

# The Sabbath Recorder

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

(Recommended by Commission and adopted by General Conference at Salem, W. Va., August 22-27, 1950, for the fiscal year October 1, 1950, to September 30, 1951.)

### Missionary Society:

Toward a budget of \$27,850.00		
Foreign Missions .....	\$7,627.00	
Home Missions .....	3,178.00	
Administration .....	1,500.00	
Retirement allowances .....	700.00	
Student Evangelistic Program .....	600.00	
		\$ 13,605.00

### Tract Society:

Toward a budget of \$21,365.00		
Sabbath Recorder .....	\$3,500.00	
Administration .....	1,065.00	
Distribution of literature, visual aids, radio programs .....	1,800.00	
Light and janitor .....	150.00	
		6,515.00

### Board of Christian Education:

Toward a budget of \$13,285.00		
School of Theology .....	\$3,000.00	
Administration .....	2,853.50	
Helping Hand .....	600.00	
Sabbath Visitor .....	400.00	
Retirement allowance .....	600.00	
International Council .....	75.00	
Debt repayment .....	71.50	
		7,600.00

Women's Society .....	200.00
Toward a budget of \$2,250.00	

Historical Society .....	640.00
Toward a budget of \$3,240.00	

Ministerial Retirement .....	3,000.00
Toward a budget of \$7,910.50	

Seventh Day Baptist Building .....	1,190.00
Toward a budget of \$2,760.00	

### World Fellowship and Service:

Toward a budget of \$275.00		
World Council of Churches .....	\$ 100.00	
National Council of Churches .....	100.00	
Baptist Committee on Public Relations .....	25.00	
Commission on Chaplains .....	50.00	
		275.00

### General Conference:

Toward a budget of \$3,975.00		
Expenses of officers .....	\$ 775.00	
Expenses of Commission .....	1,200.00	
Year Book .....	675.00	
Contingent Fund .....	625.00	
Budget Promotion .....	400.00	
Vocational Committee .....	100.00	
Printing and stationery .....	200.00	
		3,975.00

Toward a budget of \$82,910.50		\$ 37,000.00
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*Worldwide  
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Let us raise the present budget in full so that we may start unencumbered the new one presented above.

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## PRAYER

By Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn

O God, Eternal, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Father of all mankind, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. In Thee do we find our hope for the future and our courage for the present.

We thank Thee for the privileges of these days; for moments of high inspiration and resolve, and pray that the memory of these may remain with us as we return to our homes.

We confess our sins before Thee. We have sometimes substituted outward seeming for inward devotion. We have not loved Thee with all our hearts, minds, and strengths nor our neighbors as ourselves. Wilt Thou forgive us and cleanse our hearts and make us fit to do Thy will.

Our Father, Thou knowest that days when war clouds lower are particularly hard for women. Wilt Thou give us peace, O Lord.

Wilt Thou bless us in our individual lives. Each has his own sorrows and burdens to bear, his own decisions to make. Help us we pray.

Wilt Thou bless us in our homes. We pray that they may be truly Christian that our children may early learn the Christian life.

Wilt Thou bless us in our wider relationships, in the community, state, and nation, and in our co-operation with Christians of other faiths.

We offer our prayer in the name of the Redeemer. Amen.

(Note: The above prayer was offered during the devotions of the Woman's Hour of General Conference.)

## UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

Is your information on denominational affairs up-to-date?

Yes?

Fine.

Then, why not tell a friend about the Sabbath Recorder?

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Conference president's address: Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, 619 North Avenue, Battle Creek, Mich.

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## THE SALEM CONFERENCE

(Continued)

### "Fervent in Spirit"

An observer at the Salem Conference would have been persuaded quite early during Conference week that Seventh Day Baptists were taking seriously the theme of the year, "Fervent in Spirit."

Dr. Lloyd D. Seager had been putting into wide practice this admonition of Paul the apostle to the Romans (12: 11b). That "enthusiasm begets enthusiasm" proved to be true on the part of last year's Conference president.

Then, when it fell the lot of Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, first vice-president, to conduct the program of Conference in the absence of Dr. Seager, further evidence of a fervent spirit was present. With dignity and grace, with dispatch and understanding, with patience and fairness, Acting President Wheeler presided at general sessions and conducted the business of General Conference. The ovation given him at the concluding session on Sunday evening upon his induction into office as president for the present year was proof of the appreciation of the congregation for a hard job well done.

In writing thus we are mindful of the behind-the-scenes co-operation and support of Mrs. Wheeler, of Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, third vice-president, and the work of many hands and minds some of whom we would surely fail to mention should we try to mention all of them.

The visible success of the Conference was in large part due, from the human standpoint, to the invisible prayers of people across the world. The presence of many in faraway places was genuinely felt because of the prayer interest that they expressed. From the wheel chairs of hospitals and the whirl of factories; from farm and market, office and shop — these prayers were offered. God honored those who prayed in obedience by granting a spiritually successful Conference. So, the spirit and purpose of those remote was felt as well as those directly engaged in carrying forward the Conference program.

### Satan's Defeat

Anyone who attended Conference faithfully became fully aware that Satan would have had a field day at several points if he could have had his way. But thanks be unto God, the Spirit of our living and victorious Lord was present in power to guide and bless.

Frankly, the greatest sign of hope for us as a people was the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. At no point that we could detect was harshness expressed or uncharitableness in evidence. There was evident an earnest desire to discuss and to disagree in a brotherly spirit.

All praise unto Him whose we are and whom we serve.

### Progress, Slow but Sure

Although the decisions of Conference on some questions did not authorize the changes that some people had hoped for, nevertheless definite progress was and is being made. This progress is slow to be sure, but it is sure. Matters were brought to the Conference floor for consideration which, if adopted as proposed, would have meant revolutionary changes. We are told by "old-timers" that Seventh Day Baptists simply require more time to take action on certain matters about which insufficient information is at hand and which have not been quite thoroughly discussed.

It will be the expressed purpose of the Sabbath Recorder to accelerate the dissemination of information on certain questions during the year. We make this statement on the condition that if it is the Lord's will, and if the sources of information will further cooperate.

One of the pathetic features about trying to publish reliable, up-to-date information of denomination-wide interest is the great difficulty at times that we have in getting such information. We are not discouraged and we do not think that by-passing the Sabbath Recorder is intentional. Yet, imagine our embarrassment when some item which might well have been shared with Recorder readers becomes public knowledge before your denominational paper even hears about it. We are not seeking "scoops" and scandal.

We do want vital and essential information while it is fresh.

An emphasis made at Conference by members of the Commission, which was readily agreed with by many, was that the best course to pursue is to "make haste slowly."

Further evidence that Seventh Day Baptists are making progress is seen in a remark by one person, who was not present at Salem, following brief impressions of the Conference from the pulpit on a recent Sabbath morning. He said: "Something seems to be stirring in the denomination." It was agreed that the stirring is for the better.

### MANY THANKS!

We are sure that readers of the Sabbath Recorder appreciated the early publication of the Report of the Committee on Nominations as adopted by General Conference at Salem, W. Va., August 27, 1950. This report was made available to the Recorder through the courtesy of Perley B. Hurley, chairman of the committee, and Leland E. Skaggs, secretary, who made a carbon copy of the report for our use. We appreciate immensely this co-operation.

### NO RETREAT!

Grover Brissey of Laurel, Md., a member of The Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., presented a ringing challenge on Sunday afternoon at General Conference. He declared that he was getting tired of retreat! retreat! retreat! on the part of Seventh Day Baptists.

To back up his challenge, Mr. Brissey proposed that the entire denomination adopt the plan of stewardship that calls for tithes and offerings. He assured us that he and Mrs. Brissey stand ready to do their share.

Henry Hunting of Alfred, N. Y., a member of the First Alfred Church, arose in the same meeting to state that he would add \$100 to his regular giving this year.

L. Harrison North, chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Retirement, announced that a couple in attendance at Conference had handed him a check of \$1,000 for the Ministerial Retirement

Fund, \$500 of which is for current use and \$500 for the endowment item of the fund. Mr. North informs us that Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall of Alfred, N. Y., members of the First Alfred Church, are the generous benefactors.

My friends, what are we waiting for? What are we arguing about? "Let's act now!" If this movement would only sweep through the length and breadth of our denomination, the next Pre-Conference meeting of the Commission might appropriately recommend to the 1951 Conference at Alfred, N. Y., an allocation of the overpayment of the 1950-1951 Denominational Budget.

Remember Malachi 3: 10!

It can be done! Let's do it! In His name.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor:

Have enjoyed so much of late, things, most of them, in Recorder and I'd like to see put in tract or pamphlet form, Rev. Everett T. Harris' article of July 17, 1950, "The Larger Task — Stewardship." It is a fine idea about teaching the very young to save one tenth of their belongings as soon as they know different parts of money. I'd also like to suggest that we stop singing and asking children to "Hear the pennies dropping" but hear our "offerings dropping." Pennies get lost, too, so easily. . . .

Sincerely,  
Mrs. A.

12 Morgan Street,  
Westerly, R. I.,  
July 25, 1950.

Dear Friends:

I am sending herewith a one-dollar bill to continue my subscription to the Recorder . . . and many thanks for all favors. I am still a strong Sabbathkeeper and expect to die in the faith.

Very sincerely,  
(Rev.) Riley G. Davis.

3918 S. W. 13th Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa,  
July 27, 1950.

### MIRIAM SEAGER MUCH IMPROVED

A recent letter from Dr. Lloyd D. Seager states: "I am glad to report that Miriam is much improved and we have hopes she will be able to enter school within two or three weeks."

Conference delegates and other readers of the Sabbath Recorder rejoice with the Seager family that Miriam's health promises to permit her to return to school soon. We thank God for His answer to many prayers and pray for her sustained improvement.

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UNITED STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL  
Hillsdale, Mich.

### DEAN BOND'S YOUTH HYMN AVAILABLE IN INTERLEAF FORM

"Glad Sabbath Peace" was sung at the Salem Conference to the virile tune, "Finlandia." Dean A. J. C. Bond who wrote the text named it, "Hymn to Youth," and Westminster Press has graciously given us permission to use the two on a printed interleaf which can be secured from Mighty Oak Press, Don V. Gray, proprietor, Milton, Wis., at 2 cents per copy.

We have been singing this hymn at Conferences for several years but Miss Betty Daland, organist of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, proposed that it be made available for home Church use. The Milton Church has already pasted copies into the covers of their service hymnals along with "Thine Is the Glory" which was a favorite at the Amsterdam Assembly of the World Council of Churches. A. N. R.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL AT WATERFORD

The fourth annual music festival of the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church was held on Sunday, July 30, 1950. About thirty persons enjoyed a swim in the waters of Long Island Sound in the afternoon and more than fifty gathered for the picnic supper at the parsonage.

In the evening the following program was presented at the Church: Welcome, Rev. Carl Maxson, summer pastor of the Waterford Church; Favorite Hymns, Rev. William Kimshel of Middletown, Conn.; Solo, "Why I Love Him," Miss Shirley Kenyon of Ashaway, R. I.; Anthem, "The Love That Satisfies," Waterford Choir; "Seeking the Lost," Spencer Quintette of Middletown, Conn.; Solo, "The Stranger of Galilee," Miss Harriett Sanctuary of Amherst, Mass., a student at the Providence Bible Institute; Anthem, "Create in Me a Clean Heart," Ashaway Junior Choir; Solo, "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling Thee Home," Miss Dorothy Miner of Hopkinton, R. I.

Also, Anthem, "Sing, O Heaven," Waterford Choir; Duet, "In the Shadow of the Cross," Misses Esther and Emma Burdick of Salemville, Pa.; Solo, "O Lord, Be Merciful," Miss Harriett Sanctuary; Duet, "I Will Give You Rest," Misses Barbara Waite and Myra Well of Ashaway, R. I.; Duet, "Alone," Miss Betty and Vernon Turner of Rockville, R. I.; Anthem, "Onward Christian Soldiers," Waterford Choir.

This program was enjoyed by about 125 people from Waterford and Middletown, Conn.; Westerly, Ashaway, Hopkinton, and Rockville, R. I.; Amherst, Mass.; Salemville, Pa.; and Independence, N. Y.

Morton R. Swinney,

Niantic, Conn.

### Scripture Publication Continuing in China

The American Bible Society has received word from Dr. Ralph Mortensen of the China Bible House, Shanghai, that preparations have been made for going forward with a full printing program. The estimated circulation in China for the first six months of 1950 totaled 575,400 volumes. — Release.



## Statement of CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE and BELIEF

By Deacon James Benjamin Beckles  
(This statement was given at his ordination to the diaconate in Peter's Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church, Parika, B. G., on May 27, 1950. Deacon Beckles has charge of the young people's work in the Parika Church.)

Fifty-three years ago on November 20, 1897, I was born on the Island of Wake-naam, in a little village known as Sansouci, in the County of Essequibo, British Guiana, S. A. My father and mother were both members of the Scottish Presbyterian Church.

During my childhood days, I spent a happy life with my father and mother, especially in the devotional hours in our home, conducted on weekdays and on Sunday mornings by my father. A grievous time came in my life when my mother died, leaving me at the tender age of seven years. I was a very dull schoolboy, but I loved to read and sing. I was delighted in social and religious work from my youth. I loved parties, recreation of all sorts, weddings, and Church services. As I became older, I became interested in reading the Bible more than I used to do, as if I were searching for a treasure, but did not really know for what I searched.

Later on in life, I became attached to a young woman who became a blessing to me in that I was married to her in 1920. In 1932, we changed our residence to the West Coast of Demerara, B. G. I decided to become a member of the A. M. E. Zion Church of which Dr. W. A. Dean was minister, and was put under the guidance of Rev. Mr. Lewis of the same denomination. Immediately following my reception into the membership of that Church, a dispute arose between the two ministers, which lasted so long that I was forced to withdraw from the Church.

I then decided to join the Scottish Presbyterian Church on the West Coast. I was received into fellowship by Rev. J. A. Ramsay, minister of that Church. Shortly afterward I was ordained a deacon of the Church, and I began praying that the Lord would open my eyes to see His will so that I might perform my office. In 1945, the answer came to my prayer

for wisdom when an Adventist, Clotile Anderson, met me and invited me to attend a Sabbath service. I hesitated for a while, then said that I would think it over. I went home and told my wife about the invitation. My wife was very anxious to go to the Sabbath service, so we attended. I was very much enlightened that day on things that seemed to bother me in the Scottish Church. From that day, I decided not to miss a Sabbath day service, unless from sickness. I was soon convinced that my profession of Christ was not in accordance with the Bible; and I saw my lost condition. I then decided to become a Sabbathkeeper, and to accept Christ through the gateway of baptism, and by observing the commandments of God. At once I joined the baptismal class of the Adventists, and was baptized in March, 1945, in Georgetown by W. W. Weithers. I then became a member of the Vergenoegen Seventh Day Adventist Church at West Coast.

In 1946, I was appointed Sabbath school teacher, and soon afterward superintendent of the Sabbath school. Next I was elected a layman, and was privileged to attend laymen's institute meetings conducted by Elder Cash. Some time after, an all-round campaign was launched by all the laymen in the denomination, and I was given charge of the Parika area. By this time my wife was convinced of the Sabbath truth and was baptized.

During the period of my meetings, the Seventh Day Baptists were also conducting meetings in the Parika area. They made it convenient to attend my meeting, and I in turn attended theirs. This fraternizing gave me a good opportunity of knowing something of the Seventh Day Baptist views. In the month of February, 1947, Mrs. Beckles and I grew discouraged with the Seventh Day Adventists and decided to become Seventh Day Baptist members. We were received into the fellowship of the Peter's Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church at Parika, West Coast, Demerara, in October, 1947.

I immediately began doing service in the Parika Church, and I am very happy to say that we have no cause to regret our decision of accepting the Sabbath, and more so the fellowshiping with the Parika

## REWARD

Your Missionary Society is interested in good "human interest" photos of foreign or American Christian work among us. You may have pictures of Principal Chang, Heinrich Bruhn, Ploon Dijk, Benjamin Berry, Soerates Thompson, of special projects in evangelism, community service or education, of friends in foreign Seventh Day Baptist Churches which we do not have. Will you personally take the responsibility to think over the photos you or your friends have which this office might have — and might not! We haven't been everywhere, and our eyes may not have seen what yours have. We promise the reward of having a part in better educating our people about our world mission. We promise good use, careful handling, and wise display (or publication) of your pictures. Loaned pictures will be returned as requested. Be sure to completely identify persons, places, time. Send as soon as possible so we can plan for fall and winter emphases programs.

D. S. C.

## PRESIDENT CRANDALL'S MESSAGE

(Read by Rev. Charles H. Bond on the Conference program on Tuesday afternoon, August 22.)

Dear friends assembled  
in Conference at Salem:

It would be an appreciated privilege to stand before you and say these few words of greeting, that, because of my absence I am sending to be read for me by someone else. Let me assure you that my message is not one whit less sincere and heartfelt because of this. I shall be glad if you will realize the concern for the work of Seventh Day Baptists which I feel deeply and truly.

The Seventh Day Baptist cause in America dates back almost to Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower. Seventh Day Bap-

Church. I am very happy to know that my pastor and officers of the Church have recognized my service in the Church, and have called me to the diaconate. I pledge full allegiance to God and the Church, and ask the prayers of all our people in British Guiana and wherever the name Seventh Day Baptist is called, to help me pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit to help fight against the Devil.

tists always have been a missionary people. No sooner was the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in Newport, R. I., established than the zeal for preaching the gospel and proclaiming the Sabbath truth was in evidence. It sent out the minister and sometimes with him a layman into other parts of Rhode Island and into the neighboring colony of Connecticut. Dr. O. U. Whitford, in Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America, has written: "As the Churches increased in Rhode Island and Connecticut they met together in a Yearly Meeting for Christian fellowship, mutual benefit, and for unity in missionary work." This Yearly Meeting was the forerunner of our present General Conference. We still need the Christian fellowship, mutual benefit, and unity of effort in all branches of the work of our denomination.

As settlements were made toward the West, Seventh Day Baptists went with their message. Their ministers and missionaries, traveling on horseback, often through trackless areas, and by other crude means of travel, preached the gospel to the pioneers and performed such Christian services as opportunities afforded. There was a unity of spirit and a definiteness of purpose that made secondary any

possible differences in doctrine and practice. There definitely was "Christian fellowship and mutual benefit" which were conducive of a measure of success in missionary work.

As the years went on a concern for peoples in other lands was borne upon the hearts of Seventh Day Baptists and eventually those who were called into service were sent to foreign lands. Calls from those hungry for the gospel message and the blessings of a Christian religion have continued to come through the years. Many of our people have sacrificed and given and others have given of their abundance, but never has there been sufficient funds to answer all the calls.

Our Missionary Society, seeking wisdom and guidance from our Heavenly Father, has conscientiously endeavored to carry on the work for which it was formed, to the extent that income from funds bequeathed and given by those of former generations and by your contributions in these days will allow.

It has been and is inevitable that some have been disappointed because some line of work in which they were especially interested has not been carried on or received the recognition and support which they believed the particular field to merit. The Board of Managers are of a mind to expand our work and are eager to increase the work on the various fields. New fields obviously cannot be taken on at the expense of already established work. The home field, caring for needy Churches and assisting and encouraging newly formed Churches and groups, must not be neglected. Our secretary is zealous in co-operating with pastors and Churches in promoting evangelism and this work must be carried on.

If ever there was need for confidence in one another and confidence in the integrity of the various boards (our agents doing our work) it is in the present day. If ever there was need of unity of spirit and purpose it is now. With the world in turmoil and chaos there can be no peace and comfort without unity. Without unity in the Church of Jesus Christ, it is preposterous to have any hope for unity and the blessings of peace among the nations of the earth.

Seventh Day Baptists always have been co-operative with Churches of other denominations. Many have been the benefits and blessings of association and co-operation with local Churches and denominations. In all modesty and humility, I say that I believe Seventh Day Baptists have contributed and do contribute to the cause of Christ in community organizations and in larger bodies.

The greatest need of our time is prayer and faith in the power of prayer. Many have been praying for the sessions of this General Conference. Much prayer is needed for right conduct of the work entrusted to us. The spirit of Christ must prevail in individual hearts. He must prevail in all the deliberations and all the sessions of committees and Conference. Without His spirit the gathering will be in vain. Only as each delegate faces God honestly and devoutly in prayer and seeks to know and to carry out His will, can we have hope for the year and the years to come. "Pray without ceasing."

Yours in Christian love,  
Harold R. Crandall.

Rockville, R. I.,  
August 18, 1950.

### ARMY APPOINTS FIRST ESKIMO CHAPLAIN

Appointment of the first Eskimo chaplain to serve in the Army or any of its components was announced recently by Chief of Army Chaplains (Major General) Roy H. Parker.

Rev. Percy Ipalook, a member of the Alaska National Guard, has been granted federal recognition and assigned to the 1st Alaskan Scout Battalion with headquarters at Nome. He holds the rank of captain and is the first chaplain of the Alaska National Guard to win recognition.

Chaplain Ipalook has been a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for 15 years. He resides at Wales, Alaska, and is a native of Barrow, Alaska. — Release, Department of Defense.

"A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content." — Shiloh, N. J., Church Bulletin.

### MISSION STUDY BOOKS

Today we face a desperate and confused world. How can we help? What can we do? To whom shall we go? Down through the ages have come these same questions, and down through the ages has come the only intelligent answer. "Lord, . . . thou hast the words of eternal life." Where else can we go for help and courage and wisdom? What else can we all do but study His Word? "Study to show thyself approved unto God," and do it, "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Only as we learn to know people are we moved to respond to an opportunity and a need.

The Near East, center of Christian beginnings, is again in the balance of history, and we can lend our strength more intelligently when we come to understand the people and their problems more fully.

Our Missionary Education themes for 1950-51 are "The Near East" and "Toward a Christian Community." Following are a list of the study books and some supplemental reading.

#### I. Foreign Study

1. Near East Panorama, by Gloria M. Wyner, specialist on work among the Moslems. The book portrays the people, true incidents, anecdotes, and factual reports are given, also discussion of problems confronting Christianity. \$1 - \$1.50.

2. Introducing Islam, by J. Christy Wilson. This is history, geography, character, accomplishments, and testimonies of converts. 60 cents.

3. A Guide on "The Near East," based on these two study books. 35 cents. This Guide and the maps listed in the Handbook are a "must" for the program leaders.

4. Supplemental books for extra reading:  
Pearls Are Made, Ann M. Harrison. Story of junior high boy and girl who live by the Persian Gulf. \$1 - \$1.75.

Desert Doctor, Constance Hallock. 15 cents.  
The Thirsty Village, Dorothy Blatter. Two Arab children, a Moslem and a Christian, work the "good neighbor" policy in Lebanon. \$1 - \$1.75.

They Live in Bible Lands, Grace McGavran. Seven stories of children in Bible lands today. \$1 - \$1.75.

Never Dies the Dream, Margaret Landon. A new novel about Siam. \$2.75.

#### II. Home Study

Toward a Christian Community.  
1. Rural Prospect, Mark Rich. \$1 - \$1.50. This is an authoritative factual resource book for program leaders.

2. So Sure of Life, Violet Wood. \$1.25 - \$2.50. This biography of Robert F. Thomas of Pittman Community Center in Tennessee's

Smoky Mountains, crystallizes this year's theme.  
3. Study Guide on these books for program work. 35 cents.

4. Supplemental books:  
The Busy Berry, Frances D. Heron. \$1.  
The Third Wish, Eleanor Hull. \$1.  
In the Direction of Dreams, Violet Wood. \$1.

The books used in 1949-50 are suggested for reference work this year. Write to Friendship Press, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., for a complete handbook, and start now to build your year's program around the selected themes.

Sincerely,  
Flora W. Hurley,  
Newsletter Editor.

Salem, W. Va.,  
August, 1950.

### MID-CENTURY WORLD CONVENTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Miss Alta Van Horn

In the city of Toronto, Canada, a film-strip has just been made. It tells the story of the Mid-Century World Council of Christian Education. Toronto might be considered an ideal place for such a film. It is located in a country which lies between the two most powerful nations in the world, the United States on the south, and Soviet Russia on the north. On Canada's east flank, across the Atlantic, are the other allies. On the west flank, across the Pacific, is communistic China. Canada, in short, is in the middle.

The city of Toronto is in a country which is carrying on a significant program of Christian education. It has a program for the little children, a program for boys and girls 13 to 17 years of age, and a program for young people 18 to 25. There are 30,000 Canadian girls in the training program of Christian education. I might add that Toronto is in a province in which the advertisement of liquor is forbidden. (I regret to state that the Canadians get around this by sending their advertisements to the United States papers and then shipping them back into Canada.)

This was indeed a world convention, for the actors in this film represented 62 different nations. Among the names of the leading characters were: Lord Mackin-



tosh of Halifax, president of the council; W. A. Visser 't Hooft, Geneva, Switzerland; Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese ambassador to the U. S. A.; Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Tokyo, Japan, evangelist; and Bishop Stephen Neill, assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury and associate secretary of the World Council of Churches. Of course there are many, many more that might be named. It is the first time that I have attended a meeting when the only introduction used in presenting a person was that "he is a leading Christian of St. Louis, Mo., and a strong friend of the International Council of Religious Education." In addition to these actors just mentioned, there were the leaders of various denominations whose part in this drama was not to appear on the program, but to set the program in motion when they return to their respective countries. Among these were Dr. Wayne R. Rood, professor at Alfred School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., a member of our Board of Christian Education, and chairman of the Committee on Higher Education; Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, secretary of our Board of Christian Education; and Duane Davis, student in the School of Theology.

As you know, every film has its setting, its leading characters, and its story. The theme of this film was "Jesus Christ — Teacher and Lord." We were reminded that Jesus Christ was the first Sabbath school teacher, not Robert Raikes, for it was Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10: 14. The litany of consecration and fellowship service the first night contained these words, "Make us ever mindful that He is Teacher and Lord." Throughout their talks, every speaker quoted verse after verse of Scripture.

The convention hymn was "Fairest Lord Jesus." Among the many beautiful songs, the ones that I shall always remember were the negro spiritual, "Steal Away to Jesus," sung by the convention song leader, Dr. Fred Miller, and the solo by Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

The convention was a great convention from its opening meeting when the repre-

sentatives of the 62 countries marched upon the stage, through the Sunday afternoon meeting when a wreath was laid at the foot of the statue of Robert Raikes, the founder of Sabbath schools, the Sunday night meeting when 15,000 persons attended the youth service of witness and the final meeting, whose theme was "Here Am I, Send Me." Pictures of the first three meetings mentioned will be found on the bulletin board in the Women's Board Room.

If Hollywood wishes to draw crowds to its shows, it flashes on the screen quotations from exciting moments of the play, spoken by its leading characters. I have placed in this folder, which was distributed to all of you who are present at this fellowship supper, a few quotations and the names of a few of the leading characters. I hope you will start reading the speeches that were given at this convention as they come out in the various magazines and when the film is released that you will be able to see it.

The maple leaf placed on the front of the folder is the official emblem of Canada. The government plants these trees for protection against wind and snow. There were maple leaves everywhere, and to me they seemed to say that if we are to protect ourselves against the many dangers around us, we must plant the seeds. "We are fooling ourselves if we think that we can find trained workers; we will have to grow them." "One does not put a dollar into a machine, and out pops a good boy. It takes people, people who are too busy (to grow trained workers.)" If you and I can catch the spirit of this great convention there will be another film enacted even though it is not put on the screen, and you or I may be a leading character.

Let us always remember that it is Jesus Christ who is Teacher and Lord.

(Note: This account was given at the Woman's Fellowship Supper at General Conference.)

#### FOURTH BUDGET SABBATH

September 23, 1950

#### THE ALL-IMPORTANT TASK OF DISCOVERING TEACHERS

September is already upon us, and this is the season in which schools are opening. It is also the time of the year in which many Churches begin their new Church school year or at least face the need for reorganization after the summer months. Probably one of the greatest problems facing the board of Christian education in a local Church is where and how they are going to find teachers for the Church school. They have searched before, and they know what some of the answers are going to be, "Oh, I just do not have the time," or "I have enough to do just getting my children ready for Church school," or "I do not feel that I know enough about it." Certainly these replies or similar ones have been heard many times. We know, however, we have to keep searching through the people in our Church until we find the best leadership possible. It may mean that we must dig and dig long and hard over a period of months.

All too often we pile the work on a few willing people who are probably already swamped for the same reason by other organizations. Have you tried to bring in new faces into the Church school? What about that new Mrs. Brown who has been coming so regularly — the one you have been planning to call on? What about having that talk right now and see if she would be the kind of a person who would make a contribution to the Church school as a teacher in it? What other things can she do?

Churches lose many young people today because they fail to give them responsibilities in the Church and Church school. They are too content to let those who have been doing it for years carry on. A word of caution is needed here — while searching and digging for teachers — do not be led in desperation to ask just anyone, and when asking those you consider able, do not minimize the task. Remember, in most cases the children are in Church school for only one hour out of the whole week — what about the one hundred sixty-eight hours outside the Church school? Is it not crucially important to find the best leadership that we can for them for that one hour a week?

All too often we say to a prospective teacher, "There is not much time involved — just read through the lesson once before you come." Do we not want our teachers to give the best that it is possible for them to give in that one hour a week? If they are to do that, they are going to need more preparation than merely reading through a lesson.

In the case of a course involving Bible study, the teacher needs to acquaint herself with the historical background — the time, the place, the culture of the people being studied. She needs to do reading to enlarge her own ideas. She needs to spend time in thought and planning for each period in order to help the children and young people understand the meaning and value of what they study in terms of their own experiences — those they have had already, and those which she can provide. Let your teacher know that it is a big job — many of the most efficient people in the Church will respond to such a challenge, for they understand that this responsibility is important and worth while. It seems more important to them than a job which demands a few moments of preparation. They know that to be true in their own work.

Try asking some people who have children in the Church school or people whose parents have taught in the Church school and who passed on to them the sense of responsibility. Parents can make a vital contribution in this way. When children see their parents taking part, it becomes more important in the minds of the children, and in turn it becomes even more meaningful to them.

Perhaps another approach to the problem may be through talent finder sheets, in which members in the Church check special abilities — typing, art work, music, sewing for worship center, painting furniture, and a host of other items. For those who do not wish to take the full responsibility of a class, an answer may be in that. Places may be found for them to participate. These jobs are as necessary as the work of teachers, and perhaps as these people gradually feel more and more at home in the Church school, they will want to take on more responsibilities.

Some Churches have a plan where the responsibilities of the Church school superintendent are delegated to several people — each taking a share of the duties involved.

An important item which we fail to consider when seeking teachers or when we meet vacancies in our Church school is leadership training. As we said, this teaching is a serious and important job, and teachers need help in making their class sessions as effective as possible. There should be regular meetings of the Church school workers, and at this time opportunity should be given for the teachers to place on the table certain problems and

see how others have dealt with them. Another plan is, from time to time to have a guest speaker who is trained in a certain Church school area. Leadership training conferences, workshops, laboratories, etc., in the city or near-by cities should be made available to your leaders. Perhaps the Church or Church school can pay the fee for the leaders to attend. Local and state councils of Churches can provide information about leadership training in a particular region.

Let us see what we can do to meet this challenge of providing the most able leadership we can in our Church schools!  
R. I. H.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

September 24 - October 1, 1950, will be the twentieth annual observance of Religious Education Week. It was established in 1930 by the International Council of Religious Education and has been celebrated since then by the Churches of forty Protestant denominations and seven hundred forty councils of Churches in the United States and Canada. The theme for this year is "Religious Teaching — Vital to the Nation." Following are some suggestions for the observance of this week in your local Church or community:

**Installation of Teachers and Officers** — A special service of recognition and dedication on Sabbath or during the week.

**Church School "Open House"** — This should provide opportunity for parents and visitors to see rooms, curriculum materials, and activity projects. It might come Sabbath afternoon or on a week night.

**Workers' Conference** — Church school and other workers might meet as a whole or by departments to plan and discuss the year's program. Additional conferences during the year should be planned.

**Family Night at Church** — The first of a series of family nights for the year will offer opportunity to discuss Church school plans and activities and to discuss how home and Church can co-operate.

**Service Enlistment** — Every person should be given opportunity to check the type of services and activities which he would be interested in doing in the Church and Church school.

**Every Home Visitation** — Every family in the Church or community might be visited to promote fellowship, interest in the Church, and attendance at special events of the week.

**Teachers' Appreciation Banquet** — Honor and recognition are due the many faithful volunteers during the week. A special program of vital interest should be arranged.

**Parent-Teachers' Conference** — Parents and teachers of each department should meet to plan closer co-operation in the task of Christian teaching. Detailed curriculum plans and activities should be discussed.

**Radio, Newspapers, Motion Picture Theaters** — These may carry the message of Christian teaching to all of the community. Special announcements will be carried as well as featured programs and materials related to Christian education.

More information on what you may do in your Church or community may be secured by writing to the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, R. D. 2, Coudersport, Pa.  
R. I. H.



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am nine years old. My birthday was August 2. I have a brother and two sisters. My baby sister's name is Peggy Jean. She is one year old.

I am in the fourth grade at school. I love to go to Church and Sabbath school. Mrs. Angeline Allen is my Sabbath school teacher.

I live near Mrs. Allen. Sometimes she takes care of us when mother is away. My mother works at the hospital.

There were fifteen at my birthday party. They brought me some nice presents. We had ice cream, cake, and cookies.

Your friend,  
Carolyn Blaylock.

Edinburg, Tex.

Dear Carolyn:

I was pleased to hear about your birthday party. The first birthday party I remember was on my ninth birthday, and it surely was a surprise. My friends had been whispering together most of the day. They would stop when I came near and I felt quite left out. Toward night my mother sent me to the corner grocery to get something, I don't remember what. When I came back the house seemed full of children shouting, "Surprise, surprise!" I sat right down on the floor and began to cry. A funny thing to do when I was really happy, wasn't it?

You must have fun with little Peggy Jean. There is a cunning baby boy next door to me. Even at my age I love to play with him. He hardly ever cries.

Your sincere friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I had the measles when I typed the last letter to you.

I went to Colorado with Grandpa and Grandma Sutton in May and stayed until after camp in July. Daddy, mama, Ro-

berta, and Janet Drake came out for the Fourth of July.

We took the new Hudson to Yellowstone Park. I saw eighteen bears, moose, elk, deer, antelope, buffalo, porcupine, marmots, and prairie dogs.

I was so cold in Yellowstone Park one night that I got in bed with daddy and mama and we put my mattress on top of us to keep warm.

I went to Vacation Bible School. I want to camp, too.

Lynn Randolph.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Lynn:

You were indeed fortunate to be able to take that trip to Colorado and especially to Yellowstone Park. I have often wished I could go out there since Dr. Greene was once there and told me so much about it.

No doubt you were nice and warm under that mattress. I once stayed all night with a little German friend, and we slept under a feather bed. I found that rather too warm and I didn't sleep very well. Would you?

Sincerely your friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am five. My brother Bert is twelve. We go to Sabbath school and Church every week. I love my "preatma" and everybody.

Your friend,  
Rose Mary Boehler.

Dear Rose Mary:

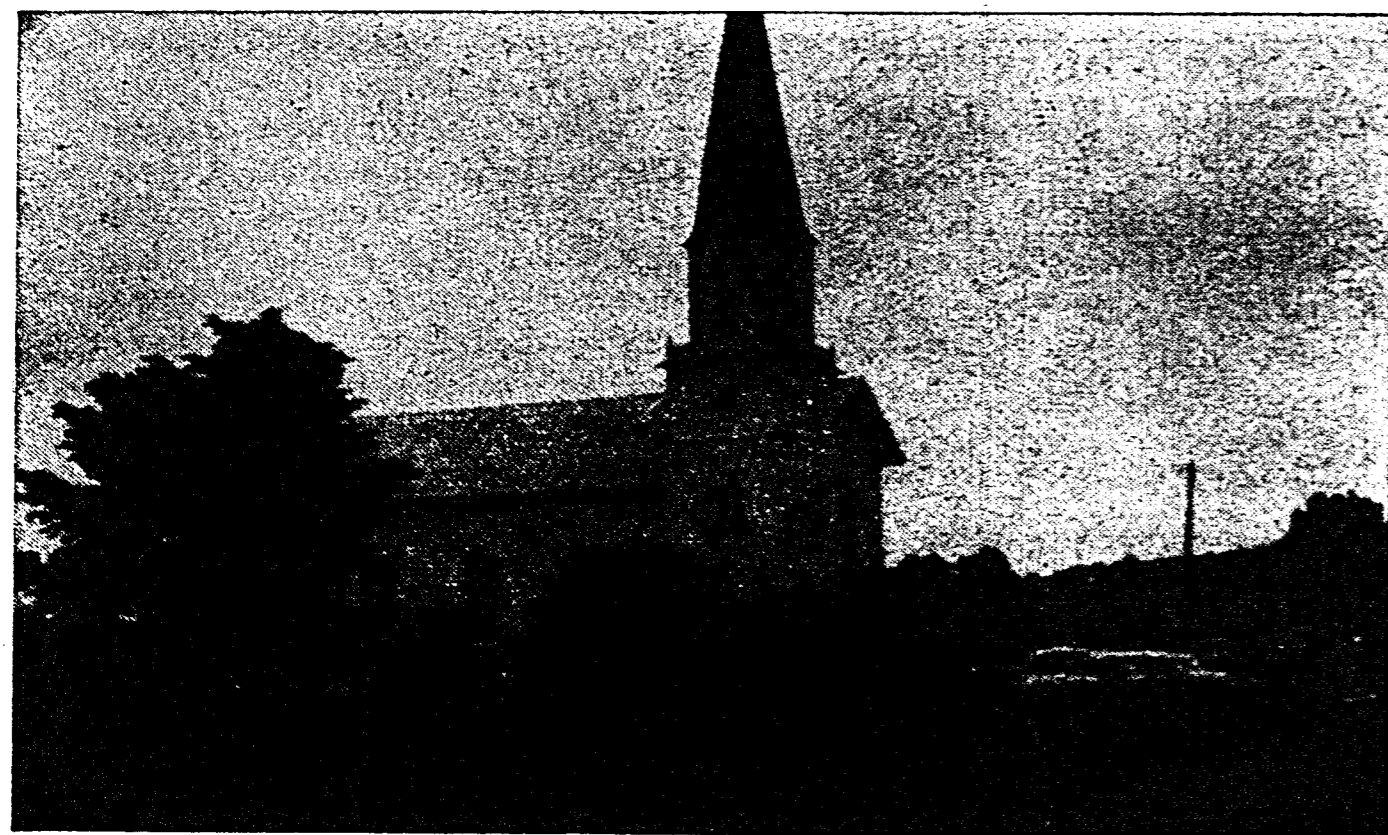
I was so glad to get your nice little letter. It was written very plain and I could read every word of it. Not many five-year-old girls can write so well. Please write to me again.

I wonder if you couldn't coax your brother Bert to write to me, too. I'd like to get a letter from him also, again and again.

A little boy just your age comes to see me nearly every day, and what do you think? He likes to wipe dishes for me. Do you wipe dishes for "mommy"? Tell her I'll have to wait until next week to answer her letter as my page is full.

Lovingly yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.





### Independence, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church

The Independence, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church where the 114th Annual Session of the Seventh Day Baptist Western Association was held on Sabbath and Sunday, July 17, 18. Photo was taken by L. H. North, Plainfield, N. J. According

to the Alfred Sun, delegates from Alfred, Alfred Station, Andover, N. Y., Hebron and Hebron Center, Pa., Little Genesee, Nile, Richburg, and Independence, N. Y., were in attendance.

### In Loving Memory of EFFIE CONGER NEWEY

To have known "Aunt Effie" Newey as she was affectionately called by many friends was an inestimable privilege.

She was especially fond of young people and counted it a joy to entertain them. We were assured of a hearty welcome and happy smile whenever we called. Their hospitable home often entertained the Young People's Social Club, its annual banquet, Halloween sociables, house parties, showers for newlyweds, etc.

Delegates to the Central Association were certain to leave Verona with pleasant memories after being entertained in the Newey homestead for "Aunt Effie" would always welcome one more.

I have often wondered if the secret of her serenity might not have been due to the picture of the Christ, which graced the wall with its accompanying motto, "Christ is the head of this home."

She had a way with flowers and loved to beautify the Church with their fragrance, and also to share them with her friends.

She possessed a love for music, an appreciation of art, of handicraft, and fine needlework.

One outstanding feature in "Aunt Effie's" personality was her deep appreciation for favors or gifts. Many of us are prone to take favors for granted but it was not so with our dear friend. She was always grateful and endeavored to reciprocate whenever possible.

Many years of her life were devoted to the care of others who needed her. Even in her last years in failing health she cared for her brother-in-law and always wished to do for her sister.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives

Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

From, The Aim of Life from Festus by Philip James Bailey. In 1000 Quotable Poems, Willett, Clark, and Company. Used by permission.

Mrs. Zilla Vierow,  
Mrs. Elmina Warner,  
Committee.



Photo by Lou Gauch.

### Between Morning Worship and Sabbath School

At the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church, New Market, N. J., July 15, 1950.

This was the Sabbath before Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunham and Gillette left for their home at Fort Pierce, Fla.

Standing, left to right: Mrs. Jeannette and Wilbur Duryea, Gillette Dunham, Earl Randolph, Herbert Dunham, Mrs. Myrta Randolph, Mrs. Stella Gauch, Mrs. Marjorie Randolph, Jean F. Randolph, Mrs. Jennie Bassett, Mrs. Merle Harris, Miss Ethel Rogers, Walter Dunn, Roger Dunham, Cornie Ryno, Orren Randolph.

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Martha Quackenbush, Mrs. Jennie Dunham, Mrs. Ruth Dunham, Mrs. Nellie Dunn, Hurley S. Warren.

Children, left to right: Thomas Duryea, Ruthie and Roger Dunham, Jr., Guy Duryea.

### IN MEMORIAM

The Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church through the death of Mattie Burdick, a charter member, has lost a faithful friend. Her interest in the work of the Church never failed. Her humor gave a rich touch to her daily contacts. Her eagerness and willingness to see things accomplished and to serve her Master were the prime passion of her life. Such a loving spirit does not dim but lives to bless.

Maude Davis,  
Mildred Jefferey,  
Mary Williams.

### Accessions

Nortonville, Kan.

Testimony:  
Mrs. Rena Starkey, May 6, 1950.

Baptism:  
Mrs. Marvin Stephan, and  
Bryce West united with the Church, July 1,  
1950.

V. A. W.

Jackson Center, Ohio

Baptism:  
Miss Adeline L. Mair was baptized by Rev.  
Trevah R. Sutton August 26 at General  
Conference, Salem, W. Va., and received  
into the Church on September 2, 1950.  
T. R. S.

## Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

ALFRED, N. Y.

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## NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

On the heels of news that American Protestants are to issue a daily newspaper under the editorial leadership of Dr. Robert W. Searle, it is announced in Kansas City, Mo., that a Catholic lay body has been organized to begin the issuance of a Catholic-directed daily "to cover news from a religious standpoint." It will be a competitor in the regular daily newspaper field, will be known as "The Sun Herald," and will have Robert Hoyt, of Denver, Colo., as principal editor.

"We are still going in the red in the use of our soils in American farming," says Dr. Aaron H. Rapping, rural authority and faculty member of Hiwassee College in Tennessee. "We are cutting our timber faster than it is growing. We are using up our oil and gas at lightning speed. We are being challenged to help industrialize and lift the level of life in large areas of the world. The apparent demand for using our natural resources on a colossal scale to sustain our armed forces is another great drain upon our natural resources. We are desperately in need of a fuller appreciation of the fact that we are consciously or unconsciously partners of God in making a living from the things which He has placed upon the earth. Making a living calls for meeting some need — physical, mental, social, or spiritual, and involves relationship with God and with other people. There is a way of farming that is in accord with the laws of God — a 'kingdom of God way' of farming; and there is a way of farming that is contrary to the laws of God. We have to seek the 'kingdom of God way' of farming, of using natural resources, of relating ourselves to God's purposes and to the needs of our neighbors."

"The people of the rural sections and the small towns of America will never 'goose-step' to the drumbeats of dictators," says Bishop William C. Martin, of Dallas, Tex. "There is too much independence among the people of the countryside, too much freedom of thought and action, to permit the encroachment of dictators. Revolutions of this kind always commence in the cities of a nation. And this freedom and independence which roots from the countryside is needed for the survival of democracy in America. For this reason, the continued care of the Church for the spiritual and social and physical needs of the people of the rural areas is vital."

## SCRIPTURES FOR KOREA

The American Bible Society has published a special edition of 50,000 copies of Korean Scriptures for distribution to the Korean Army, Navy, and Air Force. The books were printed at the request of the Korean Bible Society, whose headquarters is in Seoul, and will probably be distributed by the Chaplains Corps under the supervision of the Korean Bible Society. The books, bound in black fabricoid, contain the four Gospels and the Book of Acts. One hundred thousand copies of the Sermon on the Mount in Korean and English are also available and will be sent to Korea, with the Scriptures, as soon as shipping arrangements can be made.

Rev. Young Bin Im is secretary of the Korean Bible Society. No direct word has come from Mr. Im but it was agreed that if there was an invasion of southern Korea, he was to stay at his headquarters in Seoul.

The people of Korea have been avid Bible readers. They have had the complete Bible since 1911. During 1945, due to lack of printing facilities and paper in Korea, publication of the Korean Scriptures was inaugurated in this country. Since then 250,000 Korean Testaments and 125,000 each of paper-bound Gospels of Luke and John have been shipped to Korea by the Bible Society. Binding materials and paper were also sent to Korea by the American Bible Society so that Scripture publication was taking place there. Special paper required for Braille Scriptures was also furnished by the Bible Society and an edition of the complete New Testament in Braille completed. A Braille New Testament in Korean requires ten large volumes. A set of these books is in the library of the Bible Society in New York. —Release.

## Testaments for Armed Forces

One half million Service Testaments are being prepared by the American Bible Society in anticipation of calls from chaplains for distribution to the Armed Forces. The books are streamlined to fit comfortably in the pocket of a blouse or jacket. They will be available in two colors, brown and blue, for the various branches of the service. — Release.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1950

# The Sabbath Recorder

## *The 1950 Pre-Conference Retreat*



Photo by Stanley Allen.

Held at Camp Caesar, Webster Springs, W. Va., August 17-20.

See pages 170 and 176 for article.