



Interior view of the newly-acquired Church at Indianapolis, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS CHURCH PURCHASES CHURCH BUILDING

On December 12, 1948, the first Sabbath Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., held a business session of the Church at which time it was unanimously voted to purchase a Church building complete with Church furniture, including an excellent baby grand piano, located at 720 South Randolph Street, in Indianapolis, Ind., at a total price of \$7,000, which is very, very reasonable.

We have \$3,500 to apply on this purchase, and, although the entire amount must be paid in cash, we have faith to believe that the additional \$3,500 that is needed will be available when the "abstract of title" is continued to date and the transaction is ready to close.

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Leo L. Wright.

Marriages

Kutz - Balch. — In the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., November 27, 1948, by Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw, Herman George Kutz of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and Alice Lenore Balch, daughter of William and Alice Miller Balch, of Milton Junction, Wis.

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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.

The Commission has asked your Conference president to publicize a plan for Christian advance which three of our boards are glad to undertake together. The plan is as follows:

A leader, with a team of at least four young people, will serve a community for two weeks or more by conducting a Vacation Bible School each forenoon for all the children who can be secured. Each afternoon will be spent in personal visitation and tract distribution, and each evening in an evangelistic preaching mission and earnest gospel music.

Our Board of Christian Education will sponsor the Vacation Bible School; our Missionary Board will sponsor the visitation campaign; our Tract Board will sponsor the tract distribution, while all of them will gladly share in promoting the preaching mission.

This will be one more demonstration of the fact that our boards are working together. It will be a co-ordinated, concentrated effort to win boys and girls, and men and women, to Christ and to His Church. Watch for more details at a later date.

Loyal F. Hurley,
Conference President.

POSSIBILITIES OF PROGRESS

Progress is ordained of God. Creation was and is a matter of progress. Regardless of his interpretation of the Creation account, lives there a man with spiritual sense so numb that he rules out progress "when the morning stars sang together"?

Who has not thrilled to the words of Joseph Addison set to the music of Franz Joseph Haydn:

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.
Th' unwearied sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's pow'r display,
And publishes to ev'ry land
The work of an almighty hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail,
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;
Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

What though in solemn silence all
Move 'round this dark terrestrial ball;
What though no real voice nor sound
Amidst their radiant orbs be found;
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
And utter forth a glorious voice:
Forever singing, as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine." Amen.
—Joseph Addison, 1712.

Of course, we are thinking in terms of the Christian. There are millions throughout the world who do not know about the Creation account of the Bible, who have not thrilled to "The spacious firmament on high." Truly here is a field of endeavor for the Christian. Did not the Master Teacher declare, "The field is the world"? How will these benighted millions ever know of God and the world that He brought into being unless those who are so privileged and blessed tell them?

Herein lies true progress. When Christian men and women show forth by deed and word the wonderful works of the Creator, it affects the world of which they are part and parcel. If professing Christians would only act as they profess and speak accordingly, the weariness of this old world would disappear overnight. But, can we expect such a radical change?

Why not? Do we not believe implicitly in God's power?

"Thus saith the Lord, . . . Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem?" Isaiah 50: 1, 2.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Isaiah 59: 1.

Multitudes are crying to Him in this hour of the world's travail. He hears their cry and will save them.

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65: 24.

If we take God completely at His word, and since we do, there is only one right way open to us — to help and not to hinder His progress.

We accept progress as a matter of fact in the physical realm. Can we doubt that there is progress in the realm of the spiritual?

The strongest evidence of God's progressive revelation of Himself is His sending into the world His only Son — the matchless manifestation of His progressive purpose.

One writer has referred to that "delightful never-ending progress to perfection."

Christ in the Sermon on the Mount directed, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5: 48.

The Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy, asserted:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17.

President Loyal F. Hurley is emphasizing "Workmen Approved of God." "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2: 15.

Surely as Seventh Day Baptists we will joyfully and unitedly accept the possibilities of progress which are being brought so clearly and definitely to our attention. Surely with God's help, we will turn possibilities into probabilities, and probabilities into progress.

RIVERSIDE CALLING

Riverside is the county seat of Riverside County. The county is 200 miles long, with an average width of approximately 40 miles. The highest point in the county is Mt. San Jacinto, nearly 11,000 feet. From this vantage point you can look into the Coachella Valley and view the lowest point, Salton Sea, 200 feet below sea level.

Almost directly below you is the famous desert resort, Palm Springs. Other towns and "ranches" may be seen where there was only desert a few years ago. This section grows our luscious California dates. From the summit, with atmospheric conditions right, you may look the other way over mountains and valleys to the Pacific and see Santa Catalina Island. This is another beauty spot of the West that is well worth a visit.

Just now they are surveying a gear road from Palm Springs to the top of San Jacinto. The present way to reach this lookout point is by winding mountain road to Idyllwild. This is a beautiful resort place in a narrow, pine-covered valley surrounded by towering peaks. From here you go on foot or horseback up a steep, rocky trail to Taquitz Valley. After this the paths lead over meadows and wooded valleys with lovely streams and a beautiful lake. You may camp that night in Round Valley. Turn in early, for in order to get the best from the trip, you should arise long before dawn next morning to climb the steep, barren trail to the top. You will want to be there in time to see the sun rise over distant mountains. Stay as long as you wish and drink of the beauty and grandeur to your heart's content. Although the climb is hard and you become very warm, you will need your coat at the top. Maybe you will lose your interest because of the cold and wind. Help keep yourself warm by throwing stones into the snow below if you wish.

P. B. Hurley, for the
Publicity Committee.

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"The Church must go to the lost or go to oblivion."

District Meeting Held in Halle, Germany

As we know that our dear American Seventh Day Baptist friends are interested to hear something from our very blessed district meeting, I am happy to send you this short account about our conference in Halle, Saale, Germany (East Zone) from May 28 to 30 of this year.

On Friday, May 28, in the afternoon, a part of the members (85 sisters and brothers) arrived from diverse regions as Berlin, Saxony, and Thuringia.

Brother Miltz, Berlin, gave greetings and an introduction with Psalms 36 and 42. We must be very thankful to God that He has not abandoned us in our great affliction; our task is to praise Him sincerely. The Sabbath morning devotion was from the texts: Hebrews 6: 13-17; 2 Corinthians 1: 20; and Psalm 41: 13, for explaining the word, Amen.

Then we had an interesting Bible lesson using the following Scripture: Hebrews 9: 1-28; Colossians 2: 16, 17; Romans 10: 4; 3: 28-37; Isaiah 6: 1-3; Revelation 6: 2-4; Hebrews 2: 1; Matthew 27: 51; 1 Timothy 3: 5.

Brother Miltz preached, using: Revelation 12: 12-17; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-17; 1 Corinthians 15: 51, 52; James 1: 5, 6; 2 Peter 1: 19; Revelation 12: 17; Matthew 24: 29; Luke 17: 34-36. In the afternoon there was a lesson for young people and children from 1 Timothy 4: 12.

This is only a very little part of the work of our three days' meeting; there were also periods for meditation and prayer — alone as well as in groups — and for sermons and talks. Not only the harmonium was played, but also violin and violoncello served to help embellish our hymns and chorus. Thoughtful poems were recited, and above all there were thanksgiving prayers with a view to the noble and generous help of our American Christian friends. May God bless you all and may He reward your love.

In consequence of your untiring help we had two beautiful dinners: on Sabbath, tasty lentils, on Sunday, a nourishing meal of oats. In the afternoons we all drank coffee and have been able to surprise all our visitors in distributing cake so that all members have been glad, thankful, and satisfied by the American helpful love.

Even little children recited poems in which the sincere thankfulness for your noble help was told. We all felt the kind nearness of our Lord Jesus Christ, so our meeting was very successful.

I want to inform you that three girls, who were leaving school, received the blessing of our minister.

Everyone returned to his home blessed with the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and hoping that another meeting will be held again during the next fall.

With hearty greetings to all our dear and helpful Seventh Day Baptist friends.

Very thankfully yours,
Marie Bremgartner, for
the S. D. B. Church.

Halle, Saale, Germany.
(Russian Zone)

1 Samuel 14: 6

Our dear and kind friends:

We all are so very happy to enjoy your sincere love. May God bless you and may He reward your untiring help. (Matthew 5: 7.) We are so very glad when we are receiving your beautiful gift packages and daily we are praying our thanksgiving. God knows our misery, He knows your kind hearts. He will give you His blessing. With cordial salutations to you all from the members of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church, Halle, Saale.

Sister Bremgartner.

Bismarkstr 4,
Halle, Saale, Germany.

LETTER TO SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS THROUGH CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Dear American Friends:

Will you kindly accept our hearty thanks for the clothing and food you are sending us through the N. E. R. here in Salonica.

Some of your American clothing you have sent to Greece we needed so badly, as we had no others for a change. After 12 hours fighting, I escaped from my village last year in the middle of the night by foot with my family. My home and everything is burned.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY NEWS

During the Christmas vacation, Kenneth Stickney spent some time with his Church at New Market, N. J. He is a newcomer among Seventh Day Baptists, and is the regular pastor of the Piscataway Church. When he came into full fellowship with us he had his college degree from Hope College, Holland, Mich., and had completed two years of his seminary work. He is showing his appreciation to the people of his Church, who are making it possible for him to get his last year at Alfred, by doing good work in his subjects and engaging in Christian service beyond his classwork.

Carl Maxson, who is serving the Independence and Andover Churches while completing his course in Alfred School of Theology, spent the vacation in residence at Independence. He and his wife, Mildred, and baby, Sandra, occupied rooms comfortably fitted up for them in the parish house. They may continue to live there during the second semester, and commute daily. Carl has less than a full semester's work to finish.

Don Sanford and his wife visited Alfred during the Christmas vacation, and looked at the rooms in the Gothic where they will live for the next three years. Don will complete his college course at Milton next spring, and will enter Alfred next fall. He continues to receive substantial help from his prize scholarship, some account of which has appeared in the Sabbath Recorder. — Contributed.

We are very grateful to you — if it had not been for your help we would have suffered much. We came naked and hungry, and here we have been dressed and fed by the Americans, through your help. I wonder if my small letter will ever get to your hands.

My wife and my two sons join with me in sending you their best wishes and thanks.

Yours respectfully,

Kleomenis Mmotis.

Athenas 80, Salonica.

July 27, 1948.

SILVER JUBILEE IN JAMAICA

(Copy of an article from the "Gleaner," a Kingston, Jamaica, daily.)

The silver anniversary of the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church was celebrated Monday evening with a jubilee thanksgiving service held in the Church at the corner of East and Charles Streets. Rev. C. L. Smellie was the chairman and there were remarks also by Deacon Charles Hunt, who was one of the charter members of the Church and its leader during some of its most difficult years.

A brief history of the Church was read by Rev. John Hamilton, and others gave the history of the various auxiliary organizations, each of which made a gift to the special jubilee mission fund. Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, the pastor, preached a short sermon on "Thank God and Take Courage."

There were anthems by the choir, a solo by Miss Charlotte Murdock, and selections by an impromptu orchestra composed of members of the Military Band and others.

Organized 1923

The first Seventh Day Baptist Church in Jamaica was organized in Kingston, December 20, 1923, under the leadership of Dr. William L. Burdick and Rev. Carl A. Hansen, who were sent by the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society of the United States. Among the flowers that decorated the Church at this anniversary was a bouquet provided by Rev. and Mrs. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph and Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills in honor of Dr. Burdick.

There have been discouraging periods, but the membership of the Church has doubled several times and is now the largest in its history. Other Churches have been founded over the island, and this year marks the opening of Crandall High School, which is already serving a great need for Christian education. Other projects of Christian service are to be undertaken in the future.

Future events celebrating the anniversary include a garden fair to be held on December 27 at 1-A North Avenue, Kingston Gardens; evangelistic meetings each evening from January 2 to 9; and an

island-wide jubilee service at which representatives from Seventh Day Baptist Churches in other parts of the island will take part.

SUPPORTING HOME MISSIONS

"Dear Friend:

"Now that we have a United Brethren minister preaching to us, I'm afraid some of our denominational matters are neglected, but of course that is to be expected. I think we are fortunate to have Rev. — to act as a supply pastor, but I hope that we won't be too satisfied with the arrangement. There is plenty of work here for a Seventh Day Baptist minister, and I hope we will be able to have one before too many months. Our young people's group is very small now, but there is a nice group of children growing up, and how badly they need, and will need, a leader! There is also a nice group of young married people."

This part of a letter from a Seventh Day Baptist in a pastorless Church that is trying to find a shepherd is typical of the pleas we have to face in making up "appropriations to aid Churches in the support of a pastor." We know our people want leadership badly; we know they're dedicated to the Lord's Church and its work; we know, too, they recognize the fields white to harvest among children and young families who live in their own communities.

Your help is needed in raising the standards of financial support for the Church by thorough canvassing of every member. Every member needs to be challenged with the support of Christ's servants who give so much of self without thought of self.

Canvass members for local work — and help your own pastor.

Canvass members for denominational work — and you help pastors of one fourth of our Churches through Missionary Society grants totaling over \$7,000. New groups need aid, and expanded resources are needed. Oakdale, Ala., is valiantly planning a new work with a full-time pastor. The Oakdale people have pledged twice as much to support a pastor as many "missionary Churches" pay (the Missionary Society making up the

other half of the subsistence). Their pastor is going to be freed for priority work if they can make it possible for him.

David S. Clarke.

BULLETIN ON CHINA EVACUATION

"Unless something breaks within a few days, the Wests and Sarah will be on the navy transport, Breckenridge, due to sail on December 30 and arrive in San Francisco on January 18. We hope there will be friends who are going directly across the country who can accompany the Wests from San Francisco to Chicago, where they will be met by an ambulance from Milton. Mabel, being in a body cast, is pretty completely helpless. If no one else is found, Sarah will have to make the trip with them."

The above paragraph from a letter of December 19, from Dr. George Thorngate, tells also that "things are sort of 'battered down for a blow' at Liuho and the hospital at a standstill. Dr. Pan is still carrying on the clinic. Sarah could do many things in Shanghai, but it does not seem a propitious time to start any new programs."

D. S. C.

CO-ORDINATION CALENDAR DELAY

Because of sickness on the part of David Clarke of this office, publishing of the 1949 calendars to co-ordinate plans and emphases of our denominational agencies has been delayed. Pastors have received one copy of the January and February calendars which will serve as a stopgap until the full series of calendars with cover and official address lists can be completed in January. We'd like to be perfect co-operators, but sickness sometimes isn't co-ordinated with one's best plans.

The calendars for January and February will give ideas to pastors and leaders on how such a style can be best utilized. Please post the copies where any leader can use them. Please notify us at Westeryly if more or fewer copies than were sent last year are desired.

Note that the calendars are set up with space for notes on each day, with long range emphases and suggestions to be worked into local daily schedule at the

"LITTLE AMSTERDAM"

By Margaret T. Applegarth

By far the most surprising sea change which has happened to those of us who sailed off to Holland last August to attend the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches, is that by this time each of us has been turned into a "Portable Amsterdam" — for we go around literally bulging with reports! reinterpretations! reminiscences! and many reasoned-out reflections which have come from absorbing dozens upon dozens of documents! But rather as the grandparents in Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird" could only come alive when the children remembered them, so this actual assembly can only come alive if a "Little Amsterdam" gives your town its chance to relive and relive the memorable moments when something tremendous began happening to most of the major denominations in Christendom, including your own. To be properly penetrating about this importance, let me put it in this fashion: Amsterdam really was in search of an adverb! An adverb affectionate enough and adjustable enough to make akin all of the 150 or more varieties of Church "people that on earth do dwell" . . . in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. . . .

Among whom there now shine as lights in the world all 1,400 of us who heard the prelates, the professors, the preachers, and the parishioners talk for two weeks; and one glamorous new word underlined in everybody's Amsterdam vocabulary is this adverb, touched with theological tenderness, freighted with fresh fervor! For up until Amsterdam, whenever Church leaders met in conferences to talk over ecclesiastical matters, they met as purely private persons — competent, of course, to deal with all the Church's nouns and all the Church's verbs (even enormous nouns like

top of the page. The full calendar will be punched for use in notebooks where such is desired. Space for summarizing a pastor's work is provided at the top, left corner; other leaders may add or substitute activities they wish to summarize.

David S. Clarke.

"creeds," "denominations," "ancestors"; even violent verbs like "separate," "persecute," "excommunicate.") But in Amsterdam from August 22 to September 4, for the first time in history, lo! 150 denominations sent delegates whose sole duty it was to deal officially with nouns and verbs, and do something far more beautiful about them than anything thus far in Christian history.

And, of course, the really adventurous thing to do with a verb is to hand it an adverb: "Here, take this! See what you can make of it!" And they made the World Council of Churches out of it! One adverb! And 450 delegates falling in love with it! So unless your town holds its own "Little Amsterdam" and discovers for itself from the printed reports and the messages how this adverb held us all spellbound in the actual Amsterdam, then how can the contagion of it ever spread to the pews in the place where you live?

You might almost think that the Apostle Paul was describing Amsterdam when he too picked up our particular adverb (or did we pick his?) and rang changes on it when he wrote to the Church in Ephesus:

"God Hath Quickened Us . . . Together"

Certainly all 1,400 of us were quickened when we saw the 450 official delegates march into the Nieuw Kirk for the opening ceremony in their distinctive garb — pure white ruffs on the black-robed Scandinavian clergy; gold-embroidered vestments on the Eastern Orthodox prelates; Africans swathed in brilliant yellow draperies; East Indian clergy in gorgeous cerise or dazzling white. This was quickening enough for the eye. But the ear began to catch that adventurous adverb the minute we began singing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"; for simultaneously we sang in the language we knew best, yet behold! we kept **together**. Much of our loveliest surprise was born in that moment!

"And Hath Raised Us Up . . . Together"

Yes, out of 44 different nations! out of 150 denominations! Yet there we were, raised up — **together** because of our one common Father, our one common Saviour, our one common Book, our one common

Hymnbook, our one common Prayer, our one common Commission.

"And Hath Made Us Sit . . . Together"

For you could not sit elbow to elbow with all these delegates and their alternates for two weeks, applauding the same speeches, sighing over the same addresses, satisfied with the same solutions, startled by the same stubborn stalemates, voting vigorously for all the virtuous verbs, objecting obstreperously to odious obstacles without discovering how normal and necessary and neighborly the truly Christian mind is when one sits side by side studying "Man's Disorder and God's Design." This general theme was divided into four subtopics, each with its report on the nature of the Church, the witness of the Church, the disorder in society, and international affairs. These reports and some searching questions are now available (for 25 cents from the World Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.), and are the stuff of stuffs to make your own "Little Amsterdam" **sit together** also, each denomination in town choosing delegates to put the breath of life once more into words which deserve to be made flesh! So many of these words are quickening:

"Although we cannot fully meet, our Lord will not allow us to turn away from one another. We cannot ignore one another, for the very intensity of our difference testifies to a common conviction which we drew from Him." "The glory of the Church is wholly in her Lord. . . . There is but one Lord and one Body."

These disturbing words were referred back to the Churches in your town, penned for that very purpose; so your "Little Amsterdam" should meet, to recognize that this is indeed a high rare moment in Church history — as the adverb brings us together.

"And Hath Fitly Framed Us . . . Together"

Actually that is what Amsterdam was for: (1) to constitute the World Council of Churches officially, after ten years when it had had to be described in parentheses as "In process of formation"; (2) to prepare the framework within which all these 150 constituting Church bodies

could now study and work **together**; and (3) to consider what our next concerns should be. How often the Churches back home were referred to! "Little Amsterdams" where the same studies and the same works must be considered.

"And Hath Builided Us . . . Together"

In a day of rubble and desolation and ruin, it is thrilling to know that the vision of this new building is dearest of all to those Europeans and those Orientals who have come up out of tribulation. In the special committee considering "The Life and Work of Women in the Church," it was very arousing to hear of these rebuilding processes such as the Norwegian Church with its training centers for the laity — picture a typical household readjusting its entire procedures to release the housewife for two or three months of intensive training at one of these centers, so that she can return skilled in presenting Christ anew. Tomorrow is here!

But it remains for your own town to feel this contagion of birth and renewal. The drama of our demanding new adverb must be pronounced by all the Churches, **together**. So do send for free copies of the Amsterdam "Message," and notice with what emphasis the delegates chose to say: "We intend to stay together." For as you accept this as your own, you too become a Portable Amsterdam. Really turning into another Phoebe: you will recall the great honor paid her to carry Paul's letter to Rome. Suppose she had refused? Or mislaid it en route? Or waited for an easier moment to deliver it? This is that moment! And you are that woman! — Reprinted from the "Church Woman."

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YOUTH AND YOUTH WEEK

Young people of the denomination have been challenged to pledge the amount necessary to support the total Denominational Budget for the seven days of Youth Week at ninety-five dollars per day.

The Milton Youth Fellowship has already pledged to take the first day. There is no doubt in my mind that other groups will soon pledge the amount necessary for the other six days.

This project will help to unify the young people of our denomination. They will need encouragement from the pastor and members of the Church. It will help to unify all of us when we work together to support the Denominational Budget.

Youth Week Contest

There is still time for young people between the ages of 16 and 24, and who are high school seniors or college freshmen, to enter the 1949 Youth Week contest. Those who wish to enter should send to me at once for application blanks.

Remember that Don Sanford won a prize of \$1,000 two years ago in this contest. We hope there will be a winner this year.

Youth Week Program

One of the best suggestions is to have a Bible study class which will meet each day during Youth Week. In one youth group the leader asked all of those present to read silently a very important passage of Scripture. After reading and thinking about the passage, the group shared ideas which they had received. Try this in your group.

H. S.

SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

ALFRED STATION: The Youth Fellowship was in charge of a candlelight service on Christmas Eve. Nine young people took part in the program which included special music, readings, and a Christmas story. On Thursday night before Christmas the young people went caroling and met at the home of one of the members for refreshments.

Sabbath school classes presented "white gifts" during the Church service Christmas morning. These gifts included books for the high school in Jamaica, and money for the Seventh Day Baptists in Germany. Classes also had Christmas parties either before or after Christmas.

LITTLE GENESEE: A Christmas pageant, "Ye Shall Find a Babe," was presented Sunday evening, December 19. During this program "white gifts" from various classes and organizations were placed around the manger scene. An offering was received for European Relief. Santa Claus came at the close of the program with something special for the children.

On Thursday evening, December 23, the young people enjoyed very much a hay ride and carol singing. They stopped at the homes of a number of people who were shut-ins.

"The Bethlehem Innkeeper" was the sermon topic for the Sabbath morning Church service. Several special selections were sung by the choir.

FIRST HEBRON: A community Christmas program was presented at the Church on December 21. The program consisted of the playing of Christmas carol records; the Christmas story read from the Bible; a pageant, "A Child Is Born," in which eight young people took part; the presentation of "white gifts," which were given for Overseas Relief and for the pastor and family; a vocal solo by Maralee Stearns; a quartet number, a xylophone solo by Ella Mae Stearns; and a Christmas tree for the youngsters.

RIVERSIDE: The Sabbath school and Church combined for a Christmas program on Sabbath morning. The children's part included the following: songs by all of the children and also by special classes, and duets; readings were given by eight different children; a song story, "The Inn," by the youth classes; "white gifts" presented by representatives of the different classes; a sermon by the pastor, entitled "I Am Come."

At the conclusion of this service, bags of Christmas goodies provided by the Sabbath school committee were given to children in the primary rooms by the teachers.

The young folks gathered at the Church at 3:15 p.m. to take gifts to the children at the County Hospital and to sing carols there.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION YOUTH NEWS

Miss Bettie Butler of Woodville, Ala., who is chairman of youth work in the association is making plans to emphasize Bible study.

Some of the young people of the association are working out plans for a gospel team to do evangelistic work in the South next summer.

"Uncle Gerald," who is the new chairman of the camp committee, hopes that next year's camp can be held on the Gulf Coast or Lake Pontchartrain, and that a group of older young folks and young married folks can attend.

Three young men, F. Orland Sutton of the Oakdale Church, Madison Mitchell of the Little Prairie Church, and Purcell Coalwell of the Hammond Church, were recently chosen to serve as junior deacons. Madison Mitchell and Purcell Coalwell have been ordained. Plans are being made for the ordination of F. Orland Sutton.

(All items but the first were taken from the "Southwestern News Letter," which is published by Rev. Clifford A. Beebe.)

Harley Sutton.

MILTON, WIS., SABBATH SCHOOL

Secretary's Report

There have been 47 sessions of the Sabbath school during the year 1948. The Sabbaths of the quarterly meetings and of Christmas Day no sessions were held.

Early in May a new class was formed, consisting of young married folks. The class meets in the parsonage with the pastor as leader and teacher. When all are present it numbers fourteen. The name of the class, Sodality, means an organization, or society, for religious and social purposes.

There has been a marked increase in the nursery and beginner departments, reaching over into the primary department, so it was found wise to divide the first year primary class into two classes,

and the second year primary class also into two sections.

The average attendance for the year has been 140 plus. For 1947 it was 133 plus, a gain of 7 in 1948.

In February, 1948, the method of keeping the enrollment was changed, the total being divided into two classes, the active roll, and the nonactive roll. When a member of the school has been absent on five consecutive Sabbaths, the name is transferred to the nonactive roll. It is replaced on the active roll on the first return. The total enrollment of course varies from week to week as deaths, removals, and new members cause changes: the lowest during the year was 248, and the highest 263. The average at the end of the year is 251, of which the average active roll is 192. The difference, 59, of nonactive consists of adults whose attendance is rather irregular.

These adult classes, of which there are six, are organized. They hold parties, take on and carry out projects for the welfare of the Church, the community, and the denomination, and are an important and integral part of the Sabbath school, even though some of the members are not regular attendants at the weekly Sabbath morning school hour. At the end of the year there are in the children's section only 2 nonactive members, and only 6 in the middle section — the remaining 51 being in the adult section.

During the year 33 names have been removed from the total roll, four being removed by death, as follows: Rev. Willard D. Burdick, Byron E. Coon, Chester Smitley, and Mrs. Anna Severance. Five college students did not return in September; nine have gone to other Churches; nine (mostly local children) have moved from Milton; and six are at work or in school, not in Milton, and therefore seldom at home.

Condensed Treasurer's Report

We began the year with a cash balance of \$187.16. Receipts during the year amounted to \$897.70. Expenses have amounted to \$959.20, thus leaving a balance of \$125.66.

Edwin Ben Shaw,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Children's Page

Dear Recorder Children
and Parents of Children:

For a long time now very few letters have been coming from Recorder children and I am wondering why. Can it be because they are losing interest, or because they are busy, or that they think they are getting too old to write, or what is the reason?

I don't believe any of you are too old to write for the Children's Page and all, young and old, enjoy your letters. So please do write often.

There are many other children who are old enough to write to me even if they have to depend upon parents or older brothers and sisters to help them. I am urging all Seventh Day Baptist parents to interest their children in writing for our page and to do so often. Please do!

Winter has seemed a long time in coming, but I really think it is here now with plenty of snow, at least in New York State. How is it in your part of the country? One of my new occupations is shoveling snow so that it will not creep into the top of my boots on the way to the woodshed and along the front walk. The twelve-year-old girl next door likes to help me out and seems to enjoy shoveling better than I do. And how the village children seem to enjoy wading around in the snow and pelting each other with soft snowballs. A boy aimed one at a schoolmate across the street just as I came within range the other day and I felt the full force of it in my right ear. It didn't hurt, but was I surprised!

Sabbath day was very cold and stormy, so the attendance at Church was very small. We who were there, as we listened to Pastor Carl Maxson's inspiring sermon on the life of our beloved Saviour, Jesus, looked out upon the beautiful, pure snow drifting down, and felt in our hearts the real Christian spirit.

Now the rest of our page I will devote to another story. That is what has filled our Children's Page most of the time of late. How about writing stories yourselves for our page, perhaps getting your parents or teachers to help you. My story this week is entitled:

Was Johnny a "Fraid-cat"?

"Fraid-cat! Johnny Fraid-cat!" shouted a group of boys and girls gathered at the edge of the village pond as little Johnny Greene came in sight. Johnny was one of the smallest of the boys, but he held his head so bravely that he seemed taller than he really was.

Johnny pressed his lips together to stop their trembling, for it was no fun to be laughed at and called names.

"I dare you to go out to the middle of the pond where the ice is a little thin," said Jennie Smith, a little girl smaller than Johnny. "I'm not afraid to skate there."

"I'm not afraid, but I'm not going where it's not safe. I'm going to skate on the edge of the pond where the ice is thick and strong," was Johnny's answer.

"He's mamma's little boy," laughed one of the bigger boys. "Mamma told him not to."

"She just told me to be careful, and it's not being careful to skate on thin ice," answered Johnny, and off he went, skating swiftly along the edge of the pond, while the others skated to the middle of the pond and dared each other to skate over the thinnest ice.

Johnny had just reached the other side of the pond when he heard the children shouting, not in fun but in fright, "Help! Help!"

"I'm coming! I'm coming!" shouted Johnny, skating swiftly to the middle of the pond. When he reached there, he saw that Jennie had broken through the thin place in the ice and was struggling in the deep water.

Quickly he hurried to pull a rail from a near-by fence and with it under his arm he skated straight for the struggling girl shouting, "I'm coming! I'm coming!"

The other children were huddled as far away from the hole in the ice and the struggling girl as they could get. Johnny pushed the rail toward Jennie, shouting, "Grab it and hold on as hard as you can."

The frightened child was able to cling to the rail with her half-frozen hands.

Getting on the rail, Johnny told the big boys to hold the end of it while he crept out as near the broken ice as he could.

CHURCH NEWS

DODGE CENTER, MINN.—The Church Christmas program was held Thursday evening, December 23, with a good attendance. After the children spoke pieces and sang songs, a play was given called "The In-As-Much-Tree." At the close of the program, gifts from under the Christmas tree and sacks of candy and popcorn were distributed.

On Thursday, December 30, members and friends of the Church met in the Church basement for the annual Church dinner and business meeting. This was the first annual dinner to be held in our own Church since we have had our new basement. A chicken pie dinner was served at noon with Ardith Greene, Marguerite Clapper, and Mary Thorngate serving as a committee. The business meeting was held as soon as the dinner work was completed with interesting reports from nearly all organizations and auxiliaries of the Church. These reports showed that we had had a good year. It was decided to continue the "Lord's Acre Project" for another year. Our Lord's Acre money paid off the parsonage debt this year with some money left over. At the close of the business meeting election of officers for the coming year was held with the following outcome: moderator, Wallace Greene; clerk, Ardith Greene; treasurer, Arthur Payne; trustee, Roy Langworthy; building fund treasurer, Marguerite Clapper; chorister, Mrs. Ethel Thorngate; assistant chorister, Marguerite Clapper; Recorder reporter, Mabel Cruzan; local reporter, Rev. Earl Cruzan; ushers, Ronnie Daggett, Kirk Clapper, Arthur Bond.

At the close of the day everyone agreed

Then, lying flat, he reached Jennie's coat and shouted to the big boys, "Pull!" They pulled the rail with all their might and although the thin ice bent, the rail held and the two children were pulled safely to the firm ice. Then they were hurried to a house near by and were soon wrapped in warm blankets. No one ever called the brave boy, "Johnny Fraid-cat!" again.

In Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

that the day had been nicer because we were able to meet in our own Church basement.

Mabel E. Cruzan, Reporter.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — The Philadelphia Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists held two special Christmas services: one on Sabbath, December 18, and the other on Sabbath, December 25. Both services were advertised in the local papers. Both were attended by visitors who were not Seventh Day Baptists.

At the first of these meetings, Pastor Hurley Warren preached from Luke 2: 11, "For unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour." He emphasized the fact that this is personal and in the present; "unto each of us individually, today, this gift of a Saviour is given." The chorus was trained and directed by Mrs. Willard Hildreth. There were vocal solos by Miriam Seager, Mrs. Willard Hildreth, Jean Hildreth, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Dr. Lloyd Seager, and Mr. Willard Hildreth. A girl's quartet composed of Miriam and Loretta Seager and Jean and Patricia Hildreth sang "Silent Night." We deeply appreciated Mrs. Warren's help in playing the piano for the entire service and also the help of Joseph and Barbara Warren who sang with the chorus. Twenty-seven people attended this service.

On Christmas Sabbath Pastor Lester Osborn took as his topic, "The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown." He brought us a complete picture of the purpose of the life of our Lord on earth and the fact that it is still going on. Mrs. Harry Warlow sang two soprano solos, Mr. Harry Warlow played a solo on his trumpet, and there was Christmas music on the marimba played by Miss Ethel Wilson. Mrs. Ethel Feiger and Miss Lois Eisemann were our accompanists during this service. There were twenty people present in spite of threatening weather.

Since we have been holding meetings together we have had 23 people attend our services from Philadelphia and vicinity who had never come into contact with Seventh Day Baptists. We have had 22 people attend who moved to Philadelphia from Seventh Day Baptist communities, or belong to other Seventh Day Baptist

Churches but live in Philadelphia. Counting visitors from the New Jersey Churches who have worshiped with us, 164 different individuals have worshiped with the Philadelphia Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists since it was started.

Ethel M. Wilson, Secretary.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — The annual meeting of the First Hopkinton Church was held Sunday, January 2, in the parish house. A delicious baked ham dinner was served at noon by the men of the Church with Ira E. Murphy, general chairman. The business meeting followed at 2 o'clock with R. Merritt Kenyon, president, presiding.

Annual reports of the various organizations of the Church were given followed by the election of officers. Officers elected for the coming year were: Earl D. Burdick, president; James G. Waite, vice-president; Miss Abbie A. Hakes, clerk; Clarence E. Crandall, treasurer; Mrs. Florence J. Wells, junior choir director; Edmund Smith, auditor.

Raymond M. Kenyon was appointed trustee for one year to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Burdick, and Harold L. Collings, Sr., was appointed trustee for five years.

The following appointments were also made:

Obituary committee: Mrs. James G. Waite, Albert Crandall, and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson; deaconesses: Mrs. William L. Burdick, Mrs. James G. Waite, Miss Lucille Pashley; flower committee: Mrs. Earl D. Burdick; Sabbath Recorder correspondent: Mrs. Raymond M. Kenyon.

A committee was appointed consisting of Miss Clara Pashley, Mrs. Ira Murphy, Mrs. Julian T. Crandall, Rev. Harmon Dickinson, Albert Crandall, Frank M. Hill, Mrs. James G. Waite, Mrs. Florence J. Wells, and Earl D. Burdick to make plans for the dedication service. It is hoped that the remodeling and redecoration of the Church will be finished by early spring.

Rev. Loyal Hurley, president of Conference, spoke briefly at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Raymond M. Kenyon,
Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The cantata, "Night of Holy Memories," was presented by the choir Sabbath morning, in the place of the sermon. The director was Mrs. W. G. Johnson. Solo parts were taken by Mrs. Edward Christensen, Mrs. Russell Barber, and Jeneanne Brennick. There were two quartets, one a ladies' quartet in which Kathleen Clement, Phyllis Babcock, Mrs. George Cox, and Neva Brannon took part. The other quartet was made up of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, Mrs. Menzo Fuller, and Russell Barber. There were also men's and women's choruses. Miss Marcia Rood acted as reader.

For some time before the service began, Jeneanne Brennick played several Christmas carols on the electric organ and the chimes, which went out over the loud speaker, with Dell Barber assisting at the controls. Mrs. Harlan Brennick was accompanist for the cantata, and the appropriate prelude and offertory were played by both Mrs. Brennick and Mrs. Johnson.

The Church was beautiful with Christmas green, some being sent to North Loup friends by Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Polan of Verona, N. Y. The Polans also sent a card which was read by Rev. A. Clyde Ehret before the service. Christmas lights and two tall baskets of white chrysanthemums, wreaths and red bows, made the setting ideal for the cantata. The decorating was done by Mrs. Charles Fuller.

Several young people were out caroling Sabbath evening. After singing at the homes of many shut-ins and older people, they had lunch together in the Portis Cafe.

A letter of appreciation for the gift of toys and of money has been received by Mrs. Charles Barber from the secretary of the Nebraska Children's Home in Omaha. The gifts were sent at Christmas time. Mrs. Barber has been a worker for the home for many, many years. Money and other gifts have been sent to this home from the Sabbath school for a very long time.

The members of the Dr. Grace Missionary Society decided not to keep the oil

IN MEMORIAM

Ellis Adelbert Witter

June 28, 1853 — January 8, 1949

A sketch of Rev. Mr. Witter's life will appear in a later issue of the Sabbath Recorder.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the office of the Corporation, in Rooms 316-317-318, Babcock Building, at 240 West Front St., Plainfield, N. J., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, January 23, 1949.

At this meeting, there will be presented for action, an amendment to make Article IV, Section 2, of the constitution read as follows:

The Annual Meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held on the first First-day of the week in the month of February, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Asa F. Randolph, Secretary,
Corliss F. Randolph, President.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches will be held at Milton, Wis., January 21 and 22, 1949.

Mrs. Lillian Campbell,
Secretary.

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burner, which was placed in the basement of the Church, since it did not heat the room sufficiently.

M. T. B.

IN MEMORIAM

The Milton Junction, Wis., Ladies' Aid Society wishes to express its sympathy to the family and friends of Miss Angie Langworthy who was recently called to her eternal home. Although poor health made it impossible for her to attend meetings during her later years, she maintained her interest in the Church and society. When failing eyesight came upon her the ability to memorize the Scripture was a source of great comfort to her and an inspiration to her friends.

Her memory will ever live with us.

Mercy E. Garthwaite,
Jennie C. Greene.

IN MEMORIAM

The sudden passing of Mrs. Viola Williams from our midst has taken another faithful member of our Milton Junction, Wis., Ladies' Aid Society.

Her faith in God was strong and we shall miss her cheerful presence and encouraging words.

We express our deepest sympathy to the members of her family and close friends.

Mercy E. Garthwaite,
Jennie C. Greene.

Accessions

Farina, Ill.

Baptism:

Cline Wells,
Leland Wells,
Loretta Diss,
Keith Diss.

Baptized, but not joining the Church:

Mr Clifford Coon.

C. L. Hill, Pastor.

Obituaries

Green. — Edna Wightman, daughter of William and Amelia Wightman of Nile, N. Y., was born at Nile on March 28, 1855, and died at the age of 93 years on November 19, 1948, at Angelica, N. Y.

She married Charles Green of Independence, N. Y., in 1873. About three years later, they

moved to Alfred, N. Y., where they made their residence through the years. Mrs. Green's husband preceded her in death by many years. She is survived by one son, Luther W. Green of Alfred.

Her Church letter was brought from the Friendship to the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1877.

For many years Mrs. Green had been confined to her home on North Main Street, Alfred, N. Y., by failing health.

Farewell services were held in the Church parlors at Alfred, Rev. Everett Harris officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

E. T. H.

Witter. — Silas Whitford was born in Brookfield, N. Y., son of Joel J. and Mary Whitford Witter, and died at his home in Brookfield, November 19, 1948.

November 18, 1905, he married Enola Clark of Brookfield, who passed on in November, 1912, leaving an infant son, Donald.

On December 30, 1914, he married Jessie Palmiter of Brookfield, who preceded him in death in December, 1945. Surviving are his son, Donald, and a brother, Ralph.

Mr. Witter was a member of the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield. His pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, and officers of the local Odd Fellows Lodge conducted the funeral service at the home, and burial was in Brookfield Cemetery.

M. C. V. H.

Welch. — Blaine C., son of Murray and Emily Simons Welch, was born September 11, 1879, in the town of Edmeston, and died November 27, 1948, at his home in Leonardsville, N. Y.

On February 10, 1904, he married Lettie E. Burdick, who survives, with one son, Waldo, of Wisconsin; two daughters, Miss Glenice Welch, at home, and Mrs. Wilma Langworthy of Brookfield, N. Y.; and his twin brother, Bert Welch, of Leonardsville, N. Y.

Mr. Welch was a member of the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church, a successful farmer, respected and honored by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at the home by his pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, assisted by Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms, of Adams Center, a former pastor. He was laid to rest in the local cemetery.

M. C. V. H.

Mylod. — Ida Burdick, daughter of Pardon C. and Mary P. Burdick, was born November 6, 1872, in Hopkinton, R. I., and died November 28, 1948, at Dorchester, Mass.

She joined the Rockville, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church March 2 1889, baptism being performed by Rev. A. McLearn. She was married to George Mylod who preceded her in death in 1925.

Burial will take place in the Rockville Cemetery.

P. S. B.

ACTIONS COUNT

Rev. Loyal F. Hurley,
Salem, W. Va.

My dear Mr. Hurley:

I have been interested in the statements in the Recorder that ninety-five dollars a day will cover denominational expenses. I shall be glad to take responsibility for one of those days, in the names of my father and mother (a former Seventh Day Baptist minister and his wife). You will find enclosed my check for a hundred dollars to cover this amount.

. . . I shall be glad to have this sum credited to the . . . Church of which I am a member.

Very truly yours,

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, December 31, 1948

Receipts		
	December	3 months
Balance on hand Dec. 1	\$ 42.10	
Adams Center		77.00
Alfred, First	100.00	444.76
Associations and groups		73.10
Battle Creek		638.36
Berlin	77.09	104.09
Boulder		52.95
Brookfield, First	25.00	55.00
Brookfield, Second		31.25
Daytona Beach	23.50	38.50
Denver	25.84	122.50
De Ruyter		20.00
Dodge Center	48.40	48.40
Edinburg	2.30	10.07
Farina	152.50	182.50
Fouke		6.30
Friendship	35.00	35.00
Gentry	13.19	21.69
Healdsburg-Ukiah		10.00
Hebron, First	14.06	84.92
Hopkinton, First	177.20	177.20
Hopkinton, Second		7.00
Independence	14.00	143.00
Individuals	118.41	118.41
Little Genesee		68.03
Los Angeles		38.50
Lost Creek	126.05	126.05
Marlboro	101.50	254.50
Middle Island	10.21	18.11
Milton	623.28	1,279.78
Milton Junction	66.47	271.51
New Auburn	31.00	44.00
New York	48.96	64.96
Nortonville		42.50
Pawcatuck	768.97	768.97
Piscataway	30.00	56.75
Plainfield		247.29
Richburg	32.00	129.50
Riverside	253.84	253.84

Roanoke		21.00
Rockville	5.50	11.62
Salem	180.40	335.10
Salemville		27.00
Shiloh	90.00	614.57
Stone Fort		40.00
Verona	162.75	162.75
Washington, People's		10.00
Waterford	30.92	58.15
White Cloud		39.98
Totals	\$3,430.44	\$7,486.46

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 852.04	\$ 352.76
Tract Society	511.28	2.50
Board of Christian Education	507.36	
Women's Society	16.24	35.00
Historical Society	66.08	
Ministerial Retirement	243.60	119.31
Seventh Day Baptist Building	55.72	
General Conference	283.92	
World Fellowship and Service Committee on Relief Appeals		47.71
Debt repayment:		
Missionary Society	90.86	
Tract Society	106.14	
Board of Christian Education	28.33	
Seventh Day Baptist Building	18.27	
Bank of Milton, service charge	1.23	
Balance on hand December 31	71.93	
Totals	\$2,873.16	\$ 557.28

Comparative Figures		
	1948	1947
Receipts in December:		
Budget	\$2,831.06	\$1,650.92
Specials	557.28	1,026.99
Receipts in 3 months:		
Budget	6,274.05	4,275.59
Specials	1,212.41	1,956.85
Annual budget	34,500.00	31,500.00
Amount raised in 3 months	6,274.05	4,275.59
Per cent raised in 3 months	18.19%	13.57%

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.
Milton, Wis.

The Sabbath was instituted in the beginning when the Word was with God, and was observed in the days of the Word made flesh; where now can there be found any authority for changing or disregarding it? — A. J. C. Bond.

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Youth Week
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