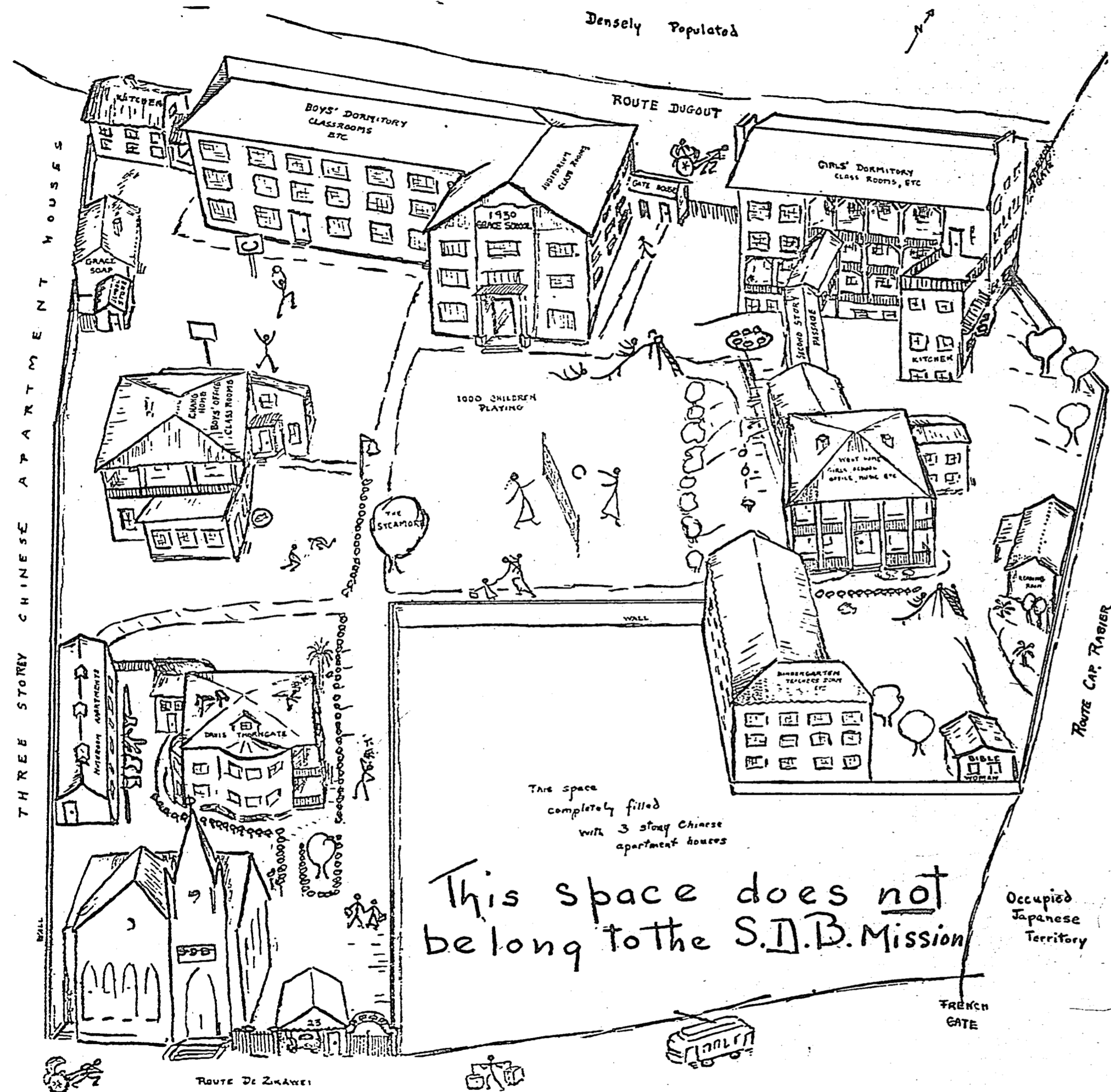


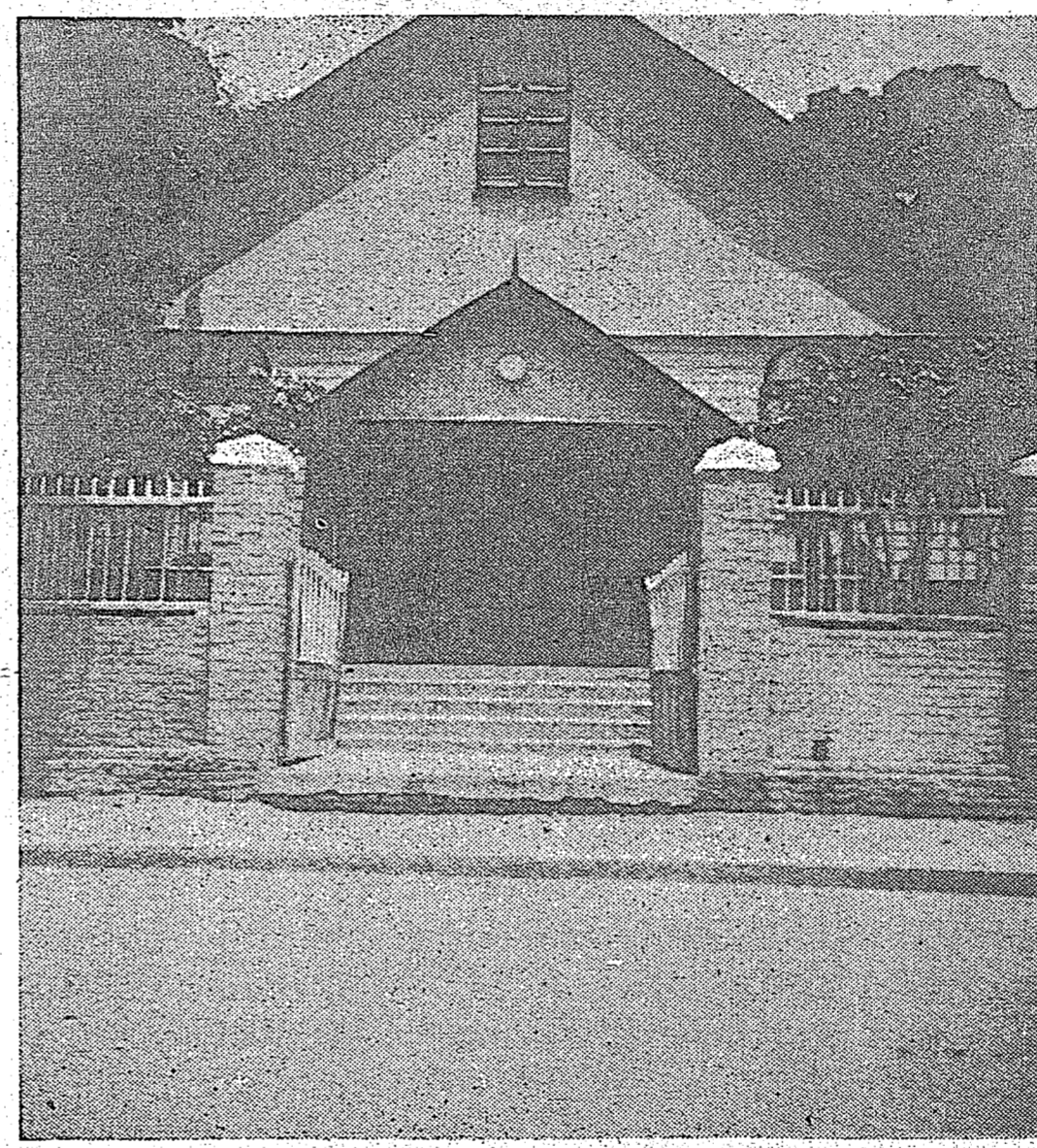
CENTER OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST INTERESTS
IN SHANGHAI



S.D.B. Mission Compound at Shanghai

From a drawing which originally appeared in the China Mission Bulletin, March 1, 1940.

The Sabbath Recorder



Another Gateway to Missionary Opportunity

Jamaica

The most beautiful island I have seen is Jamaica. Like a gem of emerald green it lies hidden away in the ocean; well may it be said, "That every prospect pleases and only man is vile." Yet men are not as vile here as in many other places.

The city of Kingston has a beautiful harbor, and is well built up with modern buildings, and reminds us in a hundred ways of eastern cities in the tropics. The native portions have narrow streets, crowded with masses who are looking for the foreigner, hoping to be given some employment.

The island is very mountainous, which adds to its beauty, but not to its productiveness. There are, however, many banana plantations, and some pineapple and oranges grow wild, and can be had in country sections for two to three cents a dozen. Labor is very cheap, averaging from twenty-four to seventy-two cents per day for men and about one-half as much for women.

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The Sabbath Recorder

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Editorials

ALWAYS WITH US

Taxes—and what else is it—we always have with us? One thing else that is always with us, in the Recorder office, is the problem of subscriptions.

Your editor has been giving the subject a good deal of study and consideration. Last week he suggested a motto: "The Sabbath Recorder in every Seventh Day Baptist home." This week he would like to underline the word "every" and present a challenge to the denomination—a challenge that will help make the every-man-a-salesman campaign a success.

The mathematicians have been at work. They began by jotting down the total church membership. Then an estimate was made of the total number of homes in the denomination. Balanced against this figure was the present Recorder subscription list. Added for contemplation was the number of possible subscriptions that should exist for other purposes—copies of the Recorder for public libraries, copies for publicity purposes among interested friends and other prospective church members, and copies for other such uses. The totaling of these figures makes it evident that within the immediate future an increased paid circulation of at least 950 is reasonable to expect.

That, then, is the challenge. Let us work toward that goal and right away! Individuals who do not have the Recorder can help by sending in subscriptions for themselves; those who already subscribe can contact neighbors, relatives, and friends who should have the Recorder in their homes and sell them on the idea.

Church organizations can help themselves and the denomination and at the same time assist the Recorder in securing the 950 or more new paid subscriptions.

Each church should subscribe for a Recorder to be placed in the public library of the community in which the church is located, then volunteer an extra subscription or two for libraries in communities where there are no Seventh Day Baptist churches. Who knows how far-reaching the results might be in spreading the message of the denomination?

Groups within churches, also, can have a hand in this undertaking. There should be several extra copies of the Recorder always at the church, perhaps included with the display of tracts and other literature. Such copies, provided by some Sabbath school class or society in the church, would then be readily available to give to visitors. It would be a fine project, also, for someone to make sure that church members who are unable to subscribe are provided with copies.

In churches where there is a regularly appointed Recorder salesman, let that person assume the responsibility for seeing that this campaign is carried out with dispatch. Where no official salesman is already working, make sure that such a person is appointed. Then let us all—every one of us—make it our business to "sell" Recorders.

All right! So we have taxes always with us. Is that any reason why we should be forever shackled to a limited Recorder subscription list?

IN SEARCH OF THE ANSWERS

A manila folder labeled "Editorial Material" in the editor's file is full to overflowing. Into the folder go clippings from newspapers and magazines, scraps of paper on which random thoughts have been jotted down, and outlines for the study of questions vital to everyday, Christian living. It is very doubtful if the editor will find either time or Recorder space to let many of these "seeds of thought" develop into full-blooming "flowers of expression." Yet many of the subjects that will of necessity have to be left undiscussed merit consideration. Suggesting we simply transfer some of these clippings and jottings into print, and you can do your own armchair editorializing.

"Laugh, Then Weep"

The first clipping is entitled "Laugh, Then Weep." It tells about the Navy Day celebration held recently in New York, when "battleships, destroyers, submarines, and airplanes competed for attention." The President made a speech on America's foreign policy, and thousands visited the battleship Missouri and viewed the spot on deck where the Japanese surrender had formally been signed. It was decided that school children would profit by being chaperoned to this historic spot. Sixty thousand school children made the excursion—and caused pandemonium unbelievable. They tampered with the ship's controls; they pilfered fire-hose nozzles, tools, anything that was loose; they caused a general alarm to be sounded. While one hundred fifty teachers fainted and had to be cared for in improvised hospital quarters, they even tried to pry up the memorial plaque marking the spot of surrender ceremonies. "The control officer said he would prefer battle or fire to any further such visiting demonstrations." While tears mingle with our laughter as we consider such a regrettable display (which is too frequently duplicated these days), let us consider soberly what should be done about home indoctrination, school training, and church influences to condition youth for more sane conduct.

Shameful Charge

The next quotation is regarding a letter from a Navy chaplain stationed in Tokyo, admitted to the "Congressional Record" in November. The report charges that the chaplain, Lawrence L. Lacour, saw lines of enlisted men waiting to visit Japanese

brothels, with the official permission of high Navy officers. Other similar situations in both the Army and Navy have been alluded to in the religious and secular press. "The American people," a Washington newspaper asserts editorially, "have too vital an interest in a matter of this kind to tolerate anything which smacks of complacency or whitewash." We are the American people. What is our obligation in such a matter?

Democracy?

From one of the nation's denominational publications comes this comment: "From all available indications the release of Civilian Public Service men is still in the 'getting started' stage. Even few men over thirty-five years have been known to be actually discharged yet. It is hoped that the rate will pick up . . . and that all the four-year men will be out by March. But even if this comes true the rate will be far behind that for the armed forces." Another writer expresses the opinion that conscientious objectors are not receiving equitable attention because of "vocal pressure groups" and "owing to inability on the part of a small handful of our legislators to see how to put into actual operation the principle of democracy of which they delight to speak." Here is another question that deserves careful consideration and constructive action.

A Home in the Country

Here is an editorial cartoon. Standing at the blackboard in the classroom of life is a student, chalk in hand. The lesson for the day deals, in a way, with mathematics. The youth is writing on the board: "Two packs of cigarettes a day (the addict's average) equals \$100 a year. Smoking from ages 20 to 60 equals over \$4,000, the price of a home in the country!" That is something to "figure out," all right.

Little Wars

This is a comment about what happened in Memphis, Tenn., when fourteen stores received shipments of nylon hose and inserted a coupon in the daily paper entitling the holder to a chance to purchase one pair. "Imagine the chagrin of many ladies who found their paper minus the coupon!" the account relates. "Others had clipped the coupons and thus had the opportunity to purchase more than one pair. If a pair of nylon hose will cause little wars, cannot we see how nations wanting things that are

not theirs, will resort to bloodshed?" That is a good question, too, and merits an answer reflected in daily living.

The folder of editorial suggestions is still far from empty, but if we search out the answers to the questions posed by these few suggestions, we will have accomplished a great deal. We can tackle other problems another time. After all, big accomplishments are but the accumulation of small ones.

GUEST EDITORIAL

ONE WORD—FOR THE U.N.O.

Literary monstrosity though it be, we defiantly confess that the initials U.N.O. suggest, most emphatically, "Unite, Nations, Or-else." Terrible possibilities, to become actualities if the world remains divided in irresponsible fragments called sovereign nations, make a real and effective United Nations Organization an imperative. Do those "hardheaded realists" who thundered against sharing our atomic knowledge with our ally, Russia, still wish to reverse the Golden Rule?

For today comes a report from Reuters, the British News Agency: Soviet scientists have perfected a spinning atomic bomb. A superior atomic bomb. A bomb which is not dependent upon the size of the uranium supply. Even if this report should prove to be in part unfounded at the present time, the true realist faces the future implications.

Unite, Nations, Or-else.

—Emerson Hugh Lalone,
in the Christian Leader.

JAMAICA

(Continued from front cover)

The public roads are unexcelled. They are well paved and are laid out around the mountain passes, and on each side is a most luxuriant vegetation. The stonewall fence is usually covered with pretty vines; and towering over these are the pretty palms of various kinds, interspersed with tropical birch and mango trees, which in many places must stand back to make room for a well-laden orange tree. One is made to feel that he is passing into a specially decorated entrance to some park or exhibition, but it is only the regular order of the day; for there are several hundred miles of this pleasing scenery.

Against this beautiful background we see the underfed, poorly clad native wending his way with his burden to the market in an effort to sell a few oranges, bananas, or cassava cakes. The natives are well behaved, speak English, and most of them have their name on some church book. The Church of England ranks first in numbers, then come Baptists, a fact which for our mission is fortunate. I have not been made to feel any special prejudice in a religious way, and at the present time am hopeful that our mission here may be successful.

I have just spent a week at Santa Cruz with Brother and Sister Somms, and have found them strong in the Seventh Day Baptist faith through the work of Elder R. B. St. Clair. While there, another strong family expressed intentions of uniting with us. A company of about eight adults and children are anxiously looking toward a small church building in this important center. All hands rejoice at the safe arrival of Rev. William L. Burdick. Together we shall endeavor to encourage the people to cast in their lot with us and to accomplish the kingdom tasks.

C. A. Hansen.

December 17, 1923.

A BIT OF HISTORY

In 1923 the first representatives from the churches in America went to Jamaica. For a number of months previously inquiries about Seventh Day Baptists had been coming from church leaders on the island who had learned of the denomination largely through the "Voice," a little paper published by the church in Detroit, Mich., and through correspondence of its pastor, Rev. Robert B. St. Clair, and others. The Northwestern Association urged that two men be sent to Jamaica to investigate the situation and give such help as was needed to establish churches there. A fund to help defray the expenses of the trip was started by the association. The American Sabbath Tract Society and the Missionary Board assisted with the project. Pastor C. A. Hansen, Chicago, Ill., and the corresponding secretary of the Missionary Board, Rev. William L. Burdick, were sent. Pastor Hansen went by way of Florida and Cuba, arriving eleven days ahead of Secretary Burdick, who sailed direct from New York to Kingston.

OUR COVER

Pictured on this week's cover is the Seventh Day Baptist church in Kingston, Jamaica. Additional mission property has recently been purchased next to the church building.

◦ "If you in America contribute a shilling—Jamaica will thank you."

Great Need for School Explained

~ EDUCATIONAL PROJECT ALREADY STARTED

By Rev. Wardner Fitz Randolph

Seventh Day Baptist Missionary in Jamaica

Seventh Day Baptists have interests in most parts of Jamaica. On the island, which is some forty-nine miles wide and one hundred forty-four miles long, there are twenty-six organized church groups. Only in the extreme west have we no organized work. Even here there are a few Seventh Day Baptists. None of the churches are more than seventy-five miles from Kingston, but traveling conditions are so bad that it is very difficult to visit some of them.

There is a real need for a car, but those available here are worn out and selling for more than a new car should cost. Gas has been rationed at five gallons per month. Rationing regulations are being relaxed, however, so that one could travel more with a car now.

Everyone Interested

The one thing which interests everyone in Jamaica is the matter of a school. It vitally affects our interests here as a denomination. Try to picture the young people being thrust out into the world at the age of sixteen. Their education and religious training is incomplete. Their characters are unformed. They have no trade, no way to earn a livelihood. Their parents, father and mother, usually are working all day; at most they are able to earn only a few shillings a week (not more than \$3 or \$4). The only place children can go is on the street. When they do that they are usually lost to us as a people, and to Christianity and decency.

Christian Surroundings

You cannot know how the fathers and mothers long for a school where they can send their children to learn a vocation. I wish that you could hear the mothers plead with me to take their girls home with me so that Mrs. Randolph can teach them to do housework and so they can be in a Christian home and surroundings. Mrs. Randolph

received a letter recently from such a one. It reads:

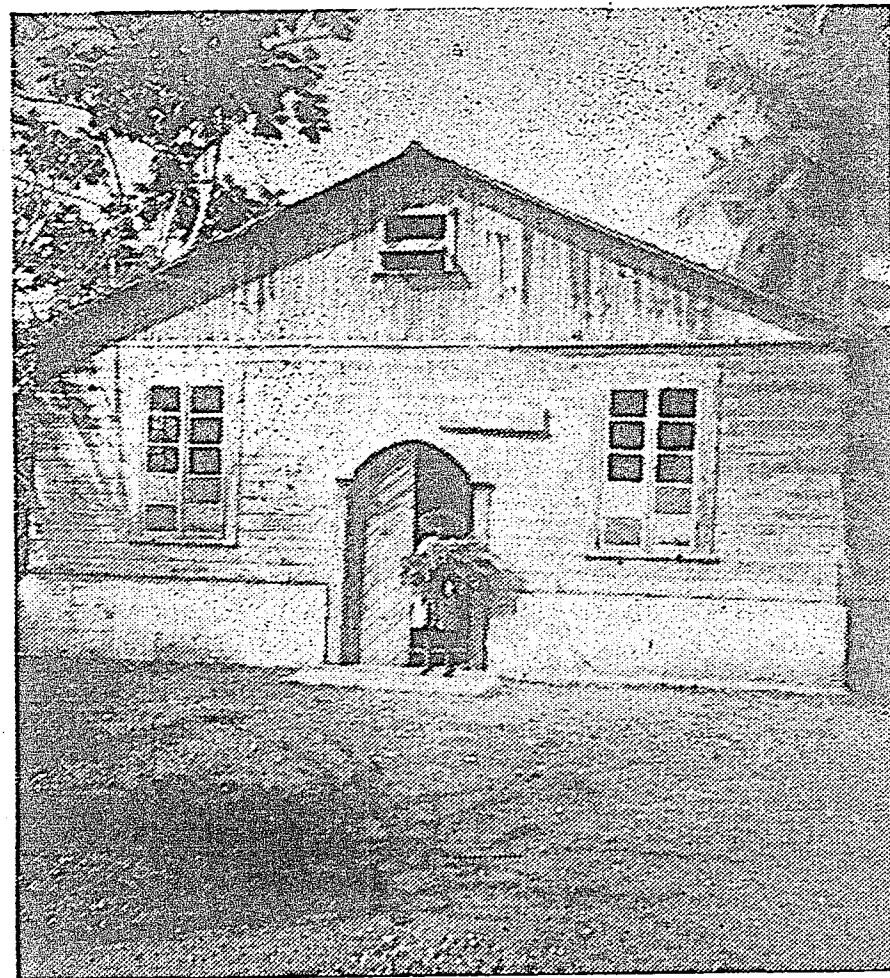
Dear Sister Randolph:

I never had the occasion of writing to you before. But on this occasion am doing so. I have a girl of fifteen. She is just out of school. I cannot afford to keep her in school; so I think to ask you. . . ."

Her daughter had reached the age limit for school. The mother could not afford, because she must send her away to a boarding school which would cost more than she and her husband make. My wife could only tell her that she would put her name on a list, which is already too long, and would notify her when and if we could take her. She also encouraged her with the hope that there would be a school soon where boys and girls could work their way through school and at the same time learn some trade



One Jamaican Method of Transportation
Among the riders are Missionary Fitz Randolph
(standing) and son.



Wakefield Seventh Day Baptist Church
Jamaica, B. W. I.

or vocation by means of which they could earn a living and at the same time keep the Sabbath.

How gratifying it is to be able to tell the people that a start toward our school has been made. Very soon details regarding the purchase of land for a parsonage and school will be available. Starting in a small way, we already have plans formulated for developing an institution that will provide the needed academic and vocational training and at the same time become practically self-supporting.

Supply All Needs

We could supply almost all our needs from the school itself: food, clothing, hats, and shoes. The boys could be used to erect new buildings; a line of novelty shoes and hats for the tourist trade could be made to bring in an income; a bakery is also profitable in this country; cabinetmaking also has bright possibilities. Under careful management I feel that such a school could be made self-supporting, within a year or two. We have among our own Jamaicans those who are prepared and willing to teach the vocations, but we have no one capable of teaching the secondary subjects. Such a one or ones will have to come from America.

CHURCH HAS OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

By Janette Fitz Randolph

Jamaica missionary's daughter now attending school in America.

We arrived early one Sunday afternoon. It was, however, far from being early when we got through all the red tape. It was natural that everything should seem strange and very unreal that first day when I found myself set down by plane in a world I had scarcely imagined existed.

In the open taxi taking us from the airport to the church I received my first impression of Kingston. I saw a city that had few

The Jamaica Conference is enthusiastically in favor of the school. They appointed a committee composed of many of the leaders of the denomination to start the ball a-rolling.

There is a class of ten or twelve girls and eight or ten boys in the Kingston Church who should be in such a school. Some of them have not yet reached the age limit and are in school. Some who have reached the age limit by means of scholarships and the sacrifices of their parents are continuing in secondary schools; but many of them already are out of school with no prospect of further training except in our school. The situation in the country parts is even worse, for there are no secondary schools available and children must be sent to Kingston for training.

There are at least one hundred children among our people who will be in the school and more who would like to attend. But the committee plans to proceed with plans if only for twenty or thirty at the beginning. Better to start in a small way and quickly, before our fine young people slip away from us, than to plan something big and postpone action for some years.

The Jamaica Conference is making a drive for funds for the school among its members. A special "Rally of the Vocations" day was observed by all Jamaican churches on January 20, 1946. Cards have been printed for raising funds. I think Mrs. Randolph has sent some of these cards to America. If any of you in America contribute a shilling, Jamaica will thank you.

sidewalks; and where there were sidewalks, people were walking in the streets from habit. When I noticed the large number of children, I held my breath because the danger of so many children playing in the streets is immediately apparent. I was later to learn that a third of the population which is well over a million is children.

Another prominent feature that could not very easily be missed was exaggerated, I dare say, by my overexcited mind. There seemed to be bars on every corner and likely a few in between—old-fashioned bars with swinging doors like the ones to be seen in western shows. I remembered that in geography I had learned that rum was Jamaica's chief export, and I was beginning to think that they made a lot of rum on the island that would never be exported.

When we reached the church I encountered the other side of the picture that presents two extremes: the city that has the most wicked people living next door to some of the most religious people I have ever known. When I think of the church members in America who have trouble getting up in time for the sermon Sabbath morning, I can only wish that they could see the program for the week's activities of the Kingston Church. Sunday night there is a missionary meeting especially for the benefit of outsiders who are unable or unwilling to attend church on Sabbath day. Monday afternoon, Ladies' Aid; Monday night, choir practice; Tuesday afternoon, Girls' Club;

Wednesday night, Christian Endeavor; and Friday night, prayer meeting. Sabbath day is the climax of the week with Sabbath school starting at 9:30, the church services at 11, Bible study at 3 and vespers at 5.

Since I was young myself, it was not surprising that my main interest was in the young people. I had been there only about two weeks when the girls of the Kingston Church came to me and told me that they had elected me president of the Girls' Club and it was now my duty to organize it. I felt honored and did my best to help them with anything they suggested or with ideas that presented themselves to me.

I soon discovered that along many lines they were going to be teaching me. At handwork of all sorts most of them are quite good. These girls between eleven and eighteen are eager to learn and learn rapidly—so are the other young people.

Here is our future in Jamaica! We can go on helping them for years, or we can educate them to help themselves. If Seventh Day Baptist work is to continue to grow in Jamaica we must make the Christian religion interesting to these young people and make it a vital part of their lives. The most important and essential thing in Jamaica today is a school to prepare the Seventh Day Baptist young people to live worth-while Christian lives. Are we going to accept fully these possibilities and responsibilities?

Route Box 78,
Texarkana, Ark.

Missionaries to Jamaica

From left to right: James, Janette (now in America), Rev. Fitz Randolph, Mrs. Fitz Randolph, and Ronnie.



—Bible Witness Press Photo.

Missions

Rev. William L. Burdick, D.D., Ashaway, R. I.

Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.
Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

TRUSTS

The natural endowments given by the Creator lay upon us the duty of making the most of every power and faculty. We have nothing to do in coming into possession of these gifts, but we cannot avoid the responsibility for their proper development and use.

We find ourselves in the midst of churches and other beneficent institutions, and there is a sacred obligation resting upon us to give our time, strength, and thought to these as far as possible. If we fail we have proved unfaithful to the trusts and lost a great privilege.

Denominational Responsibilities

Denominational organizations come in here for consideration. It is wise for churches to unite into denominations, and denominations to be efficient must have what we call boards. To accept a position on a board—mission, publishing, or education—is a great privilege; but there is more to it than this. It becomes a trust, laying sacred obligations upon those who accept such positions. We should not allow ourselves to become members of boards unless we are willing to give our best to them, and when we have accepted such positions, the interests of the boards should be put ahead of every other consideration in connection therewith.

Personal Obligations

We accept Christ and Christ's way, and enter upon a new life called the Christian life. The experiences, divine power, and worthy character attendant upon the Christian life become a sacred trust. We are duty bound to develop our personal religion and to propagate it. These two stand or fall together. If we fail to enrich our experiences in fellowship with Christ, we make it impossible to carry Christ to others. If we fail to give to others the religion that has blessed our lives, we lose it. To cherish position for position's sake is sordid at the best. To accept positions for the sake of service and to perform our duties with loyalty is noble and Christlike. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."
W. L. B.

MANAGERS HEAR REPORTS OF MISSION RECONSTRUCTION WORK

Funds Made Available for Opening China Field Soon

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held January 20, 1946, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

The members present were: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, George B. Utter, Karl G. Stillman, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Rev. William L. Burdick, Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, Walter D. Kenyon, Elston H. Van Horn, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Mrs. James G. Waite, Mrs. G. Carlton Irish, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Rev. David S. Clarke, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn.

Guests present were: Mrs. John Austin, Mrs. David Clarke, and George H. Utter.

Treasurer Karl G. Stillman presented the reports of the treasurer. The quarterly report of the corresponding secretary was presented by Rev. William L. Burdick. His report follows:

As corresponding secretary I would report that during the past quarter I have done very little field work; but David S. Clarke who became assistant secretary and field worker in November has done some field work, and plans are perfected by which he will spend much time on the field with our churches.

Owing to the fact the board has started the reconstruction and rehabilitation of mission work in foreign countries, the correspondence and committee work have required an unusual amount of time during the quarter. Material for the Missions Department of the Sabbath Recorder has been furnished every week; the Week of Prayer for the Churches was fostered; and churches seeking pastors have been aided by giving them, upon their request, information as to possibilities.

William L. Burdick,
Secretary.

Rev. David Clarke made a verbal report. He is assistant to the corresponding secretary, and took up his labors with the board soon after December 1. He reported that much

CHINESE CHILDREN KNOW LIFE ONLY AMID BATTLE CONDITIONS

Need Shown for Counteracting War's Effects

Children eight years of age and under in China have never known life except amid war talk and war conditions. Children now in primary school and junior middle school have had all their schooling in the war period. What has all this meant to these youngsters during these highly impressionable ages? War is no respecter of countries, and the report from China echoes a familiar note in reports from Europe.

In the war-torn society of Free China, children were subject to major pressures that were devastating. There was insecurity, with danger of invasion, the air raids, and the evacuation of families. There were terrific emotional disturbances, caused by actual experiences in raids, and also in the subtle but perhaps more potent influences of war horror tales and gory war propaganda pictures. Financial worries on the part of parents, with all the accompanying factors of black markets, mounting inflation, difficulty in clothing and feeding the family, caused a feeling of uncertainty and strain that was reflected in the children. There was malnutrition to make children even less able to take such catastrophes in their stride. There was a deterioration in primary school education, with teachers poorly trained and poorly paid, textbooks on low-grade paper, and great regimentation of education. Crowded living conditions, because of the influx of refugees, with families often living in one room, posed problems of personality adjustments. Evacuation of civilian families caused a readjustment to a completely new part of China, children from various dialects needing to learn to speak Mandarin in the West. And there were uncertainties for soldiers' families. Throughout all this, China developed both in national spirit and world-mindedness.

In Occupied China too, there was insecurity and moral breakdown, as in Europe's occupied countries, where children and young

to do work for the society during the summer months.

George B. Utter,
Recording Secretary.

of the time since he came to Westerly had been taken up in getting acquainted with his work. He preached in the churches in New England, and expects to make his first visitation outside of New England late in January.

Mr. Stillman explained the work which is expected to be done in the field, aiding to build up the work of the several churches, and assisting the pastors wherever he is able.

It was announced at this meeting that purchase of the property alongside the church at Kingston, Jamaica, had been completed. The report came from Lloyd Langworthy, chairman of the Tropics Committee, and Karl G. Stillman, treasurer of the society.

George B. Utter, chairman of the China Committee, reported the findings of that committee, and recommendations opening the work in China as soon as possible. Funds were provided and will be available when it is possible to send money to China.

The Ministerial Relief report made by the treasurer was adopted and ordered recorded as follows:

During the quarter ended December 31, 1945, monthly payments of \$10 each have been continued to Mrs. George P. Kenyon and Rev. R. R. Thorngate out of the General Fund of the society. No change in rate of payment or beneficiary is recommended for the next quarter. We are accumulating income from Ministerial Relief Funds, and each three months add the amount earned to a reserve for future use. The amount added on December 31, 1945, was \$141.28, making our total reserve now \$415.46.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl G. Stillman,
Chairman.

The report of the Investment Committee showed that during the past quarter there had been additions to the Permanent Fund of the Society amounting to \$4,540.77. The additions came as a result of increased values of certain stocks which had been sold. The market value of stocks and bonds on January 11 was \$24,284.58 in excess of book value.

The revised budget for 1946 was adopted, providing for a total of \$30,403.

Rev. David Clarke was made secretary of the Second Century Fund Committee.

A letter was reported as having been received from a seminary student, Leland E. Davis, of Jackson Center, Ohio, offering

people sought to evade the alien rule by lying or stealing.

Such is the picture—and it might well discourage any man! The Church in China has a tremendous task of rehabilitation. Other agencies are interested in new houses and new cities, but the Church is interested in new persons; its distinctive task is the rehabilitation of the emotional and spiritual life of children and families.—World Christian Education.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Loyal Laity

We have been passing through a period when men have shown their loyalty to the United States. Some have given of time and money. Some have given of time for money, and many have given their lives. Some have given gladly, some grudgingly. The United States was in need.



P. B. Hurley

The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is in need. The ministry is giving to satisfy that need. The laity is giving. It has been my pleasure to be with ministers much of my time since our recent Commission meeting, and being with them I get to know something of their difficulties and trials, their ambitions and hopes.

One with whom I visited told me of plans, aggressive plans, in which he had great hope—hope that Seventh Day Baptists would produce growth and fruit.

Who among the laity are Seventh Day Baptists, loyal Seventh Day Baptists as he is? He did not tell me, but here are the facts as given me from someone who knew. He receives \$1,200 from his church. He is a man of ability and gives effort to work in the community as well as the church. He was offered \$2,300 per year to give his time entirely to Christian work outside the church. He was a Seventh Day Baptist, he is a Seventh Day Baptist. He is willing to give more than \$1,000 per year to continue doing what he thinks is his part for the Seventh Day Baptist cause.

Where is the loyal laity willing to match his loyalty?

Why do we expect the ministry to do all the sacrificing?



STUDY to show thysself approved UNTO GOD

APPROVED CHRISTIANS

By Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell

"Study to shew thysself approved unto God."

—2 Timothy 2: 15.

We are living in an age when the world is calling for approved men and women. No matter how much a young man may desire to serve his country in the Army or Navy or Air Corps, he is obliged to come up to a certain standard of physical and mental fitness. The young person who wishes to become a registered physician, surgeon, or dentist—or wishes to enter into any of the other professions—must pass an entrance examination to give proof of his ability. There is no question that the world needs more specialists who are fitted better to do its work.

But God is calling for approved Christians. It is very essential for America to have many more such citizens in order to realize her highest possible moral and spiritual progress. Are you, my friend, willing to answer this call with its requirements and responsibilities? The Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2: 15 throws out this divine challenge in these familiar words, "Study to shew thysself approved unto God."

God's approval means complete surrender to him, placing him first in our thoughts, time, plans, service, lives. Jesus says: "Who-soever doth not bear his cross, and come after me (whosoever he be of you who forsaketh not all that he hath), cannot be my disciple."

So many of us want to be Christians but are unwilling to pay the full price. Herein lies the weakness and the cause of failure in the Christian Church; too many nominal and not real Christians, who like to enjoy the standing which membership in the Church can give, but are unwilling to bear its crosses and responsibilities. The young man of old, who had kept all the commandments from his youth up, was desirous of inheriting eternal life; but when Jesus said, "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, . . . and

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Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination met in regular session January 13, 1946, in the Salem church and with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Mrs. M. C. Van Horn, Mrs. Oris Stutler, Mrs. A. G. T. Brissey, Mrs. Okey Davis, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Devotions based on Psalm 15 were led by Miss Bond. All present offered short prayers.

A letter was read from Mrs. Mildred Ehret, resigning as Women's Board correspondent. Voted to accept this resignation with regret.

The Christian Culture and Peace Committees gave brief verbal reports.

Mrs. Oris Stutler read the reports of Rev. L. O. Greene, and the Ways and Means Committee. These reports were discussed

and suggestions were given the committee for further work.

To the Board of Directors:

Your Ways and Means Committee met on December 5, 1945, with Promoter L. O. Greene and discussed our project in evangelism.

At the request of the newly organized church in Washington, Promoter Greene has gone there to work for a time. While there he will be acting pastor and give their pastor, Harold Snide, a leave of absence for special work. Mr. Greene will be free to enter other special fields as the work develops.

We recommend that the Women's Board pay to the Memorial Board the suggested per cent of the salary of the promoter of evangelism.

Use of literature and tracts was discussed with the suggestion that some of these might be made available to women's societies and pastors.

The trailer house is still not in use. Repeated efforts have been made to secure tires and we hope it will not be long until they are secured.

Mrs. Oris O. Stutler,
Chairman.

Voted that \$6 be paid Barbara Seager for typing.

Mrs. Okey W. Davis was asked to assist in getting stationery for the board's use.

Material from the Foreign Missions Conference was presented by Mrs. J. L. Skaggs.

Voted that Mrs. Okey Davis be the board's official representative and that Mrs. Hubbard be our second representative to the Foreign Missions Conference to be held March 27-29 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Voted, that \$15 be paid Foreign Missions Conference; \$10 to Literacy-Literature Committee; and \$5 Rural Missions Co-operating of the Foreign Missions Conference.

Voted, that Mrs. Skaggs be the representative on the Rural Missions Co-operating Committee.

These minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet the second Sunday in March, 1946, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
President,
Greta F. Randolph,
Secretary.

Salem, W. Va.,
January 13, 1946.

A PRAYER

By B. C. Bays

God give me strength just to endure the common lot;

So much of sorrow, grief, and pain the years allot;

God give me strength when tragedies of life befall—

Strength to endure; to keep my laughter through it all.

The time will come when cherished dreams lie crushed and dead,

When treasured hopes and longings all are fled;
When disappointments grieve the heart and bring hot tears,

And promised richness brings in bitter years.

The time will come when sorrow's heavy hand is laid

Upon me; those I love will weaker grow and fade;

Oh, life will seem a sword in unkind hands to rend
The soul to shreds, to hasten some dark end.

God give me strength just to endure the common lot;

So much of sorrow, grief, and pain the years allot;

God give me strength when tragedies of life befall
Somehow—somehow! to keep my laughter through it all!

ALBION HOME BENEFIT SOCIETY SUGGESTS FIVE GOALS FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS

The Albion Home Benefit Society has laid its plans for 1946. It was thought that other societies might like to know how this one worked some of the goals adopted by the board into its yearly plan.

A committee was appointed to study the fifteen goals and the suggested sixteenth. From this committee's suggestions five goals to be worked on especially this year were voted by the society. They are as follows:

1. Goal 3. Proportionate giving. The Albion society decided to use food penny boxes this year. Each member will be given an attractive penny box to be used on the family table. April, May, and June are the months set aside especially for this goal. It was thought that a short period of consecrated effort might be more successful than a longer period in which interest might tend to lag.
2. Goal 4. Annual gift for evangelistic work.
3. Goal 11. Three meetings during the year are planned for the study of Isaiah 61. A different leader for each meeting has been chosen. The program shows that these studies are to be in February and March.
4. Goal 12. Help support a teen-age group. There is considerable interest in Albion in starting both a Boy Scout group and a Camp Fire Organization.
5. Suggested Goal 16. Send one member of the society to Conference.

These five goals are placed at the top of the yearly program to remind members of their special efforts this year. Each member has her own copy of the program.

The program is made with an attractive cover. The contents include the five special goals for the year, the officers and standing committees of the year, a list of active members and a list of associate members, and a list of the entertaining dates with hostess' names and special programs.

Doris Van Horn,
Keyworker.

Albion, Wis.

Light is the task when many share the toil.
—Homer.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

About Seventh Day Baptists and Their Activities

With over two hundred religious denominations in the United States, it is no wonder that each generation needs to be told "who is who" among denominations. Many are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists; for those of that group who happen to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week in this column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

BELIEFS

Concerning God

God is unseen as to his person, yet his existence is so evident that man needs no proof of that fact. The Bible never argues for the existence of God, but assumes that God does exist. The first book of the Bible declares that God created the heavens and the earth, that he created man, the home, and the Sabbath. Jesus, the Son of God, came to reveal God in clearer light. Jesus took upon himself the likeness of man, but he was more than man. The Scriptures present the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as the culmination of the plan of God for the redemption of man. The Holy Spirit carries on to completion Christ's work on earth. He applies what Christ did and taught, and makes the principles for which Christ lived and died, living and victorious. Christ made salvation accessible; the Holy Spirit makes it actual.

For further information about Seventh Day Baptists, write American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

OLD-TIMER
S E Z



"I notice pine trees always grow straight up towards heaven, even if they're growin' on a steep mountainside. I reckon no matter where we are, we oughta do that, too."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
FOR FEBRUARY 16, 1946

True to a Great Heritage

Basic Scripture—Deuteronomy 1—4; Joshua 24
Memory Selection—Psalm 111: 4

Christian Education

Rev. Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

PICTURE CARDS, OTHER HELPS SENT TO NEW ZEALAND

Milton Sabbath School Supplies Funds

Executive Secretary Sutton reported to the board at the January 13 meeting that Sabbath school cards, which are published by Rev.



Harley Sutton

Clifford Beebe, and the Helping Hand are sent to the two churches in New Zealand. He reported that money for that purpose given by the Milton Sabbath school has been used up. The cost of furnishing these helps to New Zealand is about \$7 per quarter. Appreciation has been expressed by the New Zealand churches for this help.

Special Committee

A special committee, of which Secretary Harley Sutton is a member, has been appointed by the International Council to make a special study of church school record systems published by the council. This committee will meet in Columbus, Ohio, at the time of the annual meeting of the council.

Annual Meeting

Harley Sutton, representing the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, is a member of the International Council of Religious Education. The board voted to send him to the annual meeting of the council to be held in Columbus, Ohio, February 10-16. At this meeting there will be three days of conference on all phases of Christian education. The council will meet for two days to consider special problems of the denominations and of the council. Rev. Erlo E. Sutton is also a member of the council for our denomination, but will not attend this meeting.

At an evening session in Columbus the special feature will be the presentation of the first copy of the new Standard Version of the New Testament to Harold E. Stassen, president of the council. Secretary Sutton will take part in the academic procession for this program.

ADVANTAGES AND DUTIES OF CHURCH LIFE EXPLAINED

By Mrs. Jane Hodge Bottoms

(Mrs. Bottoms moved from the Berea, W. Va., Church to Boulder, Colo., where she is now a member. Her husband is Thomas Bottoms, son of Rev. A. T. Bottoms.)

There have been few times when I haven't attended the regular services of the church, except when illness prevented my going. It has always been our custom to go to Sabbath school, church, prayer meeting, and Christian Endeavor. Even as children we seldom missed a night of revival meetings, and it was necessary for us to walk more than a mile through the mud and cold to get there. I remember those services even though, when a child, I went to sleep before the meeting was over. With this background in mind, there is no question regarding the fact that I believe church life to be worth while.

Reasons for This Belief

Listing some reasons for this belief, I would first mention the spiritual blessing received from active participation in church work. As Christians we want to grow; we cannot stand still in our religious living. Regular attendance of church services tends to draw us nearer to God. It keeps us in touch with the things of interest to Christian people, it helps to keep us in contact with our various churches and the work of our denomination (a very important need today).

True we can be Christian without participating in church activities, but it must be very difficult, and we know there is danger of indifference creeping in. Also, what part does our influence play on others? We certainly can't be much of an encouragement to others if we aren't active ourselves. The church holds a message of love, faith, and encouragement. How much the world today needs that message of love, faith, and encouragement!

Blessings of Fellowship with Christians

I have already touched upon the second reason I want to mention—that of fellowship with other Christian people. I think

sometimes we underestimate the value of church socials, picnics, etc. They afford the best opportunity for becoming acquainted with the people with whom we worship. Their heartaches, sorrows, joys, and problems become ours, and our ties of friendship are strengthened.

The various organizations of the Church such as Christian Endeavor, Ladies' Aid Society, and Men's Brotherhood, afford opportunities of leadership for individuals, and these groups have a chance to be of service in many ways.

Winning Others

The second part of the topic, "Why It Is My Duty to Interest Other Young People in My Church," really affords a testimony to the first part of the subject. We have the Sabbath, and it is a duty and a privilege to tell others of that truth. If we know of something worth while, we want to share it with our friends. We must have a strong conviction of our beliefs, or we will not be able to reach out to others. We must make our church program one that will hold interest for young people. I feel that a person who is truly a Christian will not be too dependent upon others for his spiritual growth. He will be active in church work and help to make the program more spiritual and thus more interesting for all. We should not think of it as being a duty but rather a privilege to share our Christian experience with others.

CERTIFICATE OF PROGRESS PLAN CITED

Appreciation is here expressed to Rev. Marion C. Van Horn at Lost Creek, W. Va., for the fine presentation of the Certificate of Progress plan which appeared in his January Pastor's Visitor. I hope other churches are working hard to get laymen interested in this planned program of development of better leaders for the Church.

Classes Under Way

"How the Bible Came to Be," is the subject of a Lost Creek class which is meeting on Thursday nights for five weeks. The course deals with the problems of how and why the various types of writings came into being; how they came out of the experience of the Hebrews first, then of the Christians; how it is the Book of Life reflecting God's revelation of himself to men, and man's growing knowledge of him.

BATTLE CREEK

Sabbath School to Help College Student
Preparing for the Ministry

The Activities Committee of the Battle Creek, Mich., Church examines all proposed projects. It has discussed the possibility of the church having as a special project the giving of financial aid to a worthy student in college, especially someone who is planning to enter the ministry or a missionary field. The church will vote on the matter soon.

The Good Will Sabbath school class has already voted to pay a semester's tuition for a young man who will be in Salem College the second semester of this year. This is being tried as an experiment, and if all goes well continued support will be given to such students.

This special outside help by the Battle Creek Sabbath school is to be commended. Giving blesses, and the giver is most blessed.



LIGHT ON OUR WAY

By Pearle Halladay



Jesus said:

Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.—Luke 12: 15.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?—Mark 8: 36, 37.

Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven. . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Matthew 6: 20, 21.

A precious promise:

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.—1 Peter 5: 4.

Let this be our prayer:

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.—Psalm 119: 124, 133.

Bible Changes to Keep from Changing

FEBRUARY 11 ANOTHER MILESTONE IN EVENTFUL HISTORY

By Frances Dunlap Heron

(Second in a series of four articles
on the Revised Standard Version of
the New Testament.)

It was a memorable Sabbath A. D. 70 whenever a dusty stranger appeared in the courtyard of a home in Asia Minor bearing a precious scroll containing words from the Apostle Paul. Eagerly the little band of Christians who had gathered in the courtyard—their first church—listened to Paul's revelation of the meaning of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was a dangerously exciting day in 1530 when members of a devout English family slipped a copy of William Tyndale's newly printed Bible into a secret niche in their home. They were willing to risk the severity of the law in order to have God's Word within their own walls as a guide and comfort.

It was a momentous day for Christendom in 1611 when, persecution at an end, a group of scholars appointed by King James announced the completion of the King James Version of the Scriptures, "to be read in churches." In the more than three hundred years since, this masterpiece of Elizabethan literature has been the translation most widely used in both public and private worship.

It is an eventful day in 1946—February 11—when once more a new version of the New Testament takes its place in the romantic annals of those who have striven to put God's Word into the language—and hence into the minds and hearts—of those who will read it.

The new Revised Standard Version is the result of fifteen years of effort by a committee of America's outstanding Bible scholars, headed by Dean Luther A. Weigle of the Yale Divinity School, to translate the New Testament into the language of today. The revision was ordered by the educational boards of the forty Protestant denominations that compose the International Council of Religious Education.

In four years a similar revision of the Old Testament will be completed.

To understand the recurring need for new translations of the Bible, the layman must understand first the background out of which it was written. In origin and spirit it is Semitic. The phraseology and sentence structure of the New Testament has a strong flavor of Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. "Amen," "Messiah," and "Rabbi," for example, are Hebrew words.

In its expression of thought and idea, the New Testament is Greek. It was written in Greek for the inhabitants of the Roman Empire. Greek booksellers circulated it. Its writers were trying to reach the common man of the early Christian era with the simple, direct gospel of Jesus. They wrote, therefore, not in the language of Greek drama and oration, but in the informal speech of the home and the market place.

Old Manuscripts

During the last half century, exciting discoveries of old manuscripts have shed new light on the original Greek text of the New Testament. More important still, the unearthing of thousands of scraps of papyri in Egypt written in the idiomatic language of the New Testament era has given scholars a new key to unlock previously misunderstood passages of the gospels.

Now they are able to determine more clearly just what the New Testament writers were trying to say to the common man of that day. With the best aids any Bible translators ever had, consequently, the members of the International Council's revision committee have used the simple English of today to tell the story that was written in the simple Greek of nearly nineteen hundred years ago. In so doing they retain—even capture something more of—the original Semitic spirit.

Through these centuries of translations and revisions, the message and teachings of the New Testament have not changed. But in order that each generation may understand that message in terms of its own needs and responsibilities, there must be changes in the outward dress of sentence structure and word usage, changes in the light of growing Chris-

Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I just got through looking at the Sabbath Recorder, so thought I would write you a letter.

I am in the fifth grade and am ten years old. I am staying with my grandma today.

I enjoy the Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder. I like school very much, too. We won't be having any more vacation until summer, now, and I surely am glad.

I went to church and Sabbath school this morning.

Yours truly,

Delores Cox.

North Loup, Neb.

Dear Delores:

I have learned recently that one of the girls in the house next door is named Delores, but everyone calls her "Dickie." That is what her younger brother called her when he was little. I think it's too bad to spoil a pretty name like that, don't you? I hope you always go by your real name.

Our little granddaughters, Joyce and Gretchen, came a week ago Friday to spend the weekend with us. In the middle of Friday night I happened to be awake when the electric light in the living room suddenly came on and then suddenly went out. I got up to see what had caused this unusual happening and found Gretchen just crawling into bed. I asked her what was the matter,

tian experience and expanding human knowledge.

The Revised Standard Version is printed in large, clear type, on substantial paper, with one chapter leading into another like a continuous story. It looks like a book for men and women and boys and girls of today. It reads like their book too. There is the direct simplicity of the businessman, the housewife, the schoolboy in such sentences as these:

"Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" Matthew 6: 25.

"And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again; and again, as his custom was, he taught them." Mark 10: 1.

and she said in a very sleepy voice, "I fell out of bed and couldn't find the way back without a light."

I'm pretty sure you must be doing good work in school since you like it so much. A mother used to say to her children when they complained about school, "If you were doing your very best in school, you would like it. Get to work. Do you want to grow up to be a 'know-nothing'?"

I am glad you have the privilege of going to church and Sabbath school, for there is no better place to learn about God's goodness and love, and how you may show your love for him and for his children old and young.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Jean:

No doubt you are wondering why I did not answer your good letter last week as I promised. Well, I'll have to confess that I mislaid your letter and haven't been able to find it; so I had to wait until it appeared in the Recorder.

Reading about your many nice Christmas presents makes me think of Joyce's experience on Christmas morning under the Christmas tree. It was her task to read off the names on the presents while Gretchen passed them out. She got so excited over her own numerous presents and paused so often in her task that Gretchen, who also wanted to examine her presents, kept saying, "Hurry up Joyce, I'm getting ahead. Just look at our piles."

Quite often Andover school children go around town singing carols on Christmas eve, stopping to sing them at every house where there is a Christmas candle in the window. This year only two little girls went caroling, and when they sang under our window I didn't know they were there at first, for the same carols were being sung over the radio, and I thought some other station was interfering.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Esther:

I'm sure you did not send me that cold of yours in the mail (Ha! Ha!) but I picked

up one somewhere Friday night. I hope you are all over your cold by this time, and I expect to be soon.

I am glad to hear about the honor your brother has received, and also, though you must miss him very much, we thank God that the war is over and that he is saved from that danger. Our Andover dentist who was a captain in the Dental Corps and has just returned from Germany is home now and we hope will soon be discharged. Everyone is rejoicing, for we needed him badly. He has been our son's favorite chum ever since high school days.

I always enjoy a church children's program, especially such a helpful and inspiring one as I know yours must be. I echo your wish that I could have been with you on January 12. I think it is a fine plan to have a children's program every quarter, and it would be splendid if all our other churches followed that plan. It is indeed good practice for these boys and girls who before many years will, we hope, be earnest leaders in our churches. Yours in Christian service,

Mizpah S. Greene.

TODAY'S WORLD NEEDS GOD'S MESSAGE

By Rev. T. J. Van Horn

(Concluded)

Darkest Before the Dawn

We have just turned the page of the darkest hour in human history, and for this very reason we are expecting a great revival. The best in human ingenuity and skill have been expended with dismal failure. But "man's extremity is God's opportunity." God always reveals himself then. Note other "darkest hours."

God revealed himself to the receptive mind of Moses when, in the wilderness, Moses turned aside to see the burning bush that was not consumed. He was sent to deliver Israel from the darkest hour of its degrading Egyptian bondage. A darkest hour was just before Luther nailed his thesis to the door of the old Wittenburg church. Then the revival we call the Reformation broke out. It was the darkest hour when Washington was kneeling in the snow at Valley Forge, praying for help in his extremity. It was so, just before Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation and freedom came to a million slaves in America.

Note that in all these crises God's face shone out in the characters of men that he was preparing for these darkest hours. Consider that while God was using distinguished men of great ability to make himself known, these "ten talent men" can be effective only as all the people respond to the challenge. That great revival of building in Zerubabel's time followed, when all the people came forward with their small offerings for service. Haggai's exhortation reminds us of Maltbie D. Babcock's brave challenge:

Be strong. We are not here to play,
To dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift,
Be strong.

Our Distinctive Part in This Revival

Seventh Day Baptists have, in common with Christians of every other order, the privilege of a part in bringing thoughtless and wicked people to think about God. But in addition, we have the high privilege of bringing back to the minds of the world one of the greatest avenues through which God is seeking to make himself known. The Christian world seems to have forgotten what God has said about his Sabbath. In many ways God has pressed himself upon the minds of men, but the Sabbath was especially designed for this important end.

Twice in Ezekiel 20 the observance of the Sabbath is urged as a means of reminding the people of God's sanctifying presence: "Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths . . . that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them"; "Hallow my sabbaths . . . that ye may know that I am the Lord your God."

When Jesus came to tell the world about God, very early in his ministry he began to teach the real purpose of the Sabbath and to free the minds of the people from the misconceptions that had confused them.

He made it clear that it was to be a blessing, according to God's expressed design in the beginning. From that time on we know that "the sabbath was made for man," for through it man was to become better acquainted with God.

Each individual has, in God's plan, a special work to do; so every denomination in Christendom, if it is worthy a place in the world, has its particular message.

We are to place especial emphasis on the Sabbath, the seventh day, blessed and sanc-

tified by an omnipotent God who loves us. He has set aside this time for special communion with him, because he wants us to become better acquainted with him. Yet the world has tragically forgotten and neglected this opportunity for meeting with God at his own appointed time. We have no right to alter this rendezvous.

God has honored us by assigning to us this difficult matter of a change from wrong to right. This is our sector of the battle line.

An officer in the Duke of Wellington's army was ordered by him to go against a strong position held by the enemy. It was a dangerous mission but the officer saluted and said, "I go, sir. But first give me a touch of your all-powerful hand."

Have you felt the touch of our great Commander's powerful hand? Let there be a brave response. "Go . . . Be strong . . . I am with you!"

Orlando, Fla.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Editor Hurley:

The editorial from the past, "Christmas," by A. H. Lewis (1900), was most inspiring. That was the year I heard Genesis 2: 1-3 read from a pulpit. It revealed that Sunday was not the Sabbath. I was nine years old. When I returned home I searched the calendar, then questioned my mother. She could give me no information.

Thirty-four years later Professor Paul Saunders lectured at Sunmount, N. Y., and I was told that there were a Seventh Day Baptist college and church at Alfred.

Discovered, at last—my church! Our Conference president is wise in urging us to tell the world there are Seventh Day Baptists.

Here are my New Year's resolutions (made in former years) to be renewed this year.

1. No theatergoing (since most theater performances are for greed, not God).
2. Subscribe to no publication that advertises or does not condemn narcotics, beverage alcohol, and tobacco. (As a nurse for thirty years I have beheld the victims of narcotic atrocities and believe their number greater than victims of war atrocities.)
3. Proclaim God's Ten Commandments and Christ's golden rule.

Sincerely,

Golda Gerat.

Dwight, Ill.

Dear Editor:

Rev. H. C. Van Horn's article on "This Is My Blood" has come and I am glad to see it. We have just studied it in prayer meeting from Hebrews 9. We need this "Life" to build up our denominational life!

Daytona Beach, Fla. Mrs. S. S. Powell.

Dear Editor:

The Bible study by Rev. George Shaw regarding "ivory, apes, and peacocks" prompts me to send a poem entitled "Oblations."

It was sent to me a few years ago by my sister, Susie Canfield Hall, who wrote me, "Dollie sent me the copy, and I have memorized it." "Dollie" was her close friend from girlhood, Mrs. A. S. Maxson of Milton. Both are now "where the weary are at rest." I am fond of these lines and they seem appropriate to the words of Mr. Shaw.

Mrs. Walter D. Kenyon.

Ashaway, R. I.

OBLATIONS

By May Byron

They brought thee gold—thee by whose tiny hand
The whole of God's great universe was spanned.
And I have had a vision—and I saw
The gold neglected lie among the straw.

They brought thee frankincense, to whom ascend
All sweetness of flowers, world without end—
And I have had a vision—and I say
The frankincense fell down amid the hay.

They brought thee myrrh! thee! who wast there
to know
All human bitterness and mortal woe.
But I have had a vision—and that
Thou didst stoop over and gather up the myrrh.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Westerly, R. I.

Christmas packages for those of our number still in the service of our country were sent out for those outside the country in October and for those in the homeland at a later time. Miss Bernice and Miss Mary Whipple received contributions and looked after the selection and ordering of the packages. Letters from those receiving the gifts indicate much appreciation of them.

The thank-offering meeting of the S.D.B. Society under the direction of Mrs. Elston H. Van Horn and Mrs. Dwight E. Wilson, was held in the church parlors November 8. Supper was served, after which Miss Florence Warner, a former missionary to China,

told of her work there. A generous amount was received from the offering, to be given for missionary work.

The Woman's Aid Society holds all-day meetings once in two weeks, sewing for the Westerly Hospital and the Red Cross. Up to the first of December work was done also in preparation for the annual Christmas sale and tea. This event occurred on Tuesday, December 4, with food, apron, utility, and white elephant tables bringing in good amounts. The tea afforded a good social time and also added its share to the profits of the day.

The services of our church on December 22 were very well attended. The Christmas music, rendered under the direction of Mrs. J. Gaynor MacIntyre, organist and director of music, was of a high order. A Christmas vesper service of carols was held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The choir sang carols of different nations and the groups of carols were interspersed by the reading of selections of Scripture by the pastor. The service ended with an impressive candle lighting service.

The Christian Endeavorers were given a party at the parsonage by Pastor and Mrs. Crandall in the evening of December 22.

The Christmas supper for the church and Sabbath school was served on Sunday evening, December 23, by a committee headed by Mrs. Merton Chapman. This was followed by the entertainment by the children of the junior department, under the direction of Mrs. Howard E. Kuehn, superintendent. The program was well received, and all had a good time.

The Church Night on January 12, sponsored by the ZYW Class was well attended. The social time around the tables and the singing of hymns was enjoyed. Captain

Charles W. Utter spoke interestingly, and held the close attention of all his hearers.

We are glad to welcome Rev. David S. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, and Roberta to our midst. Mr. Clarke is assistant to the corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society. He will soon be out among our churches in his official capacity.

Correspondent.

Rockville, R. I.

The year of 1945 has been a year of blessings for the Rockville Church.

We face the year 1946 without debt and members and friends, having contributed generously, have made the following improvements to the church property possible.

The church has been redecorated on the interior and one-half of the roof resingled; one coat of paint has been put on the parsonage, another to be added in the spring.

The Loyal Workers helped us financially and redecorated the parsonage. A new combination gas and oil range was donated for the parsonage; the enameled stove in the parsonage was taken to the parish house. A gas stove was also given to the Loyal Workers for use in the parish house.

The "Men of Rockville" served a turkey banquet on Mother's Day, and the proceeds made possible the shingling of the parish house.

A piano was given to the church which enabled us to install in the parsonage the piano which was in the church. Runners for the aisles of the church have been offered as a gift. The porch of the parsonage is to be enclosed as soon as material is available.

God has certainly been good to us; may we not forget him.

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AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

A leaflet is just off the press calling for careful attention by Seventh Day Baptists—"Commission's Proposals on Accreditation and Retirement of Our Ministers."

The proposals are for study, as may be noted at the bottom of page one. In revised form, after consideration of criticisms and suggestions that may be made, these proposals will be presented at the Milton, Wis., Conference, August 20-25, 1946.

A supply of the leaflets is being mailed out to all the churches for full and liberal distribution. Study this leaflet carefully and address any criticism or suggestion to the secretary of the Commission, Courtland V. Davis, Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

At the request of the Commission, this leaflet is published and distributed by the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Herbert C. Van Horn,
Corresponding Secretary,
American Sabbath Tract Society.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

"Where the heart is, there will be the treasure also."

The policy of the Sabbath Recorder during the months to come will be to publish all financial statements in this section of the magazine. For those particularly interested in the finances of the denomination, all reports will then be found in one place, facilitating comparisons and checking.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, December 31, 1945

Receipts		Total for
	December	6 months
Adams Center	\$ 129.50	\$ 129.50
Albion	28.15	81.06
Alfred, First		1,368.38
Alfred, Second		195.95
Andover	10.00	20.00
Associations and groups	69.02	240.41
Battle Creek	262.35	704.95
Berlin	48.30	89.30
Boulder		207.91
Brookfield, First	36.00	143.95
Brookfield, Second		96.70
Chicago	29.00	164.35
Daytona Beach	50.00	123.50
Denver	23.50	256.70
De Ruyter		198.06
Dinuba		50.00
Dodge Center	33.50	51.26
Edinburg	9.00	56.50
Farina	15.00	130.00
Fouke		71.67
Friendship	5.00	62.15
Gentry	5.00	34.50
Hammond	35.00	65.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah		7.25
Hebron, First	59.28	59.28
Hebron, Second		5.25
Hopkinton, First		180.74
Hopkinton, Second	2.00	13.05
Independence	25.00	64.00
Individuals	438.00	2,523.90
Irvington		170.00
Jackson Center	25.50	30.90
Little Genesee	31.87	148.72
Little Prairie		15.00
Los Angeles		53.00
Lost Creek		202.31
Marlboro	130.00	416.55
Middle Island	12.41	52.47
Milton	472.28	1,419.80
Milton Junction	84.87	416.87
New Auburn	159.00	169.00
New York	80.77	502.52
North Loup	5.00	119.13
Nortonville		124.80
Pawcatuck		915.83
Piscataway	12.50	125.57
Plainfield	410.73	1,042.86
Richburg	12.50	86.60
Riverside	307.05	578.05
Roanoke		26.00
Rockville	1.97	56.31
Salem	130.50	464.05
Salemville	18.00	48.37

Shiloh	393.00	1,074.41
Stone Fort	10.00	10.00
Verona		291.14
Walworth		114.00
Waterford	11.85	77.85
White Cloud	16.71	163.72

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 683.40	\$ 779.08
Tract Society	291.60	110.00
Board of Christian Education	479.20	55.00
Women's Society	16.60	54.00
Historical Society	45.80	
Ministerial Retirement	208.40	383.80
S. D. B. Building	54.20	
General Conference	173.60	4.00
World Fellowship	47.20	
Committee on Relief Appeals		178.37
Bibles for Jamaica		21.50
American Bible Society		25.50

Comparative Figures

	1945	1944
Budget receipts:		
For December	\$2,027.86	\$1,353.69
For 6 months	10,236.33	8,965.31
Special receipts:		
For December	1,611.25	685.07
For 6 months	6,074.77	2,203.62

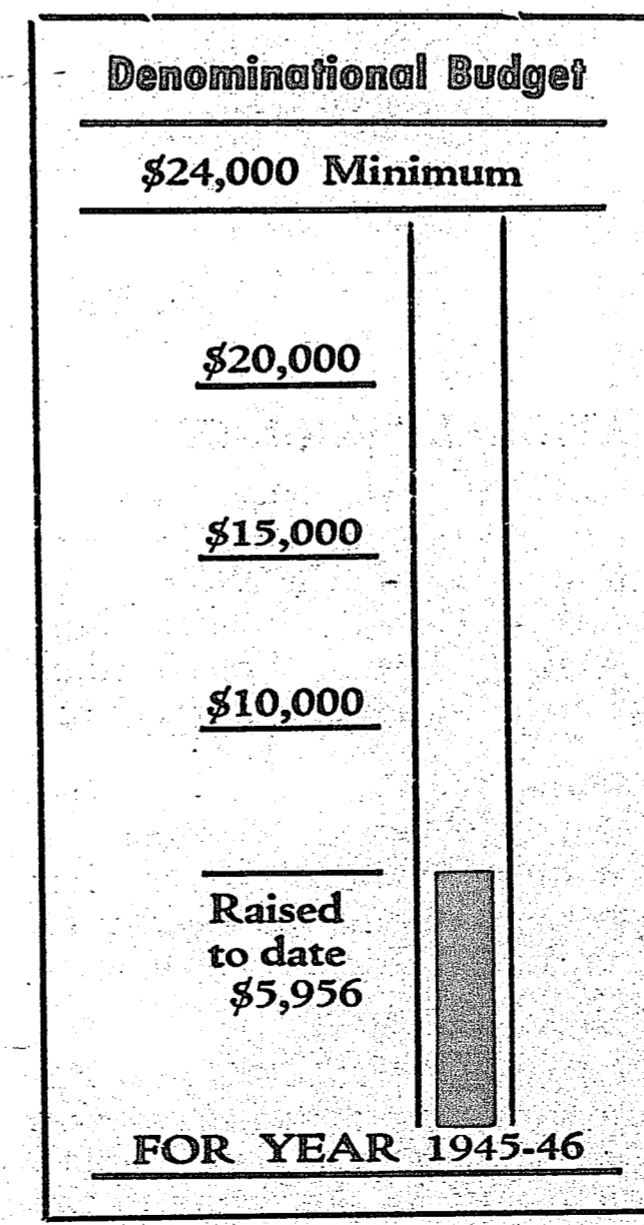
L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

November 1, 1945, to November 30, 1945

Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer, In account with the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society	Dr.
Cash on hand November 1, 1945	\$16,148.02
Second Century Fund gifts:	
K. Duane Hurley, Plainfield, N. J.	\$10.00
Second Brookfield, N. Y.	50.00
Joe Lewis, Maplewood, Mo.	5.00
Walworth, Wis.	20.00
Shiloh, N. J.	93.79
First Alfred, N. Y.	10.00
Clifford F. Lamson, E. Taunton, Mass., for missionary evangelistic and Sabbath promotion work	10.00
Washington Trust Company, proceeds sale 6 shares of its capital stock	2,399.64
Reta I. Crouch, Albuquerque, N. M.	15.00
Permanent Fund income	210.04
Denominational Budget	478.38
Friendship, N. Y.	22.60
Denver, Colo.	10.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	10.00
Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Roanoke, Va.	2.00

First Alfred, N. Y., gifts:		Rev. Verney A. Wilson	25.00
China Mission	500.00	Rev. John F. Randolph	41.67
Southwestern Association work	5.00	Rev. Clifford A. Beebe:	
New Auburn, Wis., Ladies' Aid Society	10.00	Salary	\$ 41.67
Florida Mission	5.00	Travel expense	19.50
Jamaica School Fund	3.00		61.17
Richburg, N. Y.	5.00	Rev. David S. Clarke	41.67
Milton Junction, Wis.	2.50	Rev. Wm. L. Burdick:	
Gentry, Ark., Sabbath school	5.00	Salary	\$125.00
Shiloh, N. J., for Palatka, Fla., field	75.00	House and office rent	25.00
Battle Creek, Mich.	2.00	Office supplies	4.85
Battle Creek, Mich., for Jamaica	1.00	Clerk hire	41.67
Rockville, R. I.	2.13		196.52
Verona, N. Y.	3.00	Rev. Herbert L. Polan	15.00
		Rev. G. D. Hargis	41.67
	\$20,118.10	Treasurer's expense	25.00
		Rev. Rex Zwiebel	41.67
		Rev. Zack H. White	83.33
		Mrs. George P. Kenyon	10.00
		Rev. R. R. Thorngate	10.00
		China payments as follows:	
		Rev. H. Eugene Davis	\$ 75.00
		Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg	30.00
		Dr. Grace I. Crandall	33.33
			138.33
		The Utter Company, printing	4.50
		Industrial Trust Company, transfer Second Century Fund gifts to Participating account	238.79
		Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, First Alfred, N. Y., and Shiloh, N. J., gifts to Florida field	80.00
		Cash balance on hand November 30, 1945	4,673.04
			\$20,118.10
		Accounts payable as at November 30, 1945:	
		China	\$3,999.11
		Germany	2,833.34
		Holland	2,775.00
			\$9,607.45



AN ACT OF REAL PLEASURE

To many people, perhaps to the most of us, the giving of money to support the items in the United Budget has never become an act of real pleasure. All too often it has been accomplished as an act of duty or habit. But why should there not come a thrill of joy as one makes a gift that will carry the influence of Christian teaching beyond his own circle or environment? May one not rightfully feel a thrill as he visualizes his gift as an agent that is carrying the Word to the mission fields; as he thinks that men are being trained for the ministry; as he sees the effort being made for better teaching in the Bible schools; or as he observes evangelistic work being carried on; in fact, as he realizes that he is having a part in the whole program of Christian effort as set up by the General Conference? Yes, it is a thrilling thought to feel that, through his gifts, he is projecting himself into each and all of these efforts?

The very essence of Christian teaching and philosophy is summed up in the word giving . . . in the word love . . . and we love so much that we give. Love embraces all the themes mentioned above . . . it expands our vision . . . it extends our influence for good . . . it increases our joys, and we give expression to this love in our giving—of time, talents, means, ourselves.

Thus it is not simply the duty of giving that is being stressed in these messages; it is the joy of giving that is being offered—giving, not until it hurts (that is not the word that we want), but until it makes our hearts overflow with the glow and warmth of generosity.

The thermometer does not reflect any great warmth or glow as yet, but encouragement may be had from the fact that there has been and still is evidence of steady improvement during the past five years.

—Committee on Budget Promotion.

AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY

For the quarter ending December 31, 1945
(Condensed Report)J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer,
In account with the
American Sabbath Tract Society
Dr.To balance on hand, September 30, 1945:
General Fund\$6,475.03
Reserve for binding "S.D.B.'s in
Europe and America" 52.87
Reserve for files of denominational
literature 172.84
Denominational Building Fund:
Reserve for Historical Society rooms 30.89
Maintenance Fund 276.91

To cash received since as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Contributions:
Individuals and churches\$ 47.83
Denominational Budget 781.35
For special Sabbath promotion work .. 67.00
For Florida field 5.00
For tract distribution 74.50
Income from invested funds:
Through A. S. T. S. 1,369.86
Through Memorial Board 651.72
Income from Denominational Building
Endowment Funds 36.38
Receipts from Sabbath Recorder 839.28
Contribution for Sabbath Recorder cover .. 50.00
Receipts from Helping Hand 374.94
General printing and distribution
of literature 37.80
A. D. Tompkins, account taxes
and insurance 74.25
Maintenance Fund:
a/c 3 months' taxes 187.50
Receipts from real estate 66.63MAINTENANCE FUND
Rent from publishing house 375.00PERMANENT FUND
a/c principal of bond and mortgage:
Carlson\$ 75.00
Miller 100.00
Mount 58.46
North 282.79
Rielli 37.50
Schweighardt 100.00
Tompkins 64.92
Trippe 50.00
Sale of 612 W. 7th St.:
Cash payment 1,594.00
Gain 156.002,518.67
\$14,566.25

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By cash paid out as follows:

GENERAL FUND
Sabbath promotion work:
Salary of leader\$ 22.50
Traveling expense 43.32
Expenses of Sabbath Recorder 3,052.36
Expenses of Helping Hand 425.00
General printing and distribution
of literature 337.71
Corresponding Secretary:
Salary 685.20
Travel expense 19.37
Office supplies 17.93
Telephone 10.20
Office assistant 175.00
Board of Trustees, S.D.B. General
Conference, income from D. B. endow-
ment funds, 1st and 2nd quarters .. 49.85
Special Sabbath promotion work:
Indianapolis expense 30.46
Christchurch, New Zealand 25.00
Assistance, Florida field 100.00
Daytona Beach Church:
a/c contribution for Florida field .. 5.00
Special committee expenses 1.90Recording Secretary's expense:
Mimeographing and typing 20.00
Treasurer's expense:
Auditing reports 5.00
Clerical assistance 99.32
Office supplies 1.00
Account real estate and investments:
Special agent 90.00
Jo'n C. Dilts, collector:
4th quarter, 1945, printshop taxes .. 246.68
4th quarter, 1945, taxes, Tompkins .. 53.25
Insurance, Tompkins property 15.74
Files of denominational literature:
Rebinding books 16.00
Retirement Fund 18.00
Janitor and electric service:
Board and officers' rooms 37.50
Cruden's Concordance for Joshua 3.06
Chateka, Africa 1.80
Sixty Bible portions for Africa 328.36
Real estate expenses 5,936.51MAINTENANCE FUND
Janitor\$ 33.00
Coal 420.86
Insurance 37.95
Furnace repair 5.40
Account 3 months' taxes 187.50
684.71PERMANENT FUND
Transferred to savings account 2,518.67
\$ 9,139.89By balance on hand, December 31, 1945:
General Fund\$5,218.56
Reserve for binding "S.D.B.'s in
Europe and America" 52.87
Reserve for files of denominational
literature 156.84
Denominational Building Fund:
Reserve for Historical Society rooms .. 30.89
\$5,459.16
Maintenance Fund, overdraft 32.80
5,426.36
\$14,566.25Ethel T. Stillman,
Assistant Treasurer.Plainfield, N. J.,
January 8, 1946.
Examined, compared with books and vouchers, and
found correct.J. W. Hiebeler,
Auditor.Plainfield, N. J.,
January 10, 1946.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from page 103)

Pastor Trevah R. Sutton resigned in April
to accept the pastorate of the Salemville,
Pa., Church, and Rev. Paul S. Burdick came
to us as pastor May 1, 1945. The Burdick
family is a great help in all lines of church
activity. L. B. I.

Salem, W. Va.

Mrs. S. O. Bond is better and has returned
to Salem after an illness which has kept her
since Christmas at the home of Mrs. Emry H.
Bond at Lost Creek. — Salem Herald.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

At the annual meeting of the Second Al-
fred Church a new church constitution was
adopted. A closer tie between the Sabbath
school, the Union Industrial Society, and theWoman's Christian Temperance Union, and
the church was made through the recognition
of the officers of each body as committees
responsible to the church. The Advisory
Committee was placed on a permanent basis
also.Seventy-five dollars was voted from the
Lord's Acre Fund for the Church Committee
on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction and
\$75 for the Second Century Fund, Seventh
Day Baptists' reconstruction program. The
balance of the fund, \$136.11, was reserved
for beautifying the church interior. Mrs.
Madge Sutton was named Lord's Acre chair-
man for 1946. Benevolences reported for the
year totaled \$748.44, and current expenses
of the church amounted to \$2,167.60.

—The Sabbath Visitor.

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED

(Continued from page 94)

come, take up thy cross, and follow me,"
he went away grieved, for he had great pos-
sessions.So often it is the little unimportant thing
that prevents God's approval, and finally
shuts heaven's door to many good people.

Marriages

Haywood - Baker. — Charles Avery Hayward of
Sanger, Calif., and Alice Myrtle Baker of
Corona were united in marriage January 5,
1946, in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist
church by Pastor G. D. Hargis. The home
address is 110 S. W. Boulevard, Corona.Pan - Baldrige. — Milo Pan and Miss Peggy
Baldrige of Montgomery, Minn., were united
in marriage in the Dodge Center Seventh Day
Baptist Church, January 19, 1946. The bride's
grandfather, Pastor Charles Thorngate, offi-
ciated in the double ring ceremony. Their
home will be in Montgomery.

Obituary

Clark. — Myrtie Luthera Green, daughter of
Luther B. and Julia E. Grems Green, was
born at Hebron, Wis., November 26, 1862,
and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs.
Gladis L. Kern, Port Huron, Mich., Septem-
ber 30, 1945.On June 27, 1887, she was married to Dr.
Charles Bead Clark, who will be remembered as,
successively, a member of the faculty of Alfred
University, as the president of Salem College, and
finally as a member of the faculty of Hinsdale
College, Hinsdale, Mich., where he died, October
30, 1930.Mrs. Clark leaves three children: Elwin B.,
Paul V., and Mrs. Gladis L. Kern. C. F. R.Costilow. — Emma Bee, was born March 12, 1874,
and died at the home of her sister-in-law,
Mrs. Clara Bee, at Berea, W. Va., November
7, 1945.Farewell services were conducted in the Pine
Grove church at Berea, W. Va., by Rev. John Fitz
Randolph. Interment was in the Pine Grove
Cemetery. J. F. R.Davis. — Roland Marsh, son of Harrison Wells
and Lydia Marsh Davis, was born July 2,
1888, at Shiloh, N. J., and died suddenly
October 26, 1945, at Plainfield, N. J.Early in his life he became a member of the
Seventh Day Baptist Church at Shiloh. After
he had established his home in Plainfield, he
transferred his membership to the Plainfield Church.
He married Eva M. Rogers on November 11, 1911.
Close survivors are his wife and daughter, Mrs.
Helen Daly.Memorial services, conducted by Rev. V. W.
Skaggs, were held in the Runyon Funeral Home
in Plainfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.
V. W. S.Whereas our heavenly Father has called our friend,
Mrs. Emma Whitford, to her rest, we wish to ex-
press our sympathy to her family in their loss.
We appreciate her cheerful and helpful life which
has been an inspiration to all who knew her. She
was baptized by Rev. S. H. Babcock and joined
the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church December
10, 1881. She passed away January 8, 1946.Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent
to her family, placed in the church records, and
sent to the Sabbath Recorder.Lenora Saunders,
Pearl Sheldon,
Resolutions Committee.

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WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING IN JAMAICA

PRESIDENT OF JAMAICAN WOMEN'S BOARD WRITES CONCERNING SCHOOL

Dear Fellow Workers:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. As you must have all heard by this time, at our last advisory board meeting a recommendation was made by Rev. W. T. Fitz Randolph that all churches be asked to prepare a special program, the proceeds to be sent to help our school fund.

It was decided that the Women's Board be responsible for the sponsoring of the program. As president of the board, I am asking that all the larger churches have a rally. The smaller churches and groups can see that all members and well-wishers get together to have some form of entertainment and collect the cards.

Where there is an organized women's group, I am especially requesting that they throw in their interest. If the group be strong enough to do so, take charge. But please do not fail to see that every member, man and woman, be a worker along with as many friends as you can interest. We have started in Kingston this week and trust by God's help to make it a success. Please remember that Conference will be early in March and each church is kindly requested to have this program and send in returns by the end of February.

We have selected "Rally of the Vocations" as the title for the campaign and trust before long our school will be in progress where we hope, by God's help, our boys and girls will be taught various subjects.

God bless you.

Yours in the blessed hope,
Mrs. B. Smellie,
President.

MISSIONARY REPORTS PROGRESS TO CHURCHES OF JAMAICA

Christian greetings:

Your missionary has completed the first six months of his work among you. While there has been no spectacular developments, I feel that progress has been made in several directions.

There has been a slight growth in membership in several of the churches in this time. Bath, Thornton, Kingston, Cottage, Bowensville, Waterford, Wakefield, and others show some increase. Baptism has been postponed in other churches because of the rainy weather. We are praying, and because God answers prayers, we are expecting an acceleration in the growth of the churches during the coming months and years. What is required is personal work and prayer on the part of every church member. Please remember that the commission to "go" was not spoken to the minister and leaders alone, but to every one who has received the gift of eternal life. He says, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Also let us remember that our prayers and preaching will avail nothing if our lives do not stand approved before men. Let us, with God's help, live lives of absolute purity, lives above reproach. Then not only our doctrines but our lives will be able to stand the Bible test and the scrutiny of the world. With personally pure lives and a sense of personal responsibility for the salvation of our neighbors, we can hope to see rapid growth of God's kingdom.

Your missionary has prevailed upon the American Board to send to the island certain funds for building repair which some of the churches have applied for as a loan. Work on the buildings will start as soon as the necessary arrangements can be worked out.

Please do not forget the financial part of our program. Conditions are improving on the island. As God blesses you, remember the Lord's tithe. God's blessings will be with you, not only spiritually but temporally, if you give God his dues—if you remember that you are but custodians of the things of God.

"Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Yours in the work of the kingdom,
W. F. Fitz Randolph.



Pastor C. S. Lyons
Pastor of Wakefield Church
and field worker



Rev. N. H. Grant
Pastor of Waterford Church
and field worker

The Sabbath Recorder

Abraham Lincoln

PRAYER

Lincoln learned to pray where most men learn to pray, at his mother's knees. Long after her death, speaking of his mother, he said: "I remember her prayers and they have followed me; they have clung to me all my life."

He confessed that in all the great emergencies in the White House he had prayer. "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelm-

ing conviction that I had nobody else to go to. My own wisdom and all that about me seemed insufficient for that day."

THE BIBLE

"In regard to the Great Book," Lincoln said, "I have only to say that it is the best gift that God has given to man. Its teachings are all for liberty."