

The Sabbath Recorder

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY INTERESTS

(Adopted Sunday morning, August 21, at General Conference, Riverside, Calif.)

To the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference:

After careful consideration of the 107th Annual Report of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, the committee desires to commend the report and urge that it be given careful study and consideration by all our people.

We would call attention to the difficulties that have developed on the China field and the necessity for returning our missionaries to this country.

We commend the activities of the Missionary Society in promoting the work in British Guiana and Jamaica.

We would call attention to the proposed visit of Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Hargis to the New Zealand field and commend the board for their efforts to help our brethren in the work there.

We would again commend the forward-looking program of the secretary of the society to make the work on the home field more effective, and especially the program of evangelism emphasized by our secretary this year.

Inasmuch as the report of the Missionary Society indicates that they expect "future advances may be worked out during Mr. Bruhn's visit to this society, Conference, and several of our Churches," we would make the following recommendation in regard to the German work:

We recommend that the Missionary Board be asked to reallocate present funds

and use what funds might become available through special gifts during the year to give full-time support to two of our available German pastors.

With the view of making our work more effective we would further make the following recommendations:

1. That the Missionary Board give all support possible to the work of Missionary Ronald H. F. Barrar in Nyasaland, Africa.

2. That a full-time or part-time worker be sent to England and Holland for at least a year to help the Churches in evangelistic endeavor.

3. That the Missionary Board keep before our people the most needful and promising fields and co-ordinate the efforts of local Churches who seek by projects to meet these needs.

4. That a special emphasis be placed on prayer as the basis of all power for missionary work and tithing as the basis of all giving.

We recommend the adoption of the report of the Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,

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DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET REMITTANCES

Notice to Church Treasurers and Other Contributors to the Denominational Budget:

Until further notice, please send all contributions to the Denominational Budget to Professor D. N. Inglis, Milton, Wis.

L. M. Van Horn.

(Note: Professor L. M. Van Horn, on leave of absence from Milton College, Milton, Wis., is now at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., doing graduate work. The Commission of the General Conference at its midyear meeting, December 28-30, 1948, approved Mr. Van Horn's request for leave of absence from the office of Denominational Budget treasurer, and the suggestion that Professor Inglis serve in his absence.)

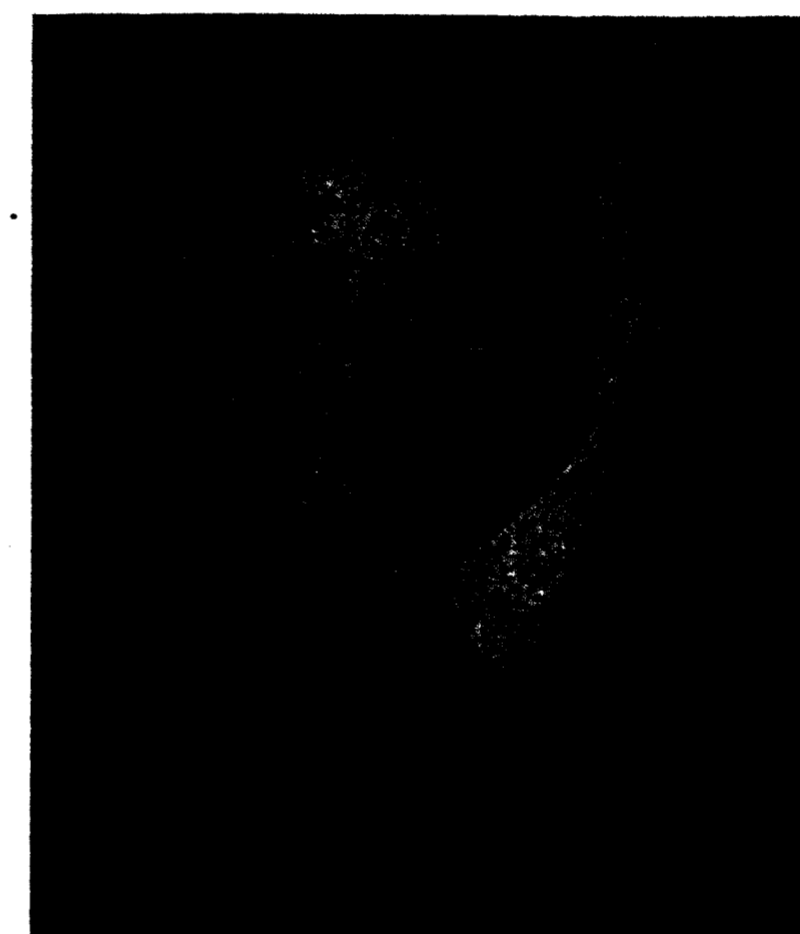


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Dr. Lloyd D. Seager
Conference President

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"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ," is the theme of the "One Great Hour of Sharing" which will be promoted over an extensive radio network on March 11, 1950, followed by services and nation-wide offering in the Churches on Sunday, March 12, on behalf of Church World Service. For this observance, radio, public and Church press, and other means of communication will be used extensively, while the appeal will be for the relief, reconstruction, and general inter-church aid of the underprivileged peoples of the world.

One of the principal topics to be considered when the Home Missions Council of North America holds its "Congress" in Columbus, Ohio, early next year will be what the Protestant Churches in America should do on behalf of the 1,500,000 agricultural workers and their families in the United States. They have been described by the council as "at the bottom of the economic ladder, too seldom protected by social legislation, or given the help of the communities whose crops they harvest." Dr. Albert Z. Mann, of the Minnesota Migrant Committee, one of those who will present the matter to the congress, points out that conditions of disintegration of family life, threats to further exploitation, and illiteracy among the migrant children — all faced by these necessary workers — "are directly contrary to Christian belief."

"There are fifty golden years left to redeem the Twentieth Century," says Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer, executive of the Division of American Missions in the National Lutheran Council. As part of the "redemption" he calls his Lutheran brethren to establish 5,000 new home mission congregations in the years ahead. By means of trailer chapels, religious lessons by mail, and the extensive use of radio, he urges that the Christian Gospel be made available to people in summer resort areas, in the national parks and other recreational centers, in new residential and suburban areas, and among the transient agricultural laborers and their families.

(Continued on back cover)

"FERVENT IN SPIRIT"

By Dr. Lloyd D. Seager
President, Seventh Day Baptist
General Conference

During sessions of the Commission in December, 1948, and in August, 1949, I became much better acquainted with the program, problems, and needs of the denomination. During these meetings I was frequently led, often due to lack of information, to make rather rash suggestions, and many of these were concerned with increased responsibility for the oncoming president of Conference. It was somewhat of a paradox that I should be asked to accept that post for the coming year.

In accepting the gavel in my behalf, my wife has given you the incidents that prompted my acceptance and the theme "Fervent in Spirit" that I chose for the year. It is my hope that the slogan for the year will add to and carry forward the spirit of the work of previous years, since there has been, for many years, a unique continuity in the themes chosen and in the goals that have been set.

"First Things First"

It is well for us to be reminded constantly of the "First Things First" program of P. B. Hurley and its Scriptural setting in Matthew 6: 33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

In making plans for promoting the work in the Church it is often difficult to decide which mission field or other activity is most important. Most of us have special interests in a home or foreign field. Some who have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the workers and needs of many fields would like to see more done not only at home, in China, and in Jamaica, but also in British Guiana, England, Holland, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and India. Our boards have planned carefully and prayerfully and the Commission with equal care and humility have recommended changes in the plans and budgets to General Conference. Many fields, of necessity, have been neglected in the plans. We should do more than

we have planned. By oversubscribing the budget we can take care of at least some of the other pressing needs.

"Saved to Serve"

"Saved to Serve," the theme of Everett Harris, impressed us with our responsibilities as Christians. It is our duty not only to live our religion but to help in the great task of proclaiming Christ to the world. It was stressed many times at Amsterdam that if the world is to be evangelized, laymen must accept their responsibility and play an important part.

"Go Work Today"

In the theme, "Go Work Today," Karl Stillman stirred us to greater activity. The theme is made abundantly clear in James 1: 22 and in James 2: 17, 18. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. . . . Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Our denominational agencies have planned with faith and vision. There must be much hard work to transform that vision into reality. We all need to "Go Work Today."

"Workmen Approved of God"

That our work be not in vain we must be mindful of the theme of Loyal Hurley, "Workmen Approved of God." We are urged in 2 Timothy 2: 15 to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Preparation is essential for effective work in any field and for Christian work the Bible is our chief text. Miss Ploon Dijk of Holland told us at Conference that we should read our Bible more, and that it is read and studied much more in her country. I hope we will all be moved to do something about this situation.

"Fervent in Spirit"

During the past year and a half it has been my privilege to meet people from many parts of the world. Some have left an indelible impression. One unforgettable feature of personalities is the enthusiasm they have for the work they

are doing. Who could forget a Dr. or Mrs. Garcia as they told of their aspirations for a Protestant medical school and hospital for their native Philippines? Who could forget T. M. Niles or Kenneth Yohan Masih telling of the work in India where at the present time there is a conversion to Christianity every five minutes?

The success of any program is dependent to a large extent upon the spirit with which it is undertaken and carried forward.

As Seventh Day Baptists, this applies to every phase of our denominational life as well as to the specific programs of our boards and societies. We have a part in the great mission of evangelizing the world and the specific mission as a denomination to bring the world to the knowledge and acceptance of the Sabbath of Jehovah.

We can carry out all the proposals of our boards and societies and much more if we will all go forward as admonished by Paul: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Romans 12: 11.

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COULD THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

Two friends met, and after a chat one said to the other: "Come and go hunting with me Saturday morning."

"Oh, no," said the other, "that is the time of our service at Church. I'm going there."

"Well," replied his friend, "I don't know what your religion is, but you keep it to yourself. I have asked you to go hunting 'half-a-dozen' times, but you have never invited me to your Church." — Shiloh, N. J., Church Bulletin.

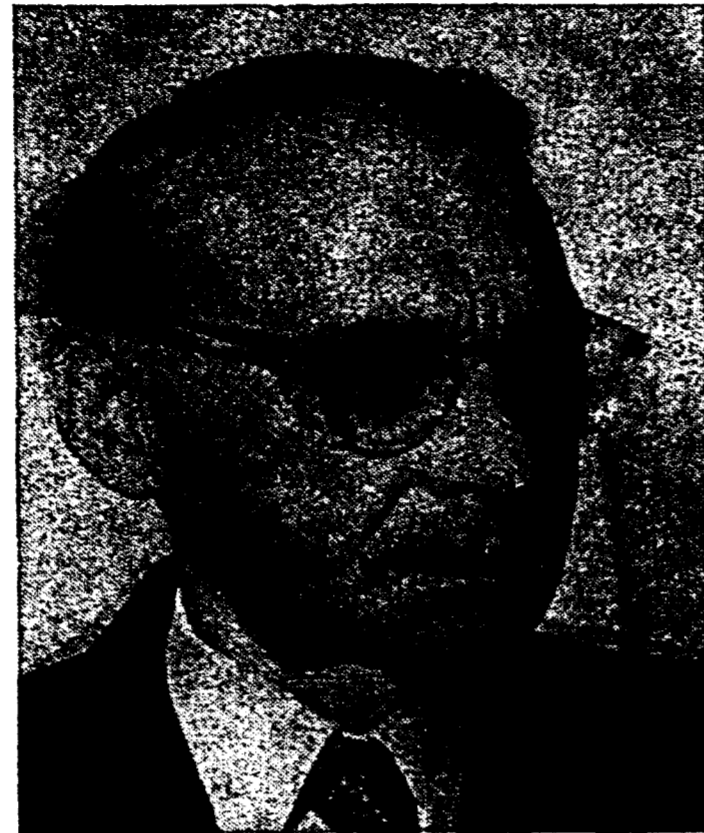
SEMIANNUAL MEETING

The Semiannual Meeting of the New Auburn, Wis., and Dodge Center, Minn., Churches will be held with the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, October 28-30, 1949. Theme: "Living for Jesus."

Ethel Greene,
Corresponding Secretary.

FRANK R. KELLOGG NEW PART-TIME SECRETARY

Frank R. Kellogg of Dunellen, N. J., became part-time corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society on October 1. Mr. Kellogg is a layman,



Frank R. Kellogg

a deacon of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., and superintendent of the Sabbath school.

Upon resignation of Rev. Victor W. Skaggs as corresponding secretary of the society at the July meeting of the Tract Board, a Special Committee on the Office and Duties of the Corresponding Secretary was appointed which consisted of Courtland V. Davis, chairman, Miss Lucy Whitford, E. Wendell Stephan, Franklin Langworthy, ex officio, Victor W. Skaggs, advisory, Charles F. Harris, advisory. The report of this committee was adopted by the Tract Board at its meeting on September 18, as follows:

Your committee believes that in reducing the work of the corresponding secretary in line with reduced expectation of income, it is the wish of the denomination in general that the field work, including both personal visitation and intensive correspondence, be the first to be curtailed or eliminated on the assumption that this part of the work will be forwarded by another agency. The committee then would recom-

mend the employment of a part-time secretary to care for the following matters:

1. Normal correspondence not connected with field work.

2. Executive for the Committee on Distribution of Literature.

3. Membership on the Conference Committee on Denominational Budget Promotion.

4. Executive for the Committee on Sabbath Promotion.

The committee proposes that a suitable person be employed to undertake the tasks indicated above on the assumption that, with ample clerical help, they can be carried on in a space of time averaging one day per week. In view of proposals and suggestions made at the last meeting of the board, your committee suggests that Frank R. Kellogg be employed for this service for an experimental period not to exceed one year and beginning October 1, 1949, at a salary of \$600 per annum.

Corresponding Secretary Frank R. Kellogg's office is in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. Under the foregoing plan Mr. Kellogg expects to be in his office on Mondays and Fridays.

MELVIN NIDA WELCOMED TO SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

By Dr. Wayne R. Rood
School of Theology,
Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

The School of Theology at Alfred University welcomes to its student body this year a young man who for eight years kept the Sabbath independently as a result of his own study, before joining a Seventh Day Baptist Church. Melvin G. Nida brings with him to Alfred his wife Jeanett, son Larry, and two years of previous theological study.

Melvin began to keep the Sabbath as a high school student in Dunn County, near Menomonie, Wis., but it was not until he traveled east during the war years that he came to know the denomination whose ministry he is now preparing to join. It was in 1942 that Melvin was drafted and, registering his conscientious objection to military service, was sent to the Citizens' Public Service Camp at

Walhalla, Mich. While there he learned of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at White Cloud, but before he could make personal contact with the Church, he was transferred to Manchester College in Indiana to be trained for postwar relief and reconstruction work abroad. In the fall of 1943 Melvin was transferred to the Veterans' Hospital at Sykesville, Md. During this tour of duty he became acquainted with the Church at Shiloh, met and married Jeanett Dickinson, and joined the Church at White Cloud by letter. In the fall of 1944 Melvin was transferred to the Veterans' Hospital at Lyons, N. J., while Jeanett began work at the Recorder office, and Melvin took part-time work at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary while standing night duty at the hospital.

Following his discharge in April of 1946, Melvin resumed the task of completing his interrupted education. Previously he had completed two years at the Dunn County Normal School in Wisconsin, and taught rural schools in that county. In June of 1947 he was graduated from Salem College with a B.A. degree, and the following fall entered Northern Baptist Seminary at Chicago. The next year, 1948-49, he studied at Bethany Biblical Seminary, also in Chicago. He expects to receive his B.D. degree from Alfred University in 1950.

Melvin was converted at Christmas time, 1936, at a Community Church in Wisconsin, and was baptized during the next summer. In 1944 he attended his first General Conference, and in 1946 was licensed to preach by the Plainfield Church, an action that was recognized by the Churches at Walworth, Wis., and at Chicago, both of which he served as student pastor during his residence as a student in Chicago.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Some folks have been asking for the Conference President's address. It is:

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Little Rock, Ark.

THE WAY OF LIFE

By Rev. Clifford A. Beebe,
Gentry, Ark.

(Substance of an address given on the Missionary Board Program, General Conference, Riverside, Calif., August 18, 1949.)

"Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." Matthew 16: 25.

These words of Jesus — one of the most revolutionary messages ever uttered — fell on uncomprehending, and for the most part, unbelieving, ears. Oh yes, Peter and James and John and the others wanted to believe, and thought they did; yet months afterward we find them coming to Him and asking, "Lord, we have left all and followed thee: what is there in it for us?"

"Self-preservation is the first law of life" — so thought those disciples when the great test came, and they all forsook Him and fled. So thought Bunyan's Pilgrim, stopping his ears and running toward the Celestial City, crying, "Life, life, eternal life!", a pattern for much of our thinking and preaching from that time until now. And so we think. Jesus' words are not even yet believed. And much of our lack of progress is due to the clash of these two opposing patterns of life.

We Seventh Day Baptists talk about saving our Churches, and saving our denomination, when we ought to be talking, thinking, and acting toward saving a sin-cursed world. When will we have faith to take Jesus at His word, and learn that in losing our lives we will really find Life?

Isaiah 56 was written for Seventh Day Baptists. We recognize that, and are all familiar with its opening words: "Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold upon it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." But do we know the last part? (And if you don't believe that it, too, was written for Seventh Day Baptists, get your Bible and carefully read it all.) "His watchmen are blind: . . . they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark."

Are we blind watchmen? unfaithful watchdogs who lie sleeping and fail to bark when danger is near?

Too often our Churches, which should lead in the work of evangelism, actually hold us back from the task. We are afraid for ourselves; we would rather follow the popular advertising slogan, "We aim to take care of our own," rather than to reach out to gather in others. And yet, thus saith the Lord, "Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him."

I will speak specifically of the Southwest, not because it is the most important field, or even the largest one (although, with practically one fifth of the area of the United States, and only six small Seventh Day Baptist Churches, it is both important and large); but because it is the field which I know, and in which I work. I know at least three localities where Seventh Day Baptist Churches, or at least branch Churches or fellowships, could be organized almost tomorrow, if the already existing Churches which should have the responsibility would catch the vision; if they could see beyond the immediate results to themselves; if they would really believe Jesus and be willing to risk the losing of life, then perhaps for the first time they might really live.

Just a bit of history. The Southwestern Association was organized with eight Churches, which increased within a dozen years to fifteen. A fire was spreading throughout the Southwest, and little groups were continually springing up here and there. And then a resolution was passed (in 1901) recommending that the smaller Churches dissolve their membership and unite with the larger ones. Having once caught the vision of Jesus, we denied it in the interest of self-preservation. The result? In the 48 years since, only four new Churches — two of which have survived — have been organized in that field. And of those then existing, only four have survived. "He that saveth his life shall lose it."

If we have hope — "we are saved by hope"; if we have vision — "without vision the people perish" — why should not every little group of Seventh Day

OUR OPPORTUNITY IN THE SOUTHLAND

By Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph

(Prepared for Southwestern Association held with the Edinburg, Tex., Church, August 4-7.)

(Continued from last week)

To be prepared to give of our best we need first of all to "cast out the beam" that is in our "own eye," then receive Christ that we may have power to become the children of God, and grow in grace and a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and of the conditions under which our fellow man lives. "Study to shew" ourselves "approved unto God," workmen "that needeth not to be ashamed," and be "ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God."

In the Reader's Digest of December, 1948, Henry C. Link tells us of a new test for the measure of a man. As he says, we are aware of the well-known "I.Q.," or intelligence quotient, as a measure of what a person knows about things and people. Now our psychologists have developed the personality quotient which is a measure of what a person does about things and people — his ability to interest and influence other people.

Having accepted Christ and having acquired the habits for the right use of our God-given talents — physical, mental, and spiritual energies — we are ready to adopt our program of work. Again let us begin at home. As the song says, "Brighten the corner where you are." "Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do. . . . To the many duties ever near you now be true." In our hearts, in our personal lives, in our attitudes, in our expression and tone of voice — seasoned with grace, in our words — the most beautiful in the English language, in our conduct at home, at school, at play, on the streets, in public buildings, in industry, we may radiate the Holy Spirit.

Women working in a garment plant with hundreds of others have remarked, "It is not a fit place for a Christian to work. The language is vile, and the practices are corrupt." Men working in other

Baptists become a nucleus to build a Church? Are we afraid that in taking members from our already established Churches, we will weaken them? We would give them strength. Are we afraid that in winning Sabbath converts in large numbers, we will upset our old traditions and established ways? If so, we are forsaking the way of Christ for the traditions of men, becoming blind watchmen, dumb watchdogs that cannot bark.

Every Church needs a vision larger than itself. We need to think of the vast territory where we have no Churches. The parish of a Seventh Day Baptist Church with vision, is much larger than its local community. The parish of the Gentry Church should be the whole Ozark region. Fouke's parish should be all Southwest Arkansas and East Texas. And so I could go on through the list. We all need to work, even to begin to cover such a field. We need more ministers, but also we need laymen to give active service.

In this respect I believe we are now having an awakening. And I must pay tribute to the young men — without formal training for the ministry it is true, but with hearts on fire for God, who are giving their time to evangelistic work in the Southwest; and to our "Gospel Team" of southern young folks, as well as to the "Gospel '49ers" whom you all know, who literally, like the workers of whom John wrote to Gaius, "for his name's sake went forth, taking nothing." We need more such consecrated laborers.

If we are going to work for Jesus, let us at least take Him at His word. Let us quit trying to save ourselves, our Churches, our denomination. Forget it, and begin to give ourselves, and then, perhaps, surprisingly, we will really find Life.

Did You Know That —

Rev. James McGeachy is now serving his twentieth year as pastor of the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church, London, England? "Mill Yard" is the oldest Seventh Day Baptist Church in the world, having been constituted in 1617.

plants or types of service have said, "You can't be a Christian and work there." Let us remember that the darker the night the farther the little candle throws its light. When Jesus prayed for His disciples He said to the Father, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Whenever we find ourselves in places of sin it should not be to partake of the sin, but to let the light shine which will banish the darkness. Instead of saying that any given situation is hopeless, let us with faith in God seek to make contact with every impulse for good, and remember that one with God can chase a thousand and can help rescue souls from hell.

Now as never before the way a person uses his leisure will determine the future of our country and of each individual's destiny.

Having done what we can in our own small corner, then, as followers of Jesus, as opportunity affords, we may go into other parts of the world and see, in the carrying out of the Great Commission, further fulfillment of that portion of Scripture read by Jesus in His home Church as He started out on His mission through Nazareth and other parts of Palestine. This passage is found in Isaiah 61: 1, 2, and is repeated again in Luke 4: 16-21, where Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; . . . to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight . . . , to set at liberty . . . , to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." While this platform primarily outlines the work committed to the Christian minister, it is also the mission of every Christian. It will command the use of every God-given talent.

With this purpose in view we may live in the Southland and find a gracious welcome as we identify ourselves with the people and rejoice with them in their achievements. We will find many with hopes and aspirations far above their present attainments, and as we help them press forward to the prize that lies before them we will find them hungering and thirsting for more meat and drink. Then

we may open up for them new visions, if we are ever ready to give a reason for the hope that lies within us. Also we will find many neglected areas where people are brokenhearted, blind, and bound by many chains, or imprisoned behind iron bars of habits and customs that need to be shattered.

As we think further of our opportunity as Seventh Day Baptist Christians, we know that there has been intrusted to us a vital truth respecting the use and value of God's Holy Sabbath. Wherever we may be and whatever our work, it is for us to remember the Sabbath day in the name and spirit of Him who gave it. Let its value appear in our lives, be quick to invite others to share its blessing, and humbly and graciously use it for the glory and honor of God as a true sign that we are His children.

As we mention a few specific opportunities that lie before us, attention should be called to the fact that around those areas where we have Seventh Day Baptist Churches there are many prospects. There is need for more Christian men and women of vision, holding to the seventh-day Sabbath, to act as watchmen alert to enlist new recruits, to put to work those who are idly standing by, to establish and help maintain institutions of higher Christian education, to build up industries that recognize the value of the Sabbath, to develop the soil, to serve the communities as pastors, evangelists, Bible school teachers, public school teachers, doctors, nurses, lawyers, public officials, social workers — watchmen ever on the alert for neglected needs that should be met at once. Furthermore, every member of a Seventh Day Baptist Church, going out to a new community to make a living and to serve his fellow men, is a potential nucleus for a Christian fellowship, searching for truth in God's Holy Word, and inviting people to remember and enjoy God's Holy Sabbath. They have the opportunity to do the work of the commandos opening up new beachheads. This will call for strong forces to follow up and make a landing.

Every one of us should be thanking God that He has shared with us His Holy Sabbath. We should be faithfully bringing into His storehouse the tithe, which

belongs to Him, that there may be funds enough and to spare to carry on such activities as He designates.

If our Seventh Day Baptist young people seize the opportunity to live and study in the South, they will know first hand the conditions, aspirations, and achievements of the people of the South. It would be well if we had more schools of higher education established in the South by Seventh Day Baptist Christians. But in the meantime let us emphasize the value of those schools that are serving their communities faithfully. Let us recognize the importance of Seventh Day Baptist conferences, camps, religious institutes, and associations which bring together our young people and prospective leaders in the South with those who are so valiantly carrying on the work in these areas.

The experiment which was tried this summer, that of having two or more young people travel together with an older leader as adviser, for evangelistic and Vacation Bible School work, has vast possibilities for good, especially if the schedule can be planned in advance and then carefully organized. Yet the experience of meeting uncertain problems, such as arose this year, teaches valuable lessons in adjustment, and prepares each one concerned for the realities of life.

In the words of James Russell Lowell in his beautiful poem, "The Cathedral,"

... sustained by sure belief
That man still rises level with the height
Of noblest opportunities, or makes
Such, if the time supply not, I can wait.

CORRECTION

Our attention has been called to "two regrettable errors" which appear in the annual report of the Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference as published in the Sabbath Recorder for September 26, 1949, pages 184 and 185.

Near the bottom of the first column, page 184, Miss Ruth Hughes should read, Miss Inez Hughes. The name of James Mitchell should have appeared as one of Miss Randolph's helpers.

LETTER FROM RETIRING SECRETARY TO NEW SECRETARY

Rev. Ronald I. Hargis,
Waterford, Conn.

Dear Don:

Today my resignation as executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education becomes effective. Although you do not start your work for the board until next summer, I want to send you this word of welcome at this time.

I welcome you to a happy relationship with the officers and directors of the board who will co-operate with you and will give you their encouragement and moral support.

I welcome you to your work with Seventh Day Baptist pastors and ministers. You have been a pastor long enough to know that pastors are not able to carry out all of the suggestions made by denominational secretaries. Your fellowship with these people will be a source of spiritual enrichment. You will enjoy helping them to build a more efficient program of Christian Education in the local Church.

I welcome you to your work with the laymen of our denomination. As you already know, many of them are outstanding leaders and all of them are willing followers. It will be a rich experience for you to help organize special classes for these laymen to study the Bible and how better to serve their Church and denomination.

I welcome you to an inspiring relationship with the young people of our denomination. As you work with them individually, or in camps and conferences, you will be thrilled as you see evidences of spiritual growth and as they commit their lives to Christ and His Church. You will find them very co-operative as you work with them for better youth fellowship in the local Church and associations, and the denominational fellowship.

I welcome you to the opportunity which this position affords for you to meet leaders in Christian Education of other denominations. As you represent our denomination in the International Council

of Religious Education and other inter-denominational agencies, you will have an opportunity to share in the making of new plans and discovering new techniques of Christian Education.

I welcome you to a work which is basic in the total program of the Christian Church and is vitally related to every part of our denominational program. In the Scriptures Christ is called teacher in many places. It is my prayer that Christ will be at the center of all your plans.

I welcome you to this position with a great deal of confidence in your ability to render faithful service to our denomination. I am very happy that you are to have this year of very special training. May God richly bless and guide you as you come to work for the Board of Christian Education and to further serve Christ and His kingdom through this position.

Sincerely yours,
Harley Sutton.

October 1, 1949.

MINISTERIAL STUDENT CONDUCTS VACATION SCHOOL

Oscar Burdick of Milton, Wis., who is a senior in Milton College this year, and plans to be a minister, was in charge of a Vacation Bible School at New Auburn, Wis., last summer.

The Board of Christian Education was glad to help financially with the school. I appreciate very much the help of Professor J. Fred Whitford of Milton in securing Mr. Burdick for this work.

Miss Clara Loofboro, who is superintendent of the Sabbath school, wrote me that Oscar not only supervised and taught a class in the vacation school but preached his first sermon at the Sabbath morning service. He also took charge of the Christian Endeavor program for that week. She reports that his work was an inspiration to the young people and old alike.

Mary Pederson taught the beginners' class and Virginia Churchwood, the primary class. This was the first teaching experience for both these young women and for Mr. Burdick. There were twenty-nine children enrolled and of this number nineteen were from Seventh Day Baptist

homes. There were both morning and afternoon sessions for five days, a plan which works well in a rural section.

H. S.

A MEDITATION

By Marion Burdick

(Written at Camp Caesar last summer.)

A silence that surrounds and shelters me—
A silence that makes loud the noise of growing
leaves and grass—

A silence e'en the birds are listening to—

A silence that is God.

A beauty, fragile yet alive—

A beauty that is timeless in its being—

A beauty of green shadows, tender flowers—

A beauty giving freely all it has—

A beauty that is God.

A love that will not let me fall—

A love whose mysterious power transforms my
heart—

A love, unselfish, all-wise, compassionate—

A love, there, in the beauty and the silence—

A love that is God.

CHILDREN'S WORK IN EASTERN ASSOCIATION

To the Eastern Association:

Reports have been received concerning the children's work in ten Sabbath schools. One of these has no children; others have from six to about sixty, with a primary superintendent in charge where there are enough children to warrant it. Eight of the schools report using lesson helps from various publishing houses, including Standard Publishing Co., David C. Cook, American Baptist, Judson Press, and Scripture Press. Some express the wish that there were children's lesson helps published by our own denomination. Eight of the schools report using the Sabbath Visitor. It is used not only for the Seventh Day Baptist children, but also as a tract to interest others and as a connecting link between the Church and non-resident children.

In schools where there are several children, opening exercises for the primary department consist of prayer, songs, Scripture reading, flannelgraph lessons, stories and, on occasion, birthday greetings.

In the Pawcatuck Church, having no primary superintendent at present, the teachers take turns, a month at a time, with the opening exercises, during which flannelgraph stories are given. They are purchasing books for a Sabbath school library, and have started a film library with the purchase of Christmas slides.

In the Waterford Sabbath School, the older children are building a Palestinian city of the time of Jesus, in a sandbox, under the direction of the pastor who teaches their class.

At Plainfield, the younger children are taken to a classroom after the children's sermon where they have a story and activities which interest them until time for Sabbath school.

In Marlboro, an attendance system has been introduced which interests the children in striving for perfect attendance to the extent that seven gold pins for perfect attendance for a year were awarded in January. This is especially noteworthy, since several of the children come from homes not connected with the Church.

The superintendent of Ashaway finds that prayer in the individual classes is helping the children to grow spiritually.

All the schools are working for the spiritual development of the children and are asking for the interest and prayers of the adult members toward that interest.

Bernice M. Davis,
Children's Superintendent.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Harley Sutton closed his work as executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education with the board's quarterly meeting on October 16. He served five years and three months and resigned because of illness.

A resolution of appreciation for Mr. Sutton's work, paying tribute to the Christian faith and personal integrity which he brought to the office, was unanimously adopted by the board. A copy of the resolution will be published in a later issue of the Sabbath Recorder. Mr. Sutton will continue to reside at his home in Alfred Station, N. Y. The board's office

has been moved down the street, three doors, to the parsonage of the Second Alfred Church.

Officers of the board elected at the meeting include Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president, Rev. Everett T. Harris, vice-president, Ben R. Crandall, treasurer, and Miss R. Marion Carpenter, recording and corresponding secretary. Mr. Rogers and Miss Carpenter will care for the board's office work at present and communications may be sent to them through Mr. Rogers who is pastor of the Church at Alfred Station, N. Y.

Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, whose appointment to the office of executive secretary of the board was announced last month, is on leave of absence serving as pastor of the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church and working toward a graduate degree in Religious Education at the Hartford Theological Foundation.

Chairmen of the board's standing committees for the coming year will be: Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman for Young People's Work, Miss Miriam Shaw, chairman for Church School Activities, Dr. Wayne R. Rood, chairman for Higher Education, and Dr. Alfred E. Whitford, chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Skaggs, who is pastor of the Little Genesee, N. Y., Church was appointed a member of the board to succeed Alfred L. Davis, resigned. Gerald Burdick, Don Sanford, and Melvin Nida, all of Alfred, were elected new members at the annual meeting. A. N. R.

CORRECTION

Rev. Ronald I. Hargis informs us that he is not a graduate of Salem College but of Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, Mich. This correction refers to the statement on page 186, near the close of the second paragraph, first column, in the Christian Education Department of the Sabbath Recorder for September 26, 1949.

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Children's Page

Dear Recorder Children:

Still no children's letters this week, but I am looking forward to next week, hoping for a perfect shower of letters. This beautiful October there ought to be many wonderful things to write about. The grass is yet green. The sky is a brilliant blue. There are still enough leaves left on the trees to show their many bright colors; but oh, how fast they are falling. Such heaps of them I raked up and burned yesterday. This morning there is a new supply of them on our lawn. We haven't had a bit of rain in a long time, so today I'm going to tell you a story about —

The Rainy Day

"Oh, dear!" said Clare crossly, "I wish it wouldn't rain. It's no fun playing in the house all the time."

"I'll tell you what you can do," said his mother. "Get your pretty new blocks and build a house with them. Or maybe you can build a castle with them like the picture that came in the box."

"I'm tired of playing with them," grumbled Clare. "Besides, they all tumble down even when I try to build a 'teeny, weeny' house."

"I know what you can do," said his mother with a smile. "Draw them in a cart and pretend you have a load of wood to sell. Pretend the cellar is behind my chair and see how neatly you can pile up your wood."

"All right," said Clare more cheerfully, and for about half an hour he was busy and contented. Then he stopped playing and began to count over the five pennies his mother had paid him for the wood.

Once more he began to grumble. "I don't see why it has to rain all the time, I can't go out anywhere. I want to go out and spend my five pennies for candy."

"Here are two animal cookies," said his mother. "See the pretty red eyes they have. You can eat them while I tell you a true story about a little boy who had been sick for a long time. The doctor said he must go out in the country and stay until he was well again."

"So his mother took him to the home of his grandfather and grandmother far away up among the hills where the little boy loved to go. When they reached there, to his disappointment, the hills were all bare and brown. The grass in the fields was dry and withered. There was very little but stones and sand in the brook, for there had been no rain for many weeks. He had hoped to see green fields and trees and the beautiful, sparkling brook.

"Every day the sun shone brightly and the sky was a beautiful blue. Days and weeks went by and still not one drop of rain fell.

"One morning when the little boy woke up he was surprised to see the rain come pouring down. It rained and rained for three whole days and nights. Then the flowers held up their heads. The grass soon began to grow green. Once more the little boy could sail his pretty boat in the brook which was full once more."

Clare began to laugh merrily, the cross look completely gone from his face. "Why, I liked to have it rain, then," he cried, "and I remember I said I would never grumble about a rainy day again."

"Don't you thing it is a good time to remember that promise?" said his mother, giving her little boy a loving hug. "Now take your tricycle and ride up and down the hall until you hear Daddy's whistle. Then will come supper and bed, and in the morning maybe the sun will be shining. Everything will be even more beautiful because of the rain that is past."

"All right, Mamma dear," said Clare cheerfully. "I'll have fun riding up and down the hall on my tricycle. I'll pretend it's a big, prancing horse and I'm training him for the next race."

Then he rode up and down the long hall on his pretended horse. He had such a good time that he didn't even hear Daddy's whistle till he greeted him at the door.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS

BERLIN, N. Y. — We are living in a cloud of glory right now, surrounded by the gorgeous fall coloring. The bright reds and yellows of the maples combined with the various shades of green and brown make beautiful tapestries on the hills about us. God has made Mother Nature a supreme artist unsurpassed by human efforts.

In keeping with the painting fever which has hit the town (buildings as well as trees), our pastor has painted the parsonage. The Church members supplied the paint, and have also installed an oil burner in the parsonage furnace.

Mrs. Helen Sullivan and her son have gone to Raquette Lake where she is teaching science in the high school. Miss Janet Bullock is attending Oswego Normal this year.

Friday, October 7, was the 65th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Wing. The following acknowledgment of our Sabbath school's congratulations demonstrates Mrs. Wing's poetical ability:

When you're 84 and 90,
Sort of shut in day by day;
And you miss the friendly faces
You have known along the way.

It's just fine to be remembered,
Know they've not forgotten you,
And it brings a nice refreshing
Like the falling of the dew.

So please accept our "Thank you,"
And a wish for one and all
That heaven's richest blessings
May daily on you fall.

We'll not wish you to be 90,
That's quite too long to stay,
But that each day bring joy to you
As you pass along life's way.

Mildred Greene,
Correspondent.

NEWS FROM ALFRED UNIVERSITY

Dr. M. Ellis Drake will be inaugurated the ninth president of Alfred University at ceremonies on Founders Day, November 10.

More than 350 delegates and guests, including the presidents of New York colleges, members of the Board of Regents, trustees of the State University, other State education officials, and representa-

tives of honorary and professional societies, have been invited to attend the event.

Dr. Drake was named acting president of Alfred a year ago, succeeding Dr. J. Edward Walters. His appointment as president was announced in June at the University's 113th anniversary commencement.

Arranging the inauguration ceremonies are Dr. Elizabeth Geen, committee chairman, Dr. H. O. Burdick, Dean John F. McMahon, Dean A. J. C. Bond, Dean Joseph Seidlin, Dr. Willis C. Russell, Robert M. Campbell, Dr. Murray J. Rice, and George W. Ince. — Publicity Department.

DEACON JOSEPH L. LAWHEAD

Joseph Leonard Lawhead who, had he lived until October 14, would have been 80 years old, died August 29, 1949, at his home in Jackson Center, Ohio. He was born in Piqua, Ohio, the son of Pressley Cordell and Sarah Davis Lawhead.

They moved to Shelby County during his early life, where he attended school at Jackson Center, and where he spent most of his life. For two years after his marriage, the family lived at North Hampton, Ill. Mr. Lawhead lived on a farm near the village for a number of years, but a large part of his time was devoted to the trade of village blacksmith. He has been a very rugged man and a good workman. He has made many friends and has always been held in high esteem by all his neighbors and by the many for whom he worked. He was for many years an active member of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges and had a large acquaintance of friends from all the surrounding country. All speak very highly of him.

Mr. Lawhead married Elva Hughes of Jackson Center on March 2, 1893, and they spent 56 years of happy married life together. Mrs. Lawhead, though not in very good health, survives with all her children, except one daughter, Marie, who died several years ago. The six living children are: William of Jackson Center; Mrs. Lewis Dobie of St. Johns; Howard

of Jackson Center; Mrs. Chester Gibbs of Sidney; Joseph of Galesburg, Mich.; and Huitt of Jackson Center, all near by during his last three years of declining health. There are also 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lawhead was a member of the Methodist Church at the time of his marriage but eventually he came to see the Sabbath truth and joined the Church of his wife who has always been a loyal Seventh Day Baptist. When he saw the new light he was happy in it and set to work to bring it to others. He was very consistent and faithful to the Church during all 40 years of his membership. During most of this time he was a deacon and a trustee of the Church and very acceptably filled these offices. He has always held the work of the Church uppermost in his mind and heart and his counsel will be greatly missed by those who have found him so helpful and understanding. He spent a great deal of his time in his later years to a study of the Bible and in every way tried to observe its precepts. A useful life is ended but its influence will linger on.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Trevor R. Sutton, who was at General Conference, the former pastor, Rev. Leslie O. Greene of Indianapolis, Ind., conducted the funeral from the Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 31. Burial was in the Jackson Center Cemetery.

L. O. G.

BIRTHS

Sheppard. — Twin sons, Gilbert Erwin and David Timothy, Jr., on August 7, 1949, to David T. and Margaret Lawrence Sheppard of Cedarville, N. J.

Lawrence. — A son, Edward Rae, on September 24, 1949, to Edward and Mildred Stillman Lawrence of Marlboro, N. J.

Accessions

Marlboro, N. J.

Baptism:

Miss Jean Davis,
Miss Mattie Westcott,
Mrs. Morton Allen,
Mrs. Earl Lloyd,
Raymond Davis,
Lewis Miller,

Robert Gatani,
Richard Gatani, and
Harry Gatani were baptized on July 29, 1949, and received into the Church on Sabbath, August, 5, by Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor.

Letter:

Mrs. Edward Lawrence,
Miss Florence Harris, and
Paul Lewis were received into the Church on August 5, 1949, by letter.

C. R. B., Pastor.

Little Prairie, Ark.

Baptism:

Inez Hughes, baptized by J. H. McKay, Jr., June 19, 1949, received into membership June 25.

Robert H. Searcy, baptized by Rev. R. M. Soper, September 12, 1949, received into membership September 17.

Gentry, Ark.

Baptism:

Mrs. Viola Springer and
Miss Ola Joyce Springer were baptized at Round Rock, Tex., by Pastor C. A. Beebe, August 3, 1949, and received into membership August 6.

(Mrs. Springer is a daughter of the late Deacon Frank Peikert of the former Eagle Lake, Tex., Church.)

C. A. B., Pastor.

Marriages

Mitchell - Hughes. — On August 29, 1949, James Mitchell of Texarkana, Ark., son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mitchell, and Inez Hughes of Nady, Ark., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hughes, were united in marriage at the bride's home by Evangelist J. H. McKay, Jr., uncle of the bride. They are making their home in Texarkana, Tex., Route 1, Box 17. Both were workers in the Southwestern Gospel Team this summer.

Lampman - Perry. — John Ray Lampman of Wellsville, N. Y., and Meredith Ruby Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Perry of Allentown, N. Y., were united in marriage on September 24, 1949, at the Seventh Day Baptist Parish House, Independence, N. Y., Rev. Carl R. Maxson officiating. Their home will be on a farm near Wellsville, N. Y.

Hemminger - Wilkinson. — Glendale Hemminger, son of Mrs. Gladys Coon Hemminger of Battle Creek, Mich., and Evelyn Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson of Freeland, Mich., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek on the evening of July 16, 1949. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated. They now reside at 180 East Main Street, Salem, W. Va.

Obituaries

Lawhead. — Deacon Joseph Leonard, died August 29, 1949, in Jackson Center, Ohio. A more extended obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Williams. — Nellie, was born September 15, 1865, and passed away at her home in Millville, N. J., April 3, 1949.

Having been a Christian from childhood, she accepted the Sabbath later in life and became a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 1, 1925. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. May Hess, a son, Robert Williams, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christy Funeral Home in Millville by her pastor, Rev. C. Rex Burdick. Interment was at Mt. Pleasant.

C. R. B.

Campbell. — Ernest, son of Benjamin and Anna Sphar Campbell, was born March 3, 1887, and passed away at his home in Marlboro, N. J., April 3, 1949.

He joined the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter August 31, 1929, and remained a member until his death. On January 23, 1920, he married Carrie Fogg. Surviving him are his widow, Carrie, two sons, Francis and Walter, two daughters, Mildred and Irene, and one sister, Margaret.

Funeral services were conducted from Garrison's Funeral Home in Bridgeton by his pastor, Rev. C. Rex Burdick. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

C. R. B.

Gadd. — Mame Fisher, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth MacPherson Fisher, was born July 21, 1874, and passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. Adelia Gandy, in Fairton, N. J., September 24, 1949.

She accepted Christ as a child and became a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church on February 16, 1881. She married Albert J. Gadd in 1902, who with his son preceded her in death. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Adelia Gandy, a nephew, Charles Mixner, and two nieces, Mrs. Elizabeth Newkirk, and Mrs. Carolyn Chance.

Funeral services were conducted from the home by her pastor, Rev. C. Rex Burdick. The body was laid to rest in the Marlboro Cemetery.

C. R. B.

DeRuiter. — Sarah, was born December 21, 1867, in Haarlem, Holland.

She married Carl G. DeRuiter, and soon they came to Alfred, N. Y., to live. They moved to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1909 where they spent the rest of their years. Mr. DeRuiter had been called to rest in 1933.

Mrs. DeRuiter, after three weeks of serious illness, was called to rest on August 22, 1949. Interment was in the Reese Cemetery. Rev. George Seiffert conducted the services in the absence of the pastor.

A. L. W.

Johnson. — Dr. Harry Milton, was born in Stonefort, Ill., April 16, 1880, and died August 12, 1949, in Chicago. He was the son of Dr. F. F. and Minerva Burnett Johnson. His father was for many years a physician, teacher, and minister of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in southern Illinois.

He attended several terms at Milton College, and was graduated from Northwestern University Dental School in 1904.

He was married to Flora Burdick of Walworth, Wis., November 3, 1902, and practiced dentistry in Walworth for 10 years, where he was leader of the band and Church choir.

Dr. Johnson gave up his practice temporarily to become a member of Al Sweet's White Hussars, famous musical troupe, with which he sang and played in Chautauqua and on lyceum programs throughout the United States and Canada. After 3 years he returned to dental practice in the Hyde Park district of Chicago where he spent the last 30 years of his life.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and 3 sisters and is survived by his wife; 2 brothers, W. F. Johnson of Stonefort, Ill., and Ewing M. Johnson of Clarkston, Wash.; also many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Walworth, August 16, 1949, by Rev. Mr. Keen, with interment in Walworth Cemetery. — Contributed by Mrs. Paul Green, Milton, Wis.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET REMITTANCES

Notice to Church Treasurers and Other Contributors to the Denominational Budget:

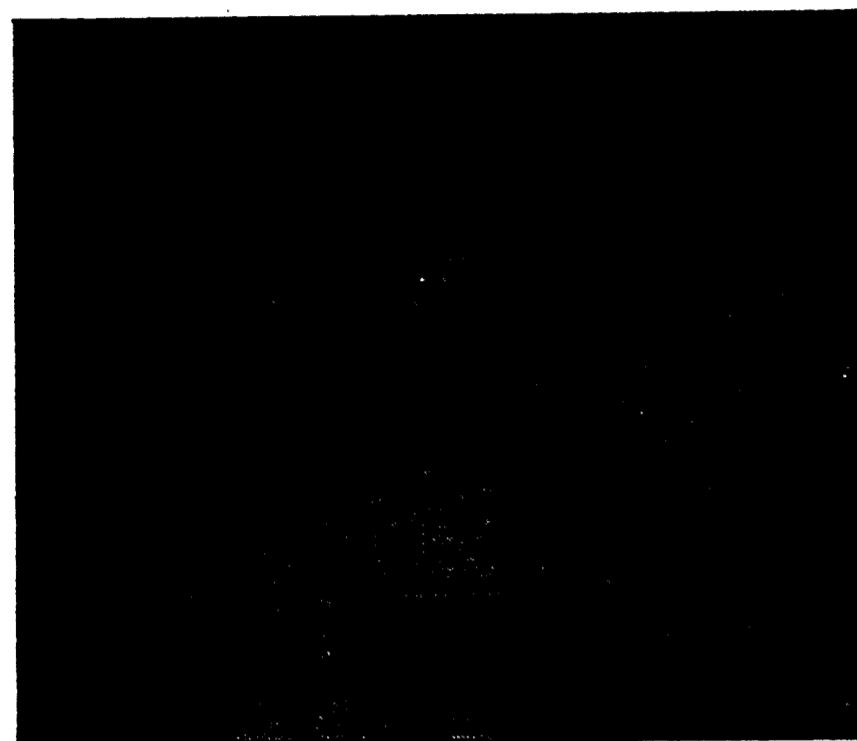
Until further notice, please send all contributions to the Denominational Budget to Professor D. N. Inglis, Milton, Wis.

L. M. Van Horn.

(Note: Professor L. M. Van Horn, on leave of absence from Milton College, Milton, Wis., is now at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., doing graduate work. The Commission of the General Conference at its midyear meeting, December 28-30, 1948, approved Mr. Van Horn's request for leave of absence from the office of Denominational Budget treasurer, and the suggestion that Professor Inglis serve in his absence.)

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE HELPS EXTEND SOAP CAMPAIGN

Miss Lois Stuber, a member of the United Christian Youth Movement, wears a big smile as she shows her father, Dr. Stanley I. Stuber (center), an executive



of Church World Service, and Wayland Zwyer, secretary for Europe of Church World Service, just how the CARE Soap Campaign works in getting that much-needed item overseas to aid children, hospitals, orphanages, and DP camps in their fight against dirt and disease. For every two Swan Soap wrappers turned in to CARE through Church World Service, one bar of soap will be turned over to that organization by CARE for distribution abroad. The entire drive is a part of the groups' over-all Contributed Supplies program. Headquarters for the soap campaign is Church World Service Soap Campaign, CARE, Boston 2, Mass. With leading religious organizations as Church World Service showing the way, the campaign has been so successful that CARE has extended its dead line from August 1 to December 31. — News from CARE.

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The Japan International Christian University Foundation — which plans a great Christian University near Tokyo — reports that Japan's goal of 150 million yen towards the institution has been exceeded by two million yen, and that 99% of the contributors were non-Christian. The Emperor and Empress made gifts totaling 150,000 yen, and the governor of the Bank of Japan served as campaign chairman.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER REVISION OF STATEMENT OF BELIEF

(Adopted by General Conference at Riverside, Calif., Friday morning, August 19)

Your special committee appointed to consider some revisions of the statement of Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs have given the matter considerable consideration, and have conferred with a number of our ministers attending this session of the General Conference.

As our present statement of "Beliefs" as adopted at the session of General Conference held in Shiloh, N. J., in August, 1937, was the outgrowth of generations of Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and practices, we feel it would not be wise to make changes without further study. Therefore we suggest the appointment of a committee of three to conduct a further survey and study concerning changes in Articles VI and VII, which were referred to us for study at this session of General Conference, and that it report at the next annual session of General Conference.

Furthermore, we suggest for a possible change of title and of wording of Article VII the following, which we feel will meet the criticism of the article as it now reads:

VII. The Future Life

We believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and lives eternally with the Father, and that He will come in heavenly glory; and that because He lives, an immortal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, will be the reward of the redeemed.

Erlo E. Sutton, Chairman,
Alton L. Wheeler,
Wayne R. Rood.

ENTIRELY SATISFIED? NEVER!

"Sad is the day for any man when he becomes absolutely satisfied with the life that he is living, the thoughts that he is thinking, and the deeds that he is doing; when there ceases to be forever beating at the doors of his soul a desire to do something larger which he feels and knows he was meant and intended to do." — Bulletin, The Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

— Thomas Ken, 1709