

# The Sabbath Recorder

*Baptismal Class  
Shanghai, China*

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

(See Miss Mabel L. West's article on page 169.)

## SOME CONFERENCE STATISTICS

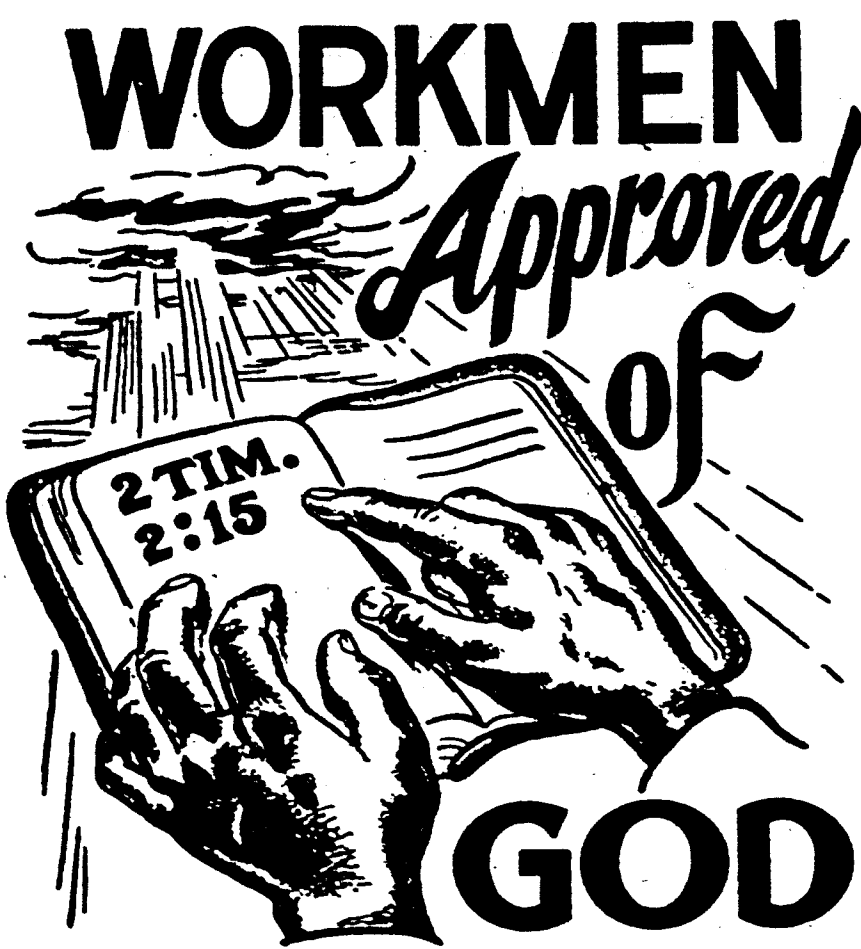
According to the Committee on Credentials, the following delegates were present from the Churches in the Continental United States:

Albion, Wis. ....	7
Alfred, First, N. Y. ....	13
Alfred, Second, N. Y. ....	1
Andover, N. Y. ....	3
Battle Creek, Mich. ....	8
Boulder, Colo. ....	7
Brookfield, First, N. Y. ....	1
Brookfield, Second, N. Y. ....	1
Chicago, Ill. ....	2
Denver, Colo. ....	6
De Ruyter, N. Y. ....	1
Dodge Center, Minn. ....	3
Farina, Ill. ....	3
Gentry, Ark. ....	2
Healdsburg-Ukiah, Calif. ....	1
Hopkinton, First, R. I. ....	4
Independence, N. Y. ....	2
Irvington, N. J. ....	5
Jackson Center, Ohio ....	1
Little Prairie, Ark. ....	1
Los Angeles, Calif. ....	10
Los Angeles, Christ's, Calif. ....	3
Lost Creek, W. Va. ....	7
Marlboro, N. J. ....	3
Milton, Wis. ....	8
Milton Junction, Wis. ....	5
New York, N. Y. ....	4
North Loup, Neb. ....	12
Nortonville, Kan. ....	4
Old Stone Fort, Ill. ....	1
Pawcatuck, R. I. ....	3
Piscataway, N. J. ....	1
Plainfield, N. J. ....	4
Reedley, Calif. ....	3
Ritchie, W. Va. ....	1
Riverside, Calif. ....	18
Salem, W. Va. ....	13
Salemville, Pa. ....	1
Shiloh, N. J. ....	1
Verona, N. Y. ....	7
Washington, Evangelical, D. C. ....	2
Waterford, Conn. ....	1

In addition to the foregoing delegates, there were delegates present representing Holland, Germany, China, and New Zealand. Miss Ploon Dijk from Amsterdam, Holland, and Herr Heinrich Bruhn from Hamburg, Germany, represented the Churches in their respective countries.

Further, the

Number of Churches represented .....	42
Total registration at desk .....	441
Number of official delegates (this number includes 8 duplications) .....	147
Number of visitors .....	251
Number of pastors present .....	26
Number of ministers present not serving as active pastors of Churches .....	10



## HONOR ROLL

### SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES AND SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHURCHES REPORTING 5% OR MORE GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP:

HEBRON .....	5.8%
IRVINGTON .....	8.0
WASHINGTON EVANGELICAL .....	21.7

SABBATH SCHOOLS REPORTING 10% OR MORE GAIN IN ENROLLMENT:

ALFRED .....	30.6%
BERLIN .....	11.0
DAYTONA BEACH .....	62.0
DINUBA .....	28.5
DODGE CENTER .....	20.6
FRIENDSHIP .....	40.0
GENTRY .....	37.0
FIRST HOPKINTON .....	18.1
STONE FORT .....	28.0
RICHBURG .....	16.6
RIVERSIDE .....	17.4
SALEM .....	30.2
WASHINGTON EVANGELICAL .....	50.0
WATERFORD .....	24.3

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## SPEAKING OF POWER

Many of us Seventh Day Baptists — approximately 200 in fact — have traversed the vast mountain and desert and plain areas of America to Conference at Riverside. People like Heinrich Bruhn and Mrs. Hennig of Hamburg, Germany, and Miss Ploon Dijk of Amsterdam, Holland, have recently seen much more of our globe's variety of expression in God's created beauty and power than we have. I have seen more beauty and power in one "eyeful" than ever before in my life. I am amazed at how man has used God's good earth — bringing forth fruit from the desert by stewardship, bringing forth desert from fruitful plains by exploitation. God has expressed His power in order and beauty, and He makes it easily available for man's weal or woe.

General Conference also was an expres-  
sion of power. That was as it should be. Whenever even "two or three" are to-  
gether as Christians, God's power is ready  
to work. May He be allowed to use us  
as Seventh Day Baptists because we are  
"a willing people" when brought together.  
(Psalm 110: 3.)

Aside from the powers put at your  
finger tips by Christian prayer, you can  
be used of God by the very concrete ex-  
change of potential work through money  
gifts. This year, 1948-49, shows a greater  
response to God's purposes for us through  
the Denominational Budget than did 1947-  
48, and this despite "less money" in the  
average American's pocket. The facts are:

	1947-48	1948-49
Budget .....	\$31,500.00	\$34,500.00
Amount raised in 10 months .....	20,089.78	24,357.70
Per cent of total .....	63.78%	70.6%
Conference offerings ..	1,802.61	2,125.00
Balance needed before September 30 .....	9,607.61	8,017.30
Per cent budget raised by September 30 .....	84.59%	?

We can put 100% in the above space  
after "September 30, 1949"! We can  
begin 1949-50 fiscal year with the con-  
crete hope of doing the basic denomina-  
tional work effectively and together —  
"a willing people in the day of His  
power." Christ counts 100% on Christian  
strength in unity (see John 17) and your  
Conference voted 100% on a basic \$34,500  
(Concluded on back cover)

This editorial page is dedicated to the supreme  
effort of raising the Denominational Budget in full.

Amount raised in 11 months

# \$29,237.22

Amount needed during September

# \$5,262.78

An average of \$95 during September from each  
Church now contributing would put the 1948-49  
budget well over the top.

Are you praying that the Denominational Budget  
will be fully raised?

Are you doing your part to bring it to pass?

### THE GOAL IS IN SIGHT

What a day of rejoicing it will be when the Denominational Budget is raised in full!

We are closer the goal this Conference budget year than some had even dared to hope or think. Take a look at the Denominational Budget treasurer's report on the back cover of this issue and you will understand what we mean. According to Treasurer L. M. Van Horn's report for September the amount of \$29,237.22 or 84.75% of the budget has been raised in eleven months which leaves a balance of \$5,262.78 or 15.25% of the budget to be raised in September. At this writing two Sabbaths have passed already. By the time this reaches the majority of the readers of the Sabbath Recorder a third Sabbath will have come and gone. The fourth Sabbath of September, plus three or four days following, will tell the tale as far as this year's giving to the Denominational Budget is concerned.

The goal is in sight!

Well do we remember the spirit of the slogan, \$95 per day, and the sacrifice by many that have made possible our being within \$5,262.78 of the goal of a fully raised budget. An average of \$95 during September from each Church whose name appears on the back cover of this issue would put the budget well over the top.

The goal is in sight! With God's help it can be reached! Then, let's do it!

### HOW DID THEY DO IT?

We marveled that the meals served at the Conference cafeteria were so ample and reasonable in price. Again and again the commissary folks were asked, "How can you do it, when elsewhere prices for food are much higher?"

With modesty they would reply, "We have done considerable buying for groups at different times and are fortunate in being able to get wholesale prices on most of the items."

As all who had their meals at the Conference cafeteria would declare, "The food was certainly good and reasonably priced."

Some of us were a bit concerned as to how the Commissary Committee might make out financially in view of the low prices charged. On the last day of Conference we were given assurance that it then appeared that the committee might more than break even. Imagine our surprise upon reading in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church bulletin for September 3, the following:

Bob Hurley in a special letter of thanks to those helping in the commissary at Conference reports: money taken in, \$1,149.70; paid out, \$1,012.62, leaving clear, \$137.08. Bob and Helen need a big vote of thanks for their careful planning and hard work.

This is certainly a gratifying, commendable report.

The Commissary Committee, consisting of Robert Hurley, Helen Hurley, Robert Babcock, Bessie Babcock, Orvis Chapman, and Carol Coon, deserve our hearty thanks as do the other Conference committees which did their work so willingly and well.

### ENTERTAINMENT OF CONFERENCE

The entertainment of General Conference is a major undertaking for any Seventh Day Baptist Church. A glance at the roster of committees necessary for the comfort and enjoyment of delegates and the smooth progress of Conference itself impresses the reader with the size and importance of the task. Publicity, Building and Grounds, Mail and Information, Nursery, Comfort, Nurses, Decorations, Ushers, Pages, Transportation, Commissary, Entertainment, Placement, Free Entertainment, Paid Entertainment, Letter Writing, and Pre-Conference Retreat — these committees enlisted the thought and prayer, time and strength of the majority of the members of the Riverside Church. In the words of P. B. Hurley, general chairman:

As one of you, I thank the rest of you for accepting the challenge of asking for Conference this year. While some said, "We don't want it, we can't do it," etc., even those went at once to making plans to do it. I thank all who took committee work and carried through. I thank those who were on more

than one committee and took up the second and third job as soon as one was done. I thank those who were not listed on committees but took hold and helped in many ways in many places. I thank those, too, who so regularly did more than their share. I am grateful to those of our neighbors who opened their homes to our delegates. I was pleased, too, with those who had room for two but took many more. I thank you especially for your patience with the general chairman. The obstacles were numerous, the difficulties many, the jobs strenuous. Conference came, the delegates have departed, we were blessed, and hope we were a blessing. I thank you.

Indeed, Brother Hurley, you Riverside folks were a great blessing to the Conference delegates who were privileged to enjoy your fine hospitality and to imbibe your Christlike spirit. The spirit and pattern of the Conference were in a large way influenced and set by the spirit and pattern of the entertaining Church.

### RIVERSIDE'S CONTRIBUTION

Physical and financial features are necessary parts of any General Conference gathering. It cost money to go to Riverside last month. It costs money for California folks to come East. They have done so at considerable personal expense in the past and will doubtless continue to do so in the future.

One feature of entertaining Conference which costs money is a suitable meeting place when one is not owned by or available without charge to the entertaining Church.

Although we have not been apprised of the expense involved in holding Conference at Riverside College with its ample facilities and in serving the meals from Riverside Polytechnic High School cafeteria, yet ye were informed on good authority that the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church met this expense.

This, indeed, was a generous contribution on the part of the Riverside Church.

A Sabbathbreaking nation is a godless nation moving swiftly into hell.

—The Minnesota Gideon.

### MRS. LLOYD D. SEAGER ACCEPTS GAVEL, BELL AND STRIKER

(Speech of acceptance by Mrs. Seager in behalf of Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, newly elected Conference president, who had been called to Buchanan, W. Va., because of the death of his brother-in-law, Glen Ford.)

One afternoon during Conference, Dr. Seager came to me and said: "They have asked me to be president of Conference. It is most embarrassing, because I suggested during those days with the Commission many things for the new president to do. I can't possibly accept because of the added professional responsibilities I have just accepted."

We went immediately to the auditorium. Lloyd told me later that the message given by Rev. Marian Hargis about leaving a share of our time for the service of the Master, the words in the duet: "Have I done all I can for the One who has done so much for me," along with the encouragement from many of you caused him to accept this post. Equally important in the decision was the constant response from you who promised to help in any suggested capacity.

A huge sign, SERVE YOURSELF, loomed before our eyes as we drove to the airport last night. However, YOURSELF was not lighted. It occurred to me that that was the reason that we don't accomplish more in the service of the Master. We have not yet blotted out completely YOURSELF in that SERVE YOURSELF sign.

Saved to Serve.

Go Work Today.

Workmen Approved of God.

Fervent in Spirit.

If we go forth "Fervent in Spirit" to serve our Lord, the yourself and myself will be blotted out and only SERVE will be lighted on the pathway ahead of us.

In behalf of your Conference president, may I say, let us go forth "Fervent in Spirit" as ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

**Seventh Day Baptist General Conference**  
SALEM, W. VA., AUGUST 22-27, 1950



## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE RIVERSIDE CONFERENCE

### Resolution 1

Whereas the people of the Riverside Church have provided every physical convenience for our comfort and enjoyment; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the General Conference delegates, tender our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Riverside Church by whose labor and prayers this Conference is made possible; and to Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, for his painstaking efforts in preparing and presiding over this session of General Conference.

Also, that appreciation be expressed to

1. The directors and personnel of the choirs and orchestra who have enriched each meeting with the blessing of music.

2. The Decorations Committee for its lovely floral decorations that have beautified the halls and auditorium.

3. The Cafeteria Committee and staff for excellent food pleasantly served.

4. The Transportation Committee for its labors in our behalf.

5. The officials of Riverside College for the use of their buildings and equipment.

6. The Riverside Chamber of Commerce for its materials to acquaint us with the city and the Department of Police for relaxing parking restrictions in the vicinity of the college.

7. Massey's Radio Shop for the loan of sound equipment.

It is recommended that letters of thanks be written to the Chamber of Commerce, Department of Police, Riverside College officials, and Massey's Radio Shop.

### Resolution 2

Whereas we take the Bible, the supreme record of the revelation of God to men, for our guide in life and conduct, and since it teaches that our bodies are the temples of God, and since moral laxity is a major weakness of our humanity, we feel the need of admonishing one another toward a continued perfecting of our personal moral standards; therefore be it

Resolved, That General Conference recommend to our people that they take

a personal stand against the use of intoxicating beverages, tobacco, and the harmful use of any narcotic, and that we guard ourselves against overindulgence in the use of any food, beverage, or physical and mental powers God has given us; that we faithfully submit ourselves to the directing of the Holy Spirit within us. Be it further

Resolved, That the Churches in all meekness diligently take measures to educate our people as to the Christian's personal responsibility in the development of clean physical and mental living; and that we also guard our lips against doing injury to God's name or to man.

### Resolution 3

Whereas we desire more effectively to combat the evils from the traffic and use of alcoholic beverages; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as Seventh Day Baptists assembled in General Conference, wish to assure our United States Congress of our appreciation of the withdrawal of our government from the manufacture of rum in the Virgin Islands. Therefore be it also

Resolved, That we urge our people to support the prohibition of the manufacture of intoxicating beverages, and the enforcement of proper laws concerning alcoholic beverages and narcotics—aids to the solution of the problem which permeates American life, shackles us with immense expense in accidents, crime, and care of inebriates, and threatens the very life of our nation.

### Resolution 4

Be it Resolved, That we recommend that all members of our Churches study in the light of our historic belief in the separation of Church and state, the Barden Bill, H.R. 4643, granting federal aid for public elementary and secondary tax-supported schools and notify their Congressmen as to how they want them to vote on said bill.

### Resolution 5

Whereas, the Seventh Day Baptist Commission went on record in 1945 as opposing conscription of our youth for military services (see Year Book of 1945, pages 7 and 8); therefore be it

Resolved, That we reaffirm our stand opposing such conscription and call for repeal of laws which have been passed enforcing such service, a copy of this action to be sent to the President of the United States.

### Resolution 6

Whereas certain religious conscientious objectors to war are being retained in prison because of their refusal to serve in the armed forces under the existing laws conscripting our youth; therefore be it

Resolved, That we appeal for leniency for all such religious conscientious objectors and petition the President of the United States that they may be granted their release.

(Note: The Committee on Courtesies and Resolutions was as follows: Rev. Everett T. Harris, Chairman, Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, Norman Whitford, Rev. and Mrs. Verney A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lippincott, Mr. and Mrs. Orville E. Davis.)

## SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WORK IN GERMANY

By Heinrich Bruhn

President, German Seventh Day Baptist Conference, Hamburg, Germany

(Message delivered on Sunday afternoon, August 21, 1949, at the Riverside, Calif., Conference.)

In 1930 it was my privilege to hear Dr. L. Richard Conradi while he was conducting an evangelistic campaign. He called to my attention many unscriptural beliefs to which I was adhering as a Seventh Day Adventist. I became an avid listener and pupil, and soon thereafter became a Seventh Day Baptist.

At that time I was in the fortunate position to be at liberty to travel with Dr. Conradi and take care of all business arrangements for his evangelistic promotion campaigns. It was an ideal partnership — he the spiritual leader, and I his business manager.

Within a short time 7 Seventh Day Baptist Churches were organized — the first one in Hamburg, then Berlin, Braunschweig, Chemnitz, Gelsenkirchen, Halle, Hannover, and several groups elsewhere.

In September, 1939, 14 Churches had been established. Everything looked very

promising and favorable; but suddenly Dr. Conradi was called to his final rest, far too soon for us. It was a terrific blow to the Seventh Day Baptists in Germany.

We were at that time left without a leader. Then came the disastrous war that robbed us of our most promising young men, among whom was Pastor Walter Loesch, who had worked with Dr. Conradi and showed great promise of becoming a capable spiritual leader. We could not understand why he fell in action when the German Seventh Day Baptists were so in need of him. He had no choice — he had to obey the draft call. There was no such thing as being a conscientious objector or noncombatant — the State ruled supreme.

A short time thereafter it became impossible to hold meetings of any kind. Due to the dreadful destruction of all German cities and consequent disorganization, our members were scattered in all directions and all evangelistic work was at a standstill till 1945.

After the capitulation the members of the various Churches whose lives had been spared came back and met in private homes for fellowship and prayer. I say homes — if such may be called. In some cities not a single house was left undamaged. Houses stood with just three walls, others without roofs and with huge holes in the walls. Windows and doors were blown out. How many people live in temporary shelters and Quonset huts! In these huts two, three, and more women cook at one stove. The Chinese have a proverb: "No stove is large enough for more than one woman to use." The housing conditions are deplorable and do not help to build up the general morale of the people. All dwelling places are inspected and space is prorated. An inspector visited all the houses, measured all rooms, and recorded the number in each family. Soon thereafter we had to give up part of our house — total strangers moved in and now use the furniture, linens, and kitchen.

This condition still exists.

In Hamburg we have been most fortunate to be privileged to have the use of a wooden Moravian Church which was

built in 1948 by gifts from the Moravians in the U. S. A. Not only have they granted us the use of the Church for Sabbath day services, but also for mid-week prayer meetings and for evangelistic lectures. Here, too, God blessed us and we have added 4 in August to our Church by baptism; and also a few in Halle.

In Braunschweig, where Pastor Koehler is in charge, there is great interest in our work. The Bible meetings are well attended and last year 10 were baptized as a result of the efforts there.

The most tragic condition in Germany today is the division that exists not among our believers, but the division between East and West. There are two curtains in Germany — one of silk that separates West Germany from the rest of the world. This curtain is not so dense that no one can slide through, but the curtain that hangs between East and West Germany is called the "Iron Curtain" of which you are well informed, I think. Through this curtain one can only go if one is willing to risk his life.

It was a long time before we were allowed to send mail into the Russian Zone. So we were cut off entirely from our members there. This condition hinders the rebuilding and strengthening of our work. We hope for the day when this "Iron Curtain" will be put aside; how, we don't know today.

Here, too, we hope and pray that our Heavenly Father will open the doors so that we may broaden our plans, lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes. Amen.

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL HERBERT MEMORIAL PSALM TUNE COMPETITION

Monmouth College offers a prize of one hundred dollars for the best setting in four-voice harmony for congregational singing of a prescribed metrical version of the Twenty-third Psalm. The competition is open to all composers and closes February 28, 1950. It is the seventh in a ten-year series. For the words to be used and conditions of entry, write Thomas H. Hamilton, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.

#### HERR HEINRICH BRUHN RETURNS HOME

Brother Heinrich Bruhn informed us at Conference in Riverside, Calif., that he expects to sail for Le Havre, France, on the SS America of the United States Lines, on Wednesday afternoon, September 21, 1949, at 4 p.m. Brother Bruhn will travel by railroad from Le Havre, by way of Paris, to his home city of Hamburg, Germany. He, being president of the German Seventh Day Baptist Conference, will arrive home in time for the meeting of the conference to be held in October.

It is interesting to know that the reason for Mr. Bruhn's going by Le Havre instead of returning to Hamburg by ship is due to the early discontinuance of passenger service because of winter conditions in the northern waters.

The Sabbath Recorder joins Brother Bruhn's many friends in wishing him God-speed on his homeward voyage and travel. Seventh Day Baptists in this country have been wonderfully blessed in meeting Brother Bruhn and hearing his messages at the Riverside Conference as well as having him visit some of the Churches in company with the Schmids and Schobers.

#### SECRETARY SKAGGS ACCEPTS CALL

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Genesee, Little Genesee, N. Y. He and his family will move to their new home about October 1.

#### LITTLE GENESEE PASTOR GOES TO WESTERLY

Rev. Charles H. Bond will become the pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., on October 1, according to reliable information. It is understood that the moving van which is to take the household goods of Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Bond to Westerly will stop in Plainfield, N. J., for those of Rev. and Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs on its way to Little Genesee.

#### CHINA MISSION NOT DEAD

The explanation below the cover picture (Shanghai baptismal class) on the February 28, 1949, Sabbath Recorder was delayed, not by its writer but by this secretary. Miss Mabel L. West, who kindly prepared the article, writes with the intimacy of a Christian friend who has shared hardships with these people.

At General Conference in Riverside many people had the feeling that our work in China may be finished, that Americans are shut out of China for a generation at least. We suggested at Conference that perhaps Christian missions' greatest hour has struck in China — and throughout the world. The picture referred to shows a concrete reason for continuing support and interest in Chinese Christian work.

In the first place, Chinese Christians are exerting an indigenous influence far beyond their numbers. The Chinese Protestant Church was nourished and brought to a degree of maturity by foreign mission boards chiefly of Britain and America. Why should we drop all contacts when American workers and American money are not excluded from "liberated" China? Why turn away from helping "teach and baptize"? Here is opportunity to show Christianity's power in the face of Communism's power.

And secondly, since six months or a year's time may show radical changes and since we are still able to transmit money to our native workers, should we not carry on with our Chinese Seventh Day Baptists in that living and spoken witness to God's love in Christ? The coming of Communist military threat to Christian work is no more immediate reason to slow down Christian missions than would be a famine or epidemic. Rather, we should prepare for advanced work although in radically different form perhaps.

Hence, we and other boards are continuing our preparations for sending American missionaries to China and our support to China work. We continue to transmit funds through our remaining missionaries, we are repaying evacuation and internment expenses, and Miss Sarah Becker is being sent to study Chinese history and

culture and missions. Only God knows what a year's time may spell for China. We hope for opened doors so that Miss Becker may study the Chinese language and may return with others perhaps in 1951 or 1952. D. S. C.

#### BAPTISMAL CLASS PICTURE

By Miss Mabel L. West  
Milton, Wis.

The picture on the cover of the Sabbath Recorder for February 28, 1949, was taken in front of the Burdick-West house late on a Sabbath afternoon in October. Of those baptized in late June and early fall, 1948, some 15 were absent. This picture shows that Pastor Tshaung and helpers have found a responsive group in the city where unrest and suffering were prevalent even before war had reached its doors.

Several times a year special evangelistic services were held for students and people outside who came to see what this Church has to offer. Cottage prayer meetings brought in women from the various neighborhoods.

Since I was laid up last year, I did not attend these baptisms. But I was especially interested in several of those who joined the Church, some not being in the picture. Several years ago my sister Anna became interested in the family of a poor cabinetmaker. We called frequently on them when the wife and children were ill. Some work was found for Mr. Koo from time to time. The children came to our school. Before the father died in 1938 they had found better living quarters. The oldest boy was apprenticed to a fellow carpenter. His mother washed clothes for students and did a small business in buying and selling stuff at a very small profit. The second boy joined the Church before graduation from junior high school. He was able to add to the family income so his mother gave up her hard work. She offered to help the matron in our school for which service she and the little boy had their food. This year, she and this boy joined the Church. Though she is not able to read much, yet she will continue to exert



a splendid influence on the other helpers in the kitchen and school.

One of these is a woman who came to Shanghai seeking work so that she could support herself and daughters. They also joined the Church. The girl is second from the left in the lowest row. Her mother is fifth in the row above.

Two not shown here are a young couple who were graduated from our high school in 1946. The young man is a great-grandson of Mr. Dzau who visited the United States with the Carpenters on their first furlough. The young people had come to me with shining faces to tell me of their decision.

Mrs. Koo, third row right, had been praying for her second son, John, who was a little headstrong. He left our school for a year, only to find that a Christian school was far superior to the one across the way. He returned to us. He worked hard with our young people's group, sang in the choir, played for student Church. Finally he came to a realization that he needed to go a step further. His mother's prayers were answered. Now John plans to enter a school for hospital laboratory technicians at Dr. Esther Pan's suggestion. He is quite musical, a quiet leader, so looks forward to assisting in the Church and hospital at Liuho after he has prepared himself in Huchow, a city between Shanghai and Hangchow.

In the picture are the four older children of Mrs. Yeu who works in the Sabbath school and with the women of the Church. Donald, the second son is on the extreme right, top row, and David, the oldest, stands below him and above Mrs. Koo. Both boys have been in the fine choir of the student Church and helped also with the afternoon Church music. Paul, on the right end of bottom row and Jean, same row, eighth from the right, have also sung in a junior choir. I lived in the Yeu home for several years when these four were small, hence my greater interest in their baptism.

Two more of the children are Irving Lok, the second from Paul, his friend and classmate, and Irving's sister, fourth from the end, left. Their family came to Shanghai during the war when the father was

sick. The father died after using up most of the family resources. His wife came into the Church. The children attended school and Sabbath school. When a Dodge Center Sabbath school class asked for a child to help, we chose Irving. They paid his tuition for two semesters. When I came away I turned over what little I had of money sent for his use to help in buying his books. If these children continue to grow in the knowledge of Christ we can expect their contributions to a Christian community that will be a stabilizing influence in China.

Young and old, rich and poor, literate and illiterate alike, stand side by side as they pledge allegiance to Christ and His Church. All need our prayers for temptations are greater now than ever.

(Note: The Shanghai baptismal class picture appears on the front cover of this issue for the benefit of those who would like to locate the persons mentioned in Miss West's article.)

#### SUGGESTION FOR WORLD COMMUNITY SUNDAY

A service of worship for World Communion Sunday, printed in color with attractive cover design, has been prepared by Church World Service. Any Church may secure without cost enough copies for the members of its congregation by writing to the Promotion Department, Church World Service, 214 East 21st St., New York 10, N. Y.

It is suggested that offerings taken at interdenominational services be given for relief and reconstruction work either by sending the collection through denominational relief committees or directly to the New York headquarters of Church World Service. This has been the practice for several years and the needs are still great. — Church World Service Release.

(Note: Although we have not seen a copy of the service of worship mentioned above, it is likely that the term, World Communion Sunday, is used instead of World Communion Sabbath. We commend the offering for relief on October 1 to be sent through L. M. Van Horn, treasurer, Denominational Budget, Milton, Wis.)

#### WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

By Mrs. G. D. Hargis  
5203 Mount Helena Avenue,  
Los Angeles 41, Calif.

"Serving God in Sincerity and Truth"  
(Joshua 24: 14, 16, 22-24)

#### Prayer

Thanking God for the precious privilege of serving Him.

Praising God for "His unspeakable gift," and for His understanding love and great faithfulness toward us.

Praying for His forgiveness for our sinful neglect of His work, and all sin (which separates us from Him).

Praying that His blessing and peace may fall on all who are suffering persecution for His sake, and that His personal presence may comfort those who are in great sorrow and loneliness.

Asking Him for definite consecration in service, understanding of His word and will, and for courage, strength, and endurance to fulfill His plan for our lives, individually.

Praying that in our daily fellowship with others, the Christ may be uplifted, and His Name be magnified, and that we neglect no opportunity to "make Him known."

#### Helpful Scripture References

1. Early to stand before the Lord—Genesis 19: 27.
2. Early to worship Him—Psalm 5: 3; 55: 17.
3. Early in service—Ecclesiastes 12: 1; Psalm 71: 17.
4. Early to pray—Mark 1: 35.
5. Early fulfill duties—Exodus 34: 2.
6. Early to attend Church—John 8: 2; Luke 21: 38.
7. Early to look for the Lord—Mark 13: 35-37.
8. God's early promise—Deuteronomy 11: 13, 27.

#### Songs (suggested)

"Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord."

"A Charge to Keep I Have."

"Be Strong, We Are Not Here to Play."

"I Would Be True."

"Make Me a Blessing."

(The Service Hymnal, except last.)

#### Prayer

God be in my head

And in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes

And in my looking;

God be in mine ears

And in my hearing;

God be in my mouth

And in my speaking;

God be in my heart

And in my thinking

And God be "above all, and through all, and in all."

#### MANKIND NEEDS GOD

By Warren R. Austin

United States Representative  
to the United Nations

It is daily becoming clearer that man cannot expect to work out his destiny independent of God. Everything in the teachings of the Master Christian pointed to the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. That life of great humility, lived so long ago in a distant land, has shone down the centuries until today men of different races, creeds, and colors, have united to implement its ideals in subscribing to the Charter of the United Nations.

To achieve its purposes we shall need the understanding spiritual support of citizens everywhere, for "Of ourselves we can do nothing," but "with God all things are possible." — Released by the International Council of Religious Education.

#### STATEMENT OF PAUL G. HOFFMAN

Administrator of Economic  
Co-operation Administration

If man is to handle the problems created by his technological advancements, he will need all the strength a sound and sane religious education can give him. If he places all his dependence upon the material, he will be lost.

Never greater was man's ability to destroy himself physically. He must be educated, both materially and spiritually, if he is to find the right answers to the problems the new forces present. — Released by International Council of Religious Education.

**1949 PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT**

By Albert N. Rogers

Four days of mid-August spent on the San Bernardino Mountains surrounded by towering pines of the primeval forest could be called the duration of the Pre-Conference Retreat for Seventh Day Baptist young people. But some would say it was longer than that for the richness of the experience. Fellowship among Christians has a timeless quality when it is not invaded by a secular world.

"From Texas to Rhody" 52 young men and women shared in the experience and their names will be published at a later date. A few of the more mature campers were Irving Seager of Little Rock, Ark., Richard Brissey and Nellie Jo Bond of Salem, W. Va., Glen and Evelyn Hemminger of Boulder, Colo., Dale Curtis and Al Lewis of Riverside, Calif., and Norman Whitford of Albion, Wis. All were most co-operative in the program.

Duane Hurley of El Monte, Calif., former editor of the Sabbath Recorder, was the pivot around which the camp life turned. His wise direction, geniality, and consecration set a high tone for the Retreat. Don Richards of Riverside was business manager and his mother, Mrs. Edna Richards, and Mrs. Ernestine Henry of Riverside and Mrs. Mabel Cruzan of Dodge Center, Minn., were cooks. Miss Lois Wells of El Monte was music director and Theodore Stillman of Montebello served as recreation director.

Interest groups were led by Dr. Wayne R. Rood of Alfred, Rev. Carl R. Maxson of Independence, Rev. Earl Cruzan of Dodge Center, and Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of Brookfield. In these and the lectures on Seventh Day Baptist history by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, considerable solid study was accomplished during the Retreat period. Rev. David S. Clarke presented some of our denominational needs in missions and in organized evangelism assisted by Miss Sarah Becker, repatriated missionary from Liuho, China, who was camp nurse. My own duties were related to the daily periods for private meditation and to the worship services.

There was an opportunity in the full schedule for conferences between individual campers and staff members. Night

after Sabbath was given over to a hilarious program of skits with Stanley Harris of Alfred as master of ceremonies. A moving consecration service was led Sunday night by Pastor Ronald Hargis of Waterford. Daily meetings for prayer and planning were held by the staff.

Pacific Pines Camp, where the Retreat was held, is owned by the Riverside Church. The fact that its members had camped there through a period of years provided a hallowed atmosphere, useful precedents, and an adequate physical plant. The denomination is indebted to them for this as well as for their hospitality to the General Conference. About a hundred visitors from Riverside and Los Angeles attended the Sabbath afternoon service at the camp.

**A MESSAGE FROM RETREAT**

I was very glad to receive names and messages from many of the young people and some of the staff of Retreat.

Two of the young people mentioned the fact that they were still writing to other young folks of other associations whose names I had given them during camp.

I have never met some of the young people who attended Retreat this year, but still through experience of Retreat I feel that I am now acquainted with them.

Speaking for the Board of Christian Education, I would like to express thanks to K. Duane Hurley who served so efficiently as director, to all who worked on the staff, and to all of the California people who gave assistance in any way.

It is very satisfying to hear about the wonderful Retreat which was at Pacific Pines this year.

Harley Sutton.

**CAMP MILES**

(Southwestern Association Camp)

By Jim Stillman, Secretary

The Young People's Camp of the Southwestern Association met at Metairie, La., July 24-30, 1949. Metairie is a suburb of New Orleans. Classes were held in City Park, New Orleans, and swimming was enjoyed in Lake Pontchartrain.

**MUSIC AT  
PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT**By Nellie Jo Bond  
Salem, W. Va.

Music at camp is usually just a few songs sung "here and there." At Pre-Conference Retreat this year the music was entirely different. It was considered as one of the main subjects of study. The music was under the direction of Miss Lois Wells, from El Monte, who really did a wonderful job.

There was a regular music period every day at 2 p.m. in which the campers, staff and otherwise, sang beautiful choruses and anthems as if their lives depended on it. "Aunt" Lois seemed to actually bring the music out. To help keep on tune, and since there was no piano, a portable organ was brought up to the camp and carried wherever it was wanted. Besides the choruses, the choir practiced three anthems to sing in the youth programs at Conference. They were, "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Cherubim Song," and "Almighty God." Sometimes as these were being sung it seemed that the walls of the room would surely burst. There were also days when "Aunt" Lois thought that we hadn't had enough music, so there would be a couple extra practices crowded in anywhere possible. There wasn't much opposition to the situation though.

Besides practices, some were asked to furnish special music for vespers. Among those who helped was Lola Averitt, from Riverside, who played an accordion solo. A lot of the campers were asked to sing in different ensembles at Conference.

Aside from the music for which there was practice, there were bits of choruses heard now and then anywhere among the campers in the whispering pines. The atmosphere of the camp seemed to go with the beautiful choruses. The consecration meeting on Sunday night brought many campers to Christ, not only through song, but in the silence which reigned over the whole camp. Music did its part at the Retreat to make the presence of God more real.

The directors in charge of the camp were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coalwell. Other leaders were Pastor Edgar Wheeler of Hammond, La., Gilbert Butler, and George S. Stillman. Campers from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas enjoyed a week of classes in Christian Living and Christian Witnessing, of fellowship and fun. The camp was climaxed with a Sabbath spent at Hammond with the Hammond Church.

At the end of the week, it was decided that the camp should henceforth be called Camp Miles. Miles could stand for the many, many miles the campers cover to meet each other each summer, and Miles can also stand for May I Live Ever Steadfast.

**ANNUAL MEETING  
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BOARD  
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., for the election of directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Gothic at Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, October 9, 1949, at 2 p.m.

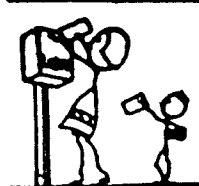
Albert N. Rogers,  
President,  
Carl R. Maxson,  
Recording Secretary.

**REV. RONALD I. HARGIS  
APPOINTED SECRETARY**

President Albert N. Rogers, of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, announces that Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, pastor of the Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Church, has been appointed executive secretary of the board to succeed Rev. Harley Sutton of Alfred Station, N. Y., whose resignation and retirement because of ill health become effective October 1, 1949.

The observance of Religious Education Week, September 25 - October 2, offers a splendid opportunity to bring to the attention of the Church and the community the spiritual ministry of Christian education. — Bishop John S. Stamm.





## OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Recorder Children:

When the pause came in this letter last week we were having difficulty in finding water for the car. In the meantime, Daddy had decided to give the car a drink of ice-cold punch that we had in a Thermos bottle for a picnic lunch. Betsey Ford liked the cold drink and perked right up and went on to camp purring like a kitten. I still had the pretty rock in my hand when I reached camp, and a native of Colorado told me it was gold ore so I still have it.

For you children who have never seen a western cattle ranch I would like to tell you that while we were standing on the "vesper rocks" watching the sun go down behind the snow-capped mountains, we asked the rancher how far his cattle roamed the range. He pointed to a big patch of snow on a mountain peak, about ten miles away as the birds fly, or about fifteen miles by horseback, and said, "Well, we have a 'salt lick' for our cattle at the bottom of that patch of snow."

When one looks at the vastness of the mountains he wonders how he can ever be small-minded or petty again. As I stood on top of the mountains and looked out over the busy plains, I was reminded that God is above and looking out over all the world and watching over all His creation.

I want to close with this little poem, the inspiration for which came from a camp leader last year. The poem was made into a camp song this year.

### Footprints of God

We feel His presence in the air,  
Footprints of God.  
He's manifested everywhere,  
Footprints of God.  
The rocks and trees proclaim His name,  
In the mountains living,  
Praise to Jesus giving,  
For He is here.

Sincerely,

Gladys S. Randolph.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Gladys:

Thank you for your good letter. I have enjoyed reading it and I know the children and others will, too.

Sincerely yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene and Recorder Children:

It sure is hot these days, isn't it?

We have two big dogs, three puppies, a cat, and I have a pig.

I have one sister. Her name is Shirley. She is eight years old. I have two brothers, Brice, four years old, and Cletus, two years old. I am eleven years old and will be twelve on October 17.

I go to the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup, Neb. We have seven in our Sabbath school class. It is made up of the sixth and seventh grades. At our opening exercises we have about twenty children from three to twelve years of age.

I would like some Seventh Day Baptist boy and girl pen pals, so please write to me.

Your Christian friend,  
Katherine Severance.

North Loup, Neb.

Dear Katherine:

I was so pleased to receive your letter and to gain another Recorder girl.

You have the right kind of a family, two girls and two boys. I met a very pleasant lady the other day, and with her were two nice little girls. I said, "You have two little girls." She laughed and said, "Two little girls! Why, I have seven girls and not one little boy." Just think of all the dresses, etc., that mother has to make or buy.

I hope you soon have your wish and gain several Seventh Day Baptist pen pals. Several of my Recorder children have gained pen pals, some even in foreign countries, and I know of one at least who has gained a lifelong friend in that way.

I hope in years to come that I may receive letters from other children in your family and that you will write often.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

## CHURCH NEWS

EDINBURG, TEX. — The Edinburg Seventh Day Baptist Church co-operated with the Christian Church, July 18-29, in a Vacation Bible School which was composed of three departments. Pastor C. B. Loofbourrow and the pastor of the Christian Church taught in the junior department. Mrs. Mary H. Boehler assisted in the junior and beginner departments. Mrs. J. R. Boehler helped in the beginner department.

There were approximately forty children enrolled from at least four denominations. From our Church there were four juniors, four primary, and one beginner enrolled. Two of our juniors missed the second week in order to attend camp at New Orleans, La.

Activities of a religious nature were stressed in all three departments. The juniors studied some of the Psalms, illustrating them with drawings, cutwork, and splatter painting.

On Sabbath eve, at the close of the school, all classes took part in a very interesting program with songs and recitations. One of our juniors, Larry David, recited the 100th Psalm, and another, John Hughes, gave the 121st Psalm. The Nazarene minister's daughter gave a lovely flannelgraph of Psalm 8.

After the program, parents and friends viewed the display of work done by the boys and girls during the school.

Delicious punch and cookies were served by Mrs. Veal, wife of the pastor of the Christian Church.

Mary Fisher, Anita David, and Bert Boehler attended the youth camp at New Orleans, La., July 25-30.

We enjoyed entertaining the Southwestern Association August 4-7; and most, if not all, have gained spiritually by our association with other Seventh Day Baptists.

On Monday after the association, all of our delegates, before leaving us, went on sightseeing tours — one carload to the coast and two to Mexico.

Mary H. Boehler.

Praying without giving is like a needle without thread. — Baptist Bulletin.

## BIRTHS

Branch. — A son, Dennis Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Branch of White Cloud, Mich., on August 1, 1949.

## Marriages

Rudert - Johnson. — Donald G. Rudert of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Norma Carol Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Elma (Mills) Johnson of White Cloud, Mich., were united in marriage in the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, July 30, by Rev. Orville W. Babcock. The couple is at home at 209 Longuevue Street, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

Osborn - Sholtz. — Miss Muriel Sholtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sholtz, of Oneida Castle, N. Y., and Paul B. Osborn, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn, of Shiloh, N. J., were married in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 31, 1949, with the groom's father reading the service, and Pastor Herbert L. Polan, assisting. The Osborns' home will be in Rushford, N. Y.

West - Scull. — Miss Hannah Scull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scull, of Shiloh, N. J., was married to Charles West, of Bridgeton, N. J., at Elkton, Md., on August 10, 1949. Their address is 70 Vine Street, Bridgeton, N. J.

Towles - Spindler. — Mrs. Gladys Spindler, of Greenwich, N. J., became the bride of Silas Towles, on August 29, 1949, at Millville, N. J., with Rev. James McGowan reading the service. The Towles will be temporarily located at Atlantic and Vine Streets, Bridgeton, N. J.

## NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

North Central Delegates and Visitors:

All coming to Albion, Wis., for the association, October 6-8, 1949, please notify Charles Williams, R. R. 2, Edgerton, Wis., who is the secretary of the North Central Association. The Northland Greyhound bus strike is ended and Albion now has bus service.

The first meeting of the association will be Thursday evening, October 6.

Mrs. Pearl Sheldon,  
Correspondent.



# The Sabbath Recorder

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1949 A

Dear Dr. Ross:

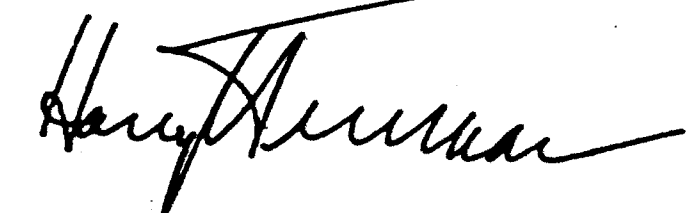
I am happy again to welcome the annual observance of Religious Education Week, September twenty-fifth through October second, sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education.

The practice and teaching of religion constitute a significant phase of our American culture. Our people share the conviction that the motivations which lie at the heart of the democratic way of life are identical with those of religious teaching. The spiritual ideals which impelled our forefathers to seek freedom of worship in this country must constantly be renewed if our democratic institutions are not to decay.

Particularly in this crucial year of 1949 will united celebration of Religious Education Week serve a practical purpose. It will demonstrate to all the incontestable validity of religious teaching in our struggle with the forces of selfish materialism, both at home and abroad.

The resources of religion are an important factor in the development of the personal and social integrity of our own citizens. As for the forces of international strife, they can be persuaded by our example that a nation which cherishes the Golden Rule cannot but reap a fruitful harvest of good will among its neighbors.

Very sincerely yours,



Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross,  
General Secretary,  
The International Council  
of Religious Education,  
203 North Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago 1, Illinois.

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET Statement of Treasurer, August 31, 1949

Receipts		August	11 months
Balance on hand August 1	\$	49.95	
Adams Center			214.00
Albion			145.00
Alfred, First	102.68		2,048.12
Alfred, Second			475.75
Andover			5.00
Associations and groups	1,940.87		2,451.11
Battle Creek	548.84		2,716.72
Berlin			171.09
Boulder	47.50		285.66
Brookfield, First			155.00
Brookfield, Second	70.75		329.83
Chicago	56.50		279.00
Daytona Beach	23.14		168.39
Denver	26.87		583.83
De Ruyter	63.50		220.00
Des Moines			10.00
Dodge Center	47.50		332.39
Edinburg			48.07
Farina	15.00		454.30
Fouke			44.97
Friendship			35.00
Gentry			66.48
Hammond	7.50		112.50
Healdsburg-Ukiah			81.00
Hebron, First			201.86
Hebron Center			95.00
Hopkinton, First	116.05		763.40
Hopkinton, Second			20.10
Independence	21.00		358.00
Individuals	27.00		4,645.64
Irvington			75.00
Little Genesee			449.41
Little Prairie			20.00
Los Angeles			202.00
Los Angeles, Christ's			28.00
Lost Creek			306.37
Marlboro	107.00		893.50
Middle Island	8.35		92.29
Milton	835.58		4,175.73
Milton Junction	76.01		959.53
New Auburn	3.00		85.00
New York			156.90
North Loup			685.00
Nortonville			259.73
Oakdale			50.00
Pawcatuck	650.00		2,525.30
Piscataway			169.75
Plainfield	62.84		1,830.10
Richburg			167.00
Ritchie			50.00
Riverside			1,183.03
Roanoke	10.00		81.00
Rochester			45.75
Rockville	25.73		126.82
Salem			637.50
Salemville			32.00
Shiloh	115.54		1,492.61
Stone Fort			40.00
Syracuse			90.00
Verona	214.50		603.75
Walworth			95.00
Washington, People's			30.00
Waterford	13.63		204.57
White Cloud	23.20		180.27
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$5,313.03</b>	<b>\$35,540.12</b>

### Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,491.07	\$ 92.23
Tract Society	894.74	86.72
Board of		
Christian Education	887.88	40.78
Women's Society	28.42	10.00
Historical Society	115.64	
Ministerial Retirement	426.30	45.50
S. D. B. Building	97.51	
General Conference	496.86	
World Fellowship and Service	35.28	
Debt repayment:		
Missionary Society	159.01	
Tract Society	185.74	
Board of		
Christian Education	49.58	
S. D. B. Building	31.97	
Committee on Relief Appeals		108.33
Balance on hand August 31	29.47	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,929.47</b>	<b>\$ 383.56</b>

### Comparative Figures

	1949	1948
Receipts in August:		
Budget	\$4,879.52	\$3,845.61
Specials	383.56	264.56
Receipts in 11 months:		
Budget	29,237.22	23,935.39
Specials	6,302.90	9,388.96
Annual budget	34,500.00	31,500.00
Amount raised in 11 months	29,237.22	23,935.39
Per cent raised in 11 months	84.75%	75.98%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

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project for 1948-49 and \$37,250 for 1949-50.

Speaking of power, God's power is right ready for willing Seventh Day Baptists — workmen (approved?) of God!

David S. Clarke,  
for the Budget Committee.

### RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale, Help Wanted, and advertisements of a like nature, will be run in this column at ten cents per line for each insertion, minimum charge 50c. Cash must accompany each advertisement.

**FARM FOREMAN WANTED** — On a farm where the raising of purebred Hereford cattle is the major enterprise. Both horses and tractors are used to do the farm work. Four room house with basement, natural gas, and electricity. Year-round employment with monthly salary. Sabbathkeeping community. Write Carroll Bond, Jane Lew, W. Va. 2t