

The Sabbath Recorder

“So built we the wall;
 for the people
 had a mind to work.”

—Nehemiah 4: 6.

THE DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING
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DEAR FRIEND: If you would be useful and helpful while you live, and come down to the end at peace with man and God, you must have some ideal higher than getting and saving money for self. It needs only a look at the noblest men who have fallen asleep in the past to see how feeble in them was the love of money, and how strong was their love for the good, the true, and the beautiful. Riches have not woven many wreaths of honor for men who have lived for money. But humility of soul and high spiritual qualities that have made men true helpers of their fellows and loyal supporters of the cause of Christ have enthroned many in the hearts of their fellow men.

Better lend a helping hand for Christ and the Church as the days and years go by, than to allow love of money to clip the wings of the soul, and to allow the Church to suffer from want of means which you are able to give. To squeeze your money until death's door is reached, and, when you can keep it no longer, to bequeath it to the cause that has needed it so long, may seem too much like a final effort to atone for the wasted opportunities of a lifetime. This course would also rob you of the joy of seeing the good your money does while you are alive. DO IT NOW.

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Our Father and our God, we look to thee with a sense of special need of help, as we begin our plans for one more year in thy service. Give to us all the needed grace and strength for the work which thou hast committed to our care. Retain our interest in the kingdom of God on earth, and help us to do what we can as thy stewards for the advancement of true religion among men. Give us the Christlike spirit of co-operation and fellowship which alone can bring us the victory, and enable us to do our best for thee. Help us to put away the spirit of strife and may we be united in the most helpful services for the salvation of men. Make us indeed the light of the world regarding thy holy Sabbath day. Give needed grace to exemplify the precepts which we believe and advocate. In Jesus' name. Amen.

keep the matter well in hand all the year through.

Please do not wait until the year is half gone before making the first move. If all our dear churches will rally around the standard bearers and in a systematic way keep up their tithes and offerings for the Lord's great work, this year will make a showing that will make everybody glad.

Let us pray and work together for the success of the cause we all love. God grant that pulpits and pews throughout the land may unite in enthusiastic, self-sacrificing service for a completed budget before the General Conference in 1929.

"Now Is the Accepted Time." Do It Now "First Things First" editorial you will readily see how "Do It Now" comes naturally as the next thought. The great law of progress has always emphasized the todays of life. When we keep saying, "I mean to do so and so sometime," and yet do nothing today toward the desired end, we are practically defeating any forward movement.

We overwork the future in our hopes, but leave the present empty, forgetting that the future does not create nor bring progress. It only receives just what we have put into it by using the present. Thus a barren present means an empty future. The present is the eventful day; and if today is merely loaded down with things we intend to do, then tomorrow will be nothing more than today carried forward. Strong and clear are the arguments prompting us to *do it now*.

Then, dear friends, if we really wish to see our Onward Movement budget completed by next August, we must be doing our share day by day as the days go by. "By the street called By and by you will reach the house called Never." Empty and do-nothing days will surely bring an empty and worthless future. The sooner all our churches get busy in this good, systematic work, the surer will we be of a worthy and successful ending for this Conference year.

First Things First In this issue we are giving the Onward Movement, as it regards all our boards, the full right of way. Since the success with them all depends entirely upon the co-operation of the churches, and since we believe that the people of the denomination are going to respond heartily in their efforts to make this year's record a commendable one, just as soon as they understand the needs, it seems necessary to tell everybody all about the matter at the very first opportunity.

By "First Things First" we mean that the cause of our God should stand first in our affections and purposes if we are loyal to Christ and the Church. The spirit of true service in spiritual things and a willingness to support as best we can the blessed work for which God holds us responsible, should have the first place in our hearts. Such loyalty will bring blessings to our homes and loved ones, to our church and denomination, and to the world wherever our influence is felt.

Then, the first essential to success is to become acquainted with the needs—to *understand the situation*. So we are laying before you all the information available, trusting that you will carefully study the case and be moved thereby to begin early and

Cheering Evidence of the Christ Spirit Many times since we assembled in the General Conference at Riverside, Calif., have I been cheered by the blessed spirit revealed by the two little poems published on pages four and five of the Conference program.

The one by Brother N. O. Moore, is an expression of "California's Welcome" to delegates and friends from the far East and the middle West, who crossed the "Great American Desert" to unite in a seven days' convocation on the religious work of the year, and on plans for the year to come.

Some way I can not help feeling that the movement which brought together the Christian workers of our churches from the Atlantic to the Pacific was most timely, and one which must greatly strengthen the bonds which make us one people.

Here is "California's Welcome," by Brother Moore:

Mountain and desert, palm tree and pine,
Canyons where cataracts roar,
Vine-covered bungalows nestling in bowers,
Ocean and wide-sweeping shore—

Cool sparkling mornings and bright sunny days,
Evening's mysterious delight,
Perfumes of orange groves filling the air,
Mockingbirds singing all night—

These are the pleasures we offer to you,
Friends, from wherever you come;
Pleasures we want you to share and enjoy—
Sharing them doubles their sum.

Welcome to all that we have to give,
From Nature, or Industry's gain;
Come and enjoy life here with us,
Come and forever remain.

The "RESPONSE" was written by Rev. Clayton A. Burdick, of Westerly, R. I., president of the Missionary Board, and pastor of one of our oldest New England churches. Thus the hand of loving Christian fellowship and of mutual helpfulness is stretched across the entire continent in the spirit of genuine unity.

The younger church—in some sense a child of missions—on the sunny shores of the Pacific, gladly welcomes friends from the mother churches of New England and intervening states, to a week of fellowship in which early friendships are renewed and new acquaintances are formed. In response Brother Burdick, the representative of the mother churches, though not able to attend himself, writes:

Not now as searchers for your veins of gold,
Nor yet to sift the gravel of your mountain streams,
Nor those who melt the rocks, their riches to unfold
To fill the longings of our selfish dreams.

Nor still as those, who force the heavy drill
Down through the bosom of "Old Mother Earth,"
And cause the lakes that lie beneath to spill
What she had safely hidden since her birth.

Not only to lift up our eyes unto the hills,
That raise their hoary, rugged heads on high
Though they reveal to us his love, who fills
With wondrous beauty, earth and sea and sky.

Nor then our worldly riches to increase,
Nor fill our store with fruitage from the mine,
Nor stake a claim and settle where we please
As did the ones who came in "49."

But we had heard that, somewhere in your land,
There could be found a pearl of greatest worth:
A pearl, which, held in any Christian's hand,
Was of more value than aught else on earth.

We have not come to barter for this gem,
Or to despoil you of its value great,
But well we know that of the race of men
Each one may have a part in his estate.

And we would like to join ourselves with you,
To make this treasure known to every heart,
So rich, so wonderful, and so helpful too,
If of its glory each can share a part.

The spirit manifested in these poems will bring untold blessings to our beloved cause. It will make us a strong, united people, in every deed the light of the world. May it ever increase.

I am sure that untold blessings must result from the seven days of spiritual convocation we all enjoyed in Riverside. And this spirit of consecration will surely make this year glorious in its Onward Movement progress.

Editorial Notes We are glad to see in the *Loyalist* of North Loop, Neb., a statement that our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Orel Van Horn, whose home was destroyed by the storm, are alive and well.

A note by Mrs. Van Horn to her brother says: "We are still alive after the terrible storm. The whole community is homeless. We all went onto a barge. Will get to town as soon as possible to get Red Cross help. Saved a few clothes in our grips."

This is sad news for the many friends of this loyal couple of lone Sabbath keepers, and we know that many will wish to lend a helping hand in their time of need.

We can but sympathize with those who protest, in various religious papers and otherwise, against the publication of the very extremist writings by the most heterodox of so-called modernists, and then, either by implication or by direct charge, to classify all who have liberal views as belonging to the same extreme class. Such a representation is untrue and unjust. No wonder that excellent Christians do object to being thus classified with atheists and skeptics.

GROUP CONFERENCES

WILLARD D. BURDICK, GENERAL SECRETARY

In 1922 the General Conference adopted the following recommendation of the Commission:

"We recommend that a definite date be set for an annual every member canvass in all our churches; that this date be the first week in November, and that all the forces of the denomination be centered on the question of stewardship and our financial obligation to the kingdom, for one month previous to the date of the canvass."

More and more the churches are following out this recommendation and making their annual canvass for the Denominational Onward Movement Budget in November, and are devoting the months of September and October to the consideration of denominational activities and preparation for the annual canvass.

Ten years ago the Commission, in its annual report, speaking of its limitations, mentioned "a lack on the part of the members of the Commission of an intimate knowledge of the various activities in which the General Conference is supposed to engage."

This lack of intimate knowledge of our denominational activities is very general and hinders proper moral and financial support of the work of the various boards.

Recognizing this fact, our Commission authorized the general secretary to hold group conferences at various points in the denomination, to which pastors and other workers should be invited and where the work of each of the boards should be taken up for study and free discussion. This plan was formulated with the hope and expectation that the representatives shall return

to their churches and give information about the work and the needs of the boards, increase interest and enthusiasm for the work, and help in organizing for adequate moral and financial support of the denominational program.

On my return from the General Conference I began to secure from board representatives and from annual reports material that would enable me to bring the programs of our boards to the attention of those attending these group conferences. As mimeograph copies were to be made for the use of the representatives it was necessary to condense the material into quite brief outlines which served as foundations for full discussions and explanations of the work.

That all readers of the *SABBATH RECORDER* may have access to these outlines I am making them the main part of this special Onward Movement number of the *SABBATH RECORDER*. Readers will be helped in understanding these programs of our boards by reading the annual reports, some of which I refer to in references noted.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

REV. CLAUDE L. HILL

In an old book that was given me I find an article written by some Seventh Day Baptist under the subject, "The Future." Although written thirty-six years ago, it seems to apply today, and I take the liberty of quoting it quite freely, for its truth and its challenge rings true. "Many of us believe that the divine providence is offering Seventh Day Baptists a grand work to do in the world . . . God in history, and in Providence, says, go forward! Are we willing to go, and do our part in conquering the world for Christ? The present is a kind of crisis in our history, a turning point, the nick of time. And by the manifested infinite love of God in offering redemption to men, we need to be made to realize more and more man's lost estate, and to know that our highest appointed mission is to publish far and near the great salvation. For this, our work in the world, glorious evangelism, we need first and most of all, more holiness before the Lord; to be made more meet for the Master's use.

All over the denomination there is needed greater unity of spirit, in purpose and organized endeavor. More money, largely increased offerings according to our prosperity; the wisest possible methods of carrying forward our work; more men and women called of God and equipped for highest service, who really believe in the word of the Lord and the possibilities of redeemed humanity—these are wanted for work at home and abroad.

"Should these necessary things be supplied, supplied at once, because the gospel is, today, so powerful, so much opposed, and so needed, the future would be bright with promise of growth and glory for the cause and kingdom of Christ."

For a number of years, now, calls have been coming to us from the home and foreign fields for service of all kinds. Our boards, and their secretaries have been faithfully laying these matters before the people in our church, associational, and Conference meetings. "The present is a kind of crisis, the nick of time. Shall we go Forward?"

Shall we build the school buildings in China? Shall we enter the open doors in foreign lands? Shall we undertake to put the men that are needed so badly, upon the home field? What about Jamaica and other points that are calling for help to meet the expanding demands? What are we going to do about the matter of the denominational building, and other problems that insist upon having an answer? These things constitute our program for the year we are just now passing through, and upon the way we answer them will depend quite largely the future of that part of the Master's kingdom in which Seventh Day Baptists are laboring.

There are many consecrated people among us who are earnestly wrestling with these problems, who are seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom and the courage that is only supplied from on high. We need today more than anything else, a spiritual awakening, a sense of dedication to God, a realization that we are called to "be laborers together with God." I feel, somehow, that if we could measure up to this high calling, the most of our other difficulties would solve themselves, and that the means and the men would be found to meet the demands now before us.

To this very end our Commission, our boards and our secretaries have labored, and for this year the present president of Conference calls upon all to lay aside everything that seems to separate, or to hinder, and to work together for the uplift of the kingdom.

The Commission, with the approval of Conference, has instituted this year a conference, or school of pastors and workers, to be held in every association. These schools are for the purpose of bringing to our people as quickly as possible our program for the year, and to make known the support required to carry on the work. Study the program with your pastor and his lay helper, ask him to keep before you our needs in this good work, and then in so far as possible respond with the help you are able to give. What would be the result if we should all do this? Why, my friends, if we should do this in a spirit of love and glad labor our next Conference session would be such a feast of good things that it would become epoch making in the history of our people. I know that there are prophets today who are saying that the resources of religion are not available for the problems of modern civilization, and some even doubt their existence. May the Lord deliver us from the depression of spirit that manifests itself in such hopelessness and confessed defeat!

We need a new grasp of faith, the kind of faith that will keep us strong and serene in the midst of this Mammon bought world, the kind of faith that is willing to assume a proportionate share of the burden, and carry it with a cheerful, uncomplaining spirit. When the people of God were in bondage in Babylon and the doors of captivity were opened for them and the way made possible for them to return, they said, the way that leads to Jerusalem is wilderness, there is no way there. It is desert with no streams or cooling springs, and the way is beset with ravenous beasts. Oh, for a heart like the heart of the prophet that sang: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the rose . . . The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water . . . And a highway shall be there and a way." Against the doubt and depression of this

time we need to press the fact that Jehovah has declared that the things the prophet visions shall be, that the backwash of disrespect, and disregard for things good and true, are the ravenous beasts that beset the pilgrim way, and that they must first be silenced before it can become a way of gladness and rejoicing. Then it is, the prophet declares, that the mountains, Carmel and Sharon, shall contribute their treasures to aid in the advancement of God's home-going people, that the wilderness shall become pools and the thirsty land, springs of water; and a way shall be opened to them. God stands ready to help today. It will not be the enemy from without that can defeat us, but rather the things that spring from within. We are called to service and the result will be determined by the kind of service given. Let us think of the friends and loved ones that are laboring in China, Jamaica, and Georgetown; of those that are giving their lives in consecrated service in the homeland. Let us, in our thinking, place alongside these the faithful members of our boards, the secretaries, our pastors and lay workers, our teachers, and vision them as the body of Christ, a body in which there should be nothing of harmful discord—a body where every member looks out for the good of the other, and where all together they work for the glory of God.

If in the year before us we will do these things, there will be joy in many lives—lives that today know only the bleakest desert experience. A way of holiness will be opened, and men that today see no light, that stumble in a darkened path that leads at last to destruction, will be singing songs of joy in the way of holiness. The people of God shall go up to Zion when the set of their faces is thitherward. It is ours to open the way, ours to discover the cooling springs and the sparkling pools of water; it is ours to lead others along the way that ends in union with the Divine—the way that makes for peace and harmony, humility and charity, a faith and love that can not be denied, and a life that knows no end. Could there be a greater or a more satisfying task? Is there any other enterprise in the world that has at its command such boundless resources? Is there a task more needy? No, a thousand times no. Then, brethren, let us lay aside every hindering influence that

springs from within, and pray the God of nations to make us sufficient for the hindrances from without; and all together working in harmony and love, accept the calls and tasks of the hour to which God has called us, and go forward in faith believing that God is sufficient for every need. Such service and such faith is the kind that God will not deny.

OUR DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM 1928 - 1929

"An organized body of believers in Christ is a church. As an organization it is quite independent, save as it shall elect, for purposes of fraternity and efficiency, to become a unit of a larger whole."—A. E. MAIN.

"Each local church is independent of every other in the Baptist group. All organizations of these local groups are formed only to promote common interests in the realms of missionary activity, philanthropy, and other practical enterprises." (A prominent Baptist.)

About the year 1664 Stephen Mumford, a Sabbath keeper, came from London to America. As there were no other Sabbath keepers in this country, he united with the Newport, R. I., Baptist Church.

Through his efforts others accepted the Sabbath, and on January 3, 1672, they organized the Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church.

During the next century other churches were organized in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. "For purposes of fraternity and efficiency" these churches established yearly meetings, and at length began to exchange fraternal greetings by letters and delegates. At length Elder Henry Clarke and the Brookfield Church asked the Rhode Island Yearly Meeting to lead the churches in an enlarged plan for the preaching of the gospel and the spread of the truth. This resulted in the organization of the General Conference, in 1802.

The churches thus organized became more and more interested in the spread of the gospel, and began plans for co-operative missionary work. This resulted in the organization of our Missionary Society in 1818. Because of their interest in the publica-

tion of denominational literature and the spread of Sabbath truth, they succeeded, after repeated efforts, in organizing a denominational society to promote this line of work. In the outline of the work of the American Sabbath Tract Society in this paper I have noted the patient efforts made by our people during many years to realize efficiency in this line of our work.

The same patient efforts to secure co-operative organizations to promote other activities that as Christians we were interested in, have resulted in organizing eight societies and boards. These are agents of the denomination and, as such, report to the General Conference. The program of any one of them is not the denominational program; it is only a part of the program, but it is an essential part. Our denominational program is the united program of all of the boards, and the General Conference.

Dr. J. C. Branch said at the close of the Milton group conference that he was going home with a message of love and courage and made in substance this statement: "I have always complained about the number of boards in the denomination, but that has all been taken out of me here. No one board could carry on all this work. The boards are all right."

The programs of all of our boards and that of the General Conference, united, make our denominational program. Let us all be united in our support of this program.

STATEMENT REGARDING WORK OF MISSIONARY BOARD

I. WORK NOW BEING CARRIED ON

China:		
J. W. Crofoot	\$1,600.00	Sec 1. Page 2
H. Eugene Davis	1,600.00	
H. Eugene Davis, children's allowance ...	800.00	
George Thorngate ..	1,600.00	
George Thorngate, children's allowance	400.00	
Susie M. Burdick ...	800.00	
Rosa W. Palmborg ..	800.00	
Grace I. Crandall	800.00	
Anna M. West	800.00	
Mabel L. West	400.00	
Incidentals	900.00	Sec 2. Page 2
Boys' School	500.00	
Traveling expenses ...	1,900.00	Sec 3. Page 2
	<u>\$12,900.00</u>	

American Tropics:		
Royal R. Thorngate ..	\$1,500.00	
Royal R. Thorngate, children's allowance.	200.00	
Royal R. Thorngate, employing native worker, etc.	300.00	
William A. Berry	120.00	
D. Burdett Coon	1,500.00	
H. Louis Mignott	600.00	
Traveling expenses ..	500.00	
	<u>4,720.00</u>	
Holland	1,250.00	
Home Field:		
Jackson Center, Ohio.	\$ 500.00	
Colorado field	500.00	Sec 4. Page 2
Southwestern field ...	2,300.00	Sec 5. Page 2
Detroit Church	500.00	Sec 6. Page 2
Northern Michigan field	300.00	
Little Prairie, Ark. ..	500.00	
Los Angeles, Calif. ...	600.00	
Fouke, Ark.	500.00	
Exeland, Wis.	200.00	
Syracuse, N. Y.	100.00	
West Edmeston, N. Y.	100.00	
Western Association ..	500.00	Sec 7. Page 2
Salemville, Pa.	300.00	
Ritchie, W. Va.	300.00	
Daytona, Fla.	100.00	
Traveling expenses ...	1,200.00	Sec 8. Page 2
Emergency Fund	180.00	Sec 9. Page 2
Contingency Fund ..	2,000.00	Sec 10. Page 3
	<u>10,680.00</u>	
Administration:		
Corresponding secretary	\$1,800.00	
Clerk hire for corresponding secretary ..	400.00	
Clerk hire for treasurer	400.00	
	<u>2,600.00</u>	
Total	<u>\$32,150.00</u>	

In addition to the above items the board has made appropriations for the following churches and items which are not now in operation because no one has been found to serve the fields:

Middle Island, W. Va. \$	400.00
Stonefort, Ill.	600.00
Iowa field	800.00
Northwestern Association, general missionary work	200.00
	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>

Regarding the above items, the following explanations may be made:

1. The appropriation for Mr. Crofoot, in part or whole, has been used for evangelistic work in China, though Mr. Crofoot has been in this country.
2. The item called "Incidentals," under

China, is likely to be much larger on account of the increased taxes on property; and the item entitled "Boys School" may need to be increased on account of the falling off of tuitions. In this connection it should be noted, however, that Doctor Crandall is not on full salary, and for a few months will not draw any salary.

3. The item for "Traveling Expenses," under China, is only an estimate, as the amount of this bill is never known till the end of the year.

4. The Colorado field is hoping to become self-supporting, but this is not likely to be brought about in the next few months, as Boulder is building a church.

5. The item entitled "Southwestern Field," under Home Field, includes the support of the general missionary, Ellis R. Lewis, and the appropriation for the Hammond field, which is \$800.00, it being understood that the pastor at Hammond do general missionary work also.

6. The appropriation for the Detroit Church has been \$1,350.00, but in the schedule above is placed at \$500, which is far less than will be needed if the church finds a pastor, as it must.

7. The appropriation entitled "Western Association," is being used to aid Brother Mark Sanford in doing work on the Hebron field and Brother Hurley S. Warren in serving the church at Scio, N. Y.

8. The item of "Traveling Expenses," under the Home Field, includes the traveling expenses of the missionary secretary and general missionaries and others who go at the expense of the board. The missionary secretary's traveling expenses usually amount to about \$400, and the full amount of the appropriation has never been used by all paid from this item.

9. The item entitled "Emergency Fund," is intended to enable the secretary to promote some special item of work between board meetings, and thus avoid the calling of a special meeting.

10. Throughout the year new calls are coming and the Contingent Fund is intended to meet these and is used only by vote of the board. For instance, the \$500 appropriated to the Student Evangelistic Quartet, comes out of this fund, and the appropriation made for churches not included in the list also comes out of this fund.

For instance, both Berea, W. Va., and Salemville, Pa., asked for appropriations in the midst of the year. There was nothing in the budget specified for them, and under the budget system no appropriation could have been made had it not been for the Contingent Fund. Various other items of work have been promoted in the same way.

II. EXPENSE OF WORK NOW BEING CARRIED ON AND ESTIMATED INCOME FOR NEXT YEAR.

As is shown from the foregoing pages, the board is now expending on the various fields the following amounts:

From Permanent Funds	\$ 9,000.00
From Woman's Board	2,500.00
From Young People's Board	500.00
From the churches for regular work	22,150.00
	<u>\$34,150.00</u>

Besides the above items the board has already appropriated for Middle Island, Stonefort, Iowa field, and general missionary work in the Northwestern Association \$2,000, not being used at present, but which will be as soon as men can be found to occupy these fields. This brings the entire expense of our mission work as now outlined, up to \$34,150.

The estimated resources are as follows:

China	\$12,900.00
American Tropics	4,720.00
Holland	1,250.00
Home field	10,680.00
Administration	2,600.00
	<u>\$32,150.00</u>

III. WORK NOT NOW BEING DONE BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS AND MEN.

Under this head in addition to Middle Island, Stonefort, and Iowa field, there should be added, Attalla and Athens, Ala., for which no appropriations are now being made. Both Athens and Attalla need help. It may be noted also that other mission workers on the home field could do better work if more liberally supported.

Our church in London and other Sabbath keepers in that great city are pleading that a man be sent to them. Much more could be accomplished in Holland, it is stated, if funds were available. Our church at Mayaro, Trinidad, B. W. I., is dying because neither a leader nor funds for his support have

been available. There has been a promising opening in Costa Rica, Central America, for three years which has been neglected on account of lack of men and money. For four years Australia has been asking that a worker be sent to lead our work in Australia.

The colored people in this country are becoming interested in the Sabbath, and two companies have joined us. Others among this race are looking to Seventh Day Baptists, and to all appearances many of them could be led to Christ and to the observance of the Bible Sabbath, provided such men as Lewis C. Sheafe, pastor at Washington, and H. P. Woodson, pastor at Charleston, W. Va., could be sent forth as evangelists among their own people; but money is not available.

IV. MORE MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES NEEDED.

This point has been partially covered already, but we may note in this connection that the Central Association needs two more pastors; in the Western Association a missionary pastor or general missionary is needed if several of our smaller churches in that association do not die in the next decade; a pastor is needed very much at Middle Island in the Southeastern Association; five more pastors and missionaries are needed in the Northwestern Association; two more missionary pastors are needed in the Southwestern Association and one more on the Pacific coast. At least twelve more are needed on the home field.

When we turn to the foreign field, a worker is needed in London, another to take charge of our work in Trinidad, still another to lead the work in Costa Rica, and another to start the work in Australia. To be sure no action has been taken regarding establishing work in these foreign fields mentioned above, but they are pleading earnestly for workers and Australia promises to be self-supporting at an early day, and London is in a position to do much toward the supporting of a worker if sent there.

In the face of these statements it appears that at least sixteen more ministers and missionaries are needed to meet the urgent and more or less promising calls which have not already been turned down by our people.

The item entitled "From the Churches for Regular Work," under "Estimated Resources," is based on the needs and not on what has been received in the past. The Onward Movement treasurer's report is not at hand.

Mention should be made in this connection of the building program of the Missionary Board. There is a strong demand for new school buildings in China, and though it is thought suitable buildings may be erected with the money on hand, such matters always exceed the estimates and this should not be forgotten in planning the finances of our missionary work. Mr. Spencer put a mortgage on the church in Georgetown. Up to date the installments on this mortgage have been met by a Georgetown Chapel Fund; but this fund is exhausted and four or five hundred will be needed next year to meet this item.* The board is endeavoring to build a church in Kingston, Jamaica, but it is the purpose to bring the cost of this building within the funds already in hand.

WILLIAM L. BURDICK,
Missionary Secretary.

September 6, 1928.

[See Annual Report of the Missionary Society, RECORDERS, July 30 and August 6, 1928; "Thoughts on the Year's Work," SABBATH RECORDER, July 16, 1928.]

THE AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY

"The first action looking toward a concerted effort for the publication and circulation of tracts was taken at the close of Conference in 1831. Previous to that time there had been no united efforts but a few tracts had been published on individual responsibility."

Historical Volumes, Vol. I, p. 428.

The following resolution was approved by members of the General Conference after its adjournment in 1831.

"Resolved, That we recommend the formation of tract societies in our connection, for the encouragement of publishing and circulating tracts which may be written in accordance with our views of Bible truth; and that these societies become auxiliary to a General Tract Ex-

ecutive Committee, which shall be annually appointed by the General Conference for procuring, examining and publishing such tracts, as, in their opinion, may be thought useful in promoting the views of this General Conference, and that the American Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society's Executive Committee be the committee for the year ensuing."

(*Ibid.*, p. 429)

In 1832 Conference reappointed the committee.

In 1834 Conference recommended that the churches form tract societies and seek funds to form a general tract society.

In 1835 the Seventh Day Baptist Tract Society—also called the American Seventh Day Baptist Tract Society—was formed, and commenced issuing tracts and other literature.

In September, 1844, at Verona, N. Y., the name "General Sabbath Tract Society" was changed to "The American Sabbath Tract Society."

Incorporated under the laws of New York State in 1856; under the laws of the State of New Jersey in 1921.

Object? "This society shall be known as The American Sabbath Tract Society; and its object shall be to promote the observance of the Bible Sabbath, and the interests of vital godliness and sound morality, by the publication and circulation of such periodicals, tracts, treatises, and books as shall best conduce to the objects of its organization; and the employment of colporteurs and lecturers."

(*Art. I, Constitution*)

PLANS FOR THIS CONFERENCE YEAR

To do commercial printing.

To print our denominational literature—books, tracts, and periodicals—at cost, the chief publication being the SABBATH RECORDER.

The leader in Sabbath Promotion is to conduct Teen-Age and other conferences and have supervision of the Lewis Camp work, give addresses, prepare literature.

The corresponding secretary is to do office work, attend annual denominational meetings, supervise correspondence, having an assistant.

To put on an intensive campaign this fall to raise needed money to complete the denominational building.

BUDGET			
<i>Expenses</i>			
Sabbath Reform work:			
Holland, "De Booschapper" \$	600.00		
Mill Yard Church, London, Eng., the "Sabbath Observer"	100.00		
Jamaica, B. W. I., "Seventh Day Baptist Reformer"	100.00		
Pacific Coast Association, traveling expenses	75.00		
Committee on Revision of Literature	300.00		
Special Sabbath Promotion work—A. J. C. Bond:			
Salary	\$600.00		
Expenses	400.00		
Young people's work	600.00		
Sabbath Promotion Enlistment Conferences	400.00	2,000.00	\$ 3,175.00
Appropriations for publications (in excess of income)			
The "Sabbath Recorder"	\$7,000.00		
The "Helping Hand"	275.00		7,275.00
General printing and distribution of literature			
			2,500.00
Miscellaneous: Traveling expenses of representatives to Conferences, associations, etc.			
	\$ 700.00		
President's expenses	200.00		
Legal expenses, treasurer, etc.	300.00		
Corresponding secretary:			
Salary	\$600.00		
Expenses	300.00	900.00	
Committee on Denominational Files			
	150.00		
Life Annuity payments	1,300.00		
Special canvass for denominational building	500.00		
Incidental items	400.00		
Payment account indebtedness	500.00	4,950.00	
			<u>\$17,900.00</u>
<i>Income</i>			
Income from Permanent Funds (in hands of Tract Society)			
	\$4,500.00		
Income from Permanent Fund, Memorial Board			
	4,500.00		
Collections (associations and Conference)			
	150.00		
From Woman's Board	900.00		
Special Sabbath Promotion work	500.00		

Sale of books, tracts, lesson helps, calendars, etc.....	500.00	
From Onward Movement treasurer	6,850.00	\$17,900.00

[See Annual Statement of the Sabbath Tract Society, SABBATH RECORDER, September 17, 1928; Report of Leader in Sabbath Promotion, SABBATH RECORDER, August 13, 1928.]

THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

"The Education Society is an organization of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, with headquarters at Alfred, N. Y., which has for its purpose the promotion of educational interests generally among Seventh Day Baptists. While it was founded, and is maintained, to promote general education, its more special field has always been the education of young men for the ministry. It was due almost entirely to the lack of facilities for the education of our ministers, that the society was first established in 1855.

"The society was incorporated in 1856 under the laws of the State of New York, and the constitution as then adopted has remained practically unchanged. The officers consist of a president, vice-presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and ten directors, elected annually.

"Life membership in the society is secured by the payment of twenty-five dollars; and all delegates to the General Conference in a given year are considered members of the society for that year.

"The regular meetings are held in January, April, July, and October at the call of the president.

"The Education Society gives its moral and financial support to our several denominational schools. It holds funds in trust for the benefit of our schools and has charge of sessions at the General Conference and at the associations in which educational problems and interests are discussed.

ITS RELATION TO OUR SCHOOLS

"Although the society was founded for the purpose of establishing and maintain-

ing denominational schools, it has no official relation to these institutions. When Alfred University was first established, its relation to the Education Society was not defined, and thus there is no legal connection between the two; no more is there between the society and any other of our schools, except the theological seminary. And yet the society has a very real and vital relation to them, in that it gives them its moral and financial support, under certain conditions named in the constitution, which are, that the president, a majority of the faculty, and at least three-fourths of the board of trustees of each college shall be Seventh Day Baptists."—*From Forward Movement Hand Book.*

The Education Society receives some income from trust funds, and a share of the denominational budget, the item being \$1500.

[See "Are Denominational Colleges Worth While?" by Edgar D. Van Horn, president of the Education Society, in the SABBATH RECORDER, September 3, 1928.]

PLANS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD FOR 1928-1929

The Woman's Board has made plans for the year as follows:

To send printed leaflets to the associational secretaries each month to be sent out to the local societies for their use—these leaflets to carry a short worship service, questions for a contest, and information about the denomination and its mission work.

To distribute the \$800 designated in the budget for home missions as follows:

\$300 to support the work at Ritchie, W. Va., in the Southeastern Association.

\$300 toward supporting the work at Little Prairie, Ark., in the Southwestern Association.

\$200 to cover the sum paid by the Missionary Board to Pastor Charles Thorngate of Exeland, Wis., in the Northwestern Association.

To have a representative at the meetings of the Federation of Woman's

Boards of Foreign Missions of North America.

To make definite plans for the World's Day of Prayer to be held February 15, 1929.

To ask Mrs. W. D. Burdick to present the interests of the Woman's Board to the local societies in connection with the special conferences to be held in the associations during the fall, and as she has opportunity.

To specify that the \$900 in the budget, designated for the Tract Society, be used toward paying the deficit on the printing of the SABBATH RECORDER.

The following is the budget adopted for the year:

Miss Burdick's salary	\$800.00
Miss West's salary	800.00
Tract Society	900.00
Home Missions	800.00
Retired Minister's Fund	250.00
Pastor's salary, Fouke Church	200.00
Board expenses	250.00
Emergency fund	200.00
	<u>\$4,200.00</u>

MRS. J. L. SKAGGS, Secretary.

[See the Annual Report of the Woman's Board, SABBATH RECORDER, September 3, 1928.]

SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD WORK

Editorial:

Helping Hand in Bible School Work.
Junior and Intermediate quarterlies.
Page in the SABBATH RECORDER.

Visitational:

Visits to Sabbath schools by the director of religious education.

Conference of workers called to consider improvement of the work of the schools.

Promotional:

Especially is the director interested in organizing and providing for Vacation Religious Day Schools.

Evangelistic:

Emphasis is placed on the need of the evangelistic spirit in teaching.

The director himself stands ready to assist in evangelistic work.

BUDGET

Salary of director of religious education	\$1,600.00
Expenses of director of religious education	550.00
Membership in International Council of Religious Education	50.00
Editorial work on <i>Helping Hand</i>	75.00
Editorial work on Children's Page	25.00
For promotion of religious education	1,200.00
Sabbath School Board's share of Year Book	75.00
International Lesson Committee expenses	75.00
Printing, postage, and other board expenses	150.00
	<u>\$3,800.00</u>

The Sabbath School Board has only \$1525 of endowment, and the income from that source is almost negligible in the conduct of its work.

If the budget of the board is not realized it will be necessary to discontinue the services of the director of religious education in the space of two years.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MEMORIAL FUND

Incorporated in New Jersey in 1873. Nine members, three being elected each year for a term of three years. "The treasurers of the societies and institutions which may receive benefits arising from this fund" are ex-officio members of the board, but do not have voting power.

The business of the Board of Trustees "shall be to hold in trust the Memorial Fund of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, and to expend the principal or interest accruing therefrom in accordance with the object for which the fund is raised."

Endowment funds in the hands of the board June 30, 1928..... \$611,711.82
Income, about..... 36,000.00

The funds are administered under about seventy different accounts, such as our schools, the Missionary Society, the Tract Society, for ministerial relief, for helping young men who are preparing for the ministry, and to aid in building churches.

The following summary is taken from the annual report of the trustees of the Memorial Fund.

INCOME ACCOUNTS, YOUNG MEN PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY

George H. Babcock Bequest
(See report, p. 20)*Dr.*

Balance	\$ 1,040.30
Interest, banks, on daily balance.....	29.70
Net income	822.45
	<u>\$ 1,892.45</u>

Cr.

Paid to seminary student	\$ 450.00
Administration expenses	1.49
Balance	1,440.96
	<u>\$ 1,892.45</u>

YOUNG MEN PREPARING FOR THE MINISTRY

(See report, pp. 28, 29)

Dr.

Balance	\$ 119.05
Income from investments, etc.	6.58
	<u>\$ 125.63</u>

Cr.

Administration expenses	\$.33
Balance	125.30
	<u>\$ 125.63</u>

FUNDS FOR MINISTERIAL RELIEF—JULY 1, 1927-JUNE 30, 1928

Endowment Accounts

(See report, p. 59)

Ministerial Relief Fund	\$31,307.69
Celia Hiscox Bequest	588.25
Mary E. Tomlinson Bequest	1,000.00
Elizabeth R. Davis Bequest	1,430.02
Henrietta V. P. Babcock Bequest	1,034.58
Sarah P. Potter Bequest	1,000.00
Paul M. Green Bequest	500.00
William E. Witter Bequest	2,000.00
Second Westerly Seventh Day Baptist Church	300.00
Ella Eaton Kellogg Bequest	500.00
Dr. Lucy Babcock Bequest	700.00
Julia A. Saunders Bequest	250.00
	<u>\$40,610.54</u>

Income Accounts

(See p. 18)

Balance July 1, 1927	\$ 4,296.50
Income	2,461.51
	<u>\$ 6,758.01</u>

Paid Out During the Conference Year

To nine persons	\$ 1,220.00
Administration expenses	6.07
Balance June 30, 1928	5,531.94
	<u>\$ 6,758.01</u>

Inasmuch as there is a hesitancy on the part of some in asking aid from these funds, a committee was appointed at the General Conference to confer with those entitled to help, and advise with the boards holding funds for ministerial relief.

A committee was also appointed at Conference to plan for the increasing of endowment funds.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOARD

PLANS FOR WORK

Junior—very definite plans sent out to societies. Bible League work to be stressed.

Intermediate—Intermediate Corner in SABBATH RECORDER to contain (1) Helps on the weekly Intermediate topic. (2) A "Get Acquainted Column" for intermediates. Intermediates will be encouraged to write upon subjects suited to the weekly topics, and letters for the "Get Acquainted Column."

Contests—Awards will be made for (1) society credited with greatest number of letters in proportion to its membership, sent in to the "Get Acquainted Column." (2) New societies organized. (3) L. S. K. intermediate who writes through the column to the greatest number of other intermediates. (4) Honorable mention will be made of those who contribute to helps on weekly topics, and of societies reporting the use of these helps in their Christian endeavor meetings.

Quiet Hour—Seek to enroll each endeavorer as a Quiet Hour Comrade.

Stewardship—Greater emphasis to be placed on stewardship, including time and talents as well as money.

Activities—New activities chart to be sent to each society for use.

Social fellowship—Standard socials urged and reports of these requested.

Religious education—Study class or reading circle in each society suggested.

Life Work Recruits—Superintendent invites correspondence with those looking forward to the ministry.

L. S. K. work—To be conducted along same lines as the Lone Sabbath Keepers' Auxiliary.

RECORDER reading—Greater effort to be made in securing new subscriptions and renewals to the SABBATH RECORDER. Plans for stimulating reading of RECORDER are being worked out.

Field work—Considering advisability of having field secretary for part time at least; also using associational secretaries for more field work.

BUDGET

Board expenses	\$ 625.00
Field work—	
Junior	\$ 50.00
Intermediate	25.00
Life Work Recruit	50.00
Lone Sabbath keeper	50.00
Field secretary and expenses	400.00
	<u>\$ 575.00</u>
Dr. George Thorngate	300.00
American Tropics	200.00
Promotion	100.00
Contingent Fund	400.00
	<u>\$2,200.00</u>

[See article, "Summarized Outline of the work of the Young People's Board for the Year 1928-1929," the SABBATH RECORDER, September 10, 1928.]

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"The fundamental aim of all its activities is to acquire and keep as full a record as possible of all that relates to Seventh Day Baptists to the end that, as a people, we may be better informed as to ourselves and stimulated to loftier aims and purposes, and to greater effort to promote all the activities in which we are engaged, or may engage."

The Committee on Denominational History for a long time was actively interested in this work, but was discontinued at the session of the General Conference this year, 1928.

The Historical Society was incorporated in 1916.

Its activities:

It has secured the Dr. Julius F. Sachse collection of literature relating to the German Seventh Day Baptists of Pennsylvania.

It prepared the program for and conducted the exercises celebrating the two-hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the organ-

ization of the Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church

Revived the old-time yearly meeting of the churches of Rhode Island and Connecticut in the form of an Annual Pilgrimage to Newport.

Held a service in Philadelphia in commemoration of the life and services of Governor Samuel Ward.

Encouraged churches and other organizations to hold anniversary services and commemorative meetings.

Collected numerous books, papers, minutes of the General Conference and associations, tracts, church records, pictures, furniture, etc.

ACTIVITIES THIS CONFERENCE YEAR

To encourage and help in presenting a suitable program in 1929, celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the erection of the Old Meeting House of the Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church.

To encourage the conclusion of raising funds for the completion of the denominational building, the top floor of which is to contain the historical collection of the society. These books and other articles are now scattered, some being in vaults, others in the room at the publishing house devoted to the Historical Society, in the Library of Alfred University, and in several other places.

To encourage our people in the effort that is being made by the society in completing the files of all literature that has been issued by Seventh Day Baptists: securing church records, historical papers, communion sets, pictures, furniture, and other things of historical value to Seventh Day Baptists.

FINANCES

The Onward Movement budget carries an item of \$500 for the Historical Society.

The Chairman of the Committee on Denominational History reported for the Historical Society.

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The Chairman of the Committee on Denominational History reported for the Historical Society at the General Con-

ference in 1927 that the treasurer had a balance of \$1,418.95, an increase during the year of \$348 from the Onward Movement and bank balances.

[See article, "Notes on the Historical Society," the SABBATH RECORDER, August 20, 1928.]

PASS IT ON

The success of these group conferences depends largely upon the effort made by the representatives to pass the word along, or as one delegate worded it "Special attention should be given by pastors and delegates to inform 'the folks at home' regarding facts learned here relating to the work of the different boards."

The method of presenting the work to the various churches by their delegates will have to be worked out to best fit into their local programs. One church is spending two Sabbath days in going over the work, having forenoon and afternoon sessions, while another plans to use a short time before the sermon each week for several Sabbaths to present the work of the boards.

Others may wish to call special meetings at suitable times for discussion and study, passing along the information.

The work of the Sabbath School Board might well be taken up in the adult department for one Sabbath, omitting the lesson if necessary, for is not all our work Christian work?

The Y. P. S. C. E. could spend more than one hour in the study of the program of the Young People's Board, yet the older people need to know about this work too.

The church prayer-meeting hour might be spent in the study and discussion of the missionary work that we are trying to do, and the woman's society could lay aside their work for one hour to study the program of the Woman's Board.

But the best results would be obtained when *all* the members study and discuss *together* the work of *all* the boards, for then we have the *unity of knowledge* that brings *unity of thought, interest, and action.*

"Pass it on!
"Twas not meant for thee alone,
Pass it on!"

THE ONWARD MOVEMENT BUDGET

The Commission received from the various denominational societies and boards suggested budgets to provide for the work of the coming year. These budgets have been studied and considered carefully, and assembled into the following unified denominational Onward Movement Budget for this Conference year.

Missionary Society	\$22,000.00
Tract Society	6,850.00
Education Society	1,500.00
Sabbath School Board	3,800.00
Woman's Board	4,200.00
Young People's Board	2,200.00
Scholarship and Fellowship Fund	1,200.00
Historical Society	500.00
Ministerial Relief Fund	4,000.00
General Conference	6,800.00
Contingent Fund	450.00
Total	\$53,500.00

RECEIPTS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR

July	\$669.64
August	490.72

**STATEMENT ONWARD MOVEMENT
TREASURER, SEPTEMBER, 1928**

Receipts

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Adams Center	\$ 142.00
Alfred, First	152.78
Alfred, Second	31.50
Andover	10.00
Battle Creek	27.00
Brookfield, First	22.55
Edinburg	9.75
Farina	100.00
Fouke	14.00
Little Prairie	4.00
Milton	118.65
New York City	131.81
Pawcatuck	200.00
Rockville	10.00
Salem	509.25
Verona	22.00
Total	\$1,505.29

SPECIAL

Alfred, Second		
For Missionary Society	\$ 1.50	
For Tract Society	1.50	\$ 3.00
Little Prairie		
For debt		1.00
New York City		
For denominational building	\$ 10.00	
For Salem College	10.00	20.00

Seventh Day Baptist Christian Endeavor Union of New England for native worker Jamaica

From Hopkinton, First, seniors	\$ 5.20
From Hopkinton, First, intermediates88
From Hopkinton, Second, intermediates88
From Pawcatuck, seniors	5.20
From Pawcatuck, juniors88
From Rockville Christian endeavors	2.62
From Waterford Christian endeavors	4.34
	20.00
Total	\$44.00
Denominational budget	\$1,505.29
Special	44.00
Balance September 1, 1928	26.82
Total	\$1,576.11

Disbursements

Missionary Society	\$ 573.82
Tract Society	152.41
Sabbath School Board	78.10
Young People's Board	45.21
Woman's Board	86.35
Ministerial Relief	82.28
Education Society	40.91
Historical Society	10.23
Scholarships and Fellowships	24.64
General Conference	540.81
Contingent Fund	9.24
Total	\$1,544.00
Balance October 1, 1928	32.11
Total	\$1,576.11

HAROLD R. CRANDALL,
Treasurer

81 Elliott Ave.,
Yonkers, N. Y.,
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**MINUTES OF THE PRE-CONFERENCE
MEETING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
JULY 19, 20, 1928**

(Continued)

It was voted that the report of the committee appointed to study the relation of the Theological Seminary to Alfred University and to the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, which was adopted as its report to the General Conference by the Commission at its Pittsburgh meeting in December 1927, be made a part of the annual report.

[This is found in the annual report in RECORDER of August 27, page 265.]

The sub-committee appointed to prepare a statement regarding the work of the de-

nomination for the coming year presented a statement which was, after discussion and changes, adopted as follows, as a part of the annual report:

Recognizing the important tasks committed to us as a people, your Commission believes that at no time has there been greater need for sane and clear thinking, wise and consecrated leadership, and sincere and devoted following, to the end that our work may be well done.

We believe that the kingdom tasks committed to us make imperative the leadership of a full time general secretary. The building up and the deepening of the spiritual life of our churches, the building of our denominational program, the unifying of our interests, and the rallying of our pastors and laymen, is a task that calls for the undivided time, thought, and energy of the leader of our denominational Onward Movement.

The Commission for the first time in its history, therefore, recommends employment of a full time secretary and believes that this will prove to be a distinct advantage in the advancement of the interests of our denomination.

The Commission believes that bringing our pastors and workers together in group conferences to study and plan our work will accomplish much, and such plans are already formulated. We urge their loyal and hearty support when presented by the secretary.

A more uniform system of raising the budget is contemplated, also if possible a more equitable adjustment of the church quotas for the denominational unified budget, in which the churches themselves may have a voice.

We plead for the deepest loyalty to all phases of our work, and we know that we shall fail in that loyalty if we do not stand by one another and by our leaders, who deserve and must have so much of our sympathy and co-operation.

The following was on motion adopted, and the secretary was directed to read it at some session of the Sabbath services of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, July 21, 1928.

The Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, having experi-

enced the beautiful hospitality of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church for its pre-Conference meeting, July 19-21, 1928, wishes to express and to record its sincere and grateful appreciation for the convenient and comfortable quarters which were provided for its meeting in the church building, and for the gracious and delightful entertainment furnished at night and for breakfasts in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper, Mrs. Alice Rogers, Mrs. Ida R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Jeffrey, and Pastor and Mrs. George W. Hills, and in particular for the bountiful and delicious luncheons and dinners which the Commission enjoyed as a group in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Jeffrey, and for the free home-like atmosphere which enveloped the home of the pastor.

The Commission adjourned before sunset to meet at six-thirty in the evening on Sunday, July 22, 1928, in the Seventh Day Baptist church in Riverside, Calif. Members of the Commission were entertained at the same homes for the Sabbath, and attended the services of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sabbath eve, and Sabbath day, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION

The Commission met pursuant to adjournment at six thirty in the evening, in the Seventh Day Baptist church at Riverside, the same members being present as at the sessions in Los Angeles.

The secretary, who had remained at Los Angeles to compile the annual report, presented the same in manuscript form. After discussion and changes, it was adopted, and the secretary was authorized to have typewritten copies made for the use of the Commission and the committee that should consider the report.

As there was no further business the Commission adjourned, to meet at the call of the president, should there be any need of a meeting before the close of the sessions of the General Conference.

There was no other meeting. The secretary found it impossible to get the annual report printed in time for distribution at the time it was to be presented on the forenoon of the first day of the Conference, Monday. He had to read it from his pen copy manu-

script, and then secured ten typewritten copies on Tuesday morning for the use of the Conference secretary and the committee that considered the report, at an expense of \$4.50.

These minutes were not read and duly adopted by the Commission and any errors or omissions are chargeable to the secretary alone.

EDWIN SHAW,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

As it has seemed wise to our heavenly Father to call to her reward our sister in Christ, Myrtle A. Lindahl, be it

Resolved, That we, the Character Builders, hereby express our sympathy and our sorrow over our loss. Her earnestness and faithfulness will be greatly missed in our Sabbath School class and in the Christian Endeavor society.

Resolved, That we express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Lindahl and family in their bereavement, and commend them to our Father who "hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows."

Resolved, That these resolutions be given to the Sabbath school, to Mr. and Mrs. Lindahl, and a copy be sent to the SABBATH RECORDER for publication.

ELMA ADAMS,
LEONA BOND,
GLENN SOCKWELL,
Committee.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches will convene with the Albion Church, October 19, 20. The program planned is as follows:

Friday evening, 7:30, song service, followed by testimony service under direction of Rev. E. Adelbert Witter.

Sabbath morning, 10:30, sermon, Rev. J. L. Skaggs.

Sabbath afternoon, 2:00, Religious Education, Rev. E. E. Sutton; 3:00 Young People's Program, planned by Miss Thelma Crandall.

Sabbath evening, 7:30, sermon, Rev. John F. Randolph.

MINNIE GODFREY,

WOMAN'S WORK

MRS. GEORGE E. CROSLY, MILTON, WIS
Contributing Editor

WAIT ON

To talk with God,
No breath is lost,—
Talk on!

To walk with God,
No strength is lost,—
Walk on!

To wait on God,
No time is lost,—
Wait on!

—Dnyanodaya, India,
Record of Christian
Work.

Kansas City has been called a city of beautiful homes. Not many of these have front porches—they are more modern. We were shown the home of Senator Reed, purchased a short time before the season for political conventions opened, and we were much interested in noting the commodious front porch. We wondered if it had crossed the senator's mind that his front porch might make an ideal stage where interviews might be given out to the public by the Democratic candidate for the President of the United States. Whatever he may have hoped, he has his fine front porch and another man has the nomination.

Kansas City is on the line of the old Santa Fe Trail. We talked of those early days as we followed the ribbon of road in its beautiful setting that forms a section of the modern Santa Fe Trail. We stopped at a high point overlooking the Missouri River, to visit the statue of the "Scout of the Trail," an Indian who has just reined his pony to a stand at the edge of the cliff and sits with hand shading his eyes from the glare of the sun that he may better see objects moving in the distance.

A little farther along the trail we stopped at the statue of the "Pioneer Mother." It seemed that the title should have been

"The Pioneer Family," for the statue is made up of a number of figures. There is the young mother, the dominant figure to be sure, carrying her baby and riding a horse whose very attitude of dejection shows that he has traveled about as far as is possible for a horse to go in one day. Another horse, plainly as weary, is carrying a small pack, evidently all their worldly goods. This horse with head down is led along by a man, whose back is bent, whose shoulders are stooped, and whose dragging footstep implies utter weariness, but whose face is turned forward with the light of determination kindling it. I dare say it is the brooding, trusting, exalted expression on the face of the mother that gives the statue its title.

Looking back from the vantage point of years, it seems an almost incredible thing that our fathers and mothers were able to build this great country a few miles at a time, having few possessions and almost no means of transportation—at least it seems that way to us in these speed driven times.

This onward march of our fathers and mothers required faith — faith in others, faith in themselves, and faith in God. Think of all the hard work that life in these untried fields meant! Separation from friends and family, was often a part of the hardship endured. Physical pain, mental discomfort, and often spiritual hunger were the lot of our fathers and mothers whose pioneering spirit drove them on toward the unknown land of their dreams. Sometimes we speak of them in pity, because their lot was so hard, and yet they might feel pity for us and be unwilling to change their lives for ours were such a change possible.

However hard the Santa Fe Trail may have been, there is no indication now that Kansas City belongs in the frontier class. We had lunch at the Kansas City Club, where the initial cost of membership is one thousand dollars, with monthly dues correspondingly high. We were especially interested in this building with its beautiful appointments, because it is one of the buildings designed by the firm with which our host is connected,

After luncheon we separated, the men going to business appointments, and the women in search of shade from the heat of the sun. This city like other cities where the heat becomes almost unbearable for rather long periods, advertises that its churches, theaters, hotels, and some of its shops are equipped with refrigerating plants that keep the temperature down to seventy degrees. We visited a theater and some shops where we found the temperature very delightful, but as we left the buildings, the hot wave that struck us felt as if it were blown right from a furnace, and the temperature was only about ninety-five degrees on the street. The contrast being so great, it seemed much hotter and of course much more unbearable.

The drive in the evening in the parks and the country districts about the city was very enjoyable. The car was stopped that we might look for a little time at the pillar of fire issuing from the tower of the Soldier's Monument, and then we were driven to the railway station where we bade our friends good-by and boarded the train for the next lap of our journey. It was one-thirty that night before we left the station, and the intense heat of the car prepared us for hot days to come. Whenever, later on, one mentioned the heat, we always said, "Remember Kansas City."

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

The deferred meeting of the Woman's Board was held at the home of Mrs. A. B. West on Friday afternoon, September 7, 1928.

Members present were: Mrs. A. B. West, Mrs. L. M. Babcock, Mrs. Edwin Shaw, Mrs. E. E. Sutton, Mrs. J. H. Randolph, Mrs. G. E. Crosley, Miss Phoebe Coon, Mrs. Emma Landphere, Mrs. J. F. Whitford, Mrs. A. E. Whitford, Mrs. W. D. Burdick, Mrs. J. S. Skaggs, and one visitor, Rev. W. D. Burdick.

The president called the meeting to order and read a part of Romans 12 and called on Dr. W. D. Burdick who offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The treasurer read the monthly report which was by vote adopted.

Receipts for August were \$930.79. Disbursements, \$10.52. Balance on hand \$448.50.

The corresponding secretary reported two letters written as requested at the last meeting.

A letter asking for a representative from the Woman's Board to the meeting of the Woman's Commission on the Church and Race Relations, was considered and discussed.

It was voted that the corresponding secretary write a letter expressing the fact that the board is in sympathy with this movement, but will not be able to send a representative this year.

Mrs. W. D. Burdick, who has acted as representative of the board, presented letters and material from several committees of the Federation of Women's Boards. These were considered and discussed.

It was voted that Mrs. W. D. Burdick's resignation as secretary of the Eastern Association be accepted with regrets. It was also voted that the board express its appreciation of her faithful work as representative of the board.

Mrs. Harold Crandall of New York City was nominated as secretary of the Eastern Association, and she was elected to this office.

It was voted that Mrs. W. D. Burdick be made a vice-president of the board and be asked to represent the board as she visits the churches in connection with the work of Doctor Burdick or as she may have other opportunity.

It was voted to ask Mrs. C. A. Crichlow to act as associational secretary of the Washington Union Association.

Mrs. West read resolutions from the New York Committee on Law Enforcement in regard to the coming election.

It was voted to have copies of these resolutions made and sent out at once to the local societies.

It was voted to ask the treasurer to have these copies made.

The president called on Doctor Burdick

to explain the plan of the Commission and the General Conference for the special conferences to be held in the associations during the next few months.

The report of the special committee to make definite plans for the work of the board for 1928-1929 was read as follows:

Your committee to make plans for the work of the board for the year 1928-1929 met with Mrs. A. E. Whitford on Tuesday, September 3. All members of the committee and Mrs. W. D. Burdick were present.

Three questions had been attached to the blanks sent to the local societies for their annual reports:

1. Did you use the "Ask Me Another" in the RECORDER?

2. Have you used the pageants prepared by the Woman's Board?

3. Have you used the programs printed in the SABBATH RECORDER?

The answers to these three questions were considered and summed up as a basis for plans for another year along this line.

The committee recommends that the board send leaflets to the associational secretaries each month, to be sent out to the local societies which can use them. These leaflets might carry a short worship service, questions for a contest, and information about the denomination and the work.

This committee recommends that the money in the budget of the Woman's Board designated for home missions be used as follows:

\$300 to support the work at Ritchie, W. Va., in the Southeastern Association.

\$300 towards supporting the work at little Prairie, Ark., in the Southwestern Association.

\$200 to cover the sum paid by the Missionary Board to Pastor Thorngate of Exeland, Wis., in the Northwestern Association.

The committee recommends that the \$900 in our budget designated for the Tract Society be used toward paying the deficit on the printing of the SABBATH RECORDER and that the women of the local societies be urged to subscribe for our denominational magazine.

The committee would urge: that the Woman's Board plan to have a representative at the meetings of the Federation of Women's Boards; that the board plan definitely for the World's Day of Prayer to be held on February 15; that the board ask Mrs. W. D. Burdick to meet with the ladies of the local societies as far as possible in connection with the special conference to be held in each association during the fall, and in this way to bring to the women a more definite knowledge and understanding of the plans of the board for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. B. WEST,
MRS. A. E. WHITFORD,
MRS. G. E. CROSLY,
MRS. EDWIN SHAW,
MRS. J. L. SKAGGS.

Each recommendation was considered separately and by vote adopted.

These recommendations and suggested plans were adopted as the plan of the board for the year 1928-1929, and this plan submitted to the denominational secretary for consideration at the special conferences.

It was voted that our treasurer send the usual appropriations to the associational secretaries.

It was voted that the president and the editor, with power to select others, be a committee to plan the leaflets to be sent to the societies.

It was voted to ask Mrs. Harold Crandall, New York City, to act as alternate representative of the Woman's Board to the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions.

It was voted that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of the incorporation and independence of the Woman's Board, and report at some future meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet with Mrs. L. M. Babcock the first Monday in October.

MRS. A. B. WEST,
President
MRS. J. L. SKAGGS,
Secretary.

HOME NEWS

VERONA, N. Y.—The Verona Sabbath school recently had a contest between the odd and even numbered classes. The contest lasted about two months and was based on lesson study and attendance; credit was given for visitors.

The captains were John Williams of the evens, and Craig Sholtz of the odds.

The evens won by seventeen points, and were treated to a supper and entertainment in the church parlors on the evening of September 22.

The tables were very prettily decorated for the occasion; the color scheme was red and white. Each class on the losing side was asked to contribute something toward the entertainment.

The first number on the program was a selection by the Odd Fellows' Band of various improvised instruments.

Class number 1, charade.

The Pearl Seekers, an alphabetical quiz.

The Worth While class, a pipe organ recitation.—“Merrily We Roll Along,” “The Gypsy Trail,” “The Poet and the Peasant,” “The Palms.”

The Blue Banner class, “Billy Builds an Auto.”

Drama, “Love Conquers Fear.”

The closing number was “Odd Fellows’ Song,” written by Mrs. Thayer, a member of class number 1.

Nearly everyone was present and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Press Committee.

FOUKE, ARK.—Perhaps our RECORDER readers will be interested in another report from Fouke.

In July the pastor supervised a Vacation Religious Day School, and was ably assisted by two of our young ladies. Good work was done in all departments.

At the annual business meeting of the church the pastor was instructed to invite the Milton College Quartet, then working near Gentry, to spend a few days with us on their way to Hammond to attend the association. This he did, but was advised that it would be impossible, as their plans were made. Therefore we were both surprised and pleased when, later, we received a letter from Pastor E. R. Lewis, stating that the quartet was at our service after August first until such time as they would have to start to Hammond. After a hurried conference with some of the church members, it was thought best to tell the boys to come on.

We began meetings August second and continued eleven nights. From the first there was a good attendance and a commendable degree of interest, notwithstanding the fact that there had been no time to make the preparation that is so essential to a successful evangelistic campaign. We feel that the meetings resulted in much good to our own people as well as to the entire community.

The splendid work of the quartet was greatly appreciated by all. The citizens of the village took up a collection for the benefit of the boys as they sang in front of the post office one Sunday morning. The shut-

ins, to whom they brought a ray of sunshine with their sweet melodies, were especially grateful.

A pleasant social event of the season was the “fish fry,” planned in honor of the quartet, when several auto loads drove to Sulphur River, where about eighty pounds of cat fish were purchased of the fisherman just as he drew them ashore. In an incredibly short time (“for the people had a mind to work”) the fish were prepared, and with other good things the Fouke women know how to cook, our ravenous appetites were fully satisfied.

Another occasion long to be remembered occurred on a recent Sabbath afternoon, when three of our young people were buried with Christ in baptism. Last Sabbath morning they were received into the church, thus signifying their willingness to unite with us in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ in this needy field.

May the Lord help us all to prove faithful to the trust he has committed to us.

R. J. S.

September 20, 1928.

TRACT SOCIETY—MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist church, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, September 16, 1928, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., President Corliss F. Randolph in the chair.

Members present, Corliss F. Randolph, William C. Hubbard, Alexander W. Vars, Asa F. Randolph, Ahva J. C. Bond, William M. Stillman, Theodore L. Gardiner, Orra S. Rogers, Iseus F. Randolph, Jesse G. Burdick, Irving A. Hunting, Harold R. Crandall, Frank A. Langworthy, La Verne C. Bassett, Theodore J. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, Arthur L. Titsworth, and Business Manager L. Harrison North.

Visitors—Miss Bernice A. Brewer, Mrs. Theodore J. Van Horn, J. C. Bond.

Minutes of last meeting were read. Voted to approve the actions of the board at the August meeting as recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

The committee on naming some one to serve as corresponding secretary recommended that Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond be elected as acting corresponding secretary of this board for one year, the Plainfield Church concurring. Adopted.

Alexander W. Vars as chairman of the Supervisory Committee extended a very cordial welcome to Miss Bernice Brewer as assistant corresponding secretary, to which Miss Brewer responded gracefully, assuring the board that her aim will be to give her efforts all the efficiency within her power.

This was supplemented by Secretary Bond who specified that at present Miss Brewer will arrange the calendar and in addition later, aside from her clerical work, will render valuable assistance on the Teen-Age Conferences and other interests.

Editor Gardiner and President Randolph also spoke cordially, and Doctor Gardiner offered a fervent prayer of consecration of Miss Brewer and of the Board of Trustees as well.

Voted that the committee on naming a corresponding secretary be continued.

Correspondence was received from Rev. Alva L. Davis of Little Genesee, N. Y., accepting the invitation to attend the October meeting of the board.

Correspondence was also received from Willard D. Burdick in which he stated that for two reasons he thought that he should not be on any committee of the Tract Board this year, as he will not be able to meet regularly with the board and with the committees, and as general secretary, it would be better that he should not hold committee connections with the Tract Board, just as he does not with other boards of which he is a member. He hopes to attend the October meeting of the board.

The action of the president in appointing a committee to name the standing committees was approved. The committee presented the following report.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Committee on Revision of Denominational Literature: Corliss F. Randolph, *Chairman;* Arthur E. Main, Willard D. Burdick, William L. Burdick, Edwin Shaw.

Committee on Denominational Building: Jesse G. Burdick, *Chairman;* Theodore L. Gardiner, Alexander W. Vars, William C. Hubbard, Orra S. Rogers, Asa F. Randolph, Nathan E. Lewis, William M. Stillman.

Soliciting Committee: Corliss F. Randolph, *Chairman;* Theodore L. Gardiner, Ahva J. C. Bond, Orra S. Rogers, Nathan E. Lewis, Miss Ethel L. Titsworth, *Treasurer.*

Leader in Sabbath Promotion: Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond.

STANDING COMMITTEES

(Elected Annually)

Advisory Committee: Jesse G. Burdick, *Chairman;* Edward E. Whitford, William M. Stillman, Ahva J. C. Bond, Theodore J. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis.

Committee on Distribution of Literature: Esle F. Randolph, *Chairman;* Ahva J. C. Bond, Iseus F. Randolph, LaVerne C. Bassett, George R. Crandall, William R. Clarke.

Supervisory Committee: Alexander W. Vars, *Chairman;* Orra S. Rogers, Otis B. Whitford.

Committee on Sabbath School Publications: Theodore L. Gardiner, *Chairman;* Willard D. Burdick, Edgar D. Van Horn.

Committee on Files of Denominational Literature: Corliss F. Randolph, *Chairman;* Arthur L. Titsworth.

Investment Committee: Orra S. Rogers, *Chairman;* Henry M. Maxson, William M. Stillman, William C. Hubbard, Clarence W. Spicer, Ethel L. Titsworth.

Auditing Committee: Irving A. Hunting, *Chairman;* Frank A. Langworthy, Nathan E. Lewis.

Budget Committee: Miss Ethel L. Titsworth, *Chairman;* Jesse G. Burdick, Esle F. Randolph, Alexander W. Vars, Theodore L. Gardiner, Orra S. Rogers, Irving A. Hunting, Harold R. Crandall.

Teen-Age Conference and Summer Camps Committee: Harold R. Crandall, *Chairman;* William C. Hubbard, Frank A. Langworthy, Nathan E. Lewis, Ahva J. C. Bond.

NOTE—By vote of the Board of Trustees the president of the society and board is, by virtue of his office (*ex-officio*), a member of all standing committees.

Report adopted.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RESIGNATION OF REV. WILLARD D. BURDICK

WHEREAS, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, D. D., has for six years held the office of corresponding secretary of the Tract Board, giving part time to the work, first in connection with the pastorate of the Piscataway Church at New Market, and later in conjunction with the office of general secretary of the General Conference, and

WHEREAS, Doctor Burdick has resigned the office of corresponding secretary in order to give full time to the work of the General Conference, therefore

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the faithful service rendered by Secretary Burdick during the years in which he has been thus connected with the board, during which

time he has proved himself a faithful officer of the board, a devoted servant of the denomination, and a loyal and consecrated minister of Jesus Christ. Patience and wisdom have characterized his work on behalf of the board, and his fine brotherly spirit has endeared him to every member.

We are pleased that we are still to have the benefit of his counsel as a member of the Tract Board, and our best wishes and our prayers go with him in his work for the General Conference to which he is now to give his whole time.

On behalf of the board.

A. J. C. BOND,
F. A. LANGWORTHY,
Committee.

Resolution adopted.

By vote the preparation of the calendar was referred to Secretary Bond with power.

The question of a weekly sermon in the SABBATH RECORDER was referred to Editor Gardiner and Secretary Bond.

Voted that President Randolph have authority to make the conference with Rev. Alva L. Davis a special order of business at our October meeting at 3 o'clock.

Minutes read and approved.

Board adjourned.

ARTHUR L. TITSWORTH,
Recording Secretary.

MESSAGE FROM THE W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, wife of the famous inventor, has gone to work to help elect Herbert C. Hoover, largely because of Mr. Hoover's prohibition views. The following is quoted from an interview.

"One of the principal reasons why I am working for Mr. Hoover is his stand on prohibition, which I believe is one of the most important issues of the campaign. My family has always been strongly for temperance and I am satisfied with Mr. Hoover's position in this respect.

"My mother, Mrs. Louis Miller of Akron, was an ardent temperance worker. She was one of the early Ohio crusaders in the temperance movement. I remember fifty years ago when my mother would come home drenched to the skin from buckets of water thrown on her by saloon keepers with whom she had pleaded not to sell liquor to working men whose families needed their salaries.

"Prohibition has not received a fair trial, but under Mr. Hoover I believe the noble experiment will receive proper encouragement. Mr. Hoover is for the children and for the home.

"I agree with my husband that opportunity does not go on knocking indefinitely. As he said to me the other day, 'Better take Hoover while we can get him; time enough for other smart young fellows later on.'

"We still have with us many problems, among them prohibition. This problem has been with us sixty years, since the time of our great Lincoln, who himself recognized its importance. At last we have an experiment toward its solution well under way. I believe in continuing work on this experiment."

—Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

BRING ME MEN

Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men to match my plains—
Men with empires in their purpose
And new eras in their brains.
Bring me men to match my prairies,
Men to match my inland seas,
Men whose thought shall prove a highway
Up to ampler destinies,
Pioneers to clear thought's marshlands
And to cleanse old error's pen;
Bring me men to match my mountains—
Bring me men!

Bring me men to match my forests,
Strong to fight the storm and blast,
Branching toward the skyey future,
Rooted in the fertile past.
Bring me men to match my valleys,
Tolerant of sun and snow,
Men within whose fruitful purpose
Time's consummate blooms shall grow,
Men to tame the tigerish instincts
Of the lair and cave and den.

Cleanse the dragon slime of nature—
Bring me men!
Bring me men to match my rivers,
Continent cleavers, flowing free,
Drawn by the eternal madness
To be mingled with the sea;
Men of oceanic impulse,
Men whose moral currents sweep
Towards the wide-infolding ocean
Of an undiscovered deep;
Men who feel the strong pulsation
Of the central sea and then
Time their currents to its earth throb—
Bring me men!

—Sam Walter Foss in "The Baptist."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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Contributing Editor

USING TALENTS ARIGHT

*Christian Endeavor Topic for Sabbath Day,
October 27, 1928*

DAILY READINGS

Sunday—Talent to invent (Gen. 4: 21, 22)
Monday—Talent to organize (Num. 1: 1-4, 47-54)
Tuesday—Talent to speak (Exod. 4: 10-17)
Wednesday—Talent to be friendly (Acts 11: 19-26)
Thursday—Talent to preach (Acts 18: 24-28)
Friday—Talent to administer (Acts 6: 1-7)
Sabbath Day—Topic: Making the right use of our talents (Matt. 25: 14-30)

SOME BIBLE HINTS

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 25: 14-30

Verse 14. It was "his goods" which the Master gave to his servants, and not their own goods. We are not our own, and nothing that we have is our own. It is all God's and is merely placed in our care.

Verse 15. We are created free and equal, as the Declaration of Independence says, but only equal as to our political rights, not as to our abilities, which are as different as there are different persons. Each is responsible only for the abilities given him, not for another's abilities.

Verse 16. We can double our talents, if we will. Indeed, we can do more than that. A man's abilities should be enormously greater than a child's, and usually are.

Verse 17. It is not the talents we have to start with that count, but the way we develop them and use them. To make ten talents out of five is no greater feat than to make four talents out of two. Each man has just doubled what he started with.

Verse 18. To hide a talent in the earth is simply to know that we have some ability, perhaps to gloat over the knowledge and be conceited, but not to develop it or use it for the One who gave

it to us. What a contemptible thing to do! How it dishonors us and disappoints the Master!

Verse 19. The day of reckoning for the use we have made of our abilities comes in this life. It comes whenever men are honored, and whenever men's love is shown and the unfaithful are left out. It comes also on the great judgment day when the secrets of all lives will be disclosed, and some will be sent to eternal honor and joy and others to eternal dishonor and sorrow.

Verse 20. Just to look ahead and anticipate the proud day when we shall have a good report of our stewardship to give, ought to be incentive enough to prompt us to noble living.

Verse 21. The reward of fine work for Christ is twofold: Christ's praise, and more work to do for Christ. Both rewards are glorious.

Verse 23. The five-talent man and the two-talent man get the same praise and the same reward. Why should they not? Each has done his best.

Verses 24, 25. A faithless man is very skilful in finding ways to blame others for his failure, and, even as in the parable, to blame God. "If more talents were given me I could have done something; but I have not had a fair show."

Verses 26, 27. The Lord calls a man who has not made good use of his talents not only slothful, but wicked. Few of us realize that not to do something that God wants us to do is sinful, just as it is to do something that God does not want us to do. Sins of omission may be as wicked as sins of commission.

Verse 28. Our misused talents are not taken from us and given to some one else, but the opportunities of which we do not avail ourselves are promptly given to others. Only promptness will make them ours.

Verse 30. "The outer darkness" is a terrible description of the life that does not use its abilities for Christ. It is a dark life, full of gloom and sadness; and it is an outer life, shut away from the joy and companionship and peace of the heavenly home.—Amos R. Wells in "Christian Endeavor World."

A THOUGHT FOR THE QUIET HOUR

LYLE CRANDALL

"Our gifts are 'God's goods.' We have nothing that has not been given us." In the parable of the talents we are told that a certain man who had servants decided to take a journey into a far country. When he started on his journey, he gave each servant a certain sum of money, asking him to double it while he was absent. Two of the servants did as he requested, and were praised by their lord when he returned. But the third one was afraid, and hid his lord's money in the ground, so its value was not increased. For his cowardice he was severely punished.

We are God's servants, and he has given us certain talents. To some he has given five talents, to others, two, and to others, one. He expects us to use our talents in such a way that we shall be worthy of his praise, and thus receive the reward he has for his faithful servants. Let us not be like the unprofitable servant and hide our talents, but let us make the right use of them, so that when our Lord comes and reckons with us, he may receive his own with usury.

THE INTERMEDIATE CORNER

JOHN F. RANDOLPH

Intermediate Superintendent, Milton Junction, Wisconsin

GET ACQUAINTED

Your Intermediate superintendent has enjoyed a wonderful opportunity during his two years in Wisconsin of getting acquainted with the young people of the West. Pastorate in two associations in the East have resulted in happy friendships among the young people there. Earlier residence and later visits in other associations have made for him other prized acquaintances. These experiences among our young people have been so beneficial that he has not been surprised, but very much pleased, to find just as fine a group of young people in the West.

He remembers with pleasure the Teen-Age Conference in his own church at Milton Junction, including the young

people of southern Wisconsin; and a similar conference at New Auburn, Wis., taking in the young people of northern Wisconsin; and the conferences at Nortonville, Kan., and North Loup, Neb., attended by young people of Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado: There are the young people's meetings at Riverside, including many scattered young people of the Pacific coast. The Southwestern Association at Hammond, La., so largely attended by young people this year, must come in the list. Any small part the Intermediate superintendent may have had in all these meetings was a pleasure because it has helped him to get acquainted with a fine group of Christian young people, and a large part of them are of Intermediate age.

Because he prizes so much these friendships so widely scattered, he feels that these young people should have the privilege of knowing each other. When he looks at the Kansas-Nebraska-Colorado group picture on his desk, he thinks, "These young people ought to know the young people at De Ruyter, Ashaway, Shiloh, Fouke, etc."

HOW TO DO IT

Write a short, newsy letter. Address it to some distant intermediate, but send it to the Intermediate superintendent. (John F. Randolph, Milton Junction, Wis.) He will put it in the "Get Acquainted" column of the Intermediate corner in the RECORDER. All intermediates can read it there, and many will want to answer your letter. Answers should also be sent to the Intermediate superintendent and printed in this column. See how fast we can get a wide acquaintance that way. We want as many names of intermediates as possible to appear in the RECORDER during the next year along with letters and articles that will help us get acquainted.

Come on, let's write.

ADDRESSES

Just to start with:

Miss Venita Kenyon, 1087 N. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif.

Roger Johnson, North Loup, Neb.

Charles Smith, Exeland, Wis.
Miss Doris Coon, De Ruyter, N. Y.
Miss Alberta Simpson, Ashaway, R. I.

Intermediate Christian Endeavor for Sabbath
Day, October 27, 1928

DAILY READINGS

Sunday—Seek spiritual gifts (I Cor. 14: 1-4)
Monday—Consecrating talent (Isa. 6: 8)
Tuesday—Using skill for God (Ex. 35: 30-35)
Wednesday—A talent unused (Luke 16: 19-31)
Thursday—Our gifts not our own (James 1: 17)
Friday—A talent for consolation (Acts 5: 36)
Sabbath Day—Topic: Making right use of our talents (Matt. 25: 14-29)

SOME QUESTIONS

1. How has the meaning of the word "talent" changed since the time of Christ?
2. What harm is done when talents are used to show off self?
3. What of talents without right regard for others (I Corinthians 13)?
4. What is good and what is bad in the hymn which begins "My talents are few, blessed Jesus"?
5. Why do we attend school?
6. To whom are we accountable for the use of our powers?

HISTORY OF THE NORTH LOUP CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY

[On reaching home after a six weeks' absence to General Conference in California and to the Northwestern Association, I found the following history of the Christian Endeavor societies taken from the *Loyalist* of June 29, 1928. Today I discovered it where it had been misplaced, and am sure it is of sufficient historical interest to warrant its publication, even though two and a half months have passed since it was written.—T. L. G.]

For forty-two years the Senior Christian Endeavor society of the Seventh Day Baptist Church has had a continuous existence. On June 5, 1886, a group of young people met at the home of Rev. G. J. Crandall, then pastor, where under the leadership of Mrs. Crandall, the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Christian Endeavor was organized. Since that time there has been no vacation, and except for unusual conditions such as epidemics

or other meetings held at the church, the society has met regularly.

The first record books were destroyed when the church burned in 1914, but there are now in the historical room of the present church building, books which go back to January, 1891, and they are full of interesting items. There had been for some time a Missionary Society meeting twice a month, but the young people felt the need for something else which could be more a part of the church and would develop the devotional life. This need, Mrs. Crandall filled when she helped this group to organize their new society.

From the first, meetings were held regularly, business was carefully attended to, and the society assisted the church and denomination in a financial way. Early in the available records motions can be found in regard to paying out money for local and denominational work and for the state Christian Endeavor work as well. The good literature committee distributed literature and sent papers to those who were sick; the look-out committee had new names to propose for membership very often; and the relief committee seemed busy much of the time—arranging for watchers for the sick, and carrying food and good cheer to shut-ins. There were many in this community who could testify to the kind things done by these young people in time of need.

The minutes of the business meetings indicate problems comparable to those of present day societies of young people, and their discussions are very interesting. They were earnest workers and built up a strong foundation for those who were to follow. The rolls were carefully kept, and in looking them over, many well-known names are to be found. There are four missionaries to China: Eugene Davis, Dr. Grace Crandall, Dr. George Thorngate and wife, Helen Shaw Thorngate; one missionary to South America, Rev. R. R. Thorngate; seven ministers: Jesse Hutchins, Herbert C. Van Horn, Mrs. Angeline Allen, Burchard Loof-

bourrow, Chas. Thorngate, L. O. Greene, and Carroll Hill. There are others who have helped in the denomination and in state Christian Endeavor work. Much help has been given always by the pastors, together with their wives and families.

In January, 1891, a Junior society was organized, and this too has had a continuous existence. Some of those who were mentioned above began as juniors and later became members of the Senior society. The seniors have held the guardianship of the juniors all these years as a sacred charge, usually furnishing the superintendent and most of the teachers.

The early superintendents were: Mrs. Orel Van Horn, Mrs. Myra Hutchins, Mrs. Melva Worth, and Mrs. Metta Babcock. In 1897 Walter Rood was elected and held the office many years, during which the society continued to grow, until in 1914 during the pastorate of George Shaw the Intermediate society was organized from the older juniors. After Mr. Rood gave up the work it has been ably cared for by Mrs. Bee, Marcia Rood, Mrs. Polan and others. Mrs. Polan is the present superintendent.

The Intermediate society has also grown steadily under the leadership of Pastors Shaw, Davis, and Polan and the superintendency of W. G. Rood and Mrs. Hemphill. The organization of the three societies is such that now the members of the Junior at the end of their eighth grade year become intermediates, and come into the Senior society when they graduate from high school, so there need be no break whatever. All three societies are strong and are earnestly striving "For Christ and the Church."

ON OUR SHELVES

I am wondering how many of our people know about a book that has been on our shelves for several years. The title is "Country Life Leadership," and it is written by President Boothe C. Davis. It is a collection of addresses given by him before the Alfred Agricultural

School, and contains real inspiration for those who have chosen to live in the country.

It points the way to service through leadership in country communities for those who have studied to be efficient agriculturalists, and who also have the desire to help others, through their vocation.

"The collection deals with a fairly complete cycle of church and religious problems inherent in country life . . . It is the hope of the author that they may definitely fix the attention of readers upon the important place religion must hold in the life of the folk of the countryside."—quoted from the preface.

Some of the titles and texts of the addresses might be interesting. "The Conditions of Country Life Success"—text, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land"; "God's Plan for Our Lives"—text, "Be thou a blessing"; "God's Law of Growth"—text, "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear"—these are examples.

The book is bound in brown cloth, and the price is \$1.25. If you are interested in the problems of country life and the part you can play in their solution, you will find this book helpful.

Send your order to Bernice A. Brewer, American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

A borrower went to a bank president to get some money. The banker, to all pleadings answered "No." At last he said: "I'll make a sporting proposition to you. I have one glass eye. Opticians say it is the most nearly perfect one they ever saw. If you can guess which is my glass eye, you can have that loan."

The customer promptly said, "Your left."

"Well, how did you tell?" asked the banker.

"It was the one," answered the other, "in which I saw the more sympathy."—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

MRS. WALTER L. GREENE, ANDOVER, N. Y.
Contributing Editor

TAKE HEED, O YE CHILDREN!

M. S. G.

Oh where, oh where have the children gone?
Oh where, oh where can they be,
With their splendid tales and their cheery rhymes
And their letters so dear to me?

They've quite forsaken "The Children's Page,"
For a couple of weeks or more,
I'll not despair, but what shall I do,
To get them to write as before?

Oh, children large and children small,
Now list to my pleading, I pray,
With a will to do and a trusty pen,
Get busy and write me today.

What's that? You've written? You're going to write?
Your letter is now on the way?
That is fine; my outlook begins to look bright,
But come, write another today.

FOR VERY LITTLE FOLKS

MARY A. STILLMAN

The pig has a pen,
The bear has a den;
The bird builds a nest
Where birdlings may rest.
The mouse has a hole
And so has the mole;
The bee has a comb,
But I live in a home.

BEING A FRIEND

ALICE ANNETTE LARKIN

Just across the laneway lives a true and loyal friend;
I know that I can trust him till the longest day's long end.
He hasn't much to brag about as far as beauty goes,
But grandpa says his heart is gold, and 'course my grandpa knows.

Whenever I am feeling blue, and things have all gone wrong,
Then shaggy Dick, my good old dog, comes patting along.
He licks my hand and rubs his nose against it till I know
That he is sorry as can be for all that bothers so.

Just across the laneway, the boys all gather there,
And every one will tell you Dick's the best dog anywhere
I haven't much to brag about, but I would like to be
As good a friend to other folks as Dick has been to me
Ashaway, R. I. —Our Dumb Animals.

THE LESSON FLUFFY TAUGHT

Once upon a time two little girls,
Mary and Jane, were playing happily in a sunny garden.
They had a little lunch table spread with a snowy cloth, and on it were the daintiest of pink flowered dishes, which mother had given Jane for her birthday that very day.

And such fine things as they had to eat—rich milk, delicious brown bread and butter, juicy fruit, and other good things such as children like to eat. How good everything tasted to the hungry little girls!

On the grass beside them was a generous saucer of cream, and two little kitties, Fluffy, who was snowy white, and Topsy, as black as a coal, were having a lunch party all their very own.

"May I come to your party, too?" said a soft little voice close by.

The girls looked quickly toward the low fence which separated their garden from the one next door and there stood a little girl about their own age peeping in at them with wistful brown eyes. In her arms she held a little grey kitten. They did not know her very well as she had only just moved into the house next door. They knew her name was Grace, for they had heard her mother call her so that morning.

"Oh, dear," said Jane crossly, "It is more fun for just two to play together."

"We have only enough for two to eat," pouted Mary.

Little Grace turned sadly away, but the little grey kitten jumped out of her arms, crept quickly under the fence, and was soon rubbing against the other two kittens. Did they send him away? No, indeed! Topsy licked his soft fur in the friendliest manner, and Fluffy moved over purring loudly, as if to say, "Help yourself, grey kitten, help yourself."

Two little girls looked very much ashamed, for they thought, "Our kittens are kinder than we are."

Mary jumped up quickly and called, "Come back, Grace! Come back."

"Three can have lots more fun than two," said Jane.

"We'll divide our lunch with you. There is plenty for three," said Mary.

Soon three little girls and three little kittens were having a very happy time together.

"My kitten's name is Kitty Grey," said Grace with a happy smile. "I am so glad your kitties like her. I am glad, too, that you like to play with me."

"We are all glad," said Jane and Mary.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE BLUE BADGE

(Sermon to the boys and girls, Plainfield, N. J., September 8, 1928)

REV. AHVA J. C. BOND

Text: *And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: And it shall be unto you for a fringe that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them.* Numbers 15:37-39.

I think all my Plainfield boys and girls must know that the Bible was not first written in the English language. The Bible was written long before there was an English language. The Old Testament was written in a language that would be very strange to us. It was written in the Hebrew. Our Bible then is what we call a translation. That is, someone who knew both Hebrew and English has read the Bible in the Hebrew, and then has written it all out for us in the English language so we can all read and study it. Different people who have known Hebrew have done this, so we have more than one translation of the Bible. In preparing this sermon I have read three different translations of our text.

I have given the text to you from the oldest translation, and it speaks of a "ribband of blue." The second one I read calls it a "cord of blue." I am going to read it to you

as it has been translated by a Scotch minister and scholar, who teaches the Bible in a school for ministers in New York. This is the way he has written these same verses:

"Tell them to put tassels at the corners of their robes, attached by a violet thread. This shall be for all time. The tassel will serve to catch your eye and remind you to obey all the commands of the Eternal, not to follow your own wandering desires and fancies, but to remember and obey all my commands, and be consecrated to your God."

What one man has called a "ribband" (ribbon), another a "cord," and still another a "tassel," I have called a "badge," for that was really what it was. Two translators have said it was blue, and the other has called it violet, which of course is a shade of blue. So you see how I got my theme from the text—"The Knights of the Blue Badge."

It is interesting and quite important to find out just as nearly as we can what this badge was like which Moses told the children of Israel to wear. But more important than that is it to know just what it meant and why they were to wear it. And what a beautiful meaning it had! They were to wear this blue badge to help them to remember God's commandments, so that they could obey them. These people were grown up, but they lived a long time ago, and were very much like children. They lived a long time before Jesus came to show men the way to live, and they were just beginning to learn the commandments. God had just given the ten commandments to Moses and had told him to teach them to the people. And now he was helping them to remember. Don't you think it was a beautiful way?

The people in those days all wore a sort of robe. And to these garments they were to fasten a blue cord or ribbon or tassel. As they moved about, these badges would flutter and catch their eye, and remind them of their desire and pledge to keep all the commandments of God.

We want our boys and girls of this church to keep all the commandments. We are anxious that all our Seventh Day Baptist boys and girls in all the churches shall keep God's commandments. During the last three years we have held twenty-five Teen-Age Conferences, and at these conferences several hundred boys and girls have worn a blue ribbon badge. And that badge means just

SABBATH SCHOOL

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BOARD MEETING AND CLASS

SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.—I have just come from a meeting of our Sabbath School Board. There the members gave an hour of careful and prayerful consideration to what seemed to them the best interests of our Sabbath schools in their work of leading our boys and girls into Christian manhood and womanhood. It is for this purpose that there is such a school in connection with every one of our churches. Much of the work that the board has to do is, of course, mechanical. It is concerned with the money received for the promotion of the school work, whence it comes and what is being done with it. At this annual meeting the financial budget of expenses for the Conference year of 1927-1928 was presented, which had called for \$3,800. It was stated that in order to reach the hoped-for ideals for the coming year there should be in every church and Sabbath school an enlarged budget. The reports of the finance committee of the board and the treasurer were received and, after due consideration, approved.

REPORT OF REV. ERLO E. SUTTON.—The report of the director of religious education, Rev. Mr. Sutton, giving an account of his activities during the previous Conference year, was presented in printed form, under the following headings: Editorial and Office Work; Field Work; Vacation and Religious Day Schools; Leadership Training; Meetings Attended; Conclusion. Among other things he spoke earnestly of the need of teachers especially fitted for their work. This printed statement gave attention to the following named topics:

what the blue badge meant to the children of Israel when Moses was their leader. I hope every one who has worn a blue ribbon at a Teen-Age Conference will be a true "Knight of the Blue Badge."

Publications for Sabbath School, and Some Problems in Field Work.

MECHANICAL.—I have said that much of the work of the board at its meetings is mechanical. I mean that with them it is much a matter of routine business that claims their attention. It is different from what they talk about in Sabbath school class. I sometimes wonder how much of personal attention the most of us give to the spiritual element in our Sabbath school lessons. I am in a class of men who sit together about thirty minutes every Sabbath to consider the lesson assigned them in the *Helping Hand*. It seems to me like a short time, especially so when a group of thinking men, willing to tell what they think, to put upon a Bible lesson of real spiritual value. Time is soon up after getting well started with a good degree of interest and so much yet to be said that seems well worth while. Nothing is more conducive to spiritual growth.

I wonder how much Christian conversation men have with one another beside this one short half hour on the Sabbath. How many of us speak of such things during the week? We are supposed of course to study well our Sabbath school lesson before coming together in class; but do we all make such preparation? If we do this, we shall be ready to get the most out of the short time we have for talking together for our spiritual profit.

MINUTES OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD

A regular meeting of the Sabbath School Board was held in the Davis room of Milton College, Milton, Wis., Sunday afternoon, September 16, 1928, at 2 o'clock.

President D. N. Inglis presided and the following trustees were present: D. N. Inglis, H. W. Rood, R. E. Greene, J. L. Skaggs, L. A. Babcock, Edwin Shaw, J. N. Daland, J. F. Whitford, A. E. Whitford, and A. L. Burdick.

Prayer was offered by Rev. James L. Skaggs.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the secretary reported on the call for this meeting.

Chairman Edwin Shaw, of the committee on publications presented a verbal report which was accepted.

A verbal report of the committee on field work was also made by the chairman, Rev. J. L. Skaggs, which was also accepted.

George M. Ellis, chairman of the committee on finance, reported on the condition of the invested funds of the board. The report was adopted as a report of progress.

The quarterly report of the treasurer was presented and adopted as follows:

L. A. BABCOCK in account with the SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.

Dr.

July 6, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Onward Movement	\$610.58
August 15, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Onward Movement	33.65
August 29, Wisconsin Mortgage & Security Company on bond account....	150.00
September 4, Collection at Conference..	19.65
September 10, C. C. Van Horn, Dewitt, Ark., Sabbath school	5.00
Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Onward Movement	14.20
Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Secretary Alfred Church	5.00
	<u>\$838.08</u>

Cr.

July 1, Overdraft	\$ 4.55
July 5, Rev. E. E. Sutton, expense on western trip	350.00
August 2, Rev. E. E. Sutton, salary	133.00
August 7, Dr. A. L. Burdick, postage	4.25
August 8, Davis Printing Company, stationery	13.50
August 30, Arloine Hall, supervising Vacation Bible School at Little Genesee	45.00
September 1, Rev. E. E. Sutton, salary..	133.00
	<u>\$683.30</u>
Balance on hand	154.78
	<u>\$838.08</u>

Milton, Wis.,
September 16, 1928.

A communication from Rev. C. A. Hansen was read and referred to the committee on field work.

A bill from the publishing house for printing the annual report of the board and furnishing the copies for distribution at the last General Conference was allowed and ordered paid.

The president announced that, not having received the minutes of the annual corporation meeting, held in Alfred, N. Y., September 12, the standing committees would remain the same as for last year until further notice.

The minutes were read and adopted.
Adjourned.

A. L. BURDICK,
Secretary.

Sabbath School Lesson III—October 20, 1928

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP. 2 Corinthians 8: 1 to 9: 15

Golden Text: "First they gave their own selves to the Lord." 2 Corinthians 8: 5.

DAILY READINGS

October 14—Macedonian Liberality. 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9.
October 15—The Jewish Standard. 2 Chronicles 31: 1-12a.
October 16—Robbing God. Malachi 3: 7-15.
October 17—The Christian Standard. 1 Corinthians 16: 1-9.
October 18—Humility in Giving. Matthew 6: 1-7.
October 19—Encouragement to Giving. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15.
October 20—Praise to the Creator. Psalm 95: 1-11.

(For Lesson Notes, see *Helping Hand*)

MARRIAGES

EDWARDS-NICELY.—At the home of the superintendent of Seventh Day Baptist missions in Jamaica, September 23, 1928, Nathaniel A. Edwards and Miss Elma Nicely, both of St. Andrew Parish, Jamaica, were united in marriage by D. Burdett Coon.

GRANT-BEINING—On September 21, 1928, at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, Milton, Wis., Claude Skaggs Grant, of Milton, and Miss Elsie Beining, of Madison, Wis., were united in marriage by Pastor James L. Skaggs.

ROOD-REMER—On August 26, 1928, at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, Milton, Wis., Leman Jerrold Rood and Miss Iras Evelyn Remer, both of Milton, were united in marriage. Pastor James L. Skaggs officiated.

VAN HORN-STRESSBURG—At the home of the bride's parents in Milton Junction, Wis., by Rev. Edwin Shaw, on Wednesday evening, September 26, 1928, Mr. Clifton Wilson Van Horn, of Milton, Wis., and Miss Pauline Emilie Strassburg, of Milton Junction, Wis., the new home to be at Higley, Ariz.

DEATHS

GREENE.—Elizabeth L. Williams was born October 15, 1838, at Watson, Lewis County, N. Y., and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Combs, on their farm west of North Loup, September, 1928, almost 90 years of age.

She was the second child in a family of eight born to Deacon Daniel P. Williams and Lucinda Scriven Williams and was in lineal descent to Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island. She was a sister of the late Deacon Jacob Williams, who spent a large part of his life in this community, and of Henry Williams, of Boulder, Colo., the only living member of his family.

Her early life was spent in New York, where she did some teaching and where on April 2, 1859, she was married to William N. Greene, who a few years later served his country in the Civil War. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Greene, only one of whom grew to maturity, Ella, the wife of George Combs of this vicinity. In the spring of 1880 they moved to Nebraska to seek a new home, but within a very few weeks her husband died and left her alone in this new home to care for her only daughter. For many years they lived in town in the house now owned by Robert Peterson, and after the marriage of the daughter she moved with them, twenty-four years ago, to the farm where she died.

Mrs. Greene was baptized at the age of twelve years and joined the Watson (N. Y.) Seventh Day Baptist Church. When she moved to Nebraska she and her husband joined the North Loup Church, where she has since held membership. She was a good Christian woman and did her work faithfully and well. She was somewhat retiring and quiet, but was loved by all who knew her. She was of even temperament, which made it easy always to know just what her attitude toward life's questions would be.

Mrs. Greene passed quietly away last Thursday morning, after a brief illness, and memorial services were held at the home Sabbath afternoon, September 15. L. O. Greene, in the absence of the pastor, had charge of the services. The bearers were relatives. There were many beautiful floral offerings, which indicate the esteem in which "Aunt Elizabeth" was held. Burial was at the Hillside Cemetery. L. O. G.

HAGERTY.—At her home in Sardis, W. Va., September 24, 1928, Mrs. Jesse M. Hagerty, in the seventy-eighth year of her age.

Millie Moore was the daughter of Uriah and Evaline Cunningham Moore. She was born May 18, 1851. Her entire life has been spent not far from Salem, W. Va. Since the death of Mr. Hagerty, ten years ago, she has spent the winter months at the home of her only child, Mrs. Venie Bond, wife of S. O. Bond, president of Salem College.

Mrs. Hagerty was a splendid Christian woman, who had been a consistent member of the Baptist Church of Sardis for more than fifty years. She was of a quiet, retiring disposition and loved her family and friends with a tenderness seldom surpassed. Always frail in body, she suffered very much during her entire life, but without murmur or complaint.

Her death leaves a vacant place at the table and by the fire. She will be greatly missed but there will be many sweet and happy memories in the hearts of family and friends.

The funeral was conducted by the pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, assisted by the pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

G. B. S.

MAXSON.—Mrs. Amanda Titsworth Maxson was born near Plainfield, N. J., October 3, 1839, and died at Plainfield, September 16, 1928.

Mrs. Maxson was the daughter of Abram Dunham Titsworth and Juliet Randolph Titsworth. These names all indicate the strong flow of Seventh Day Baptist blood that coursed through her veins. Her husband, who died several years ago, was William Bliss Maxson, who was a man of strong Christian character and a man of influence in his community. He was at one time mayor of Plainfield. Their children were Harry, who died December 6, 1925, and Mabel, who was her mother's constant companion during the long years of her widowhood, and who ministered to her during many weeks and months of increasing weakness with true and loving devotion.

Mrs. Maxson was a lovely character. A lover of the church, fond of books, interested always in the welfare of others, she was all that is embodied in the expression, a refined Christian woman.

She was a student at one time in Alfred University, and attended the Plainfield Seminary. She was baptized early in life and joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ. Through her long life she was loyal to her church, sending a message to be read at the covenant meeting when she was no longer able to attend. She had a clear understanding of present events to the very last, but she wanted to "go home," having no fear of the future, but rather anticipating it with pleasure. Her life was a beautiful example of Christian living, and will be held as such in the memory of her many friends.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond, assisted by her nephew, Doctor Curry of Philadelphia. Interment was made in Hillside Cemetery.

A. J. C. B.

It used to be said that a sucker was born every minute—but judging by the way the mails are clogged with circulars urging people to buy stocks, suckers must be born now at the rate of about a million a minute.
—Pathfinder.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be glad to receive contributions for the work in Pangoengsen Java. Send remittances to the treasurer, S. H. DAVIS, Westerly, R. I.

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The Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City holds services at the Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Washington Square, South. The Sabbath school meets at 10.45 a. m. Preaching service at 11.30 a. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all visitors. Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Pastor, 81 Elliot Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Chicago holds regular Sabbath services in Hall 601, Capitol Building (formerly Masonic Temple), corner of State and Randolph Streets, at 2 o'clock. Everybody welcome. August Johansen, Pastor, 504 South Cuyler Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., holds its regular Sabbath services in its house of worship, located one-half of a block east of South Broadway (previously Moneta Avenue), on Forty-second Street. Sabbath school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m., Bible study class at 1.30 p. m. Everybody welcome. Rev. Geo. W. Hills, Pastor, 264 W. Forty-second Street.

Riverside, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church holds regular meetings each week. Church services at 10 o'clock Sabbath morning, followed by Bible School. Christian Endeavor, Sabbath afternoon, 3 o'clock. Prayer meeting Friday evening. All services in Church, corner Fourteenth and Lemon Streets. Gerald D. Hargis, Pastor, parsonage 1415 Lemon Street.

The Minneapolis Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath School meets each Sabbath. Visitors in the Twin Cities and Robbinsdale are cordially invited to meet with us. Phone Miss Evelyn Schuh, Secretary, Hyland 1650.

The Detroit Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ holds regular Sabbath services at 2.30 p. m., in Room 402, Y. M. C. A. Building, Fourth Floor (elevator), Adams and Witherell Streets. For information concerning Christian Endeavor and other services, call Pastor R. B. St. Clair, 4012 Field Avenue, phone, Whittier 6644. A most cordial welcome to all.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Mich., holds regular preaching services each Sabbath in the Upton Avenue Methodist church at 10.30 a. m. The present address of the pastor is J. W. Crofoot, 213 Howland St.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud, Mich., holds regular preaching services and Sabbath school, each Sabbath, beginning at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor and prayer meeting each Friday evening at 7.30. Visitors are welcome.

The Seventh Day Baptists in and around Denver, Colo., hold Sabbath school services every Sabbath afternoon at Fifth and Galapago streets, at 2 o'clock. Visitors invited.

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The Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church of London, holds a regular Sabbath service at 3 p. m., at Argyle Hall, 105 Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway, N. 7. Strangers and visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend these services.

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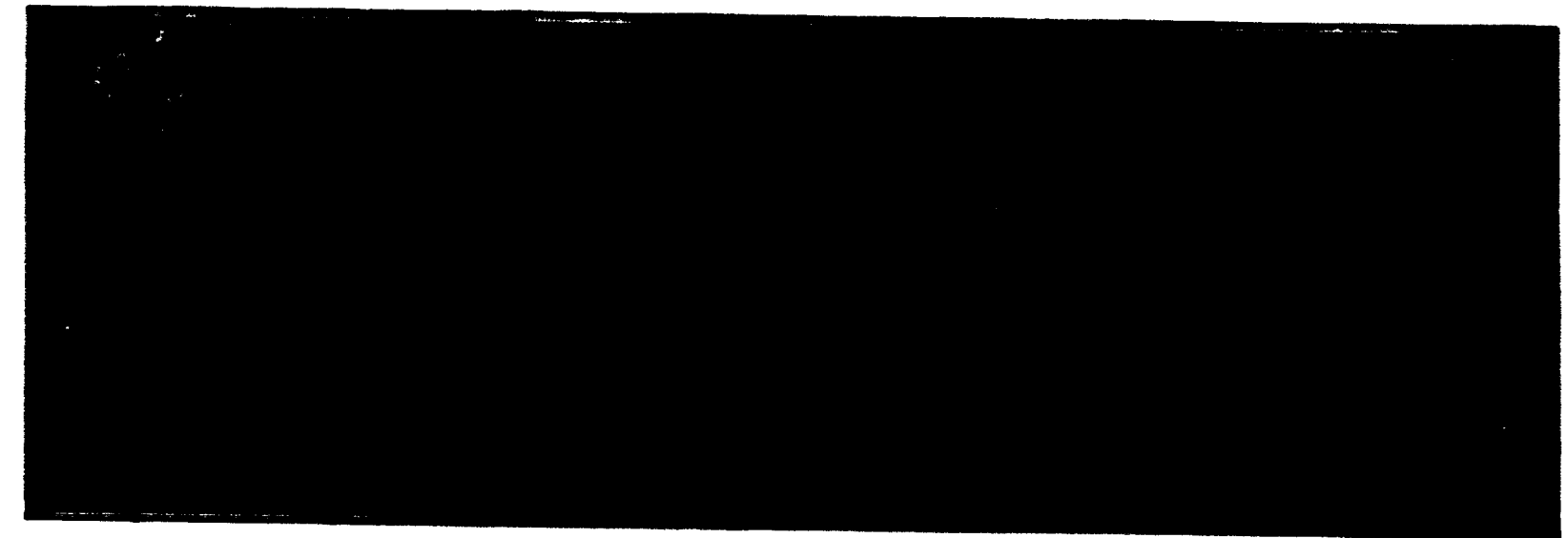
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