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Baptismal Service Shanghai, China



CHAPLAINS WHO MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE—In the annals of the United States Army there is no record of greater personal heroism than that of the courage of four young chaplains who gave their lifejackets to other men on a sinking troop transport and bravely went down with the ship. It was on February 3, 1943, when the USS Dorchester was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland. They have since been awarded posthumously the Distinguished Service Cross and a memorial postage stamp was issued in their honor. Above, left to right, they are George L. Fox, Methodist; John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; Alexander D. Goode, Jewish, and Clark V. Poling, Reformed Church.

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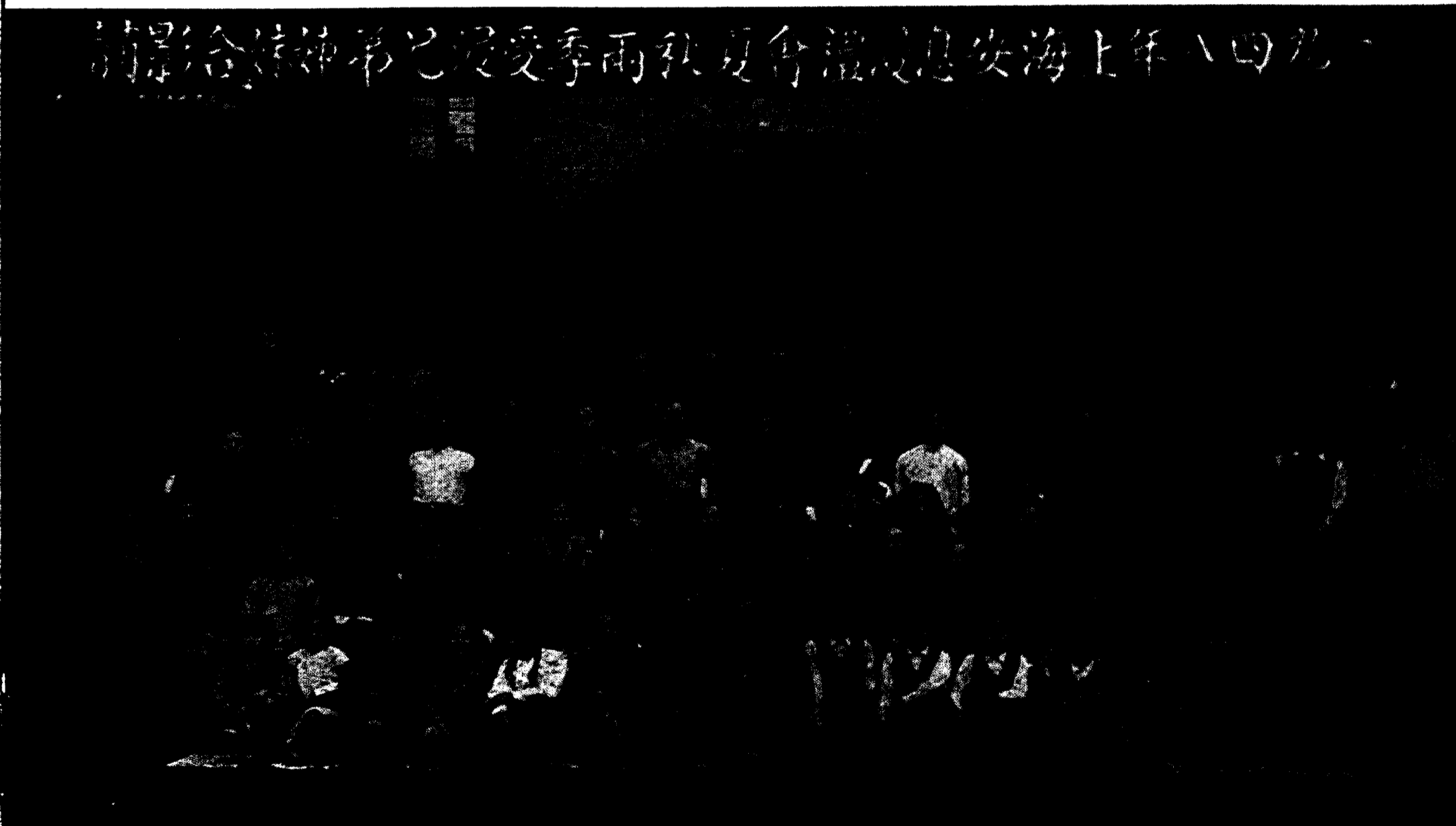
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Candidates for baptism at the October, 1948, baptismal service of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shanghai, China.

Mr. Tshaung, pastor, standing extreme left in picture; Mrs. Koo, Bible woman, standing extreme right in picture.

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Conference President's Corner

THE TREK OF THE '49ERS

Rev. Paul S. Burdick recently sent me a page from a paper in which reference was made to the "gold rush" of 1849. His note accompanying the excerpt said: "I don't know whether anyone has connected up '49 with California gold — the new kind being the gold of world-wide opportunity for Christian service. May the Golden State open its doors to us and to such opportunities as we have never yet visioned."

"Thanks, Paul." We are sure the Golden State will open its doors to us. Of that there is no question. We have been oft reminded of "Riverside Calling."

But the question of vision and opportunity depends. In part it depends on what we do before Conference. How many of our Churches will gain 5% in membership this year over last? And how many Sabbath schools will gain 10%? Karl Stillman challenged us with such a goal last year. There will be achievement charts again this year. Will your Church or Sabbath school get one?

Then if all in attendance pray and work and co-operate to make Conference what it should be, some visions new and inspiring will come. Will you help to bring them? But the vital question is whether we actually work to make our visions come true. Our Lord once said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." That was His call. But He immediately added a word about the ones who would actually reap the harvest. Vision and action are to go together.

What report will your Church make when we start again, another group of '49ers, on a trek to the Golden State?

Loyal F. Hurley,
Conference President.

THE HELPING HAND

Beginning with the second quarter 1949, the price of the Helping Hand will be \$1 per year (25c per copy for single copies) or 90c per year (22½c per copy) in lots of ten copies or more. There has been no change in price since 1944 and the current price does not cover costs by about \$200 per quarter.

This action was taken at the Tract Board meeting on January 9, 1949. Sabbath schools are responding nobly to this necessity.

HE HAS BEEN CALLED HOME A TRIBUTE TO REV. HERBERT C. VAN HORN

I have been trying to recall when I was first privileged to meet him and to be helped by his radiant smile and wholesome laugh.

As a young man recently returned from World War I, I looked forward to his announced appearance in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist pulpit following his YMCA work with the United States Army at home and abroad. He made a deep impression upon me then.

How well I remember the Sunday morning fellowship breakfast held out on a hillside at the Ashaway Conference in 1922. I had been asked to give a brief talk. Those who preceded had presented something humorous to add zest to their messages. I was hard put to it as I could think of nothing of that nature and made mention of it in my remarks. He came to me afterwards and comfortingly told me that it was not always necessary to say something humorous.

He has been an inspiration to me through the years. In the fall of 1935 he came to North Loup to conduct special services. It was at the time we were awaiting our daughter's arrival prior to our moving to the Plainfield pastorate. In making the change from a rural to an urban atmosphere, his assurance of a warm welcome and hearty co-operation was most helpful. During my eleven and one-third years of serving as his pastor, he was always a sympathetic counselor and faithful fellow worker.

His encouragement in and personal concern for my present work of a year and seven months meant more than can be expressed in words.

If ever a man believed in the forgiveness and power of God, he did. If ever a Christian was conscious of human frailty and the necessity of the daily walk with the Master, he was. If ever a minister perceived the truth and tried to preach it, he did. If ever a person found time and energy to serve his Lord and his fellow men beyond his regular work, he did. If ever a pastor was a true shepherd of the flock, he was. If ever there was a sym-

pathetic comforter and counselor, he was. If ever a servant of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination gave himself completely to the Cause of Christ and the Sabbath, he did.

He was recognized in interdenominational circles, small and large. He was well-known among religious editors and writers. He was widely known and had many friends throughout the denomination. He was acquainted with all in the Church of which he was a member for many years while living in Plainfield and serving as editor of the Sabbath Recorder and corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

He was known best of all in the home circle of which he was an intimate part.

Although his going was to be expected in the light of his physical health, yet some of us were not quite prepared for it. Consequently, it takes a while for us to realize that we are not to be greeted by him again on earth. But we know full well that a greeting awaits us in that "land of endless day."

As we enjoy the home that he and his helpmate and family built, which is now the home of the editor, we think of the sacrifice that made it possible and the happy hours that they lived there. As we drink in of the beauty which surrounds the home, we are reminded of the thought and toil and divine blessing that brought this beauty into being. As we go about the neighborhood, we are impressed by the expressions of esteem that are prompted by his friendliness.

Truly, he trusted God completely. He did his work well, thus serving his Lord and fellow men. He loved his Saviour. He lived by the Holy Spirit. He enjoyed the blessings and privileges of the Sabbath. He found time to be of wide service beyond the confines of his immediate work. He always had time for his family and his friends. He was a good husband and father, a thoughtful neighbor, a true friend, a faithful Christian. His was a full life.

And now he has been called home. As we feel keenly the loss of his physical presence, we cannot grieve at his going. He has entered the place prepared for him and he was prepared to enter it. His liv-

"THERE'S MANY A SLIP —"

United Air Lines has filed notice with the Civil Aeronautics Board of its desire to withdraw its 25% clergy discount plan which has been before the Economic Section of the CAB for review since January 28.

Company officials said United's withdrawal of the proposed discount for licensed and ordained clergymen devoting their full time to that calling was due to legal questions being raised as to possible discriminatory features; also because it was apparent that the plan, to be effective, should be an industry undertaking, participated in by airlines generally, as in the case of the railroads.

United's filing, if it had been approved, would have been effective March 1. — United Air Lines Release.

(Note: Anyone interested in the former United Air Lines release may refer to the Sabbath Recorder of January 31, 1949, page 72.)

"DAWN OF THE SABBATH"

Concerning "Dawn of the Sabbath" on the back cover of this issue, Dean Ahva J. C. Bond writes:

For a time in my senior year in Salem College I went up to Lost Creek to conduct Sabbath morning services for the Lost Creek Church, since they had no pastor at that time. It was on a Friday evening that I saw the picture which I try to describe in these lines.

The good man referred to is Deacon Levi Bond — Uncle Levi. He was uncle to me on three counts. In my boyhood in West Virginia it was the custom for young people to call older people "Uncle." Probably they do even yet. Then, Uncle Levi was a distant relative, and being held in high regard, he was "Uncle." Thirdly, he had married my great-aunt.

Uncle Levi lived to be more than a hundred years old, and in his nineties he walked a half mile to Church regularly on Sabbath mornings and taught a Bible class.

ing so courageously and faithfully, and facing life situations so confidently and victoriously, reassure us that the Christian way is the only way of permanent value for the present and the only one which has promise for the future.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!

THE TITHE WOULD TURN THE TIDE

By Rev. William J. Kimshel
Pastor, Pine Street Gospel Chapel
Middletown, Conn.

Although not connected with the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, yet having at heart the work of this denomination, I feel constrained to write the following in regard to the support of the ministry. In the article entitled "Thank God for Christmas," my heart was deeply stirred as I pondered on the neglect of the laity in supporting the ministry. While it is true that there are many calls made upon the people for this charity and that, yet our first and foremost responsibility is always to God and the advancement of His kingdom here on earth. Certainly it is necessary to feed and clothe the body of the needy one, but it is far more important that the soul first be nurtured and strengthened. "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," said Jesus. The primary purpose of life appears to be the preparation for the next, and here is where we see the vital necessity for a pastor. Without a spiritual leader to call the flock together and break to them the "bread of life," our civilization would be in an even worse state than it finds itself today.

Our duty is twofold: first to God, and then to our fellow men. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," said Jesus. In neglecting to properly support the ministry, we are at the same time failing in our duty toward God. Every pastor that is truly dedicated to the service of God is an ambassador of Jesus Christ. If any one of our ambassadors who represent us at the capitals of various nations is in any way mistreated, we feel that it is a reflection upon us all. "He that receiveth you receiveth me," said Jesus to His followers. And when we fail in supplying the needs of the pastor, it is a reflection upon our Redeemer.

What untold evil is wrought when we fail to properly support the men called to preach the everlasting gospel. How it hurt to read the statement: "Thank God for Christmas, for that is the time of the year when the minister can finally pay his

ills," and so forth, not just that statement alone, but the keen disappointment in the lack of generosity on the part of the laity. How sad that every one is not forward in doing his or her part in this responsibility! Then, too, think of the young men who feel called to this noblest work on earth. What encouragement is it to them to launch out into a calling that is never easy, even though the material returns are adequate? I speak from experience. But let me say to anyone who contemplates the ministry that it is heaven's own work, and that there are rewards far more satisfying than those which we reckon in dollars and cents. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ."

Now what is the solution to this difficult situation?

There is only one really worth our attention and obedience, **the tithe**. If everyone would faithfully obey this Biblical system of supporting God's ambassadors, there would never be any need of writing in this vein. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me," said God. "in tithes and offerings." It is the language of a selfish heart to wave this aside as an obsolete command, given solely to the Jews. Our Lord rebuked the Pharisees on an occasion, not because they tithed, but because they had forgotten to do the works of love and mercy. "These (tithes and offerings) ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

For nearly fifteen years my wife and I have paid a double tithe — one tenth of the original income, and then another tenth after the first tenth has been deducted. And do you suppose we have suffered for our sacrifice? Not at all. Our income has increased more over the years. If God notes the fall of every sparrow, and even has counted the number of the hairs of our heads, will he not also observe our giving and reward us accordingly? It is written, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

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(Note: Rev. Paul L. Maxson, Berlin, N. Y., sent the above in the form of a card with the remark "that it might help the overworked minister" if some of the cards were placed in the racks of our Church pews. The Sabbath Recorder will furnish free of charge to Seventh Day Baptist pastors such quantities of a neatly printed card as will meet their needs in this respect, provided sufficient requests are received to warrant printing. Pastors are asked to simply make known their requests by postal card to the Sabbath Recorder, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.)

ing been taken. We have never been a large Church, but those who do attend have been ever faithful in giving systematically.

It is my sincere hope that the love of God, as manifested in the giving of His Son for our sins, will stir our hearts to be faithful in the matter of supporting the men of God who are among you. The day when everyone must give account of himself to God may be nearer than you think. It is not too late to begin to give back to God, in the form of the tithe, that which is rightfully His.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Editor:

We have moved from Byron, Minn., to this small village. Our Church is at Dodge Center, but we receive our mail here. My wife is a Lutheran, but we do enjoy the Sabbath Recorder. I think everyone enjoys the Recorder, but few of us ever find time to say so.

Keep up the good work and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Claston Bond.
Mantorville, Minn.

To the Sabbath Recorder:

Enclosed you will find the value of \$2.50 for which send me the Sabbath Recorder for the year 1949. Please excuse delay.

I would be lost without it. I have read it from cover to cover for nearly fifty years.

Mrs. Nora Burdick.

De Ruyter, N. Y.

Excerpt from a letter from Mrs. Grayce E. White, 3150 West 22nd Avenue, Denver 11, Colo., to the Denominational Desk.

Our key worker has taken over the task of sending to our out-of-Denver Aid members the Recorder, especially if they don't take it themselves. Then after three months a survey is made of the people on our sending list and if they have started taking the Recorder (or for any other reason), then they are cancelled and we pull on the "waiting list." We thought we could contact more of our folks and keep them interested in the Recorder and in their faith especially if they had no Church to attend. Don't you think this is a novel idea?

(The Denver Ladies' Aid has ordered 10 special subscriptions each year since January, 1947, for distribution, with the object of encouraging more interest in reading and subscribing to the Recorder.)

Sabbath Recorder:

Am sending a check for renewal of the Recorder. My time is not up till February, but I like to get my renewal in before it is due.

I have to get someone to read it for me as my eyesight is failing me. It was read to me yesterday from cover to cover, so you see I get it all. It is the only way I have of keeping up with what the denomination is doing. Thanks for a very interesting Recorder.

Sincerely,

Lena G. Crofoot.

151 First Avenue,
Daytona Beach, Fla.

And, from Little Genesee, N. Y.:

The Sabbath Recorder is improving. We could not do without it.

Grace Sanford.

Dear Editor Warren:

I expect that you have heard by now that I have accepted the unanimous call to serve these Churches again this year.

I am commuting to school as we have moved out here into the nice apartment that they fixed up for us over the community building.

There was a fund set aside in the budget this year for redecorating the Church building, the Lord's Acre Projects have been discussed — in other words, we are looking forward to a year of united community interest and spiritual growth.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Carl R. Maxson.

Independence, N. Y.

LINCOLN AND THE BIBLE

By Clarence Macartney

Publishers have released Lincoln and the Bible, as the 44th volume written by Clarence Edward Macartney. It is a new treatment of a great subject, bound in a small pocket-size edition.

Dr. Macartney reveals Lincoln's use of the Bible, his knowledge of its words, his reverence for its teachings, and his deep spirituality. He finds much to substantiate the claims of those who maintain that Lincoln could never have said the things he said, done the things he did, or passed through the strain of national crisis without a substantial and deep-seated faith in the Supreme Being.

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Press; pages, 86; price, \$1.25

—The United Presbyterian.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society met for its regular quarterly meeting, January 23, 1949, in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church with the following members present: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Morton R. Swinney, Rev. David S. Clarke, Elston H. Van Horn, Karl G. Stillman, George B. Utter, Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, Walter D. Kenyon, John S. C. Kenyon, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Mrs. James G. Waite, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Mrs. Clarence Crandall, Edmund T. Smith, Ronald I. Hargis. Visitors were: Mrs. Allen C. Whitford, Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro, Miss Virginia Loofboro.

The regular agenda included the reports of treasurer, secretary, and standing committees — Second Century Fund, China, Missionary Evangelistic, American Tropics, Ministerial Relief, and Investments. Correspondence and miscellaneous business occupied some time after these reports were considered. Complete minutes of the board are available through the November-January "Missionary Reporter" which your pastor and Sabbath school superintendent will receive soon. Last week's Sabbath Recorder carried the secretary's report, and other reports will follow in part.

Significant in the Second Century Fund Committee report is the fact that only \$400 of unpaid pledges remain. We feel this is a fine record, and trust that even that small amount will still come in. We didn't reach the \$50,000 goal, but we can pay up all pledges with God's help. \$518.50 went to Jamaican work; \$40 to British Guiana; \$3.21 to New Zealand; and \$470.37 to home fields during the quarter.

In connection with missionary evangelistic work, the secretary of the society read the Commission's request that the Missionary Society "arrange for a full-time evangelist as early as may be possible." The board adopted the following statement read by the secretary, and referred the Commission's letter to the Missionary Evangelistic Committee for further consideration: "The board regrets the lack of evangelistic leadership but more strongly

regrets the lack of devotion of our local Churches to the spiritual (moral and religious) welfare of local communities where they are situated. Thus the board favors continuing for the present the policy of strengthening the local pastor in his own locale through the exchange of pastors for evangelistic work."

The board voted that effective January 1, 1949, aid granted to Churches for the support of pastors be granted with the understanding that they reduce the amount asked by at least \$50 per year thereafter, with authority granted the officers of the board to make exceptions to the rule in hardship cases.

Mr. Ben Utter, China Committee chairman, gave an informative report on conditions in our mission and appealed for enlarged support of men of the caliber of Principal T. M. Chang. Here follows his report and a statement from Miss Sarah Becker written February 5, en route to Westerly.

China Committee Report

There is so little that one at home in America can do to relieve our brothers and sisters in the China troubles. Money counts for little due to the inflation there.

Hundreds of Seventh Day Baptist members and their friends, for whom the mission is working there in China, are suffering for the want of food. But native workers in the Shanghai Church and teachers in the schools are carrying on the work of Christ. There is no place for them to go or find relief.

In Shanghai they are safer than many other missionaries in inland areas.

The depression of money values has made it next to impossible out in Liuho to carry on the new hospital which was built by our Chinese friends a year or more ago. Dr. George Thorngate says, "things are sort of battened down for a blow at Liuho, and the hospital is at a standstill." Dr. Pan, the last we knew, is still there, giving aid through the clinic to the people who live in that city.

Miss Sarah Becker, who has been in China for more than a year, is coming home. It was not considered safe for her to remain, and with the hospital closed, it is not a good time to start a new work elsewhere, such as in Shanghai.

Other missionary boards have been sending out of the country those who were about to return, the aged, children with their mothers, and people who had not been on the field long enough to learn the language. Miss Becker is one of those who in an emergency could not be expected to be able to care for herself, if she should be obliged to "go underground."

Two veteran workers in the mission have been Miss Mabel West and her mother. All these years their maintenance has come from the Lottie Baldwin Fund. Miss West fell several months ago and broke a leg. Both are returning to this country. They have Sarah Becker with them helping care for Miss West who is in a body cast, and is all but helpless.

They are expected to arrive in California by the 26th of January. The Wests will go to their old home at Milton, Wis. No plans have been made for Miss Becker, who is still in the employ of the board. Her maintenance is being cared for by the Pacific Coast Association.

Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate and Philip are still in China and apparently plan to stay on there as long as it is safe. How long that will be we do not know. It looks as if the communists would take over the government.

In sections already taken over by them, there is apparently a willingness for missionaries to stay and work, keeping their stations open. But they are told that they must "mind their own business," and not interfere with the political situation. But if communists continue to carry on in areas already taken over in China, we may expect tolerance of Christians to last not much longer than the communists want to use Christian institutions for their own good.

The Thorngates must be prepared to move out when it is no longer safe for Americans to stay at their posts.

We of the board must leave our missionaries to do as they find best. We stand ready to bring them home when it becomes necessary to evacuate them.

T. M. Chang, principal of Grace School during the Japanese invasion, showed his ability to adapt the policy of the mission then so that the work of our denomination

did not suffer. The board has confidence in him and the loyal native corps of teachers with him. We have faith in them, and pray that God will help these Chinese workers to carry on the business of Christ when the time comes for them to take over the affairs of the mission left to their charge in Shanghai. We should be backing liberally these native workers by sending to China thousands of dollars instead of our mites, providing funds for Chinese evangelistic expansion as God may open doors. Helping America take a Christian stand in international affairs is equally important. Christian missions have too often been unable to move swiftly enough, when doors have opened.

Seventh Day Baptists in China will stand fast for Christ in their country. We Seventh Day Baptists in America must uphold their hands in this work for Christ there and the world.

(Editor's note: Mr. Utter reviews the China situation as it affected Mrs. Nettie West and Miss Mabel West, "veteran workers"; and Miss Sarah Becker, our most recent missionary to China; prior to their return to the United States. It is common knowledge among our people that the Wests and Miss Becker are now in this country.)

**Statement of Sarah Becker on
China Situation
En route to Westerly
February 5, 1949**

For quite some time before leaving Shanghai we had shared the daily anxieties of our friends and co-workers. When the time finally came that we were to leave, we felt heavyhearted indeed. It was difficult for us to leave all those fine people behind to face the trials and deprivations that so soon would be theirs. We often thought how wonderful it would be if we could take those most deserving home with us.

Ambassador Stewart and Consul General Cabot urged and pressed us hard to send home our dependents, and those people not absolutely needed, while there was still transportation available. The Wests fell in this classification because of physical disability and, since I was no longer at Grace Hospital, Liuho, we decided that we should leave China.

The last evacuation ship leaving Shanghai, taking dependents, was announced

to be the USS Breckenridge, a naval transport. We embarked on December 31, and arrived in California January 25. The Navy treated us royally. They deserve much praise indeed. Our sailing weather was almost as good as usual for the winter season. Of course we found out that the great Pacific is not always peaceful. We found time to dodge a bad storm, for which we all, and especially the Navy dependents we picked up at Guam, are still thankful.

Grace Hospital is still running with a staff of Chinese workers, so far as I know. (My last letter from there was dated January 1.) Dr. and Mrs. Thorngate are still there and making calls at the hospital as before, so far as I know. Dr. Pan and Miss Tsu were still very busy with the clinic and home calls, according to Dr. Pan's last letter. They intended to stay on as long as possible and it may be that they will be permitted to stay.

Most Chinese people were upset because of the unstable economic conditions and government military reverses. Large groups have been fleeing from their homes over a period of months. Some have returned and others are just going to stick it out and hope it will not be too bad. When we left, the lot of the poor refugees from communist occupied areas was very hard in Shanghai with very little hope of improvement.

How very thankful we are for our country even though it seems sound asleep as compared to the Far East.

The board is seeking appropriate means of covering the expenses of returned missionaries. You will hear more of this later.

Payments for ministerial relief continue as during the previous quarter, and the Investment Committee reports a net decrease of \$1,013.04 during the quarter. The previous quarter had shown a net increase of \$292.46.

An accurate gross income of 5.3% is being received on the society's three apartment house which has housed the secretary and two other families since last June.

The 1948 budget was voted to be the tentative budget for 1949 till not later than the April quarterly meeting.

**"THE SPREADING OF THE GOSPEL
WILL GO ON"**

"Missionary work in China is not a lost cause," is the firm belief of Andrew Gih, leader of the Evangelize China Mission in Shanghai, as he was interviewed by the press in Chicago during Founder's Week Conference of the Moody Bible Institute.

"Many people are shaking their heads and putting their purses away," Gih declared, "because they picture all missions in China shutting their doors as soon as a coalition government with the communists is formed. But this idea is false."

Gih, also head of China's Youth for Christ, flew from Shanghai to Chicago via Japan, the Aleutians, and Alaska to be one of twenty-five featured speakers on the Founder's Week program. Total audiences of 60,000 attended the daily sessions from January 31 through February 6, presided over by Moody Bible Institute's president, William Culbertson.

Gih's optimistic view of the missionary outlook in China has come after years of intimate contact with Christian leaders there. "China is so large that many areas will remain unoccupied by the communists for some time, leaving much free territory for mission work," he believes. "Even if the communists do gain control of the country, as it is evident they will, the spreading of the gospel will go on."

(See next page)

The secretary reported that Dr. C. C. Adams, executive of the Negro National Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board, has made plans to visit Ronald H. F. Barrar when he visits Blantyre, Nyasaland, between April 10 and 15, 1949. The board voted that a letter of commendation be sent to Rev. Mr. Barrar for his work in that area.

The meeting had been opened with prayer by Rev. H. R. Crandall, president, and he asked Morton R. Swinney to close the meeting with prayer. It was expected that a special meeting would be called soon to meet Miss Sarah Becker and to discuss China problems and other urgent matters with her.

David S. Clarke.

WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Lila (Mrs. Francis D.) Saunders
Denver, Colo.

"PRAYER — THE CHRISTIAN'S NATIVE AIR"

Matthew 6: 5-13.

Song: "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere
Desire."

"Pray, pray, pray, pray today,
Pray to thy Father,
For His word doth say,
He will not turn thee away,
If you'll pray, pray, pray,
O do not delay!
God hath the power for this trying hour,
Pray, soul, pray!"

I heard this little gospel chorus for the first time in a State Christian Endeavor Convention in Topeka, Kan., nearly fifteen years ago. It was an inspiring and thought-provoking sound — that of hundreds of youthful voices raised in the repetition, pray - pray - pray, and it has helped me through many a trying hour since.

I often wonder if those young people realized how trying would be their hours ahead. What troubled times we have faced in this world since then! War, rumors of war, pestilence, disease, trouble such as the world has never before seen. Even the weather, which everyone considers stable, has practically gone crazy. Certainly we need to pray - pray - pray!

But what do we mean by this word — pray? Let us analyze it for a few moments.

Our Lord taught us to pray, "Our Father . . . Hallowed be thy name." The first step of prayer is worship, adoration of our loving Father, who gave His most precious possession, His Son, to die in our stead on Calvary. Surely our prayer should begin with praise.

Petition is the next step in the prayer our Lord taught His disciples — "Give us our needs — forgive us." What more urgent needs have we as men than forgiveness and provision?

Our petitions should not stop there, however. John 17 gives us a remarkable example of our Saviour's attitude toward us — a vital, anguished petition in be-

"To hold the good will of the Chinese people," says Gih, "the new government will have to be slow, subtle, and cautious in its attempts to stamp out Christianity. Already in many conquered towns, the communists have reversed their former intolerant attitude toward Christianity."

Yet, he admits, in time it is probable that the anti-Christian policy of the communists will grow stronger. "In days to come," Gih believes, "Chinese Christians will have to endure persecution. But they can take it, for they often are persecuted now by friends and family because of their beliefs. Should Christian China go through a period of persecution, God will use it to bring forth greater religious leaders than we have ever known."

Christians should not despair because of the success of communism in China, Gih urges. "The Chinese are a hungry, discontented people searching for a better life. Both Christianity and communism offer this. When they have proved communism false, they will go on searching and turn to Christianity," he states. "Thirty thousand people gathered recently in an open air meeting to hear a Christian preacher. Today more students in the universities are turning to Christianity than are being persuaded to communism."

Gih does not plan to stay to enjoy the peace of the United States. Asked whether he would go back to inflation ridden, war torn China, he answered, "I will go back. It is my country, and they are my people." — Moody Bible Institute Release.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, 1948

Church World Service, which acts as the agent of American Protestantism in gathering and administering relief and reconstruction funds and materials overseas, reports that during 1948 it shipped to 40 countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa, on behalf of the Churches, food, clothing, medicines, and religious supplies to a total value of \$12,280,000. Included in the shipments were more than 37,000,000 pounds of vital foods for war ravaged and underprivileged peoples; and also 65 prefabricated Churches, schools, and mission homes for war damaged communities in Japan. — W. W. Reid.

SABBATH SCHOOL NEWS

BATTLE CREEK: This is the second year of the four-year enrollment campaign as planned by the Board of Christian Education for increasing our Sabbath school attendance by 10% a year. We wanted to report a gain of four, but we discovered a loss of four children, so we have not gained in total number.

Mrs. Nida Hudson has been appointed librarian in place of Phyllis Babcock who has returned to North Loup.

The Sabbath school is joining with other organizations in contributing to the work at Indianapolis. Nearly every class above the children's division has made a pledge, and the adult department gives \$10 a month out of its general fund.

BROOKFIELD: Officers of the Sabbath school for the year were elected as follows: superintendent, Robert Langworthy; assistant superintendent, Francis W. Palmer; secretary-treasurer, Herman Palmer; children's department superintendent, Frances L. Palmer; pianist, Minnie Sawyer; home department superintendent, Ruth Palmer.

SHILOH: Our Sabbath school year, from October, 1947, to September, 1948, began with an enrollment of 185 members. We held 51 sessions with an average attendance of 120. Some of our activities have been: West District Training School, Children's Day program by the primary and graded departments, picnic of West District Churches at Palatine, Daily Vacation Bible School, help in sending young peo-

half of those whom He loved, and the ones who should follow in their steps.

What a precious thought that Christ Himself prayed in our behalf. Ought we to do less for others?

The last step in the "Disciples' prayer" is acknowledgment of God's kingship, and we must acknowledge it if we truly accept His way as ours.

The act of prayer is not necessarily formal. In praying together there is strength; but the admonition in today's Scripture portion is "enter into thy closet, and . . . pray to thy Father which is in secret." Our prayers need not even be voiced. The attitude of silent listening for our Father's will is just as much or more a part of prayer than saying words. In fact, it is a vital part of prayer itself. There is a hymn which expresses it so well —

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire
Uttered, or unexpressed.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air."

Humankind cannot live without air, neither can a Christian live without prayer. My own personal expression and experience of prayer can be expressed best by the beautiful poem by Grace Noll Crowell,

Praying Hands

Oh, I have seen them lifted: praying hands
So poignant in their attitude of prayer,
That I could glimpse
Beyond those hands, a heart
In desperate need of God, a heart aware
That He alone can meet our every need.
The lifted praying hands say much, indeed.

Across the world today a million hands,
Unnoted save by God alone, lift high

In agony of pleading:

Women, men,

Striving to reach God somewhere in the sky,
And all the while, closer than breathing, He
Stands waiting to give His love and sympathy.

O lifted hands, expressive of so much:

O hearts that break beneath too great a load
One stands beside you,
Nearer than hands and feet,

To help you on this dark and troubled road.
No hands, no heart, will ever lift in vain:

Strength will be yours,

And peace will come again.

—From "Some Brighter Dawn,"

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Prayer: O Father, help us to realize our need of Thee, and of communion with Thee, not only in voicing our praise and petitions, but in listening for Thy answer, and following whatever Thou showest us. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

ple to camp, and services at the County Home. Contributions have been made to the Florida campaign, the Anti-Saloon League, Indianapolis Church, New Zealand, to Miss Sarah Becker, Miss Mary Vicinus, and Rev. Wardner Randolph for evangelistic supplies.

Five children were graduated into the beginners' class, and five babies were added to the cradle roll. The Mothers' and Teachers' class held four social and business meetings, and have taken turns teaching, except during November when the pastor taught. New officers elected in the fall were: Sara Bowen, president; Elsie Harris, vice-president; Nellie Holding, treasurer; Stella Cruzan, secretary; and Reba Randolph and Ethel Horner, sunshine committee.

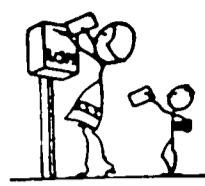
The Tri-C class and the Willing Workers each held monthly business and social meetings. Each member of the Willing Workers gives birthday money (2 cents for each year) to the treasury besides regular dues. Both classes have remembered with cards those who have been ill, sent weekly Church bulletins to nonresident members, Christmas cheer to older people and shut-ins, and conducted services at the County Home.

The Brotherhood, the Christ-Teen Troopers, and the J-O-Y classes have also conducted services at the County Home, given generously of their time and money to the local Church, denomination, and missions, and have responded to many special appeals.

H. S.

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — A number of tracts, entitled, "Workmen Approved of God" came to me this week. In it is a word from our Conference president, then follows the amount needed for the year to keep the Missionary Society, the Board of Christian Education, the Tract Society, Women's Society, Historical Society, Ministerial Retirement, Seventh Day Baptist Building, World Fellowship and Service, General Conference, Debt Repayment, all going. We can find there your share and mine. Then there is a graph that shows where each dollar goes, and how it is divided. Do not miss reading and studying this tract. — Church Bulletin.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I live at Diamond Lake and go to school in White Cloud. I come home on the school bus at noon because I'm in the kindergarten. Vikki Branch, my cousin, lives beside us and we have fun sliding down hill.

I did have five front teeth out but two new ones are growing in now. I'm glad of that.

I like to go to Sabbath school. Mrs. Blake in my teacher.

Your friend,

Mickey Mosher.

White Cloud, Mich.

Dear Mickey:

I was happy to receive your letter. Isn't it nice that I'm getting more children's letters nowadays? It is their page and so they should do their share to make it a real "Children's Page."

I don't wonder you are glad your new teeth are coming in. Teeth are surely among God's great blessings. Each of my two boys had the experience of going to Conference with front teeth out, and the younger remarked, "Don't you suppose God will send me some new teeth soon?" I read of a baby the other day who was born with two front teeth and his picture proved it.

I'm glad you enjoy going to Sabbath school. It is one of the places where we may learn about God and His wonderful goodness and try to become more like Jesus, His wonderful Son.

I hope you will write often and think of the Children's Page as your own page.

Sincerely, your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is one of the stories I wrote in school:

The Broken Looking Glass

Once a girl named Gabrielle went to her grandmother's and accidentally broke the looking glass. She went home and never said anything to her grandmother about it.

CHURCH NEWS

ALBION, WIS. — There was a good attendance at the annual dinner and business meeting of the Albion, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church, January 9. Rev. Kenneth Van Horn was again chosen pastor. Officers elected were: moderator, George Walters; clerk, Mrs. Charles Williams; treasurer, Norman Whitford; chorister, Hazel Lawton; pianist, Ruby Gaines.

At the election of officers of the Sabbath school, Charles Williams was chosen superintendent; Clair Slagg, assistant superintendent; David Reieron, secretary; Rose Reieron, treasurer; Connie Gaines, chorister; Joan Saunders, assistant chorister; Eleanor Walters, pianist; Ruby Gaines, assistant pianist; Irma Slagg, home department superintendent; Evelyn Slagg Marsden, primary superintendent; Doris Saunders, cradle roll superintendent.

This community was shocked, January 31, to learn of the death of a valuable member of our Church, Mrs. George Walters.

The Sabbath school has voted to sponsor sending one of our young people to the pre-Conference camp. Plans are being made to make our Church building ready for the association next fall. — Pearl Sheldon, Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Our Church, the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist, has been making some headway since Allen Bond took up his pastorate here. We had had an average Church attendance of 28, and our membership now numbers 29. We have recently organized our Sabbath school into three classes, with about 30 members. Mrs. Bond teaches the children's class, Mrs. Phillips is the new teacher of the young people's class, and Colonel Conyers is the adult teacher for this quarter.

New hymnals were purchased for our Church with contributions from members and friends, who were given hymnals to have in their own homes. This happened at the same time our Church moved from the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church to 2600 16th St., N.W., early in November. On November 8 our Church was incorporated in the District of Columbia,

After this she made every excuse she could think of and would never go to her grandmother's until her mother took her there herself. She went into the room with her face red and her grandmother could tell that it was she who broke the looking glass.

Her grandmother called her and said, "If you had just told me when you broke the looking glass I would have forgiven you, but now I think you are a naughty girl."

I thought the children would like to hear this story. I wish some of them would write to me sometime.

I am, your friend,

Miriam Mills.

29 Charles St.,

Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

Dear Miriam:

I am glad you sent your story and I know the children will be glad, too. I'm sure a loving grandmother would forgive the little girl in the end, and so God forgives us for failing to own up to our faults though He makes us feel ashamed of them. Of course the breaking of the glass was an accident, but the little girl's wrongdoing was in not owning up to it, though her red face showed she was ashamed.

I hope other children will send me stories they have written in school or elsewhere. We'd all enjoy reading them.

Perhaps you remember the story I once wrote about the little girl who helped herself to a cookie. Her mother had told her not to bother them. Her mother knew by the crumb on her lip, and by the crumbs on the feathers of the hen and the hair of the pet to which she had given some of the cookie, that she had been into the cookies. But this little girl owned up to her wrongdoing, which made her dear mother very happy.

I hope you will write other stories for the Children's Page.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Denying self is the beginning, the middle, and the end of our course here as followers of Christ. — The "Salem Herald," Salem, W. Va.

with Mr. Charles Van Horn, Mrs. Martha Phillips, and Mr. Claude Floyd as trustees. Our Church is hoping to have a new meeting place soon, as we cannot stay at our present address.

We have been advertising our Church over the radio, as well as in the local papers. This has helped tell many people of our Church who would not otherwise know we are in Washington. The pastor has a sign on his car, along with a small one pocket tract rack, from which many tracts have been taken. The sign tells where we are located and gives the pastor's phone number.

A pound party was given by the members for the pastor and his wife. It was held in October, at the home of Mrs. Zifers. Everyone had a wonderful time.

An all-day meeting was held at our Church November 27. We had many different denominations represented. Some of these were: Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Adventist, and Seventh Day Church of God. It is the hope of our members that we can hold more meetings such as this.

The Conference president, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, was here to visit with us. We all enjoyed having him and hope that he will return again.

January 1 our Church started the new year with a testimony and covenant meeting, followed by a Communion service. Two members were added at this time; and we had our first Church bulletins, thanks to the addition of a mimeograph to the Church possessions. It is heart-warming to see these signs of growth in our Church. And now we are looking forward to the ordination of our pastor on March 26, by vote and plan of the Church. — Mrs. Rose Chroniger, Correspondent, 5600 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Md.

SUPPORT THE DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

"A man is as immortal as that in which he invests. Morley came back to tell Scrooge that mankind was his business. Scrooge finally learned that the way to life was by sharing. Yes, we can 'take it with us' if it is invested in eternal values."

—From the Budget Committee.

Marriages

Saunders - Russo. — In St. Anthony's Rectory, Rockford, Ill., November 27, 1948, occurred the marriage of William M. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Saunders of Albion, Wis., and Joanne Russo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Russo of Rockford, Ill. Their home will be in Albion.

Stansel - Elvington. — Robert L. Stansel, Jr., and Hilda R. Elvington, both of Washington, D. C., were united in marriage with a single ring ceremony on February 9, 1949, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Cottrell, Gambrills, Md. Rev. Mr. Cottrell performed the ceremony.

Obituaries

Davis. — William Franklin, was born in Salem, W. Va., October 16, 1853, and died at Warren, Ohio, January 20, 1949, at the ripe age of 95.

He was the son of Joel H. and Charlotte Langfitt Davis. His wife, Mrs. Amanda Bond Davis, died in 1936.

On July 18, 1891, Mr. Davis united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salem and was a faithful member during his remaining years. So long as he lived in Salem he was a most active and dependable servant of the Church. He did much work in the erection of the present Church edifice which is now in process of rebuilding.

Surviving are three sons: Russel W. Davis of Clarksburg; Earl B. and Loraine J. Davis, both of Battle Creek, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Lydick of New Castle, Pa., and Mrs. Okey V. Davis of Warren, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Aaron Ashburn of Salem, W. Va.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in Salem, W. Va., on January 23, 1949, by his pastor, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, who was assisted by President S. O. Bond of Salem College. Interment was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. L. F. H.

Fraser. — Laura Ayars Fraser, wife of the late Charles V. Fraser, died at her home in Shiloh, N. J., on February 11, 1949, at the age of 85 years, after being practically bedfast for over four years.

She had been a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for 74 years. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nella Newell, of Salem, N. J., and Mrs. Anna Belle Davis, of Shiloh, N. J. Funeral services, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, were held on February 14 at her home. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. L. G. O.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET Statement of Treasurer, January 31, 1949

Receipts		January	4 months
Balance on hand Jan. 1	\$	71.93	
Adams Center			77.00
Albion		72.00	72.00
Alfred, First		315.60	760.36
Alfred, Second		141.75	141.75
Associations and groups			73.10
Battle Creek		366.12	1,004.48
Berlin			104.09
Boulder		58.50	111.45
Brookfield, First			55.00
Brookfield, Second		24.78	56.03
Daytona Beach		13.00	51.50
Denver		125.66	248.16
De Ruyter			20.00
Dodge Center			48.40
Edinburg		7.02	17.09
Farina		65.00	247.50
Fouke			6.30
Friendship			35.00
Gentry		6.33	28.02
Hammond		55.00	55.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah		15.00	25.00
Hebron, First			84.92
Hopkinton, First			177.20
Hopkinton, Second			7.00
Independence		50.00	193.00
Individuals		37.00	155.41
Little Genesee		76.35	144.38
Los Angeles			38.50
Lost Creek			126.05
Marlboro			254.50
Middle Island		13.00	31.11
Milton		613.60	1,893.38
Milton Junction		61.45	332.96
New Auburn			44.00
New York			64.96
North Loup		167.50	167.50
Nortonville		50.85	93.35
Pawcatuck		406.33	1,175.30
Piscataway		11.50	68.25
Plainfield		510.69	757.98
Richburg			129.50
Riverside		16.29	270.13
Roanoke			21.00
Rochester (N.Y.)		8.25	8.25
Rockville		60.44	72.06
Salem			335.10
Salemville			27.00
Shiloh			614.57

Stone Fort		40.00
Verona	9.00	171.75
Walworth	95.00	95.00
Washington, People's		10.00
Waterford	29.00	87.15
White Cloud	22.69	62.67
Totals	\$3,576.63	\$10,991.16

Disbursements		Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$	730.32	\$ 377.45
Tract Society		438.24	37.69
Board of			
Christian Education		434.88	5.00
Women's Society		13.92	50.00
Historical Society		56.64	
Ministerial Retirement		208.80	573.45
Seventh Day Baptist Building		47.76	
General Conference		243.36	
World Fellowship and Service		17.28	
Committee on			
Relief Appeals			79.00
Debt repayment:			
Missionary Society		77.88	
Tract Society		90.98	
Board of			
Christian Education		24.78	
Seventh Day Baptist Building		15.66	
Bank of Milton, service charge		.58	
Balance on hand Jan. 31		53.46	
Totals	\$2,454.04	\$1,122.59	

Comparative Figures		
	1949	1948
Receipts in January:		
Budget	\$2,382.11	\$2,227.77
Specials	1,122.59	1,381.42
Receipts in 4 months:		
Budget	8,656.16	6,503.36
Specials	2,335.00	3,338.27
Annual budget	34,500.00	31,500.00
Amount raised in 4 months	8,656.16	6,503.36
Per cent raised in 4 months	25.09%	20.65%
	L. M. Van Horn,	Treasurer.
	Milton, Wis.	

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET REMITTANCES

L. Milton Van Horn, treasurer of the Denominational Budget will continue in that capacity through the current Conference year. Please send all Denominational Budget remittances to L. Milton Van Horn, Milton, Wis., until further notice. Changing conditions postpone his leave of absence probably until September. Due notice will be given when remittances are to be sent elsewhere. Meantime Church treasurers and others remitting funds for the Denominational Budget are asked to send them directly to Mr. Van Horn.

Courtland V. Davis,
Secretary of the Commission.

"Dawn of the Sabbath"

By AHVA J. C. BOND

The western sun still stood above the Lost Creek hills —
The Friday's sun that ushers in the Sabbath day;
The valley voices softly told the holy eve,
The eastern hills smiled back the sun's last fading ray.
I thought to make one final twilight pastoral call,
And chose the little shop beside the railroad track
Where he who made and mended leather boots and shoes
Could visit, and a final shoe sole stitch or tack.

The shop door stood wide open to the summer breeze;
My quiet footsteps led me to it unperceived
By him who sat alone within still at his bench,
In laboring clothes his job befitting, and shirt-sleeved.
His back was toward me as I stood to view the scene,
Transfixed by what there met my pleased and wondering eyes:
This aged saint sat framed in rosy glowing evening light
Through windows tinted with the pink of evening skies.

His apron lay beside him on his cobbler's bench,
His lasts were shelved, and awls put in their proper place;
His clamps and boot trees, too, in orderly array,
Bespoke an ordered life of calm unhurried pace.
But then, what is this tool I see him bent above?
Though back was arrow straight, the greying head was bent.
I clearly saw a book spread open on his knee:
As clearly saw what all this peace and order meant.

The coming day of rest would find him full prepared,
For in the Book he had converse with Him, unseen,
Who speaks in Holy Book and in the Holy Day —
With Him he was communing in his soul serene.
He did not wait until the Friday sun had set
To quit his work and put his working tools away.
Six working days had given time for one full week of toil,
He gladly welcomed now the sacred Seventh Day.

The Sabbath Recorder

