jan 4, Feb. 7, Mar. 14, Dec. 13-27, 1901; Jan 1-3, 1902; Memoranda Oct. 9, 1902-Aug. 2, 1905, Nov. 3, 5, 1902; Jan. 23-28, Feb. 2, 10, 1903.

<sup>55</sup> Gardiner, Memoranda Aug. 3, 1905-Dec. 3, 1907, Nov. 21, Dec. 2, 1905.

<sup>56</sup> Sanford Randolph in an interview with Dorothy Davis June 19, 1976.

<sup>57</sup> "Testimonial Dinner Tendered to the Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner, D.D., editor, The Sabbath Recorder 1907-1931 on His Eighty-Seventh Birthday by the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, April 15, 1931, Plainfield, New Jersey."

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  - May 6, 1890-July 1892
  - Aug.-Dec. 1892; 1894-Aug. 1895
  - 1893
  - Sept. 1895-1896
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