

## A PRAYER FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

(Led by Dr. Wayne R. Rood, professor of Christian History and Theology, School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., at the convocation held in the Gothic Chapel on Wednesday evening, September 20, 1950.)

Leader: Eternal God, who hast promised us the liberty which follows after truth, and who hast called us to be seekers after Thy will, grant that keeping the commandments of Christ we may have the mind of Christ, and learn to minister unto men in Thy name, even as He has done.

For all who guard the truths which were known of old, that, as good stewards of that knowledge, they may confirm us in simple and righteous living:

People: **We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.**

Leader: For those who seek new truth, that, believing more light is yet to break, they may be sustained in their searching by the faith that Thou art, and that Thou art the Rewarder of them that diligently seek Thee:

People: **We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.**

Leader: For all scientists, looking upon the face of nature, that they may see its order in its variety, and law in its constancy, and may teach men to live upon earth in confidence and without fear:

People: **We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.**

Leader: For all historians, that telling again the story of the past with sincerity and sympathy, they may bind the generations together in one communion of Thy real sons:

People: **We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.**

Leader: For all builders, poets, painters, and makers of music, that they may open our blind eyes and unstop our deaf ears to the beauty of Thy world:

People: **We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.**

Leader: For all theologians and philosophers who would lead men's long thoughts beyond the things that are known into the world which is unknown, that their faith may prepare for us a place in the infinite mystery:

People: **We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.**

Leader: For all who unselfishly bring their knowledge to the service of the world and Thy kingdom, and give that vision without which the people perish:

People: **We give Thee thanks, and pray that through them we may learn of Thee.**

Leader: For ourselves, in this society of truth, that accepting with gladness the high offices of study and thought, that seeing clearly, and feeling deeply, and loving men profoundly, we may learn here to go forth to be in the world as those who serve, and may thus know that mind and heart of Christ which should make the manner of all our thinking and serving; and all these things we ask in His name, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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## SEMINARY LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW

Three recent gifts to the library at the School of Theology in Alfred have significantly enlarged its capacity. The first and largest gift was from the personal collection of Dr. Edgar D. Van Horn, who was for many years professor of Theology at the school. Well over two hundred volumes which he had gathered through his years of reading fill wide gaps in the library's shelves of contemporary writing. In addition to his central interest, Dr. Van Horn's collection includes important volumes in the field of Bible and biography.

Another important group of volumes from Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor at Berlin, N. Y., has been received. A large proportion of these books are standard works in the theological curriculum, ranging from an edition of the works of Josephus to James Bisset Pratt's classic work on The Religious Consciousness.

The third gift was made by a chance visitor at the Gothic. A weekend house guest of friends in Alfred, he did not know that there was a seminary at the university until he visited the campus. Being a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, he dropped in at the school and visited with several of the students and faculty. Several days later the school received a box of six new books from the Union Seminary bookstore, all of which had apparently been carefully selected to fill vacant spots on the library shelves, a gift representing twenty-six dollars in cash and a lively interest in the work of the school. — Contributed.

## COLLECTION OF POEMS

Many of our people are familiar with the recently published edition of the collected poems of Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond, dean of the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y. There has been much interest in this collection, particularly in the communities where the author has been a pastor and generally throughout West Virginia where he lived for so many years and where the scene of many of the descriptive passages is laid. A few copies of this limited edition are still available and may be secured either from the author or from the Recorder Press, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., at \$2.50 each, postpaid. C. V. D.

## TRACT BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Once a year the Tract Board meets in four different capacities — as the old board, as a New Jersey corporation, as a New York corporation, and as the new board.

Meeting at 2:04 p.m., Sunday afternoon, September 17, and adjourning at 3:47 p.m. the same afternoon is no mean record. President Franklin A. Langworthy presided throughout the four meetings. Regular reports were presented, business was transacted, and a number of matters were discussed.

At the meeting of the old board, the resignation of Nathan E. Lewis was accepted with regret.

It was also voted to support until January 1, 1951, the work of Rev. Earl Cruzan, to be done in the Midwest, under the auspices of the Missionary Board.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report

Excerpts from the bimonthly report of Corresponding Secretary Frank R. Kellogg follow.

During the two months I have sent out something over six thousand pieces of literature and tracts, beside twenty odd letters to individuals. As your representative on the Denominational Budget, I sent out a letter to all our Churches asking them to make a last minute effort before the end of September to help raise the budget in full.

Since the last board meeting four tracts have come from the press, "By What Authority," "From Death to Life," "According to the Commandment," and "Traditions of Men." Two others are in the process of printing, "By Grace Through Faith" and "The Sabbath and the Law of Love."

Some months ago I received a request from a Mr. Minneweather, editor of an Amarillo, Tex., News Weekly, asking for permission to publish some of our tracts and items from the Sabbath Recorder. This paper advertises our literature without cost.

As the Conference year closes I believe it has been a profitable and encouraging one. We have had problems to solve; these have been prayerfully and carefully considered and taken care of. We will

continue to have problems but through the grace of God I am sure we will not falter; rather we will increase our faith and go forward to greater achievements trusting in Him who is able to do all things.

Therefore, let us heed Isaiah's counsel, "Enlarge the place of our tent, lengthen our cords, strengthen our stakes."

## Twenty-four-page Recorder

The editor of the Sabbath Recorder stated that because of the volume of material in demand before General Conference at Salem, W. Va., August 27-27, it became necessary to publish a 24-page issue as of August 14 instead of the regular 16-page issue. This was done at an additional expense of approximately \$100.

## Committee on Sabbath Promotion

The Committee on Sabbath Promotion reported that although information on the use of Sabbath materials in the graded departments of Sabbath schools, in young people's societies, camps, conferences, retreats, and Vacation Bible Schools is not readily available, nevertheless, there are indications that Sabbath instruction was given and such materials employed in a number of these situations.

Although the Commission doubtless gave some consideration to a reappraisal of our relationship to Protestant interdenominational agencies, public discussion of this matter during Conference was largely concerned with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

## Greetings and Regrets

Greetings were brought from Dean Ahva J. C. Bond by Rev. E. Wendell Stephan who met Dean Bond at the Philadelphia Fellowship on Sabbath afternoon, September 16.

A telephone call from Rev. Lester G. Osborn on Sunday morning expressed the regret of the South Jersey board members because they were unable to attend.

## Meeting of New Board

At the meeting of the new board, President Langworthy was authorized to appoint the personnel of the standing committees. The announcement of these appointments was made promptly as follows:

### Standing Committees (Elected Annually)

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

("To advise with the Corresponding Secretary, and also to take charge of such field work as may be committed to it by the Board." By-Laws, II, 1.)

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Frank R. Kellogg      Everett Dickinson  
David Sheppard

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E. Wendell Stephan

NOTE—By vote of the Board of Trustees the President of the Society and Board is, by virtue of his office (*ex officio*), a member of all committees, including the standing committees.

A committee consisting of Courtland V. Davis and Frederik J. Bakker was instructed to compose a letter of appreciation to be sent to Nathan E. Lewis.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held at Shiloh, N. J., Sunday, November 12, at 2 p.m., the Lord willing.

## EDINBURG INVITATION

Dear Recorder Readers:

In accord with our past custom at this season of the year, we, of Edinburg, Tex., take pleasure in again inviting you who contemplate spending the cold winter months in a warmer section of our country to consider some of the advantages that Edinburg can offer:

In the first place our winter climate is nearly ideal.

Second, fresh green vegetables are obtainable practically at all times throughout the winter months.

Third, Church services are maintained regularly to which a hearty welcome is extended to all. Two or three families of another denomination have been regular winter attendants with us. We are very glad to enjoy their fellowship.

For those who have children of school age, Edinburg has a splendid public school, followed up by a junior college. The educational advantages of our school system are very good.

As a side issue to your interest here, I might mention the Rio Grande Bible Institute. This institute is not Seventh Day Baptist denominationally, but furnishes a good chance to anyone who is interested in Bible study to take advantage of the opportunities it offers. It, also, frequently furnishes good speakers for special services.

If interested, "come thou with us and we will do thee good." Numbers 10: 29.

Faithfully yours,  
C. B. Loofbourrow.

Edinburg, Tex.

## OUR SERVICEMEN

### Where They Are

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

## THIS IS JAMAICA MONTH

The month of October has been set aside for simultaneous study on the part of Seventh Day Baptists in America of the work in our Jamaica Churches. We trust that in some form — through Sabbath school classes, auxiliary programs, refresher courses for adults, or through Sabbath eve studies — our work in Jamaica may become more a part of our thinking and praying as Christians.

Several inquiries have come in to the Missionary Society office for help in planning special programs. One helpful article which was not mentioned in the October 9th Sabbath Recorder is the "History of Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica and British Guiana" in a fall issue of the Sabbath Recorder in 1942. This article is a history written by Secretary William L. Burdick, and presented at the 1942 General Conference. The Shiloh Church is hoping to make graphic the location and extent of our work by a world map and also a United States map. We have reports that other Churches are using their Friday evening service for the monthly foreign mission emphasis at least once each month. We feel sure that our home field will progress as we take more intelligent interest in the world task of the Christian faith, and especially for that branch of the Church for which you and I are responsible.

November is to be New Zealand month. We suggest that you start planning for this emphasis "early in the season." To start off, we suggest a study of the annual report of the Missionary Society under the Second Century Fund section, and also under the New Zealand and Africa sections (pages 6 and 7, and 16 and 17, respectively).  
D. S. C.

## IN MEMORIAM

EDWIN BENJAMIN SHAW, D.D.

August 1, 1863 — October 14, 1950

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

## Report of the Annual GERMAN CONFERENCE of Seventh Day Baptists in Brunswick, Germany, Held August 25-27, 1950

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

This time, we, with special pleasure, give you a short report on the course of our German Conference in Brunswick, simply because a happy star stood over it from beginning to end. Or, as children of God let us say it better, it is because God gave us all His blessing. We only wished that all our brethren (brothers and sisters) from East and West could have been there. The meetings took place in the House of the Choral Society of Men, Parkstr. 9, where we had not only the large hall, but also the smaller one near it at our disposal for the meals.

On Friday afternoon, Brother Kohler, the eldest of the congregation of Brunswick, and deputy of the eldest of the federation, opened the conference with a hearty welcome speech. Following that Brother Bahlke held the prayer of Sabbath beginning, in which he spoke of 1 Mos. 1--2: 4. He demonstrated the glory of God's creating power, that God had mankind in mind ever and ever and that all creating and saving power of the Lord has also today as its only aim — to save men!

On Sabbath morning, the speaker's platform was trimmed with the most beautiful flowers of the season, which gave a beautiful impression to the meeting. The Sabbath sermon was held by Brother Hennig. Its contents will be delivered also to the brethren in the journal of announcements. After the sermon the solemn confirmation of Brother Bahlke for the office of preacher took place. Then we all celebrated the Holy Communion.

In the midday interval we were entertained by our Brunswick brethren in the small hall with a delicious meal, which was gratis for all participants. This was the same also on the second day of the conference. It was touching, in what way they cared for us! For coffeetime the sisters had baked excellent cakes on both days. There was enough for everyone.

Of course, this supply was only possible because our American brethren, just as they did already in the years before, had sent us a lot of contributions, for which we want to thank them heartily in this connection. Most of our brethren from Hamburg were lodged as guests in the homes of dear brothers in Brunswick and were attended there with much love. Friendship had become so great that on the day of departure some of our Hamburgers could not separate from their hosts, who held them fast like a magnet, so that they probably returned to Hamburg one day later.

On Sabbath afternoon Brother Bahlke repeated the first three Biblical instructions followed by a lively discussion, especially where the conception of the "Empire of Israel" was concerned. After the coffee interval Brother Hennig held a Biblical instruction on 1 Mos. 12: 1-4 under the title "God's Call for Salvation." Our dear Brother Columbus undertook the final prayers of Sabbath. He spoke of John 15:

On Sunday morning Brother Bock spoke quite lively and intuitively of Psalm 27: 4. It is for him already quite self-evident and coming out of his devotion to God's Word and his love for the brethren, that he, on this occasion, also uttered his opinion about the "1000 Years' Empire." After that Brother Kohler spoke from 11 to 12 o'clock about the life and work of the Apostle Paul, which he laid before our eyes in a valuable historic review. His main text was based on Romans 1: 16, on which he worked out three utilizations. After the noon interval we came to the election of the federal officers for the new conference year. The nominating committee, which had conferred about filling of the offices under the direction of Brother Kohler, made the following proposals: Chairman of the federation: Brother Bruhn, Hamburg; deputy, Brother Kohler, Brunswick; members of the federal committee, Brothers Bruhn, Kohler, Bock, Krone, Voget, and as substitute members, Brother Columbus, and Sister Bong; secretary, Brother Krone, Brunswick, who will also be active as a cashier. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

In pursuance of the election, Brother Hennig spoke of the Biblical doctrine of

sanctuary in contrast to its adventistic misstatement. As a special publication is to be issued about this subject sometime, we can renounce a description here. After the coffee interval a question hour was arranged. Discussions there were very lively and, concerning the question of the "1000 Years' Empire," there was a rather lively intellectual fighting, in which, however, the decision remained open. At last, in a voting, we agreed on the following formula: In the question of the "1000 Years' Empire" we join the decision of our Baptist common direction in America, that this matter does not concern a question of bliss and that therefore each member has freedom of faith.

Time had already passed far beyond the limit, and Brother Kohler's final speech was therefore short. He chose John 4: 1-29 as a starting point. He asked all brethren to work for truth in a way similar to the Lord's. Our task is to lead souls to Christ.

Thus the conference ended in a warm-hearted harmony, with the hearts open for God's message with its wonderful comfort and its strengthening certainty of salvation. We could hear many a beautiful evidence in the meeting, which gave honor to the Lord.

In all these hours Sister Manns made great efforts to arrange the musical part, with which she gave a pleasant atmosphere to the meetings.

Thus, at the end, remains for us only the pleasant duty to thank everybody with all our heart for all their troubles and sacrifices in time, money, and strength, which helped to make this year's conference a most beautiful one. Last but not least, we may thank all our brethren for their faithful prayers, that the Lord could send streams of blessing to His children. Now let us hold God's present in holy hands in the time to come, and use it to God's honor in faithful and diligent work for the saving of souls and to praise the holy name of Jesus Christ!

With most hearty regards, in the name of the federal committee,

Heinrich Bruhn.

## A MESSAGE FROM HOLLAND

Dienst Van Prinses Wilhelmina

Gunterstein  
Breukelen

Dear Mrs. Cowin:

By order of H. R. H. Princess Wilhelmina I send you herewith the article which Her Royal Highness wrote for your magazine.

I do hope that this message will reach its purpose and will penetrate in the hearts and minds of the people who read it.

May God bless you all, and your work.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. C. Quarles v. Ufford,  
Second Private Secretary.

## "LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR"

This well-known commandment, simple though it may sound, nevertheless means a radical change within ourselves. We are all suffering from egoism. Individually and collectively our first unconscious thought is: "What do I gain by it? What can I grab from it?" Our chief concern is so very often for our own dear selves. But Christ, who said that whosoever wishes to save his life will lose it, asks us to come out of ourselves.

God's love and Christ's love for the whole creation work exactly in the reverse way: here we witness an inner love that wishes to flow out to everyone, a continual emanation, a radiating love from the holy center to mankind and the world.

If we earnestly try to perform Christ's will and make our own will subject to His. He will teach us to do the works He does. We will be taken up into His fellowship and receive the power to work for the good of our fellow men.

"Love thy neighbour" was Christ's commandment and with the word "neighbour" Christ meant: fellow man and fellow woman. For in Christ there is neither male nor female, before Him they are equal. So in our times we should not make these distinctions either. We should not work apart, men trying to help men, and women to help women, but together, one forming the complement of the other. And so, forming together the unity, which is God's purpose, we should strive and work together each accepting the full share of the

collective responsibility to put the commandment, "Love thy neighbour," into practice.

When we break out of our own sphere and enter the sphere of Christ, experience His love and let it penetrate our lives, then its pure and purifying influence will become visible in us and nothing that clashes with it can any longer exist beside it within our hearts.

Thus the indwelling love of Christ becomes the only effective security for the fulfilment of the great commandment: "Love thy neighbour."

## A Prayer for All People

The following might have been written for us as we prepare to observe World Community Day on November 3, 1950. We do not know the author — know only that an invalid wrote it as her contribution to other women.

O God our Father, Father of each one who dwells upon this earth grant to us Thy bewildered children, who have turned from Thee — a full realization of what Thy love might mean. Clear the mists of distrust, fear, and suspicion from all our hearts and fill us with trust in Thee. Give us the power and wisdom to learn how we may live together as in one world and the deep assurance that through Thee, this can be done. Help each one to become a channel through which Thy Spirit of love, of understanding, and of hope may pour into this confused and troubled world to bring all peoples into Thy peace. The Church Woman, October, 1950.

## WESTERN ASSOCIATION SEMIANNUAL MEETING

The Semiannual Meeting of the Western Association will convene with the Ridgeburg, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, on Sabbath day, October 28, 1950, at which time Melvin G. Nida, pastor of the host Church, will be ordained to the gospel ministry.

Mrs. F. J. Pierce,

Corresponding Secretary.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

## REPORT OF THE VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

In making this report, the committee can record no outstanding accomplishment during the year. Some correspondence has been carried on, and the committee has held two or three meetings, at which the problems of the committee have been freely discussed. Greatest of these might be said to be a lack of apparent interest in keeping the Sabbath. We, however, realize that with employment at a near peak, the demands on such a committee as this would not be great.

The chairman is departing from his usual custom and has asked other members of the committee to express their minds in this report. As a result we present the two following communications, which are approved by the other members of the committee (with the exception of Robert E. Greene, who has been ill and unable to meet with the committee).

Following is the report of Charles H. Williams:

At a potluck supper meeting at my home last night, July 29, for the Vocational Committee and wives, followed by a committee business meeting, many things were discussed. And it was a defeatist attitude, pessimistic feelings by some, that rather set my feelings on edge. With these feelings of mine being apparent, another committeeman challenged me to write down my thoughts and viewpoints.

Let me say first that being of English and Welsh descent, naturally I am one of strong personal feelings and beliefs, and thus if I were not 100 per cent for the Vocational Committee, I wouldn't be a member of it at all.

I would like to quote from a letter written by our Conference president to our Vocational Committee chairman. "I feel that the Vocational Committee should be one of the strongest denominational agencies." I would like to commend our Conference president for his stand, and secondly, I'd like to thank him for sharing the viewpoints and interests of the Vocational Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss with you "the Vocational Committee as I See It."

I sincerely believe that the Vocational Committee can be one of the strongest and most active organizations within our denomination, if you, and you, and you of each and every church will assume a part and act as a group of keyworkers within your church. It is not humanly possible for us as a committee, located near enough together to meet for monthly meetings, to be able to know or anticipate the opportunities available whereby we can introduce a prospective employer and employee. Will you volunteer to be that keyworker and furnish such information as may be asked of you? If you do not agree with ~~the policies~~ and ideas of this Vocational Committee, then we challenge you to take the necessary steps to change the personnel of this committee, but don't do away with a committee that can be so beneficial to our denomination. If there had been an active Vocational Committee, perhaps there could have still been more active churches in our Seventh Day Baptist denomination, instead of defunct, but not forgotten, churches.

The next point to which everyone should give careful thought is the matter of finances. Now let me make it clear that our chairman, or any member of the committee, does not expect any money for his services, committee meetings, or travel expense for our work. We are glad to donate such time and effort if we can see that any good is being accomplished by our efforts. We do, however, resent the most generous allotment of \$50.00 to accomplish a work for the entire denomination. This represents \$4.17 a month, and I ask you, is there any other committee that furnishes its own stationery, postage, etc., on this amount?

I ask you, do you honestly expect any committee within our denomination or this committee to accomplish a large project on \$4.17 a month? It would be far easier to have just one committee meeting a year, shortly before Christmas, and address and stamp greeting cards and use our \$50.00 at one sitting, and then I wager we'd stand a far better chance of being put on your mailing list. Frankly, the response to information requested from many churches and people we hoped to label as keyworkers was anything but overwhelming.

As superintendent of Sabbath school in our local church, I have excellent opportunities to meet up with many problems, and some of them I'm going to pass on to you with the hope that someone will answer them.

1. What is to be the outcome of our churches, especially smaller ones, if the day of consecrated churchgoers is over? How are our children going to grow and increase their knowledge of the Bible if one hour of church plus one hour of Sabbath school is all there is for each Sabbath day, and then they motor to a nearby town for shopping, etc.? Who is going to fill the church seats, and who is going to work our farms six days of the week and rest on the Sabbath day? To help these problems the denomination can get behind the Vocational Committee, and they in turn can assist Seventh Day Baptists of one community to meet Seventh Day Baptists of another. By collective efforts the Sabbath can be kept, and children can be raised, learning of and respecting the Sabbath and the teachings of the Bible.

2. Another point I'd like to ask here, though not strictly pertaining to the Vocational Committee, is this. Why do so many of the secretaries of various societies and commissions, missionaries, and people of new ideas and experiences have such a fearing attitude and plan their travels around

smaller churches, such as our own local church at Albion, struggling to carry on? In my opinion it is these smaller churches that need the contacts more than the larger going churches. This past thought is not hearsay, but a fact that actually happened. I was, with our pastor, a direct recipient of such a refusal and had been working and planning one of our Sabbath school fellowship dinners for the occasion.

I now have expressed my ideas, and in closing may I ask, Isn't there anyone or ones who still are interested enough in our people to give to the Vocational Committee their physical, mental, moral, and financial support, that we may be of assistance to our many churches and people, so that the Sabbath and churches can grow in numbers and consecrated supporters?

Sincerely,  
Charles H. Williams.

Following is the report of Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn:

At the Vocational Committee meeting the night of the 29th of July at the home of Charles H. Williams near Albion, it was decided that each member should make his appraisal of the work of the Vocational Committee — past, present, and the prospect for the future. Therefore to begin to express the way I feel about it, I would quote from the letter of Lloyd D. Seager to Clark M. Todd, chairman of the Vocational Committee. "I feel that the Vocational Committee should be one of the strongest denominational agencies." Such a thought has been in my mind ever since I was given the appointment of ex officio member of the committee. As a minister in a church I feel a great inadequacy of being able to present the gospel of Jesus Christ in terms sufficiently concrete and with sufficient practical application that men and women are moved to make the necessary effort to be Sabbathkeeping Christians. I feel that there is a detachment which I cannot bridge. Therefore, I am coming more and more to believe that such a committee as the Vocational Committee is necessary to bridge that gap.

As to the actual work of this committee as it has been done in the past three or four years, perhaps we have attempted in that period to reach a goal which has been quite beyond the possible. I say this because as I look at the Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists, I see that there is absolutely no way to make any church or group of people in our midst do just as any committee or board wants them to do. We are a group of free-minded people with the principles of democracy and democratic procedure as our governing idea. Let me again quote, this time from the "Polity" statement of Seventh Day Baptists, "The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is historically, like other Baptists, congregational in polity, and desires that its churches and its members shall continue to enjoy freedom of conscience in all matters of religion." This idea carries on over into the field of vocation, finance, recreation, etc. Therefore, no board or committee of the denomination can demand from any church or group of its members any specific or exacting commitment. The only means of gaining the end is through presenting the idea in such terms as to make it seem desirable.

The Vocational Committee is also bound by such a procedure. It is very evident and becomes increasingly so that many of our youth (adolescent and young adults) are gradually dropping the Sabbathkeeping idea because of the pressure of the economic setup of the present-day world. Fewer and fewer seem to be the jobs in which a person, young or old, can ask for leniency on the Sabbath question. However, I believe that there is a fallacy here in the reasoning of these people — please remember that it is a minister writing these words, and probably he tends to the idealistic rather than the practical. Yet I know from my own personal experience that it was not impossible to work by the day and yet have my Sabbaths for Sabbathkeeping.

Also, it came to my attention, just recently, that a man was being asked by his employer to work on Saturday, but the man immediately answered, "I am teaching a Sabbath school class that day." This was said to a boss who probably had heard very little about Seventh Day Baptists and the Sabbath before. The man did not work on the Sabbath. He did teach his Sabbath school class and he did not lose his job. Where does the Vocational Committee fit into this thought? By being the agency whereby our people are encouraged to make the necessary effort to keep the Sabbath knowing that no individual is alone in this problem — to encourage each church of our denomination to respond to the call for a keyworker in this matter of making known to other churches opportunities for employment in Sabbathkeeping communities. (We cannot force this upon you — just refer back to the quotation from our "Polity.")

This committee was appointed for the purpose of service to all our churches and denomination. We cannot serve unless our service is enlisted and supported. If the work of the committee thus far does not warrant its reappointment (referring to personnel), let it be changed in the hope that the Vocational Committee will more nearly serve its intended purpose.

Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Clark M. Todd, Chairman,  
Elston E. Shaw,  
George E. Croley,  
Donald V. Gray,  
Robert E. Greene

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL INTERESTS

A sense of security is one of the universal aspirations and one of the greatest driving forces in the mind of mankind today.

Since this is a common problem to all, it is of particular significance to those who observe the seventh-day Sabbath as they must face a world which is organized on making Sunday a rest day.

The introductory paragraphs of the Vocational Committee report have touched on the most vital factors — the home, the church, and the denomination — in preparing our youth to meet these inevitable conditions, thus giving them ability, courage, and faith necessary in facing vital problems.

The letters of Mr. Williams and Rev. Kenneth Van Horn reiterate the problems and disappointments of the Vocational Committees through the years and emphasize the imperative need of close co-operation of the membership and organizations of the denomination.

We would respectfully recommend the following suggestions for the consideration of your young people and those desiring employment:

1. The opportunities for service in —
  - a. The Christian ministry.
  - b. College instruction and administration.
  - c. Educational service, public school teaching and administration.
  - d. The medical and dental professions, nursing, and social service.
  - e. Prospective business or professional opportunities.
  - f. The building and construction and skilled trades and industry including watch repair, etc.
  - g. Publishing industry.
2. Urge the local church and community to encourage and aid financially and otherwise. A Sabbathkeeper qualified to take over openings in agriculture, industry, or professions in the locality.
3. Question, regarding Sabbath observance. Have those who left the Sabbath for financial reasons improved their condition? Have those who have held to Sabbath observance lost thereby?
4. We feel, as a whole, that smaller communities offer greater advantages than metropolitan areas.
5. We would urge upon our young people the responsibility of thoroughly preparing themselves for their chosen profession or occupation and then rendering more efficient service than those who do not observe the Sabbath. A lack of these qualities and loyalties on the part of some of our Seventh Day Baptist young people has proved a great disappointment to Seventh Day Baptist employers.
6. The Vocational Committee be more thoroughly advertised in Recorder and Beacon as an agency for finding positions and prospective and qualified persons of the denomination to fill them.
7. Since the present Vocational Committee wishes to be released, we recommend that the new membership be elected from the membership of the Denver and Boulder churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben R. Crandall, Chairman,  
W. Ray Rood, Secretary,  
Paul R. Crandall,  
Orsen E. Davis,  
Frank Schober,  
Clare L. Greene,  
James Ehret,  
Rex E. Zwiebel,  
C. Milford Crandall.

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## TAKING TEACHING SERIOUSLY

It is of paramount importance that teachers in the Church schools become consciously aware of the fact that their responsibility as teachers is not merely the transmission of knowledge which they in their day received from their teachers; but rather it is the responsibility of the teacher to serve as inspirer. The pupils as well as the subjects taught are his charge; he has persons to influence, not only materials to convey. His interest should not lie in the realm of getting "the book into the boy," but rather of giving the boy such an appreciation of the book that he is inspired to read it for himself, asking questions as he does. However, it is feared that too many teachers repeat the following incident in the Church schools year after year. In a Scotch play, Weelum was set to learn the catechism. When he complained that he "canna understan' it," the answer came in this tenor: "Who's askin' you to understan' it? Learn it."

One of the methods which will enable us to look at our class not only as individuals but also objectively, is the method of keeping individual records for each student. The ability to record the vital data concerning each child is not easily acquired; but it can be acquired. It might be easier at the first to attempt observation of one child in the class until ability has grown.

Observation in the Church school is not the only means of obtaining important information. Other means include visits in the home, conferences with the public school teachers, as well as with the child's former Church school teachers. Perhaps a questionnaire should be filled out by the parents which includes such questions as, "Has your child any serious defects such as being hard of hearing, shortsighted, or other facts the teacher should know? What are some of the religious questions asked by your child during the past year?"

Such records afford vital information for future teachers and leaders as well as for immediate use. How can you hope to help, to teach any child about whom you know nothing? Records should not only serve as resource information but they should also help the teacher to recognize

gradual improvements in the child. The teacher should not fail to express appreciation verbally to the child for activities, etc., which are well done. R. I. H.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS NOTES

By Rev. Ronald I. Hargy,  
Executive Secretary, Seventh Day Baptist  
Board of Christian Education

◆ A series of Leadership Training classes are now in progress at the Gothic for the Churches in the Alfred, N. Y., area. These sessions, which are held on Wednesday evenings for a six-week period, are concerned with the Church school curriculum. Under the leadership of the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and his wife, the following program has been arranged: 7:30-8:25 p.m., Lecture for the entire group; 8:25-8:35 p.m., Fellowship period; 8:35-9:20 p.m., Sectional workshops; 9:20-9:30 p.m., Worship.

◆ Superintendents of the Church school will soon receive new forms to be filled out with data concerning the year 1949-1950. These forms will be much more detailed, but they will enable the executive secretary to see the local situation much more clearly.

## NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

"A vast change has taken place in the attitude of the illiterate three fifths of the world," says Dr. Frank C. Laubach, American missionary and "apostle of literacy." "For ages they suffered in unresisting despair. But in the past thirty years they have come awake. They have always been hungry, in rags, exploited, but they saw no hope. Across the sixty-one countries where I have worked I have seen a billion people churning with immense longings that have never stirred the masses since the world began. Their determination to come up increases every year, to come up and give their children the chance they never had. They will take the hand of anybody who reaches down to help them. . . . Here is a 'tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood' can lead millions to Christ. It won't last beyond this century, for every nation is determined to read."

## Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

Summer is over and the robin that said "Do it different, do it different," has moved north. Before long, with others in a flock, it will make its winter trip south to escape ice and snow.

The catbirds that had a nest in the grapevine have gone, too. In early summer they sang beautifully near our house. They were very shy about being seen, and I wondered where their nest might be.

When I went to the currant garden to gather fruit in midsummer, the song had changed to sharp notes, severe and forbidding. With its bill holding food for its babies, one of the birds hopped around the bushes and trees, cheeping crossly at me. Even though I watched as it excitedly flew around, I could not tell where that nest was — in the thick foliage of the walnut tree, or the lilac bushes, or the peach tree, or the currant bushes. I was kept guessing every day.

But I did not let my curiosity invade the catbirds' home life to alarm them too much. I let the parent birds see I was after currants very industriously, and did not intend to scare or hurt them. Once, years ago, I saw a catbird's nest in the woods. It was not as firm and tight as a robin's nest, but spreading and loose, so that if frightened, young birds might easily fall out.

All the while I was gathering currants, my guesses about this nest were unanswered. The last day, when the birds had gone away satisfied, as I was picking a few last berries tangled in the grapevine, there I found the nest. It was more secure than the one I saw in the woods. It was held together by pieces of old, worn string which had tied the currant bushes the year before. The parent birds had gathered up my discarded strings to put in their nest, at the time they were singing so beautifully in early summer. They wove the pieces of string round and round with sticks and grass, so that the dear babies had a safe home, till they were big enough to fly happily away.

I had to pull hard to get that nest out of the grapevine to show the people in the house near by. It showed the kind Father's power to keep and care for those small creatures. As Jesus said, "One of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father" knowing it.

How many times the word "keep" is found in the Bible! You will be encouraged, and perhaps surprised, if you have a quiet time looking up the verses in a concordance some Sabbath day, and then learning your favorite ones.

Now I must wish "Happy winter" to you, and sign off.

Lois Fay Powell.

Dear Mrs. Powell:

Thank you for your charming bird letter. It was even more acceptable than usual as this is the second week I have received no children's letters.

Sincerely yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### The Passenger Train and the Freight Train

Can you imagine, Recorder boys and girls, two trains standing on the same track facing each other, and the freight train saying to the passenger train, "Get back onto another track so I can go on. I have valuable things on my train that many people are waiting for. Please give me the right of way for I must hurry on."

"Oh, no!" said the passenger train. "My train is full of people and they are more important than mere things. It is you who should get out of my way."

"But the things I have on my train are for many people who should have them as soon as I can deliver them. Can't the people on your train back out and let me hurry by?"

"No, it is you who should back out and let me go by. I am carrying a sick child who must get to the hospital as soon as possible; and there are soldiers on their way home to their loved ones, their wives, and their children. Please get out of my way."

"In that case it is high time I gave you the right of way. Perhaps you are more important than I."

Just then the engineer began to back up the freight train and then onto another

## CHURCH NEWS

SHILOH, N. J. — Children's Day was observed on June 3, and included songs and recitations by the primary department in which there are approximately forty-five children. The theme "Count Your Blessings" was carried out by the junior and intermediate departments with Scripture, recitations, songs, and anthems by teenage and junior choirs.

According to the new schedule, the Marlboro "sister" Church, will be guests the first Sabbath in October.

A colored sound film, "Dust or Destiny," was shown by a representative of Moody Bible Institute and was thoroughly enjoyed at the Gospel Fellowship Hour on Sabbath eve.

Vacation Bible School convened July 19-30 with an enrollment of 137; averaged 123; 81 had perfect attendance. Miss Kathleen Hicks, from the Child Evangelism Fellowship, was supervisor. Teachers included Rev. C. Rex Burdick, Mrs. Eleanor P. Marks, Mrs. Jean Hildreth, Mrs. Dollie Lewis, Mrs. Bessie M. Rainear, Mary Lou Fogg, Mrs. Ellen Peck, Barbara Bivins, and Mrs. Florence S. Moncrief. Assistants were Nancy Davis, Ann Newkirk, Jean Hildreth, Carol Harris, and Audrey Glenning. Mrs. Bernice Davis served as general chairman.

The teen group of which Everett Dickinson is supervisor is carrying out a recreation program which includes volleyball, darts, and softball.

### Shiloh Mite Society

The Shiloh Mite Society meeting was held in the Church auditorium on the night after the Sabbath, September 16. "The Story of Our China Mission" was effectively told, based on a pamphlet from the former Young People's Board, prepared by Mrs. Ruby Coon Babcock in 1925, containing an introduction by C. C. Chapman, giving a glimpse into 100 years

track, and the passenger train was soon on its way. In a very few minutes the freight train was chugging along.

Now, Recorder children, which train was the more important, the passenger train or the freight train?

Mizpah S. Greene.

ago when the missionaries first began their work, presenting the development of China. Rev. E. Wendell Stephan was principally responsible for the material.

The story of our China Mission really started in 1844. A year later, Elder Solomon Carpenter, pastor at Shiloh, convinced his congregation at Plainfield of the need in China with his "eloquent sermon and a convincing one," based on the text, Matthew 28: 19, 20. And so after much prayer he, with Mrs. Carpenter, accepted the call. Then followed medical courses in New York City.

Ordained on December 31, 1846, at Plainfield was Nathan Wardner, who, with Mrs. Wardner, accompanied the Carpenters' mission venture on January 1, 1847, arriving after a voyage of 112 days at Hong Kong, China. Rev. D. H. Davis and Dr. Ellen Swinney were also from Shiloh. The years of service of the missionaries were shown graphically by Mrs. Grace deWilde.

The president, Mrs. Ella K. Sheppard, presided, and gave introductory remarks. Histories were related of the various missionaries who had served up to the present time by Mrs. Florence Bearden, Mrs. Rachel Benham, Mrs. Ellen Peck, Mrs. Nathan de Davis, Mrs. Helen Cronan, Mrs. Fina Fogg, and Mrs. Esther Swamp.

The dates of the missionaries are as follows: Rev. Solomon Carpenter, 1847-1876; Mrs. Solomon Carpenter, 1847-1874; Rev. Nathan Wardner, 1847-1877; Mrs. Wardner, 1847-1876; Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Davis, 1880-1915; Mrs. Fina Nelson (a teacher at Alfred Center, N. Y.), 1880-1919; Dr. Ellen Swinney, 1888-1897; Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Fitz Randolph, 1888-1893; Mrs. Susie Burdick, 1893-1937; Dr. Rosa Palmberg, 1894-1938; Rev. and Mrs. Jay Crofoot, 1899-1931; Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, 1908-1943; Dr. Grace Crandall, 1910-1947; Mrs. Anna West, 1911-1942; Dr. Berne Sinclair, 1917-1925; Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate, 1924 (at present on leave in this country); Mrs. Mabel West, 1923-1948; Mrs. Miriam Shaw, 1922-1939; Mrs. Sarah Becker, 1947-1948.

Mrs. Lora Harris gave an interesting history of Chinese objects on display

which Rev. Solomon Carpenter had sent and are in the keeping of the society. Mary Harris was attired in a Chinese costume.

Letters were read from Dr. Rosa Palmberg, Rev. Jay Crofoot, Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate, Miss Miriam Shaw, and a telegram from Miss Sarah Becker by Mrs. Edna Dickinson, Mrs. Mary Ayars, Mrs. Betty Burdick, Mrs. Lillian Harris, Mrs. Jennie Geisinger, and Mrs. Susie Hoffman. The membership of the Shanghai Church increased from 7 to 669 from the years 1850 to 1950.

Miss Eleanor A. Dickinson presented a fifteen-minute organ recital.

Mrs. Ella K. Sheppard called the 136th session to order. Miss Katherine Davis gave the report of the secretary while Mrs. Bernice M. Davis gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Elizabeth F. Davis was in charge of devotions.

An interesting program followed which consisted of musical and vocal numbers, Scripture selections, recitations, congregational singing, and prayer.

The election of officers resulted with the following to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. Ella Sheppard; vice-president, Mrs. Sara A. Davis; secretary, Miss Katherine Davis; treasurer, Mrs. Bernice M. Davis; obituary committee, Mrs. Jennie Geisinger.

New members introduced by Mrs. E. F. Davis and Mrs. Martie Hitchner were Mrs. Elsie Harris, Leonard Davis, Miss Losida Carlisle, Mrs. Lora S. Harris, Mrs. Velma Harris, Mrs. Thressa Parvin, and Mrs. May Skinner.

The society voted to send \$25 to the Industrial School at Jamaica.

The Hannah Wheeler memorial offering was taken while Miss Dickinson furnished organ music. As in the olden days, several names of older members were called to come and pay their dues including Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard, Mrs. Annabel Bowden, Miss Leona Hoffman, and Mrs. Nellie Bivins.

The obituary report, as prepared by Mrs. Letha T. Gibe, included the names of Mrs. Esther Croft, Mrs. Bessie Ayars, and Mrs. Dora Schaible, and was given by Mrs.

## Obituaries

**Dickinson.** — Clarence Davis, son of Charles B. and Emily Davis Dickinson, was born July 6, 1885, and died accidentally on June 13, 1950.

He was married on January 3, 1918, to Alice Randolph. To this union were born four children: Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson of Ashaway, R. I.; Mrs. Jeanett Nida of Richburg, N. Y.; Melvin Dickinson, and Miss Eleanor Dickinson of Shiloh, N. J.

Surviving him besides his wife and four children are two brothers: Edwin of Miami Beach, Fla.; and Charles, a twin, of Shiloh; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted on June 16 by Pastor Lester G. Osborn of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, of which Mr. Dickinson had been a member since his baptism by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton on April 29, 1916.

L. G. O.

**Burdick.** — Phoebe, daughter of Alexander and Abby Jane Allen Burdick, was born July 17, 1866, in the town of Ward, N. Y., and died August 17, 1950, at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, N. Y.

After the death of her parents she continued to live at the old home at Five Corners near Alfred, moving to Alfred village about thirty years ago.

She was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, joining by baptism January 24, 1880.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Emily Burdick Allen, who has lived with her at the home on West University Street since the death of Mr. Allen. Also surviving are one nephew, George A. Place, of Albany, N. Y., and three nieces, Mrs. Bertha Place Davis of Scottsville, N. Y.; Mrs. Margaret Place Laire of Pleasantville, N. Y.; and Mrs. Mildred Place Vars of Duncan, Pa.

Farewell services were conducted on August 20 at the late home in Alfred by her pastor, Rev. Everett T. Harris. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

E. T. H.

**Bliven.** — Marjorie Charlotte, daughter of John and Jessie Van Horn Bliven, was born December 27, 1895, on the Bliven Homestead in Albion, Wis. She passed away Sabbath morning, May 6, 1950, after a period of poor health.

Nellie Bivins. The organ played softly "Sweet By and By" as all stood in silent meditation.

Instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. Anita D. Harris, violin, David S. Davis, flute, and Miss Dickinson, organ.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn pronounced the benediction. — Mrs. Martie Hitchner, Correspondent.

She was educated in the Albion Academy and the Stevens Point State Teachers College. She was baptized by Rev. T. J. Van Horn November 21, 1908, and united with the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was a member the rest of her life.

Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Albion, Wis., and her pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, conducted the services.

K. B. V. H.

**Green.** — Sandra, daughter of Lowell and Ruby Jenkins Green, was born November 9, 1941, in Edgerton, Wis., and passed away at the Wisconsin General Hospital on July 29, 1950, succumbing to bulbar poliomyelitis.

Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Albion, Wis. Her pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, conducted the services.

K. B. V. H.

**Howard.** — William C., husband of Martha Ruth Faller Howard was born December 24, 1903, and died at Newark, N. J., on June 24, 1950.

He was a life member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Howard's family and his many friends testify of his faith in Christ and his witness to that faith through daily acts of Christian service.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. Wendell Stephan at the chapel of the People's Burial Company in Newark. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, N. J.

E. W. S.

**Stillman.** — Raymond E., son of Elias and Florence Kenney Stillman, was born in Westerly, R. I., September 11, 1885, and died at the Westerly Hospital on May 26, 1950.

He married Carrie E. Loudon and to them were born two daughters and nine sons. All survive him.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, assisted by Rev. William L. Kite of Christ Episcopal Church, at the Buckler Funeral Home on Monday, May 29, at 2:00 o'clock. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

C. H. B.

**Parker.** — Jennie R. Simmons, daughter of Christopher and Frances Burlingame Simmons, was born in Providence, R. I., June 21, 1872, and died on May 28 at the Wild Wood Convalescent Home, Watch Hill, R. I., after a long illness.

She married John T. Parker in Westerly on June 2, 1898. To this union was born one son.

Surviving her is the son, Frank M. Parker, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Parker was for many years an active member of the Methodist Church. She came to the Sabbath late in life taking great joy in her new-found truth.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, assisted by Rev. Douglas Dorchester of the Methodist Church, at the Buckler Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 31, at 2:00 p.m. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

C. H. B.

**Burdick.** — Carl Everett, son of Solomon G. and Hannah Doty Burdick, was born in Westerly, R. I., May 18, 1884, and died at the Westerly Hospital on July 6, 1950. His death was unexpected even though he had not been well for a long time.

Mr. Burdick remained single all his life paying much time to his work as news reporter and to the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ruth Burdick of Westerly.

A farewell service was held at the Shiloh Funeral Home on July 8 at 2:00 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

C. H. B.

**Healey.** — Lillian Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold, was born in North Stonington on March 8, 1883, and died at the South County Hospital, Wakefield, R. I., on July 9 after a lingering illness.

She married John R. Healey, Sr., and to this union was born one son.

She is survived by her husband, the son, John R. Healey, Jr., and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Healey was an active and faithful member of the Pawcatuck Church.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, assisted by Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus, at the Buckler Funeral Home on July 12 at 2:00 o'clock. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

C. H. B.

**Burdick.** — Lucius Henry, son of William H. and Ann Stillman Burdick, was born in West Edmeston, N. Y., May 27, 1873, and died in Leonardville, N. Y., March 16, 1950.

Mr. Burdick was a member of the Leonardville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Clifton and Victor of Leonardville, N. Y., and a daughter, Mrs. Relda Courtney of Milton Junction, Wis.

The funeral services were held at the Houck Funeral Parlor in Edmeston, N. Y., with Rev. Marion C. Van Horn officiating, and burial was in the West Edmeston Cemetery.

M. C. V. H.

**Dresser.** — Bertha May Stillman, daughter of Amos and Eunice Burdick Stillman, was born February 13, 1869, in the town of Edmeston, N. Y., and died at the Gould Home in New Berlin, N. Y., March 24, 1950, after a short illness.

Mrs. Dresser was a member of the Old Seventh Day Baptist Church of West Edmeston, N. Y.

Surviving are a son, Myron E. Dresser of Mamaroneck, N. Y., and two grandsons, William and Hugh Dresser of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The funeral, held in the Worden Funeral Home in Leonardville, N. Y., was conducted by Rev. A. G. Adriance of the Baptist Church of Scotia, N. Y. Burial was in the Leonardville Cemetery.

M. C. V. H.



**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**  
Statement of Treasurer, September 30, 1950

Receipts		September	12 months
			\$
Adams Center			306.84
Albion	58.00		224.31
Alfred, First	244.60		2,352.05
Alfred, Second			466.59
Andover	15.00		24.00
Associations and groups	75.57		1,099.03
Battle Creek	510.25		2,131.59
Berlin	54.00		321.74
Boulder	24.80		304.17
Brookfield, First			190.00
Brookfield, Second	28.31		265.46
Chicago	35.00		642.00
Daytona Beach			320.84
Denver	52.18		396.77
De Ruyter	65.00		410.23
Des Moines			10.00
Dinuba			28.37
Dodge Center			354.66
Edinburg	4.50		88.76
Farina	15.00		556.90
Fouke			163.95
Friendship			37.85
Gentry	7.32		45.57
Hammond			143.86
Healdsburg-Ukiah	25.00		70.00
Hebron, First	20.23		168.48
Hopkinton, First	290.00		787.47
Hopkinton, Second			24.71
Independence	23.00		483.00
Indianapolis	52.00		52.00
Individuals			1,765.00
Irvington	25.00		150.00
Little Genesee	11.04		419.32
Little Prairie			7.00
Los Angeles			311.50
Lost Creek			518.85
Marlboro			827.31
Middle Island	13.17		80.60
Mill Yard, Eng.	258.00		258.00
Milton	466.60		4,851.21
Milton Junction	203.93		1,077.60
New Auburn	36.05		177.06
New York City, First	95.48		376.18
North Loup	260.44		814.25

Nortonville		208.82
Pawcatuck	655.13	3,081.80
Piscataway	43.50	204.75
Plainfield	215.76	2,309.73
Richburg		227.00
Ritchie	6.00	61.00
Riverside	258.51	2,490.31
Roanoke		26.00
Rochester	27.00	57.00
Rockville		101.88
Salem	190.50	908.16
Salemville		124.56
Shiloh	122.00	1,893.38
Stone Fort		45.00
Syracuse	40.00	90.00
Verona		426.55
Walworth		117.10
Washington, People's		110.00
Waterford	38.98	251.60
White Cloud		256.56
Totals	\$4,566.85	\$37,096.28

Disbursements		Budget	Specials
Bank of Milton			
service charges	\$ 4.80		
Adjustment of error	3.17		
Missionary Society	1,133.00		295.67
Tract Society	819.13		105.00
Board of			
Christian Education	627.72		
Women's Society	21.00		35.00
Historical Society	97.49		44.00
Ministerial Retirement	319.02		79.30
S. D. B. Building	115.32		
General Conference	481.49		
World Fellowship and Service	29.72		
Relief Appeals			37.00
Debt Reduction:			
Miss. Society	\$118.99		
Tract Society	139.09		
Board of			
Christian Ed.	37.01		
S. D. B. Building	23.93		
	319.02		
Totals	\$3,970.88		\$ 595.97

**Comparative Figures**

	Total Budget		Normal	
Total Budget	\$37,250.00		\$3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for October	\$1,489.99	4.00%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for November	1,508.67	4.00%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for December	3,841.75	10.30%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for January	2,000.14	5.37%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for February	2,049.91	5.50%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for March	3,284.59	8.80%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for April	2,858.21	7.67%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for May	2,222.87	6.00%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for June	2,559.33	6.87%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for July	2,297.05	6.11%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for August	4,032.14	10.82%	3,104.16	8 1/3%
Receipts for September	3,970.88	10.66%	3,104.24	8 1/3%

Totals	\$32,115.53	86.10%	\$37,250.00	100%
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**Special gifts, designated:**

October to August	\$4,384.78
September	595.97
Total	\$4,980.75

Milton, Wis.

D. Nelson Inglis,  
Acting Treasurer.

# The Sabbath Recorder

*Reformation Day*

*October 31, 1950*



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John Knox scolds ladies of the court of Mary Queen of Scots  
for their unchristian behavior.