

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

November 25 - December 25, 1948

THEME: "THE BOOK OF ALL NATIONS"

Thanksgiving, Nov. 25	Psalm 103	Bible Sabbath, Dec. 11	John 14
Friday	Psalm 90	Sunday	Matthew 13
Sabbath, Nov. 27	Psalm 91	Monday	Luke 14
Sunday	Psalm 23	Tuesday	Luke 15
Monday	Ephesians 6	Wednesday	Luke 16
Tuesday	Philippians 4	Thursday	1 Corinthians 13
Wednesday	John 17	Friday	Isaiah 55
Thursday	Revelation 21	Sabbath, Dec. 18	John 1
Friday	Psalm 121	Sunday	Mark 4
Sabbath, Dec. 4	Psalm 27	Monday	Matthew 5
Sunday	Acts 17	Tuesday	Matthew 6
Monday	John 15	Wednesday	Matthew 7
Tuesday	Hebrews 11	Thursday	Isaiah 2: 1-5; 9: 1-7
Wednesday	Romans 12	Friday	Isaiah 11: 1-9; 40: 1-11
Thursday	John 3	Christmas, Sabbath, Dec. 25	Matthew 2
Friday	Romans 8		—American Bible Society, Adapted.

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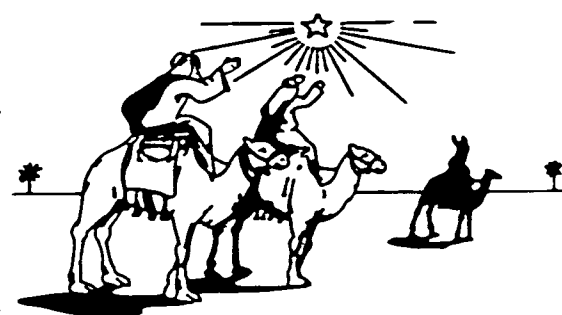
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Conference President's Corner

"WORKMEN APPROVED OF GOD"

(Message No. 2)

"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2: 15 (ASV).

Our first emphasis was "Workmen Approved of God in Knowing the Word." But most folk are aware that too many of us "know better than we do!" So, our second emphasis is "Workman Approved of God in Living the Word."

The problem which this emphasis suggests was a well-known one in the days of Jesus. He told His disciples to do whatever the scribes and Pharisees said, "but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." Matthew 23: 3. Yes, they knew the Word of God quite well, but they didn't live it.

Daniel Webster was once asked to state the greatest argument he knew in favor of the Christian gospel. Without a moment's hesitation he replied, "The greatest argument I know for Christianity is an old aunt who lives up in the New Hampshire hills." Not logic, but clear demonstration is the most convincing witness to the world.

If Seventh Day Baptists would all study the Word to know more of the Father's will, and then if all of us "lived as well as we know," we would surely be "Workmen Approved of God in Living the Word." Thus would our lives be our daily, dynamic witness for the Lord we love.

Loyal F. Hurley,
Conference President.

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"IF IT WERE NOT SO . . ."

God is not fooling us. It is high time that we take Him at His word. But the world is so much with us. "In getting and spending, we lay waste our powers." The pressure of making a living is so much upon us and around us that we fail to take time to live. We are goaded to get gadgets, then we are gouged by them. And, in between, somewhere, there lies that plane of happy occupation and noble striving, that by reason of labor-saving devices we are supposed to have more leisure for the higher freedoms of life — reading and study, fellowship with family and friends, the pursuit of hobbies, community projects, and other re-creational activities, a fuller religious development, and other forms of off-the-job endeavor. Yet, where are we?

This is truly a matter of great importance. There is one remedy and only one. It is age-old and day-new; it began at creation and is as fresh as the present moment. The great prophet, Isaiah, received it from the Lord: "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not." Isaiah 30: 15.

It is only as we keep in close touch with the source of all true life that the higher freedoms can be realized and appreciated. For how can we enjoy that which we do not understand? And how can we understand the designs of the Creator unless we know Him through experience?

The writers of the Bible knew God through experience. So did many of the characters which these writers portrayed. This has become more abundantly clear as we have been studying the Sabbath school lessons of the present quarter.

The person who knew God best and who revealed Him most completely was Jesus Christ, His only Son. He took the Father entirely at His word. He knew that God was not fooling about this business of life at its highest and best. Having been with the Father in the initiation and progress of creation, He knew precisely what the purpose of God was. He did not allow gadgets and glamor and

RIVERSIDE CALLING

Questions continue to arise about the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church and its people.

About 1885, we are told, a group of our folks had regular Sabbath services in or near Tustin, Calif. Beebes and Thomases were names prominent in this company. They later joined "The Colony," then came to Riverside with "the movement."

Who were others of this organization, or was there an organization? What was the extent of existence? Does someone have records of these meetings? There is a desire to get and preserve a history of the movements of Seventh Day Baptists in California, as nearly accurate as possible, to date.

We will be glad to hear from anyone with information about these people.

P. B. Hurley, for the
Publicity Committee.

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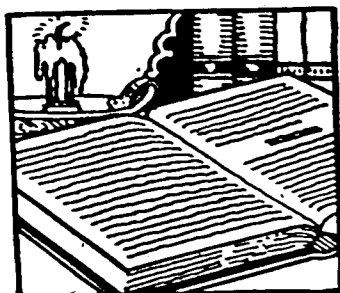
earthly glory to misguide His thought and energy. He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. He was obedient to the will of the Father at all times in every way. His obedience led Him to death upon the Cross. Yet, His obedience was crowned by His overcoming the last enemy of man — death. And thus He became the Lord of life.

It was He who said as He gave assurance to His disciples, "If it were not so, I would have told you."

He took God at His word. He knew Him. He became obedient unto Him.

Can we do less than follow Him whom we confess?

"If it were not so," He would have told us.



Moments of Meditation

CHRIST'S SPIRIT AND POWER

Read Romans 8: 1-17.

There is no spirit and power that unite as do Christ's spirit and power. They are inseparable. As Paul says: "Any one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." Romans 8: 9 (RSV). If anyone has the spirit of Christ, he belongs to Him. If anyone belongs to Christ, he has the power of Christ, for Christ's spirit and power are inseparable. For, again as Paul declares: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4: 13.

Herein is the secret of all worth-while endeavor and success. When men and women are completely Christ's, they will have His power. Then, and only then, will individual and corporate affairs come out right. This principle holds true in the realm of personal religion as well as in the parliament of nations.

And in this age in which Satan is "on the loose," it behooves Christ's folks everywhere to be doubly sure that they belong to Him. Otherwise, His spirit goes and they become powerless.

You know and I know that this is so.

Prayer: O Thou Christ of God, whose coming revealed the great love of God, whose staying was an evidence of the purpose of God, and whose return to the Father made available the Spirit of God to all His people, grant us a double portion of Thy spirit and power, we pray; that our lives and the life of this weary world may come out right in Thy sight. In Jesus' name and for their sakes and ours. Amen.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.,
AUGUST 16-21, 1949

"GREATEST STORY" ENCOURAGES BIBLE READING

Radio's influence as an entertainment, social, and a political force is pretty well recognized. Its influence as a religious factor is becoming more and more apparent, as shown by recent reports based on information gathered for Worldwide Bible Reading, observed this year again from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and Universal Bible Sunday, marked for Sunday, December 12.

Dr. Frederick W. Cropp, secretary of the American Bible Society, points out that Bible reading is increasing with each passing year. His own society's distribution of millions of leaflets suggesting helpful Bible readings and the help of Churches and other religious and civic groups is bringing more interest to bear on the world's greatest Book.

Religious radio programs have done their share. One of the most popular is "The Greatest Story Ever Told," the public service broadcast heard every Sunday afternoon at 6:30 p.m., EST, over the ABC network. This program is a dramatization of the teachings of Christ, and is based on the Scripture. It is the only program on the air which uses the voice of Christ in actual passages from the Bible, and its high quality in presentation and strong influence on the listener has brought many of them to read the Bible more often and more carefully. Since this program is broadcast to fifty-seven countries throughout the world, in addition to our own land, its influence is really world-wide. — ABC News Release.

SUPPORT THE DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

"Stewardship is the definite consciousness that all that I am or ever can be is entrusted to me for a limited time only. I will be held accountable for the use or misuse of the time, talents, opportunities, and possessions which the Lord has entrusted to my care. I must use them not only for my own comfort and welfare, but will do all that is possible to maintain and promote through their use, the will and commands of the Lord."

—From the Budget Committee.

One Hundred Sabbaths of Service

By REV. VICTOR W. SKAGGS

Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society

The work of "One Hundred Sabbaths of Service" is intensive work whether it be in the Tract Society offices, on the field, or in the local Church. In accordance with the need for immediate activity, as the corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, I went on an extended field trip in the West before returning home from the sessions of General Conference at North Loup, Neb. My travels extended through South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas. The trip from North Loup to Plainfield by this roundabout route covered some 8,800 miles. I saw much of this beautiful and varied land that we call home. I remember the inspiring grandeur of the mountain peaks, the beauties of the desert, the green oases of irrigation, the wide-open cattle ranges, the great expanse of the open prairie. Time and time again I found myself turning to the empty seat beside me and saying, "Oh, look! Isn't that beautiful!"

I visited in over fifty homes of non-resident Church members. I saw homes where, after long years of separation from friends and Churches, the Sabbath was still honored and conviction was still strong. I saw homes where Sabbathkeeping had long since been forgotten or mislaid. I saw homes where lack of expressed interest from home Churches was contributing to lack of interest in the home Church. I saw homes where, though isolated, interest and contact with the home Church had been securely maintained. I saw homes where faith in Jesus Christ was the major factor in life. Everywhere I found a welcome. Everywhere I found questions about old friends. In many places I found sincere and earnest questions regarding the work of our Churches and our people. Sometimes I found a knowledge of that work beyond that of some of us who live in the Church communities. I became convinced that there

is great need for further regular contact by mail and further regular contact by personal visit if we are to serve nonresident members as we ought and as they deserve. Great blessings are in store for the visited and the visitor alike. The faith of many can thus be strengthened. The courage of many lone Sabbathkeepers is increased by the realization that the home Churches think of them and pray for them. The strength and power of the home Churches and the denomination are increased as we realize that lone Sabbathkeepers all over the land are praying for us in the Church and denominational work. I urge each local Church to do its utmost to create or enlarge a program of the Church that includes and embraces all nonresident members.

I visited seven Churches and was impressed and inspired by the evident faith and by the fellowship experienced at each stop. The Churches visited were Los Angeles, Riverside, and Dinuba, Calif.; Denver and Boulder, Colo.; North Loup, Neb.; Nortonville, Kan. Everywhere there was a warm welcome. In most places I found that plans had been made to begin work for "One Hundred Sabbaths of Service," and in some places work had already begun. In each Church I presented the denominational program and the Denominational Budget, as well as emphasizing the needs of "One Hundred Sabbaths of Service." These needs are the need for prayer, the need for work, the need for gifts of money. I came home much encouraged by the following things:

1. The fellowship that is ours as Seventh Day Baptists in Christ Jesus.
2. All Seventh Day Baptists are close to each other in faith and practice the country over. We are essentially one.
3. All Churches seem to be vitally interested that the message we carry should reach others. All are interested in evangelism.
4. One Hundred Sabbaths of Service literature distribution is taking hold.

I felt the need for as much contact between our Churches and people as possible. Our associations have done much to meet this need but it might be further emphasized. Interassociational exchange of delegates should be increased. More of our lay leaders should be encouraged to go to Conference each year. We need as wide an acquaintanceship among our people as possible. It is only thus that we can come to know and understand each other in the way in which our common faith makes possible and necessary.

One Hundred Sabbaths of Service is well begun. Distribution is beginning to hit its stride. Funds are beginning to trickle in. The message we carry is essential to the well-being of the people of the earth. The messengers are Seventh Day Baptists throughout the land. We, in Plainfield, cannot complete the program. One Church or ten Churches cannot complete the program. Only if every Church and every person in the Churches takes the place it and he should fill, can the task of evangelism by means of the printed page be accomplished as it ought. More and more sincere people must be offering prayer that we may all be guided by God in our efforts to serve others for Him. Distribution goals must go higher and higher. Funds must come in in ever-increasing quantities. You are called on to help.

Earning maketh an industrious man; spending, a well furnished man; saving, a prepared man; giving, a blessed man.

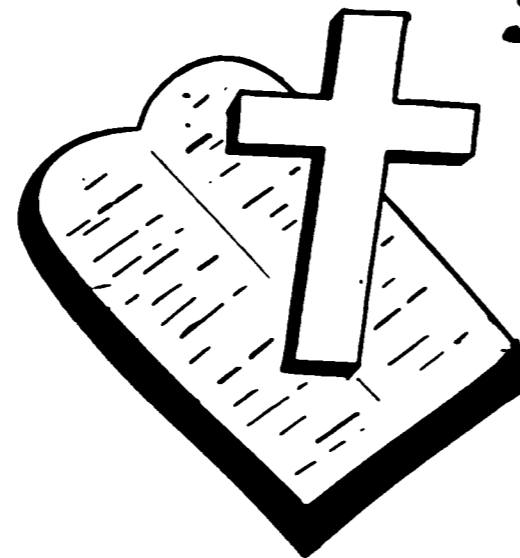
—The Bible Advocate.

WORKMEN APPROVED OF GOD

IN

1. KNOWING THE WORD
2. LIVING THE WORD
3. SHARING THE WORD
4. REAPING THE WORD

100 Sabbaths of Service



FOR
CHRIST
AND FOR
HIS
SABBATH

FROM FIRST HEBRON, PA., CHURCH

Did you hand out your issues of the October special issue of the Sabbath Recorder? One person handed out two copies and has mailed five.

—Church Bulletin.

FROM THE RIVERSIDE, CALIF., CHURCH

Our Seventh Day Baptist Tract Board is launching a new program this year which should mean much to each of our Churches. We were indeed fortunate to have Secretary Victor Skaggs visit Riverside in September and to bring fresh enthusiasm to us in our tract distribution. According to this program, 1,000 copies of the special issue Sabbath Recorders per month and 1,000 tracts per week will be distributed during the next two years.

So far our Church people have gladly taken these tracts and, we believe, are giving them out wisely. The printed message may reach some heart that will not listen to us personally.

At Conference in North Loup, the Tract Board was given permission to attempt to raise \$10,000 each year during the next two years. Salvation and the Sabbath will be presented to the world better than Seventh Day Baptists have ever presented it, if this program succeeds. We dare not let it fail.

"Money offers a medium and a method by which we serve. Money is ourselves. Money is stored power. It is a reservoir of our vital energy which we set at work doing as we please." — The Church Chimes, Riverside, Calif.

JAMAICA



Seventh Day Baptist Conference at Font Hill

This fine appearing group of people met at Font Hill, Jamaica, B. W. I., for their General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists in July, 1948. They ordained Brother Charles Webb to the diaconate. Since then the Kingston Church has ordained Brother Lionel Holness and John Hamilton to the diaconate and ministry respectively, and has sent Evangelist Vernon Burke to Manchester for a special evangelistic program. These people are throwing a great deal of support behind the new

Crandall High School, while Americans are giving an encouraging number of scholarships for needy students. Eight scholarships were received up till October 16. Books, clothing, and equipment are still needed, along with money — each "investment" is gratefully acknowledged by the Jamaicans. The Crandall High School reports daily increase in enrollment and encouraging development of various courses including music and sewing.

D. S. C.

CHINESE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL SPEAKS

A Second Message to all Christians in China from the National Christian Council

(Authorized English Text.)

(Amid the guerrilla warfare, mass migrations, economic instability with its food scarcity, and continual uncertainty, the Christian Churches of China are speaking words of comfort to each other. And they are words of challenge, everyday, and realistic. They are said in the face of something more subtle than Red Army aggression — the subtle temptation to find security by political protection rather than through serving the best interests of all people for Christ's sake. They speak to those faced with the temptation to save their own lives and to forget their true destiny. D. S. C.)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The widespread welcome given to the letter that we sent out in March leads us to hope that a further message will be found helpful.

As we ponder upon the life and work of the Church, and the responsibilities and opportunities of individual Christians, in these troubled times, there are many things in our hearts which we would share with our brethren in Christ. Some of these thoughts must be expressed later from time to time, but in this letter we shall speak briefly on a subject which is exercising the minds and consciences of very many Christians. Has the Protestant Christian Church a stand of its own in regard to the issues of the day? A full answer to this vital question would necessarily extend far beyond the limits of a letter, but

let us here suggest a few salient points in the furtherance of our common thinking.

The Christian Church certainly has a stand of its own. We confess with shame that we have failed to make this as clear to the world as we should have done. The Church's stand is, of course, a religious and not a political one. It is based upon Christian faith. Power to practice it consistently depends upon the experience of being forgiven and made new men in Christ. The Church can therefore never identify itself with any political party, nor employ political power to enforce its ideals. It must remain a spiritual fellowship, uncompromised by the exigencies of political action, functioning as a Christian conscience within society, and witnessing to the need and reality of God's redeeming grace. Yet, the religious stand of the Church, while supra-political, is intensely relevant to political action. It is the Church's duty both to speak and to act in regard to the moral issues involved in national and international life.

In the first place, the Church always reminds man that he is never able to effect his own salvation, and that political action, though necessary and capable of improving the conditions of man's life, can never solve his basic problems, which are spiritual. The kingdom of God must never be identified with a political Utopia, for it is a community of persons redeemed from self-centered living into the perfect freedom of serving the will of God, and not an unrealizable perfect society of unregenerate people. While ever concerned to help in creating better political systems, the Church denies to any the possibility of being considered absolute or infallible.

In the second place, the Church declares man's only true equality to consist

in his equal standing with every other man as the object of God's love. This gives to every individual an absolute worth. Every man is a "brother for whom Christ died." Men and women, therefore, must always be treated as persons, and never as political instruments, as ends and not as means. The State exists for man, and not man for the State. From this it follows that the Church must protest, on the one hand, against all political action which denies man freedom or opportunity for responsible and worth-while living, and on the other hand against all cruelty and ruthlessness which sacrifices the individual in the supposed interests of any class or social order. The Church's stand is for the right of every man and woman to live as a child of God.

Christian men and women as individuals may be called to enter political life, and to serve God and their fellows by upholding Christian faith and standards in the political arena. As Christians they claim no particular political wisdom, save the insight of religious faith. Others are called upon to live as Christian citizens, making a witness in their several vocations to the principles of Christian faith and life. In doing this, they — as well as those called to political responsibilities — have a supreme need of Christian fellowship and joint study with those who share their concerns. It is the duty of all of us to uphold one another in prayer, and to create opportunities for such study and fellowship, to the end that, both as individuals and through the corporate life of the Church, we may make a faithful witness for Christ.

August, 1948.

ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC SITUATION IN CHINA

(Letter to Ben Utter from
Mrs. George Thorngate)

Dear Ben Utter:

When I received your recent letter asking for some information about the financial situation in Shanghai, I was highly flattered to be asked — for it is a matter

of intense interest to us out here and one in which we all have violent opinions!

At that moment things seemed to be about to blow sky-high, so I waited a few days to see what might happen, and then realized it was too late to reach you before the October board meeting.

Since then, things have been gradually going from bad to worse in a financial way, and anything one says today may

not be true tomorrow. We have had occasion to talk with trained economists, and of course read much of the conferences continually being held, and I am depressed by the knowledge that no one knows really very much about economic forces, especially when planned economy interferes with the more dependable (if more cruel) old natural laws of supply and demand.

We all hailed the change-over from CNC and its ciphers (the little nurses' home at Liuho cost more than four billion dollars CNC) to the new Gold Yuan, with great hope. Enough gold and U. S. currency were turned in to make pretty good backing for the venture. Prices theoretically remained the same, though actually were frozen at a higher level.

But no currency plan is of much use unless it enjoys the confidence of the people. Lack of this, alas, plus the continued reverses in the military field, has not given the Gold Yuan the chance of the proverbial snowflake. The government has been making a noble effort to hold the line against increased prices, and to curb the black market, but I am afraid it is a losing battle. Economic police check the prices of essential commodities, but the result is that prices outside Shanghai where there are no curbing police are much higher and stuff is continually smuggled out of the city, when they should be coming in — and nothing is brought in that can be held against the time when prices will give way. Shops open as late as possible and do not replenish their shelves, so Shanghai is full of money and nothing to buy except at fantastic prices in spite of regulations.

Everybody is looking for somewhere to unload his money while it is still worth something. We, personally, thought we would put ours into glassing in a porch, so that when the second family comes to occupy part of this house it would make another room; but we can't even get the contractor to come and look it over. I suppose he can't get glass or wood! It is a very funny feeling when one has pinched pennies all his life, to suddenly be trying to toss the stuff around — and not finding anything worth buying with it. It would be an elegant time to raise

the money for the much needed new building for the school, but since we could not get materials the effort might be wasted, though T. M. Chang is working on a project. On reading this paragraph over, I do not want to give the wrong impression — that everyone is affluent. Since prices are high, and exchange fixed, those who were having difficulty getting the necessities of life are having a still more troubled period making ends meet. It is the margin money, particularly any savings in gold (U. S. dollars) which the law required to be changed to Gold Yuan, which panics people into trying to put it into **things** which have value rather than see it float away on the tide of inflation. And, of course, that snowballs the inflation. We need a set of dishes and I saw a rather good-looking set in a shop window so I went in to inquire. It was a set for eight people, and they wanted the equivalent of U. S. \$1,000 for it. I backed out hastily, saying I was looking for a set for "twelve."

All this is tough on Sarah who had been waiting to move into the new little house before buying some necessary bits of furniture — and the money she had saved will buy almost nothing now, and less daily (and nothing available). Her first year in China has not been an easy affair, and I think she has come through it nicely. The rest of us are so used to sitting on volcanoes, I suspicion we should be bored by security.

Very sincerely,

Helen (Thorngate).

23 Zikawei Road,
Shanghai 25, China,
October 26, 1948.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in regular session November 14, 1948, in the Trainer Sabbath School Room with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. A. G. T. Brissey, Mrs. Okey Davis, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. J. L. Vincent, Mrs. Loyal Hurley, Miss Alta Van Horn, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs led the devotions, emphasizing the "Power of the Spirit" in the lives of women, and she closed with prayer.

Mrs. S. O. Bond read the treasurer's report showing the following balances: General Fund, \$149.86; Special Project, \$71.94; Helpers' Fund, \$272.79; African Fund, \$10.00; Total, \$504.59.

Mrs. Okey Davis reported as editor of the Recorder Page calling attention to the Tract Society's program of "One Hundred Sabbaths of Service." She noted especially the tract, "For Christ, for His Sabbath," and urged its use.

Voted, that the board encourage the societies to use this tract as individuals, as families, and as other groups as best suits the needs in each society, and to cooperate in every way possible with the Tract Society in promoting its special program.

Mrs. R. P. Seager read the report of Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph.

Mrs. Seager also read the report of the Ways and Means Committee. This report was accepted.

Mrs. Vincent read the report of the Committee to Supervise the Broadcasting Work. This report was received as a report of progress.

Voted, that we ask Mr. Parkins to work from one to three months on the Columbus, Miss., field as the work there may justify, with a salary of \$75 a month and personal travel expense on the field.

The report of the Christian Culture Committee was read by Miss Alta Van Horn. The report was accepted.

The Histories Committee reported that the History of the Alfred Center Society has been received.

Voted, that the board send \$5 to add to a "Love Gift" for Mrs. Ruth Worrell, retiring secretary of the United Council of Church Women.

Voted, that Mrs. Orla Davis be invited to become a member of the board.

Mrs. Okey Davis reported informally for the Literature and Literacy Committee.

Mrs. Skaggs gave a brief report for the Rural Missions Co-operating Committee.

Voted, that we approve the uniting of the United Council of Church Women with the national organization composed of eight active and well-known Protestant organizations.

Voted, that the secretarial bill of Mrs. Margaret Allen be allowed and ordered paid.

These minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet the second Sunday in January, 1949.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
President,

Miss Greta F. Randolph,
Secretary.

Salem, W. Va.

MERCHANTS OF MURDER

In view of the fact that hundreds of people were killed or maimed in crimes, accidents, and every variety of disaster because of their drinking or the drinking of others at the time of the Christmas holidays last year, we read with a sense of shock the announcement that from 500 to 600 extra clerks will be hired during this year's Christmas holidays, to assist the regular salesmen in the 574 State Liquor Stores in the State of Pennsylvania.

The entire liquor trade is making great plans for increasing the sale of intoxicants at the time of the holidays when we will be celebrating the birth of Christ, and the new year.

We might as well face the implications of this program, now. It is a black trade in murder, rape, riot, and disaster. Blood and tears will flow as the result, but many millions of dollars will pour into the treasury as government's share in this iniquity. — Clipseet.

A RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Increasing Sabbath school attendance is the goal of all of our Sabbath schools. An important part of any program of bringing in people is the discovery of persons who could be brought in. A responsibility list means that the Sabbath school has made an effort to discover the names of all those people in the community who are not attending Sabbath school and who are prospects. Every Sabbath school class should make a list of people who are known by the members and who are not attending Sabbath school. The Youth Fellowship should also make a list of the names of young people who should be attending Sabbath school.

This responsibility list should be used by those who are doing personal visitation. The people whose names appear on the list should be included in the prayers of all those in the Sabbath school.

Another phase of a responsibility list might be the plan of assigning new members of the Sabbath school to members who have been attending for a long time. A new family might be assigned to a family which has been attending regularly.

It is a good idea to examine the rolls of the Church membership, of last year's Vacation Bible School, in order to discover people who are not attending Sabbath school. It is very important for all of the people in our Sabbath schools to become more deeply interested in bringing new people into the school. Even children can become interested in bringing in other children. A new enthusiasm is always the result of increased Sabbath school enrollment.

Every Sabbath school which has tried special plans in making surveys and conducting personal visitation campaigns should send a report to me so that these plans may be shared with other schools.

H. S.

A non-Seventh Day Baptist once said to one of our ministers, "The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is so busy saving its Churches that it's about to lose the message and purpose for which it was sent."

L. G. O.

YOUTH NEWS

Camp Ouachita

The Southwestern Association's Youth Camp was held July 28 to August 3, at Camp Ouachita in the Arkansas mountains. The fourteen campers came from Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and West Virginia. The camp directors were Mr. Gerald Coalwell and Mr. Allen Bond. Classes in stewardship and salvation were taught by Mrs. Allen Bond, George Stillman, and Mr. Bond. Mrs. Coalwell directed the music, accompanied at the portable organ, and also did the cooking.

Throughout the camp one theme predominated. This was that our group was always an open circle, open to all others that might care to join, yet able to participate in God's world as a group. Co-operation in camp was complete, whether at work, play, or worship. In fact, the most important result of the camp was the co-operation and association with other Sabbathkeeping young people and with such excellent leaders. — Anne Stillman, Houston, Tex.

Officers for Battle Creek Christian Endeavor Society

President, Richard Maxson; vice-president, Bernard Moulton; secretary, Elma Hjerpe; treasurer, Dorothy Rowe; devotions, Alice Hemminger; social, Neva Brannon; missionary, Winifred Stiede. — Contributed.

Plans for Youth in Little Genesee

It is just about time for the basketball bug to bite the boys of the community. So the Community Center will be open from 7 to 9 each Monday evening, starting December 6. There will be an adult present to direct the activities. Boys from 9 to 15 years of age will be welcome.

—Selected.

SUPPORT THE DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

"Money offers a medium and method by which we serve. Money is ourselves. Money is stored power. It is a reservoir of our vital energy which we set at work doing as we please."

—From the Budget Committee.

BATTLE CREEK SABBATH SCHOOL**10% Goals**

A drive for the increase of membership during the third quarter of last year brought our enrollment up to 135. This meant an increase of 26%. With other Sabbath schools we were placed on the honor roll at General Conference, and were given a banner which has been displayed on the bulletin board in the foyer.

We are striving for an increase of 10% in 1949. After checking the record books we find there is an enrollment of 86 in the adult department and 46 in the children's department. This means that we must gain 9 in the adult group and 5 in the children's division, or a total of 14, which would be an average increase of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ each quarter. That does not look impossible, but it means that everyone must help.

Pictures

Considerable time has been spent in sorting and cataloguing pictures in the children's division file. Mrs. Lewis, working with the Religious Education Committee, plans to do the same for flannelgraphs, slides, and source books, so that they will be more available to everyone.

Leaders

We have 10 from our Sabbath school attending the Leadership Training School being held at the First Baptist Church on Monday nights from October 11 to November 15 inclusive. It is a Second Series school and four courses are being offered. Our Sabbath school voted to underwrite the expense of those who attend from our numbers.

Home Department

Mr. Kinsey, as superintendent of the home department, continues to prepare a sheet of lesson material which is included each week with about sixty-five Church bulletins being mailed to the shut-ins, non-residents, and others not attending Church services. It is costing about \$13 per quarter for supplies and mailing. Mrs. Alice Fifield continues to cut the stencils for the lessons each week.

Action

It was voted to appropriate \$25 for the purchase of materials for our library during the year.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I never cease to marvel at the fact that we were the first American tourists to arrive in Europe after the war. It is now two and one-half years since that trip in 1946. It seems like a dream.

I know, in closing, you'll be interested to hear (1) that Jenny Beaumatin, in September, 1947, flew from her home in Paris and visited me in my home and school; (2) that in November the same year, Uncle Joe, Aunt Dorothy, and Tim came to Salem to spend Thanksgiving with us; we had a good old-fashioned turkey dinner with all the trimmings; Timmy was anxious to see a snowstorm and when it came he dashed around wildly, chasing the snowflakes; (3) that in March, 1948, my daddy returned from Korea and Japan to remain at home with us.

Everybody is happy.

Sincerely,
Venita Vincent.

Dear Venita:

I have enjoyed your letters very, very much for you have described your experiences on your trip in a very interesting way. Both children and grown-ups have enjoyed them and we are sorry to have them end. Had you thought of having them published in book form? I do hope you will do so, for in my opinion they are more worth reading than the several travel books I have read. Several people have written me to know if your travel experiences would not be published in book or pamphlet form. Please do. I also hope that you will write me other letters for the Children's Page, even though your travels have ended for the present.

I was especially pleased to hear of your three closing items of interest. Tim's

It was voted to continue support of the Palatka, Fla., Mission work another quarter.

It was voted to pay the bill of \$13 per quarter presented by the home department for mailing sixty-five sheets for the past two quarters.

It was voted to pay for supplies purchased for distribution to the families on the Adrian field. — Contributed.

pleasure in the snowflakes made me think of our little niece from Panama who spent a year with us. She had never seen snow and could hardly wait for a snowstorm. So when the first snowstorm came that winter, she rushed out into the middle of the road and patted the snowflakes against her face. At last she came in with a look of disappointment and said, "Will it always wash off like that, Aunt Mizpah?" She soon found out what New York snowstorms were and loved them.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

A BOY'S CHOICE

Kenneth's big brother was a soldier who had won many honors by his bravery and loyalty. One evening after he had been listening to many tales about his brother's experiences in the World War, Kenneth went to bed saying to himself, "As soon as I'm old enough I'm going to be a soldier, too."

"Is that so?" said a voice in the darkness. "You're going to be a soldier? Then you must come with me and find out just where you belong — your regiment and your captain and your enemies."

Away they sped through the darkness, Kenneth and the owner of the voice. The latter called himself the A.O.T.J., but he explained that the letters meant Angel of the Juniors. On and on they went till they came to a campfire surrounded by the most disagreeable looking men Kenneth had ever seen. They had scowling faces and sharp cruel eyes, and their voices were surly as they quarreled among themselves.

"I tell you that boy belongs to my regiment," roared one vicious-looking fellow. "Already he's taking orders from me and doing as I say."

"Who is he?" Kenneth whispered to the A.O.T.J. "And who's the boy he is talking about?" "His name is Temper," said the A.O.T.J., "and you're the boy he's discussing." Kenneth winced, for he knew it was all too true that he did very often obey Temper's orders. "And who are the others?" Kenneth asked as he heard several of them speaking his name and claiming him for their own ranks. "There are Dishonesty and Selfishness,"

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A column wherein the readers may freely express their opinions, as long as they do not deal in personalities or mere controversy

Dear Editor:

I was very much pleased upon seeing on the outside of the first page of a recent Recorder these words:

Workmen Approved of God
in
Knowing the Word
Living the Word
Sharing the Word
Reaping the Word

What a lesson there is in these words. What an effect there will be in the lives and living of men and women, boys and girls, if these words are heeded and learned. May there be a great response.

In loving God and His Son and being led by His Spirit — if we know the Word, we will live the Word. Living the Word, we will want to share the Word. Sharing the Word, we will reap.

Sincerely,
Clarence Beebe

23 Elm Street,
Stonington, Conn.

said the A.O.T.J., "and Laziness and Untruthfulness, Intemperance and Cowardice."

"But they are all so terrible," said Kenneth. "I do not want to have anything to do with them except to fight them." "Splendid!" said the A.O.T.J. "Just follow me to the other camp."

In the other camp Kenneth saw quite a different company. They were Truth, Fair Play, Kindness, Honesty, Helpfulness, Cheerfulness, and many others. In their midst was the face of the great Captain, Jesus the King of kings, and the boy seemed to hear Him saying, "Follow me." "I choose Him for my Captain," said Kenneth to the A.O.T.J.

"Good!" said the angel. "But remember no coward can enlist in Jesus' army. Do you still choose to pledge allegiance?"

"I pledge allegiance," said Kenneth reverently; and as he woke from his dream he repeated the words again, "I pledge allegiance. Lord Jesus, my Captain, help me to be true and worthy." — Selected.

A TRIBUTE TO MISS MARY ANN DAVIS

Aunt Mary — Molly as her friends knew her — exemplified in large measure the simple but most fundamental virtues. She was humble, unselfish, patient, hard working, uncomplaining, charitable in judgment of others, and loyal to her Saviour and Church.

Although she loved a good time when she was young, when she became converted at the age of 19, she gladly renounced some of her former pleasures which she felt she could not enjoy as a Christian.

She was baptized by Rev. S. D. Davis and joined the Greenbrier Church. When that was disbanded, she moved her membership to the Salem Church. She and her sister Jenny lived in Salem, W. Va., for a number of years. After the death of all of her immediate family, she spent the last five years of her life with her nephew, G. P. Davis and family in Parkersburg, W. Va., to whom she greatly endeared herself.

Called Home

"Thou art not dead—
For death can only take away the mortal breath,
And life, commencing here,
Is but the prelude to its full career;
And hope and faith the blest assurance give,
We do not live to die,
We die to live."

—Contributed by Mrs. G. P. Davis.

A RESOLUTION AND TRIBUTE

Again the Ladies' Aid of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church has been called upon to mourn the death of a loved and loyal member, Sadie King Whitford, who passed away October 11, 1948, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Whitford was an active and conscientious member of our Aid society for thirty-five years, always willing to do whatever she could to further the work of the Church. We extend our sympathy to the family in the loss of the wife and mother.

Passed on beyond our mortal vision,
All heedless of our falling tears,
Unconscious of our desolation,
Unnoting all our lonely years.

And while in silent grief we lingered,
Came tender voices, unheard before;
"Weep not; the one whose loss you sorrow
Has 'gone upstairs and shut the door.'"

Passed on beyond our mortal vision,
But now the thought is robbed of gloom;
Within the Father's many mansions
Still dwelling in another room.

The one whose going left us lonely
Is scaling heights undreamed of yore.
And guided on by Love's unfolding,
Has "gone upstairs and shut the door."

Resolved, That copies of this resolution and tribute be sent to the family, placed on the Ladies' Aid society records, and sent to the Sabbath Recorder.

Mildred Greene,
Louise Trowbridge,
Margaret Stoodley,
Committee.

Accessions

First Hebron

Baptism:

Miss Maralee Stearns,
Miss Elsie Atkinson,
James Carpenter, and
Harold Carpenter were baptized July 3, 1948,
and received in the Church July 10, 1948.
Rex E. Zwiebel, Pastor.

Marriages

Bentley - Garner. — On Sabbath afternoon, November 6, 1948, William Robert Bentley, son of Arlie and Eva Satterlee Bentley of Berlin, N. Y., and Rose Eleanor Garner, daughter of Harold and May Yager Garner of Bethany, W. Va., were united in marriage at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Paul L. Maxson, minister of the Church, officiated. The Bentleys are at home in Berlin, N. Y.

Obituaries

Davis. — Miss Mary Ann Davis, daughter of Amariah and Mariah Sutton Davis was born at Long Run, Doddridge County, W. Va., July 10, 1860, and died at Parkersburg, W. Va., August 8, 1948.

She was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, having been converted and united with the Greenbrier Church at the age of nineteen, and later changing her membership to Salem. She is survived by several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, on August 11, 1948, from the Baptist Church, Salem, W. Va., and the interment was in Odd Fellows Cemetery.
L. F. H.

Randolph. — Miss Cassie Randolph died in Washington, D. C., September 27, 1948, at the age of 75 years. She was born in Salem, W. Va., being a daughter of Samuel F. and Rachel Bond Randolph.

In early life she united with the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and continued her membership in that Church during her life. She has resided in Washington since about 1934.

Her pastor, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, conducted the farewell services in the Baptist Church, Salem, W. Va., on September 29, and the remains were laid to rest in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.
L. F. H.

Hurley. — Athalia Adaline Van Horn was born at Welton, Iowa, October 19, 1859, the daughter of Amanda L. and A. Van Horn, and died at her home in Riverside, Calif., October 24, 1948.

She was the sister of two of our ministers, C. C. and T. J. Van Horn, and her sister Cordie became the wife of another, D. Burdett Coon. She, herself, did not realize her ambition to become a missionary, though her missionary interest continued strong even to the end.

She was married August 5, 1876, to John G. Hurley who died in 1924. She is survived by their four sons and two daughters: Perley B., Archie R., Francis H., Victor H., Iva M., and Dora L. Also surviving her are nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Among the best known of her grandchildren is K. Duane Hurley, former editor of the Sabbath Recorder.

Farewell services, attended by a large crowd of Church people and friends, were held at Riverside with Pastor Maltby and two former pastors, E. S. Ballenger and G. D. Hargis, participating.
L. M. M.

Wells. — Welcome Stillman, son of Adelaide Utter and A. Judson Wells, was born at Berlin, Wis., April 2, 1873, and died at his home in Riverside, Calif., July 27, 1948.

He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and later of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church. In 1915 he came to California for his health. The following year, in August, he was married to Christine Buchanan, who passed away in 1925. The closest surviving relatives are two nephews, N. Wardner Wells of Los Angeles and Edwin F. Saunders of Racine, Wis.; and six nieces: Marie Hills Davis of San Gabriel, Lelia Wells Livingston of Janesville, Wis., Emma Lou Miller, Hayward, Calif., Beatrice Simons, San Marino, Dorothy Owen and Marguerite Anderson of Riverside.

Farewell services and burial were at Riverside, conducted by the pastor and E. S. Ballenger, former pastor.
L. M. M.

Rosier. — Myrtle, daughter of George Washington and Similde Jane (Lowther) Fitz Randolph, was born July 13, 1874, at Salem, W. Va., and died at her home in Clarksburg, W. Va., September 2, 1948. On May 30, 1894, she was married to Dr. John Rosier, of Bristol, W. Va.

Besides her husband and one sister, Mrs. Cora R. Ogden, of St. Petersburg, Fla., she is survived by three daughters: Marguerite (Mrs. Orville R.) Heller of Hialeah, Fla.; Anna Louise (Mrs. Festus Clee) Waggoner of Grafton, W. Va.; and Helen Randolph (Mrs. Paul H.) Corder of Marietta, Ohio; besides fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In early life, she became a member of the Salem (W. Va.) Seventh Day Baptist Church, and retained that membership until her death.
C. F. R.

Osgood. — James Maxson, son of James Byrd and Maude Irene (Barber) Osgood, was born at Galeton, Pa., May 13, 1903, and died at his home at Hauppauge, Long Island, N. Y., March 3, 1948, after a lingering illness of about a year. On September 10, 1922, he was married at Bay Shore, N. Y., to Harriet Lois, daughter of Nathaniel and Harriet (Cornish) Raynor.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons: James Nathaniel and Clifford E., both unmarried; and three daughters: Lois Evelyn (Mrs. William) Lemon, Maude Muriel Barbara (Mrs. Fred) Colangelo, and Jean A., unmarried. On June 24, 1916, he became a member of the New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church, and so continued until his death.
Church Clerk.

Stillman. — Rose, daughter of George R. and Elizabeth G. Hutchins, and wife of Allen P. Stillman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died at her home in Brooklyn, September 10, 1948. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bragge, of Brooklyn; and Mrs. Rosalie M. Bragge, of W. Va.; four granddaughters, a grandson, and two great-grandsons. Burial was at Leonardsville, N. Y.
C. F. R.

Gardiner. — Nellie Blanche Perkins, daughter of Nathaniel and Chloe Rosebush Perkins, was born at Nile, N. Y., October 26, 1865, and died November 3, 1948, at St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

She married Charles R. Gardiner of Nile, N. Y., January 18, 1890, and in 1904 the family moved to Alfred. Before marriage she taught for several years in the district schools of the western part of Allegany County. In later years she became well known to many former Alfred students because of the boarding clubs for which she served as cook.

She joined the Nile Seventh Day Baptist Church by baptism at an early age and brought her letter of membership to the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred soon after the family moved here.

Surviving are three children: David C. of Alfred; Mrs. John Thomas of Bergenfield, N. J.; Mrs. Joseph Lorz of Cleveland, Ohio; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Farewell services were held in the Church, her pastor, Rev. Everett T. Harris, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.
E. T. H.

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DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, October 31, 1948

Receipts		October
Alfred, First		\$ 231.60
Associations and groups		73.10
Battle Creek		151.25
Berlin		21.00
Boulder		52.95
Brookfield, First		15.00
Brookfield, Second		19.50
Daytona Beach		15.00
Denver		48.35
De Ruyter		20.00
Edinburg		4.31
Farina		15.00
Gentry		8.50
Healdsburg-Ukiah		10.00
Hebron, First		56.11
Hopkinton, Second		7.00
Little Genesee		44.28
Marlboro		153.00
Middle Island		7.90
Milton		272.93
Milton Junction		79.82
Nortonville		42.50
Piscataway		26.75
Plainfield		128.70
Roanoke		21.00
Rockville		6.12
Salem		154.70
Salemville		27.00
Shiloh		265.57
Stone Fort		20.00
Washington, People's		10.00
Waterford		12.22
White Cloud		24.96
Total		\$2,046.12

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 486.88	\$ 60.50
Tract Society	292.16	64.20
Board of Christian Education	289.92	1.00
Women's Society	9.28	
Historical Society	37.76	
Ministerial Retirement	139.20	155.50
Seventh Day Baptist Building	31.84	
General Conference	162.24	
World Fellowship and Service	11.52	
Conference Committee on Relief Appeals		83.53
Debt repayment:		
Missionary Society	51.92	
Tract Society	60.65	
Board of Christian Education	16.19	
Seventh Day Baptist Building	10.44	
Balance on hand October 31	81.39	
Totals	\$1,681.39	\$ 364.73

OBITUARIES

(Continued from page 295)

Meathrell. — California, daughter of Asa and Marvel (Maxson) Fitz Randolph, was born at Meathouse Fork, W. Va., October 21, 1854, and died in her home at Berea, W. Va., October 26, 1948.

On April 10, 1882, she was married to John Edward Meathrell, who preceded her in death on November 9, 1928. To them were born four children: Julia, Rupert, Conza, and Draxie (Mrs. R. M. Brissey) all of Berea, W. Va. Five grandchildren also survive, and four brothers: Alva of Alfred, N. Y., Virgil of Wellsville, N. Y., Preston, of Sutton, W. Va., Delvinus, of California; and one sister, Cleora, of Roulette, Pa.

In early life Mrs. Meathrell was baptized and united with the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, W. Va., and remained a faithful member till death. For many long years the Meathrell family have been staunch supporters of the Ritchie Church, and the influence of this Christian home has been felt in the community.

Friends and relatives filled the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church on October 28, 1948, to participate in farewell services conducted by her pastor, Rev. John Fitz Randolph. J. F. R.

Burdick. — Arthur Gardner, son of the late Pardon C. and Mary F. Palmer Burdick, died October 24, 1948, at the Westerly, R. I., Hospital.

He was born in Hopkinton, R. I., December 2, 1884. He was a member of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, having been baptized by Rev. Alexander McLearn and taken into the Church November 12, 1904.

He was connected for many years with the Electric Boat Company of New London, Conn., as a machinist. Three years ago he retired and came to Westerly to live with his sister, Mrs. Charles L. Palmer.

Besides Mrs. Palmer, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ida Mylod of Boston, and three brothers: F. LaVerne of Boston, John E. of Westerly, and Fred J. of Wyoming.

Funeral services were held at Westerly, R. I., October 27, 1948, conducted by Rev. Paul S. Burdick and Rev. Harold R. Crandall, and burial took place at Westerly. P. S. B.

Comparative Figures

	1948	1947
Receipts for October:		
Budget	\$1,681.39	\$1,368.47
Specials	364.73	300.72
Annual budget	34,500.00	31,500.00
Amount raised in October	1,681.39	1,368.47
Per cent raised in October	4.87%	4.34%

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

The Sabbath Recorder

