

Christmas Bells



By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

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The Message of the New Year

I asked the New Year for some message sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked, and paused: he answered soft and low,
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And, ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, "Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell,
"Yes! this thing, all other things above:
God's will to love."

—Author Unknown, in Quotable Poems,
compiled by Clark-Gillespie.

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RIVERSIDE CALLING

Our call this time is to the young people of the denomination. We hope more young people than ever before will attend this Conference. Yes, Pre-Conference will be an especial attraction too. Pacific Pines Camp is a beautiful place — a mile-high retreat in the mountains among the pines — the end of the road — the rest of the world does not go by. Just being there is an inspiration in itself. Being there with more young people of the same beliefs and aspirations will be a real uplift. Being there with a consecrated music director will be a blessing long to be remembered. Being there with Spirit-filled Bible teachers will make a trip across the continent well worth the time, effort, and money. Being there with praying leaders all about will make for the most pleasant, most profitable week of the year.

Come on, young people, begin planning now to be at Conference and Pre-Conference in Riverside.

Pastors and teachers, search out those young people in your Churches and Bible schools. Urge them to come. If necessary, see that they have help to come.

P. B. Hurley, for the
Publicity Committee.

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Riverside, Calif.

"CHRISTMAS SONG"

The composer of the music for what has been called "the most loved Christmas song among the school children of America" (and more recently of the adults who were children yesterday) is still living, and every day at this season of the year hears his melody played on Church chimes in Middletown, Conn. The hymn is "There's a Song in the Air!" The famous tune, "Christmas Song," was composed in 1905 by Karl Pomeroy Harrington, now 87 years of age. Dr. Harrington was for many years professor of Latin language and literature at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and is now professor emeritus. But it is for his melodies for religious use that he will long be remembered — for these and for his far-famed college song, "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" sung by glee clubs for more than fifty years. — W. W. Reid.

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CHINA MISSIONARIES RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

The apparently inevitable has happened! The communist threat to Shanghai and Liuho has so jeopardized the position of American missionaries that the majority of our missionary personnel have found it necessary to leave the China mission for the time being at least.

Official Word

This word was received from Rev. David S. Clarke, secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, just in time to be published in the December 20th issue of the Sabbath Recorder. At the time this is being written, Mrs. Nettie West, Miss Mabel West, Miss Sarah Becker, and Philip Thorngate are no doubt on the high seas headed toward the United States. Dr. George Thorngate's letter published last week indicates that he expects to stay in China. Although it was uncertain about Mrs. Thorngate's (Helen) remaining there indefinitely, she plans to do so "if the situation seems to warrant."

Christ's Keeping Power

Dr. and Mrs. Thorngate and our homeward bound missionaries are much in our thoughts and prayers these days. The uncertainties of the past several months coupled with the unstable economic situation have put to the extreme test the Christian courage and determination of our representatives in China. That they have come through victoriously, witnessing always to the love and power of our crucified and risen Saviour, is consistent with their consecration and a concrete evidence of the keeping power of Christ. All praise to Him whose we are and whom we serve!

Sarah Becker's Letter

We feel sure that our readers throughout the world are deeply interested in all the circumstances, that may be made public, involved in the necessity for evacuation of our missionaries. We take the liberty of quoting from a letter to Rev. and Mrs. Leon M. Maltby from Miss Sarah Becker from Liuho, China, November 27, 1948. This letter has recently been released by Mr. Maltby and is, in part, as follows:

Our consulate has put a great deal of pressure on us to get out while it is still possible.

The Navy has sent two troop transports so far. One left last Monday the 22nd, and the "Republic" is to leave this coming Monday. We decided that it would be best to register as willing to get out and then hope that we would not be called until later. Some of the people on the first boat were notified only about thirty-six hours before sailing — while I'm writing this I am listening for the Thorngate car to come to tell me, "This is it, hop on!" There are rumors that there will be another boat about December 10th, so perhaps we will not be called until then. It is a strange feeling not to know anything ahead—I guess you know that feeling well, Pastor, from your war experience!

We have tried to send most of our patients home. Dr. Pan plans to stay on as long as possible and safe. We have only six tuberculosis patients left and hope they will stay on just to help occupy the buildings and keep looters away. We are hoping to have the families of the hospital workers move into the nurses' home and other living quarters to keep out the army and squatters. Perhaps the buildings may be saved which will help in starting the work again when this has blown over.

Dr. Thorngate is planning to stay on. The firm in which he works is mostly British and they have not yet begun evacuating. His presence will be a great stabilizing effect to Dr. Pan and the workers here at Grace Hospital.

Mrs. Chang, our evangelist, is planning to stay on. If conditions get too bad she can go into the country farther. We have had several visiting Christians at our Friday night prayer and fellowship meetings. Last night, a Mr. Teu from the army and a Mr. Chen of the police force came. They have come for several weeks now and usually bring friends. They have both had a real experience with God and many answers to prayer. The Lord knows those that are His and we feel sure that He will protect them even now that the dark clouds are lowering.

Yours in His service,

Sarah Becker

Our Confidence

We would refer our readers to Dr. Thorngate's letter which appears on page 336 of the Sabbath Recorder of December 20. Secretary David S. Clarke, of the Missionary Society, states that "as much as we regret this decision, we are fully confident our missionaries have made the right move."

Unquestionably they have. We bespeak the confidence of the entire denomination in their decision. They have been letting the Lord lead them in this matter also. No one regrets the decision more than our homeward-bound missionaries.

We would likewise record our confidence in the Missionary Board which, in company with other mission boards, has left this difficult decision to the missionaries on the field.

Surely, in and through the China situation, God is teaching Seventh Day Baptists a new lesson in missionary strategy. Will we learn it?

ARE YOU DOING YOUR TWO CENTS' WORTH?

Believe it or not — two cents a day from every Seventh Day Baptist in the United States will raise the Denominational Budget in full, provide for the 100 Sabbaths of Service Program of the Tract Society, and fully finance the Evangelistic Project of the Women's Society of General Conference. We were startled into figuring it out for ourselves when we read "A Message" from the Ways and Means Committee of the Women's Society which appears on page 354 of this issue.

Are you doing your two cents' worth?

How much does your room cost per day?

How much do your meals cost per day?

How much does your transportation cost per day?

How much do your clothes and their upkeep cost per day?

How much does your reading matter, including newspapers, cost per day?

Do you realize that two cents per day is less than the cost of the average daily newspaper?

Is it worth a newspaper to you to see these great goals of Seventh Day Baptists accomplished?

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Fifty-nine resident individuals and couples in our Church communities have contributed a total of \$378.78 to the 100 Sabbaths of Service Program, and twenty-six nonresident individuals and couples of our Churches have contributed \$526.93 to the same fund? Six Churches and organizations have given \$123.10, and a friend has contributed \$2.25. This makes a total of \$1,031.06, which has been contributed to the 100 Sabbaths of Service Program in three months.

CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

To the Sabbath Recorder,
Plainfield, N. J.

The students of Crandall High School desire through this medium to express their gratitude to the Alfred Sabbath School, Alfred, N. Y., to Pastor Neal D. Mills of Kingston, Jamaica, and all our American brethren who have so generously contributed to our school library.

It was the writer's happy privilege to spend four and a half hours in the afternoon of October 4, 5, assisting in the arrangement of the library for the formal opening on October 6.

Pastor Mills has given instructions in the correct running of a library, which we hope to use to the best advantage. All students and teachers of the various departments have availed themselves of the opportunity of the library at our disposal, and are making the very best use of it. During the term, twenty and a half hours have been spent after class period, at an average of half an hour each day, distributing and collecting books. Fifteen and a half hours have been spent in the grouping and numbering of books, preparing cards for our filing cabinet, revising our accession list, and doing general repairs to books.

Total amount of time devoted to library work, forty and a half hours. Total number of books in library at present, 147. Contributions are always very gratefully received.

School was closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 3, after a pleasant get-together on the previous evening.

We look forward to a happy 1949 school term, and we take this opportunity of wishing all our Recorder friends a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Hamilton,
Librarian.

29 Charles St.,
Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.,
December 6, 1948.

Prayer and pains through Jesus Christ will do anything. — John Eliot.

"ONE WORLD IN CHRIST"

By S. Curtis Groves
Jackson Center, Ohio

It has been a long time since October 7, when Pastor Leslie O. Greene and I attended the Foreign Missions Assembly at Columbus, Ohio, which was a most inspirational meeting. The day I was there the whole program seemed to hinge on rural religious living.

The first speaker was a Mrs. Brooks, who gave a very inspirational talk on agriculture having a great part in rural religious education; also, how home economics has a great place in religious education because of the close contact the teacher has with the pupils. But the main point she wanted to impress upon us was that the Churches have a great responsibility to teach Christianity in these times. The speaker who followed pointed out that if the schools do not enter in with religious teaching, it will be a great hindrance to the work of teaching Christianity. The thread that ran through all these talks was that we need more spiritual teachers in our schools. Unity in the Churches can help in bringing about these things.

Other thoughts brought out were that if we do not grow it is because we do not work as hard as we should to increase the interest in religious living in a dying world. And Churches must be united with the blood of Christ in their living, in a similar way to the blood relationship that binds families together. If we do not have this unity, we cannot have the relationship with Christ that we must have to do His work.

The speaker on China gave a very strong plea for help and Christian workers, as the work there is very greatly needed. All China is very appreciative for what has been done for them in the way of food and clothing, but there is still a great deal more to be done. She told how the Christian Chinese prayed for themselves and for more missionaries from America.

All the speakers stressed the importance of all denominations working harder to bring more people into the fold — not to be selfish in this work, and no Church

UCCW ASSEMBLY

A far-reaching program designed to put teeth into Christian principles around the world — and around the block — was mapped by more than 1,500 delegates from eighty-four Protestant denominations at the fourth biennial Assembly of the United Council of Church Women held recently in Milwaukee, Wis.

Adoption by the Assembly of a record-smashing set of resolutions and proposals on social and international issues was reported by the delegates representing the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Measures urging legislation for low-cost public housing and slum clearance, "intelligent and courageous" support of the United Nations, liberalized legislation for admission of displaced persons, adequate financing of the European recovery program, backing of President Truman's civil rights program, and understanding for the people of Russia were among the important actions listed by the delegates.

Determined to follow words with deeds, they continued, the Assembly dispatched a message to President Truman calling for a continued bi-partisan foreign policy, together with the appointment of the "best qualified civilians" to government posts. Another message to the Food and Agricultural Organizations of the UN meeting in Washington, D. C., urged a strong program to raise the world's standard of living.

Assembly delegates made historic headlines, the delegates reported, when forty-two of them occupied Milwaukee pulpits on the Sunday prior to the Assembly's opening. The event marked the first time the majority of pulpits in a community have been taken over by women, they said. — Release adapted as prepared by Bill Clemes.

(Note: Mrs. Ottis Swiger, of Salem, W. Va., who sent the above release, writes that she and a Mrs. Shaw of Milton, Wis., attended the UCCW Assembly.

to try to domineer the rights of other Churches — but all to work harder to promote Christian beliefs in the true blood of Christ.

PENTECOST IN CINCINNATI

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

Delegate to the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

"And when the day of Pentecost had come . . . they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit was clearly seen in the biennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, held December 1-3 in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was seen in the minds and hearts of over five hundred Christian men and women, and in their fellowship one with another, as that One "who reproves of sin, instructs in righteousness, and empowers for witnessing and service."

S. Curtis Groves of Jackson Center, Ohio, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station, N. Y., were among the 242 registered delegates. About forty persons were present as alternates, and over two hundred fraternal delegates, guests, and staff members were there. Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the council, guided the program with the assistance of his associates, Rev. Roswell P. Barnes and Rev. J. Quinter Miller, and their moral earnestness and Christian grace were persuasive upon all who attended.

Certainly the outstanding pronouncement of the council was the adoption of a statement prepared by its Commission on the Witness of the Church in Our Time and read by Professor Walter M. Horton of Oberlin, Ohio. The statement was subdivided under the following heads: Security and Almighty God, Peace on Earth and Christ the Reconciler, Moral Stamina and the Holy Spirit, and Life's Meaning and God's Kingdom. It was an eloquent retelling of the good news "that in Jesus the Christ, God has overcome the dark forces that curse mankind, and opened the way to a new life and a new world for those who accept Christ's Lordship and follow in His train."

Another strong document adopted by the council called for an end of racial segregation in the Churches and in national life. This resolution was subjected to much earnest discussion, but press reporters agreed there was no bitterness evident among the delegates. The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia

and Vicinity and the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America were admitted to membership in the council by the required two-thirds vote, the Seventh Day Baptist delegates voting affirmatively.

The cost of the council's program during 1948 will be nearly a half million dollars and the 1948 budget, recommended by the finance committee and approved by the delegates, totals \$640,289. About one third of this amount is expected from denominations, the balance coming from individuals and co-operating organizations.

Charles P. Taft, president of the council, made an outstanding contribution by his address, "The Church and Its Laity," and won deserved recognition for Protestantism and its work as a prominent Cincinnati business man and member of the city council. Bishop John S. Stamm of the Evangelical United Brethren Church was elected his successor for the next biennium.

The Sabbath Recorder in every home.

ONE HUNDRED SABBATHS OF SERVICE

From Chicago, Ill., and Walworth, Wis., Churches

Thanks for the copies of the special issue of the Recorder. The people here have taken interest in getting them out, although there are still a few left. We ordered, anticipating a tract rack which we hoped to have before this time, in which they could be placed. Several years ago Allen Bond placed a small rack in the railroad station at Walworth, and since we have been serving the Church there, we have found that the tracts are taken and presumably read. In order to increase the ministry, we have a larger rack ordered which will hold not only the Recorders but a great many more tracts. We hope to have this up by Christmas.

We were glad to read the report of Rev. Victor W. Skaggs in the recent Recorder. We are praying that the means may be provided for the work thus planned as God sees fit. I have also enjoyed the recent articles of "Dave" Clarke.

L. R. L.

NOT ON A SHOESTRING, BUT ON FAITH

The Story of Mary and Peter Chang

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalm 103: 2.

I was born in a non-Christian home in a little, dark village of Anhwei Province which was full of superstitions and idolism. None of my family or relatives were Christians. My father worshiped Confucius and ancestors and my mother worshiped Buddha. When I was a little girl I worshiped Confucius and Buddha after my parents, but I never felt they were worthy to be worshiped. My father was working



Mrs. Peter Chang, Samuel, Ruth, Olive, David, and Miriam.

in Shanghai and our family moved to Shanghai when I was six. At ten years of age, in 1921, I was sent to Grace Girls' School of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Shanghai. My father wanted me to learn good manners and English from the missionary teachers — these two things were outstanding in the missionary schools. He sent me to Grace School not that I might become a Christian, but that I might have a good Christian character. I enjoyed the school life very much, which was full of Christian love, and it was family-like. I was the youngest one among the boarding students. Miss Burdick and the Misses West, and all the teachers and older schoolmates, took care of me very kindly, like mothers and sisters.

In 1926 I accepted Christ as my Saviour during an evangelistic meeting led by a very devoted lady, Miss Eleanor Woo. I was baptized in that summer by Rev.

H. Eugene Davis in the Seventh Day Baptist Church. I joined in all the Christian activities and was interested in them, such as choir, Christian Endeavor, teaching in the Sabbath school and Daily Vacation Bible School. My parents were against me, but the Lord kept me steadfast.

In 1932 I came back to my dear mother school to teach after my graduation from St. Mary's Hall. In the next spring there was a revival meeting led by Dr. John Sung, the greatest evangelist at that time. I was greatly moved by the Holy Spirit, and the love of Christ, and consecrated myself unto the Lord. I got a deeper Christian experience and the call to preach the gospel for the Lord. Ezekiel 2: 4-8; 3: 17-21. First of all I had to preach the gospel to my own people and relatives and to win them to Christ. There were many difficulties and obstacles from various sides. Sometimes I was discouraged and felt it was hopeless, but the Lord was with me and gave me faith and strength. He answered my prayer through the promise of "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Hallelujah! My mother was the first to be won, being converted by the miracle of God's healing. Within eight years the whole family became Christian and were baptized. My grandmother was baptized at the age of ninety-three. The very next year she slept very peacefully when the angels came to take her home to the Lord. Glory to His name!

By the will and the leading of the Lord I was married to Mr. Peter Chang in June, 1936. He was a Christian businessman. We united with the Church for Christian fellowship and activities. After three years my husband suddenly became sick with tuberculosis and we left Shanghai for Peiping to take a rest. God's work is wonderful; though Mr. Chang's physical health became worse and worse, his spiritual life became better and better. After a year of rest he entered into business again and became manager of three offices. In 1944 he quit all the jobs in business and gave himself up wholly to the Lord to do evangelistic work, through the Lord's call and the leading of the Holy Spirit. We lived by faith. We

moved to Shiah-san, one of the western hills, to study Bible and preach the gospel. Many country people were converted. Two years later Mr. Chang came to study in the China Christian Spiritual Seminary in Nanking. I and the five children stayed with my parents in Shanghai. He studied and worked too hard among the college students. During the second semester he had a very serious hemorrhage and had to rest in Shanghai. His case was far advanced, with high fever. Last Christmas he saw the vision that three angels came to him. One was on each side of his bed and one was floating above him. Beyond his bed was a big golden cross with red pearls on it and the Lord Jesus was sitting on the throne far beyond. He was suddenly full of joy and said to me that the Lord had come to take him home. At that time I was not ready — I couldn't let him go. So I asked the Lord to retain his life, otherwise take me away with him. I had no faith. I thought, "I cannot live or work alone without him with five children." The burden seemed too heavy and too hard for me. I could not bear it. But God's love is everlasting. He has never failed us. He would not give a trial to me if I could not stand it. He knows my strength and a trial was never given to any man that was greater than that man's strength, through God, to bear it. From that time on He was working in my heart to be ready to meet it. Whenever Mr. Chang's fever was high and breathing was so fast that he could hardly bear it, I knelt down and prayed earnestly by his bed. The Holy Spirit filled him and he prayed with tongues, then translated into beautiful English. The Holy Spirit comforted me and called me by name: "Mary, stand fast and endure to the last. What He hath promised He will fulfill. The Spirit is the Comforter. He is with us, within us, and around us. He leads us, cares for us, and protects us. Hope, still hope, there is no other way, but hope. Live by the faith of the Son of God," and many other comforting words and promises. He spoke very smoothly with perfect peace and his breathing was normal. He was full of joy and sang Hallelujah! My heart was warmed and my faith was strengthened.

During five months the Spirit filled him almost every day and heard his sufferings, until last May 2, when my heart was prepared with the truth that our lives are in God's hand. That very morning my daily Bible reading was 2 Peter 1. The sixteenth verse came to my sight. It seemed to me that the time was at hand and I accepted and prayed that His will be done. I went to the Church and came back at noon. My husband was suddenly having difficulty breathing. His last prayer at one o'clock was, "Father, comfort Mary and receive my soul according to Thy will." I was praying with him and my heart was exceedingly peaceful, which I had never had before. God's love was around me, under me, and within me. I couldn't realize that I was still on earth. I saw my husband pass away and trust that we would meet again before the presence of our Lord and live together forever. I decided at that time to continue his work by serving my Lord wholly for the rest of my life, and to do my best to take care of the five children for God. God is their Father and He will provide all we need. My two elder children were sent to a Christian boarding school in Kiangwan.

By His leading I was asked to do the evangelistic work in the Church and Grace Hospital in Liuho by the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shanghai. I had this call to win souls to Christ in the country, on the other hand; God answered their prayer for an evangelist in Liuho. I came here on June 2, with the other three children. Our services are as follows: Services in the Church: worship service on Sabbath day at 2 p.m., Bible school for the children on Sunday at 7 p.m., evangelistic meeting in a Church member's home on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Services in the hospital: Bible study in the wards every 10:30 a.m. and family evening meeting every 7 p.m., except the night after the Sabbath.

Many Christians from different Churches have visited us and join our Church services when they come to Liuho. Three of our patients who came to believe in Christ recently are Mr. Tsiang, Mr. Chen, and Mr. Tsu. Peace and joy fill their

souls. In the summer we had evening services on the veranda every night. We finished studying the Book of John. Our dear Miss Chen was born again in Christ at that time and was baptized this fall in Shanghai. Our patient, Miss Dan, and her aunt were interested in our meetings. They learned many hymns and memorized many Bible verses. They attend Church services in Shanghai since they left here. Many children from the streets come here to study the Bible and learn to sing many hymns every Sunday afternoon. Sometimes we visit our old Church members in the villages, several li (Chinese miles) away. Miss Becker is my co-worker and tries to help where she can. Rev. Mr. Tshaung comes once a month to lead the Holy Communion. The work is really needed.

Since Dr. Thorngate asked me to write several months ago, I felt that I should write my testimony to you, prayer friends in America, that you might share with us in thanking and praising the Lord for His wonderful salvation and everlasting love. I think you will be glad to see the fruit of your missionary work in China. Please remember us in your daily prayers.

Christmas greetings to you in the name of our dear King, Jesus Christ!

Mrs. Peter Chang.

NEW ZEALAND ADVANCE UNDERWAY

Rev. Gerald D. Hargis and family have accepted a call from the Missionary Society to go to New Zealand for a period of evangelistic work with our Churches in that country, to continue for approximately eighteen months. This, too, is made possible by the Second Century Fund. The time of their departure is dependent upon securing necessary steamship accommodations, which may delay the start of this work for six or seven months. It is planned to help the New Zealand Church grow in numbers and strength, thus enabling them to expand the work of Seventh Day Baptists into Australia where there are calls, and to strengthen their support of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Nyasaland, Africa.

WEEK OF PRAYER TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR

(Continued from last week)

The possibilities of co-operative services locally should be explored, and interracial services would demonstrate the oneness of Christians in seeking God's guidance.

The daily topics from Sunday to Sunday are: The Lost Emphasis, Finding Wholeness of Life through the Holy Spirit, The Christian's Assurance, Learning to Pray in the Spirit, Releasing Spiritual Energies for an Atomic Age, The Compulsion to Witness, and a United and Empowered Church.

Just to illustrate the Themes for Prayer which follow the daily Messages and Windows illuminating the Messages, here are samples: "Let us pray in the spirit: that we may recognize the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our personal living and in our service for Christ; for those who are mentally ill; that we may recognize prayer as a severe but rewarding discipline of the inner life; that the nations of the world may recognize the Prince of Peace; that the Holy Spirit may fuse all Christians together in a common purpose to win the world for Christ."

Using lay leaders is important in the development of these themes, and Suggested Topics for Speakers include such as: Using the Holy Spirit to Achieve Self-Control; Assurance — The Spirit's Gift to the Believers; Does the Quality of My Faith Help or Hinder the Coming of a Modern Pentecost? and Making the Local Church a Center of Fellowship.

Rev. Lloyd E. Foster, minister of the Old First Church, Newark, N. J., has prepared the 1949 Week of Prayer booklet to help you. Order copies through the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., at five cents each, 10% discount on more than 100.

D. S. C.

Directory of SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES

Indianapolis, Ind. Services held regularly each Sabbath eve at 8 p.m. in the Church at 720 Randolph at Hoyt. Arrangements for Sabbath school each Sabbath day will be made soon. Pastor, Rev. Leslie O. Greene, 1103 N. Euclid, Indianapolis, Ind.

A MESSAGE

If "Christian stewardship is managing life and its resources for God and the good of all," then does stewardship apply to all the problems and areas of human life and relationships.

Christians do recognize the great truth that God is the absolute owner and giver of all we possess, material and spiritual. Thus each Christian is God's appointed manager of some portion of what He owns, and is partner with Him in the great work of the kingdom.

This story is told: A neighbor boy, Kenneth, two years old, came into a garden where the owner was picking beans. He wanted to help. He was shown the difference between a leaf and a bean, then the owner pulled a bean and put it in the basket. Kenneth pulled one and threw it into the basket with delight. So they went forward with increasing interest and soon came to the end of the row, when Kenneth picked up the little basket full of beans and struck out with them to his home. They were all *his*. He took no account of the years of labor and economy required to possess the garden spot; he knew nothing of the conditions and work involved in bringing the garden to productivity. Kenneth simply came on the scene at the last minute, helped to pull a few beans, and they were all *his*.

Christians are children of a larger growth. Hearts filled with love, gratitude, and an eager loyalty will seek to manage possessions with fairness to God, to fellow men, and for the spiritual development of self.

The president of Conference, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, has stated that \$95 per day will take care of the work of the denomination as represented by the budget. The Women's Board in its recent letter to the societies says, "Add to that \$95 per day another \$10 per day, and the plans for the women's project in evangelism will be realized."

The Women's Board now urges each woman of our denomination to **endeavor** to send 25 cents per month for the work of this board in evangelism. This is a recommendation which came from the Conference committee of women to consider the report of the board. The

chairman of that committee says, "Everyone felt that 25 cents per member per month would more nearly fulfill the Lord's pleasure in our giving program for **His work in evangelism**." This would mean a gift of \$3 per year from each member.

The board favors adopting this plan now — this year as far as possible. It is intended that this one gift of \$3 per member per year, sent monthly or quarterly, will include both the direct gifts which have been sent regularly for the program of evangelism, and also those gifts which have been directed to the Helpers' Fund. Thus there will be but one fund and that on a basis of 25 cents per member per month, or \$3 per year for each woman, as far as possible. Some may not reach this basis. Some will undoubtedly want to do more. May this plan be favorably received, straightway adopted, and worked out faithfully.

The Denominational Budget contributes to the work of all boards. It demands careful planning. A bit of figuring on the basis of the total membership of the denomination seems to indicate that 2 cents per day per member would raise what is sought for this budget, plus what is needed this current year for "100 Sabbaths of Service," and the funds needed to carry the women's program in evangelism.

Paul says, "The glorious gospel of the blessed God committed to my trust" — to Christian stewardship.

—Ways and Means Committee.

GREATER THAN KINGS AND PARLIAMENTS

(Anonymous)

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the

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Moments of Meditation

THE YEAR IS NEW

By Miss Eva Lee Cole

Librarian, Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

Eagerly, expectantly, day after day we have been following the star. In its white, all-compelling radiance we have journeyed even unto Bethlehem. We have come breathless into the stable. We have fallen on our knees at the manger side. In the flood of our stupendous rapture we have reached up and taken in our blundering, earth-soiled hands the tiny, dimpled hand of the Christ Child. Somehow in that touch we have been made strong and purified.

And so, while our ears are as yet attuned to the music of this heavenly theme, the Child's hand rests in ours, warm, trusting, leading us, ennobled, into the new year.

What a privilege! An entire new year in which to answer the question, "And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Let's begin with an inventory — an inventory of our thoughts. Do we know their value?

The majority of people, whether they be "butchers or bakers or candlestick makers," are superficial, with "thoughts about as deep as a saucer." But what of us who are reading together here, the nine thousand among the millions; are our thoughts only on the surface? Good, pure, wholesome, uplifting thoughts give one faith and endurance, make one courageous and humble. And remember, to attain real growth one must first learn to be humble in his own presence. With such thoughts to balance us, we would learn to "do justly."

Then let's give thanks — thanks for what we **have** — and have **not**.

None will deny, that even here in America we have deep troubles, injus-

tices, shameful practices, and tragedy. But we are so much better off than all other people, so much better fed, so much better housed, so much better clothed, so much better informed, each of us so much richer, so free — all of us — that we should be humbly grateful not only for what we **have** — but for what we have **not**.

But words alone are empty thanks. Wherever we are, whoever we are, let us give thanks — by the work we do, by the hand we lend, by the sacrifice we make, and the rights we defend — for what we **Americans have** — and have **not**. And so we would "love mercy."

And then let us pray.

Each in his own way pray for the peace that comes when all is well within — and all is well with the world. And each in his own way, "walk humbly with thy God."

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place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying — and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of . . . progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary life.

YOUTH WEEK AWARDS TO BE MADE AGAIN

College and summer conference scholarship awards will be made again in 1949 through the United Christian Youth Movement.

The awards will be a major feature of the celebration of National Youth Week, January 30 - February 6, 1949.

National college scholarships of \$400 a year for four years and scholarships each year to a U.C.Y.M. summer conference will be made to the highest ranking boy and girl.

Regional college scholarships of \$250 a year for four years and summer conference scholarships will be made to the highest scoring boy or girl in each of six regions of United States and Canada.

The young person rating second in each region will receive a scholarship to the conference in his area. Partial scholarships to summer conferences will be granted to the three next highest contestants in each of the six regions.

Participants must be Christian youth between 16 and 24 years of age who are at least in their last year of high school and not more than their first year of college.

The Parshad Youth Week Awards will be granted on the basis of Christian service and understanding of Christian responsibility as follows:

1. Evidence of Christian service in the local Church and in interdenominational activities.
2. Evidence of successful Christian citizenship in school, work, and community.
3. Preparation of a 1,500 word essay on "Youth in the Community — Our Christian Responsibility."

Entries in local Churches will be judged by January 24, 1949. A series of judgments in the community, state or province, region, and in the nation will be held before the winners will be announced next spring.

"Purpose of the awards, in addition to providing educational training for Christian youth, is to center the thinking of young people upon the implications of the

THREE MONTHS — ONE QUARTER

December 31 is the end of the first three months or one quarter of the second year of the Sabbath School Enrollment Campaign.

How does your Sabbath school stand in relation to the two goals? The first goal is to increase enrollment by at least ten per cent by September 30, 1949. The second goal is to conduct, or share with another school in conducting at least one leadership education class. The following Sabbath schools have already achieved the second goal: Alfred, Alfred Station, and Independence, N. Y.; and Battle Creek, Mich.

The Independence Sabbath School is on the honor roll for achieving an increase of more than ten per cent on enrollment for the first year of the campaign.

Now is a good time to have a meeting of Sabbath school teachers and workers to evaluate the work which has been done since October 1. The following points should be observed in relation to the Sabbath school program:

1. Is there a "follow-up" of absentees by teacher, superintendent, and pastor?
2. Are new pupils made to feel at home in the proper class?
3. Has a responsibility list of new prospects been prepared?
4. Is the importance of the enrollment campaign kept before the school?
5. Is the Sabbath school providing a library of helpful materials for teachers, workers, and parents?
6. Are the teachers doing special reading and study to improve their teaching?

I am still calling for the cards which should be returned to me stating whether or not the Sabbath school is working on the second year of the campaign. A number of Sabbath schools have not yet returned these cards. H. S.

Christian gospel and to stimulate them to greater activity in the winning of their communities for Christ."

Further information may be secured from denominational offices, state or city councils of Churches, or the United Christian Youth Movement, 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago 1, Ill. — International Council of Religious Education Release.

A SABBATH SCHOOL THAT EMPHASIZES EVANGELISM

How would your Sabbath school measure up to the following suggestions for an adequate program of Church school evangelism:

1. Helps parents nurture their children in the Christian faith.
2. Develops a staff of consecrated, well-trained teachers.
3. Interprets its curriculum and program evangelistically.
4. Relies absolutely upon the Word of God.
5. Interprets Jesus Christ as Saviour.
6. Makes provision for definite decisions.
7. Engenders, nurtures, conserves, reclaims faith in God.
8. Seeks to increase the enrollment and attendance of the Church school.
9. Quickens and guides spiritual development all the way from innocency to spiritual maturity.
10. Enlists and trains boys and girls for Church membership.
11. Seeks to strengthen the Church.
12. Participates in the world mission of Christianity.

H. S.

BOOKS

The Board of Christian Education has the following for sale and would like very much to have them in use by the Sabbath schools:

Classified Youth Bibliography, price 40c.
A Bibliography of Junior High Materials, price 35c. (The above books should be in the hands of every pastor and youth worker.)
Planning for Children in the Local Church, price 35c.
Children and the Changing World, price 35c.
What Is Teaching? price 35c.
Evangelism in Christian Education, price 60c.
Knowing Children Better, price 50c.
Children Need Adults, price \$1.50.
The Cradle Roll in Your Church, price 25c.
Our Little Child Faces Life, price 50c.
Songs for the Preschool Age, price 60c.
Visual Education, price 35c.

H. S.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Not a single Seventh Day Baptist girl in America wrote to Rosemary Johnson, Arapito Road, Titirangi, Auckland, New Zealand? Read her letter to Mrs. Greene on the Children's Page of this issue of the Sabbath Recorder. Then, accept Mrs. Greene's invitation to become a pen pal by writing Rosemary right away.

THE NEW LOOK

Are people as much interested in the appearance of Sabbath school rooms as they are in keeping up with the styles in dress? It is a real thrill when visiting a Sabbath school to step into a room where attention has been given to the arrangement of chairs, neatly arranged files or cupboards for materials, where pictures are the right kind and the proper use is made of them, where the piano is not covered with hymn books, outdated materials, etc., and where the teacher has done other things to show love for beauty and order. It is very disappointing to find so many Sabbath schools where too little attention is paid to the appearance of the room. The appearance and convenience of a room can be greatly improved at very little cost.

H. S.

REMEMBER THE DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

"For giving is living," the angel said.
"Go, give to the needy sweet charity's bread."
"And must I keep giving again and again?"
My selfish and querulous answer ran.
"Oh, no," said the angel, piercing me through,
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."
—Selected.

Christmas and giving go together.
"For God so loved the world that he gave . . ."

The greatest part of our giving this year should go for needy people around the world.

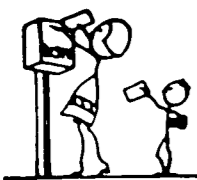
Please remember that the Denominational Budget is larger this year than it was last year. If everyone can increase his giving to the budget, it can be raised.

The Budget Committee.

ANY BOOK REVIEWED OR advertised in this or other religious journals, or recommended by your local pastor for spiritual enrichment, can be secured quickly and conveniently from us. Large stock of up-to-the-minute religious books, centrally located. We pay postage on orders for \$1 or more when cash accompanies order.



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OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Recorder Children:

I trust that you all had a very merry Christmas, full of loving and giving. Knowing that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, our dear Saviour, should lead us to try to be real Christians in thought, word, and deed.

Today I'm going to tell you a story about a little boy and how he spent Christmas many years ago. His name was John Grant and he told the story to his grandson, little John Grant. Little John thought his Christmas was much merrier and surely a very different Christmas time from the one he had just heard about. Grandfather, when he was a little boy, did not hang up his stocking as little John always loved to do, because he had never been taught to do so. He had never had a Christmas tree although some of his playmates had. But he had seen pictures of Christmas trees in a book and he had wished with all his little heart that he could have a Christmas tree all his very own.

One day a short time before Christmas he was helping drive the cows home from the pasture when he noticed a little evergreen tree growing all by itself. He thought, "If that tree were trimmed it would look just like the Christmas tree in the picture. It will be fun to trim it, not just for myself but for the snowbirds, the field mice, and the squirrels."

So he made the tree very pretty by trimming it with pretty red berries, and on it he hung bits of suet, pieces of bread, and a bunch of wheat. Around the tree were nuts for the squirrels.

On Christmas Eve he had finished trimming the tree, and then down from the clouds came snowflakes which filled the tree like stars.

Then on Christmas morning the little boy went to look at his Christmas tree. He wore his nice warm coat, his only Christmas present so he thought. All the gifts he had put on the tree had been carried away by the field mice, the snow-

birds, and the squirrels. But on the tree, wrapped in shining silver paper dotted with gold stars, was a surprise present for himself, a box of dominoes. On it was a card which said, "Merry Christmas from your little friend Mary who saw you trimming the tree." This made him very happy for he dearly loved to play games.

"That was a nice Christmas, Grandfather," said little John, "but I think I like the kind of Christmas I have every year quite a lot better."

Now, Recorder boys and girls, I hope you will tell me about the way you spent Christmas this year.

Yours for a very Merry Christmas,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I hope well. Today the sun was shining very bright and we played ball. Our dog "Ruff" loves me to take him for a walk.

We have five little chickens and one tiny tabby kitten.

I haven't had any replies from any American girls in answer to my request for pen pals, and I am still anxious to have a pen friend.

My sister Dorothy who wrote to you was in the hospital five months ago. She got polio but is now getting better.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and health and happiness in the coming year.

From Rosemary Johnson.

Arapito Road,
Titirangi,
Auckland, New Zealand.

Dear Rosemary:

I had just finished my Christmas story, and was wondering what to write next, when Pastor Greene came from the post office with your letter which was a very pleasant surprise.

I am so sorry to hear about Dorothy's illness but very glad to know she is improving. I do hope and pray that she will entirely recover.

I did hope that by this time you would have pen pals in America. I'll put in a request for you at the close of this letter.

The people next door have a cute little rat terrier dog named "Queenie." She, too, likes to be taken for a walk when any of the family go down town, espe-

Obituaries

Hurley. — Birt E., son of William and Cecillia V. Farrow Hurley, was born March 22, 1875, in Humboldt, Neb., and died November 22, 1948, at Riverside Calif.

He was baptized in early manhood and was a member successively of the Long Branch, Neb., and Nortonville, Kan., Seventh Day Baptist Churches before moving to Riverside in 1926, where he was a faithful member until death. He was married in 1900 to Hattie Bond of Pardee, Kan. Some years after her death he married her sister Addie in 1944, who survives him. Others immediately surviving are an adopted son, Robert E., and a grandson, James R. Hurley, of Redlands, Calif.

Farewell services were conducted by the pastor of the Riverside Church, assisted by former pastors, E. S. Ballenger and G. D. Hargis. Burial was at Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside. L. M. M.

Brightman. — At his home on Hinckley Hill, Westerly, R. I., November 22, 1948, Walter P. Brightman, aged 75.

Mr. Brightman, in failing health for some time, died suddenly of a heart attack. He was born in Stonington, Conn., May 24, 1873, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James M. Brightman. He was united in marriage with Gertrude L. Bliven, by the late Rev. Lewis F. Randolph, pastor of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, more than fifty years ago.

He was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. He loved the services of the Church and the social occasions. Mr. Brightman loved his home and family; he was a friendly man and had many friends.

Besides his wife he is survived by a son, Francis G. Brightman of Schenectady, N. Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Marion B. Shippee and Mrs. Margaret B. Spargo, both of Westerly; and three grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home, 121 Main Street, Westerly, Wednesday morning, November 24, Pastor Harold R. Crandall officiating. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery. H. R. C.

Monroe. — Lucy Isabelle, daughter of Alex and Mary Baker, was born in Juneau, Wis., on September 29, 1863.

She was married to Fremont Monroe on March 22, 1887, in Rock County, Wis., and

cially the mother and the two girls of the household.

Yours for Christmas joy,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Girls:

Don't you want a nice pen pal in New Zealand? If you do, please write to Rosemary Johnson.

Sincerely,
Mizpah S. Greene.

they farmed near Milton Junction, Wis., until they moved to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1907.

Mrs. Monroe accepted Christ and was baptized in Milton Junction soon after her marriage, and upon moving to Battle Creek she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, the Charitable Union, and the W.C.T.U.

She was called to rest on November 21, 1948, having been confined to her home for some time, but after only one week of critical illness.

She is survived by her husband; by three daughters: Mrs. Earl (Mable) Davis of Battle Creek; Mrs. Gerald (Hazel) Wells of Riverside, Calif.; and Mrs. Byrl (Gladys) Dewel of Jackson; a brother, Herbert Baker of Milton Junction, Wis.; four grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted in Battle Creek by Pastor Alton L. Wheeler, and in Milton Junction by Rev. Edwin Shaw, where burial took place. A. L. W.

Crandall. — Lena Mac, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. M. Oursler, was born at Oursler Station, Kan., March 19, 1888, and died November 16, 1948, at the Beloit Municipal Hospital, Beloit, Wis.

She was married to Lester F. Crandall in Battle Creek, Mich., on July 12, 1916. They lived in Battle Creek until 1931, when they moved to Walworth, Wis., to make their home. She was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Phyllis Davis; two sons, Donald and Duane; three grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Mary Hall and Mrs. Mildred Holly of Battle Creek, Mich., Mrs. Etta Coon, Nortonville, Kan., Newton Oursler, De Ruyter, N. Y., and Alvin Oursler, Springfield, Mo. A third son, William, died as a result of an automobile accident in 1935.

Funeral services were held at Walworth, Wis., November 20, 1948, conducted by Rev. H. O. Gronseth of Walworth, who was her pastor for many years. Burial was in the Walworth Cemetery. L. R. L.

Kagarise — Ella Berkheimer was born September 5, 1876, at St. Clairsville, Bedford County, Pa., daughter of Isaac and Mary R. Berkheimer, and died October 31, 1948, at her home in New Enterprise, Pa.

In youth she became a member of the Lutheran Church at Osterburg, Pa., and two years after her marriage to Alva Kagarise on June 20, 1900, she was baptized by Rev. Darwin Lippincott and became a member of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband; three children, Thomas A. of New Enterprise, Pa., Russel L. of Harrisburg, Pa., and Mrs. Mary K. Leber, of Shepherdstown, Pa.; and one sister, Mrs. Anna B. Blough of Altoona, Pa.

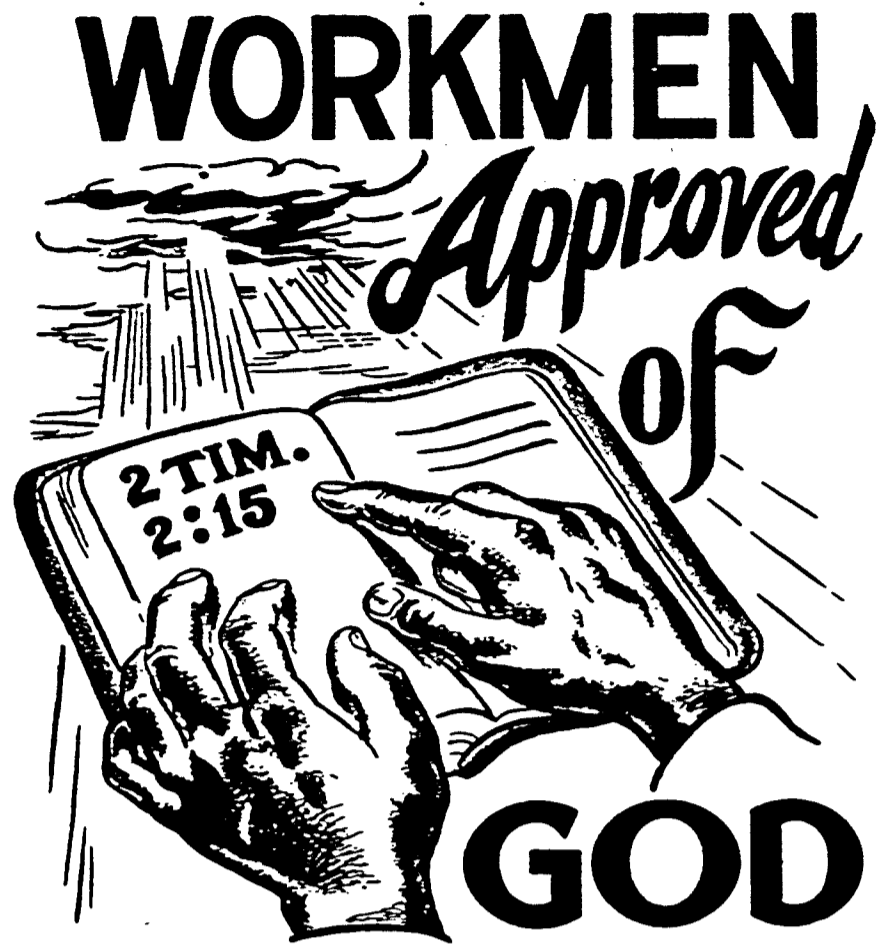
Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, a former pastor, and burial was in the Salemville Cemetery.

M. C. V. H.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, November 30, 1948

	Receipts	
	November	2 months
Balance on hand		
November 1	\$ 81.39	
Adams Center	77.00	77.00
Alfred, First	113.16	344.76
Associations and groups		73.10
Battle Creek	487.11	638.36
Berlin	6.00	27.00
Boulder		52.95
Brookfield, First	15.00	30.00
Brookfield, Second	11.75	31.25
Daytona Beach		15.00
Denver	48.31	96.66
De Ruyter		20.00
Edinburg	3.46	7.77
Farina	15.00	30.00
Fouke	6.30	6.30
Gentry		8.50
Healdsburg-Ukiah		10.00
Hebron, First	14.75	70.86
Hopkinton, Second		7.00
Independence	129.00	129.00
Little Genesee	23.75	68.03
Los Angeles	38.50	38.50
Marlboro		153.00
Middle Island		7.90
Milton	383.57	656.50
Milton Junction	125.22	205.04
New Auburn	13.00	13.00
New York	16.00	16.00
Nortonville		42.50
Piscataway		26.75
Plainfield	118.59	247.29
Richburg	97.50	97.50
Roanoke		21.00
Rockville		6.12
Salem		154.70
Salemville		27.00
Shiloh	259.00	524.57
Stone Fort	20.00	40.00
Washington, People's		10.00
Waterford	15.01	27.23
White Cloud	15.02	39.98
Totals	\$2,133.39	\$4,098.12

	Disbursements	
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 547.74	\$ 188.27
Tract Society	328.68	57.63
Board of Christian Education	326.16	15.00
Women's Society	10.44	5.00
Historical Society	42.48	
Ministerial Retirement	156.60	30.50
Seventh Day Baptist Building	35.82	
General Conference	182.52	
World Fellowship and Service	12.96	
Debt repayment:		
Missionary Society	58.41	
Tract Society	68.23	
Board of Christian Education	18.21	
S. D. B. Building	11.75	
Bank of Milton, service charge	.89	
Balance on hand		
November 30	42.10	
Totals	\$1,842.99	\$ 290.40



Slogan chosen by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, President, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Salem, W. Va. Art work by Stanley Burdick, junior at Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PINS



Seventh Day Baptist pins are available at 75 cents each to individuals, and at 60 cents each, regardless of quantity, to young people's groups for resale at 75 cents each. These pins are of good quality and are the screw-fastener type.

Please send orders to the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Comparative Figures

	1948	1947
Receipts in November:		
Budget	\$1,761.60	\$1,256.20
Specials	290.40	629.14
Receipts in 2 months:		
Budget	3,442.99	2,624.67
Specials	655.13	929.86
Annual budget	34,500.00	31,500.00
Amount raised in 2 months	3,442.99	2,624.67
Per cent raised in 2 months	9.98%	8.33%

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.