

The Sabbath Recorder

What Is Christmas?

Is Christmas today just a beautiful thought
When our world with its hustle and din
Steps aside for awhile, and looks for a star,
And a babe and an old-fashioned inn?

Is the path to the manger so crowded and long,
Where I see hungry men walk today?
Are some passers-by that I meet in the throng
Too anxious to be on their way?

For what are men seeking, as Christmas draws nigh,
And bells peal the story of old?
Is it Peace and Good Will, that Christmas might live,
Or just frankincense and the gold?

Dear God — we know that Thy Christmas is Peace,
The angels proclaimed it to man,
Come into each heart, build a castle of hope,
Shape our world by Thy Infinite plan.

— Edith M. Sanders,
Janesville, Wis.,
in the Church Woman.

GOD OF LOVE AND LIFE AND LIGHT

By Ahva J. C. Bond

O God of Love, in love Thou didst create;
Restore in us sweet Eden's pure estate,
Cleanse now our hearts with Thy redemption free
And give us some redemptive task for Thee.

O God of Life, our life to Thee we owe;
O come, we pray, our spirits overflow.
Thy life in us is all our souls require:
Come, satisfy our being's deep desire.

O God of Light, Thy light illumine our way,
Shine Thou upon our path through all our day.
No darkness can Thy loving face conceal —
Thy Love, Thy Life, Thy Light in us reveal.

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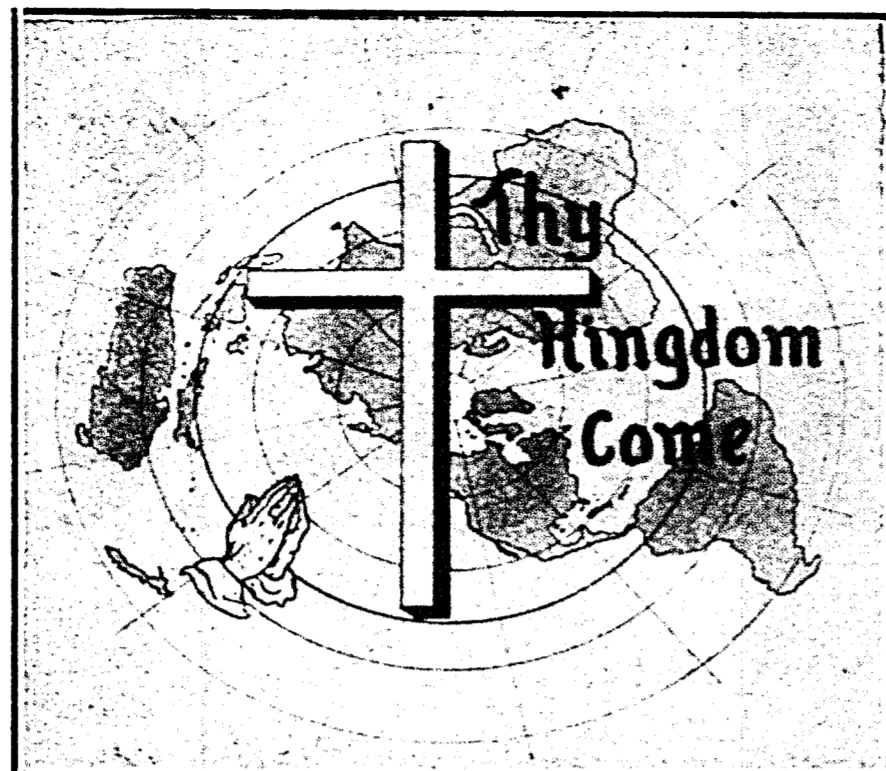
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Design chosen by President Alton L. Wheeler to portray this year's Conference theme.

400

800

1200

What do these numbers mean?

Read the editorial on the next page. Then, act!

"Christian Faith in Action"

It was voted on Sabbath, December 9, to express our sympathy to the congregation of the Methodist Church in the loss of their building by fire the evening before, and to offer them the facilities of our Church for such time as they would need them. Services were held for the first time on Sunday, December 10. — White Cloud, Mich., Church Bulletin.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

ALFRED, N. Y., AUGUST 14-19, 1951

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST STEWARDSHIP

A Four-Hundred Club

How would you like to belong to a club with no meetings, no officers, and no constitution and bylaws?

Well, here is your chance. As you read these lines there is being formed a Four-Hundred Club throughout the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. Will you and your family join?

All that you need to do is to pledge \$100 or more to the Denominational Budget for the present Conference budget year (October 1, 1950 - September 30, 1951). If you have already pledged \$100 or more as an individual or as a family, you are automatically a member.

By all means pledge and pay through the Church of which you are a member!

Think what four hundred strong will do for the Denominational Budget. It will mean an overpayment of \$3,000 which could be used for an expanded evangelistic program.

We have the money. Is it the vision we lack? Next to honoring God with our lives is honoring Him with our money. It is His in the first place. Will we go on robbing Him?

An Eight-Hundred Club

Not every Seventh Day Baptist and family can pledge and pay \$100 or more to the Denominational Budget during the current budget year. Yet, every individual and every family among us can pledge and pay something, even from the youngest to the eldest.

What a thrill some families would have in making a pledge in the name of the newborn baby, however modest it might be! Tithing can be practiced and taught from the cradle to the crown.

As you are reading these lines there is being formed an Eight-Hundred Club throughout the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. Will you and your family join?

All that you need to do is to pledge any amount less than \$100 to the Denominational Budget for the present Conference

budget year (October 1, 1950 - September 30, 1951). If you have already pledged less than \$100 as an individual or as a family, you are automatically a member.

By all means pledge and pay through the Church of which you are a member!

As with those who pledge \$100 or more, so will it be with those who pledge less than \$100 — it will be as the Lord has prospered them.

Do you realize what eight hundred strong will do for the Denominational Budget? It could mean a large overpayment making possible strengthened and enlarged work all along the line of Seventh Day Baptist endeavor.

A Twelve-Hundred Club

This club will be made up of members of both the Four-Hundred Club and the Eight-Hundred Club. It comes into being only as these two reach 100 per cent membership.

Let us pray about and ponder what twelve hundred strong will do for the many-featured work of Seventh Day Baptists. Then, let us do our part in proportion to God's good gifts to us.

Names to Be Published

If Churches will send lists of the names of all individuals and families who have pledged to the Denominational Budget, the Sabbath Recorder offers to publish all of them once before September 30, 1951. The amounts of pledges are not being asked for and will not be published, just the names.

How many Churches will co-operate in this project?

All Are Stewards!

God expects us to do our best, not less. Whether it be of God's grace or of His goods, we are all stewards. For others to know of His grace, all of us must be faithful stewards of His goods.

"Remember this: The man who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and the man who sows generously will reap generously. Everyone must give what he has made up his mind to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion; God loves a man who is glad to give. God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN THEIR PROGRAM

An attractive stewardship folder has just been sent out to the Churches by the Committee on Budget Promotion. The inside pages of the folder set forth in readable and graphic form the "Denominational Budget for the Year from October 1, 1950, to September 30, 1951."

The amount of allocation for each of the agencies represented and the comments concerning these interests, deserve our prayerful, thorough attention. This comprehensive view of our Denominational Budget program for the present fiscal year is an inspiration toward its realization.

On the back cover of the folder is to be found the "Denominational Budget Message" by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Let us read and ponder and pray as we catch the spirit and significance of our Conference President's message.

The attractive stewardship folder, the front cover of which portrays an American family as they are about to place their contributions upon the offering plate of the Church, the words beneath the picture, "This year we're pledging more so our Church can do more" — these are eloquent witness to the alert and united effort of consecrated Churches everywhere. Seventh Day Baptists believe in their denominational program and will, we believe, do their utmost in its financial support. The use of these folders by the Committee on Budget Promotion was made possible through the courtesy of United Church Canvass.

that you will always have enough for every situation, and ample means for every good enterprise: as the Scripture says,

'He scatters his gifts to the poor;
His uprightness will never be forgotten.'"
2 Corinthians 9: 6-9 (Goodspeed).

The time is now, not next week, next month, next year.

Of course it will require sacrifice on our part. Are we above our Lord who owns all, yet gives everything?

A YEAR OF SHARING

That 1951 will be a year of sacrifice no one will even dare to question. Our government will see to that! Let us accept these new sacrifices in the spirit of good citizens.

But, will 1951 be a year of sharing? Of course this applies to the material realm as well as to the spiritual. However, it may be that some folks will take the attitude that since our government will require more from us, we cannot afford to share as much of the physical blessings of life. We cannot afford not to!

Yet, our concern is not so much that we will not share, but that we will share with those who are in deepest need.

Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, president, the Golden Rule Foundation, in a recent appeal for funds, calls attention to the fact "that in our exchange of Christmas gifts with one another last year we spent three times as much as we gave all year long to religious causes. This startling statement is made by the Russell Sage Foundation in a recent survey of our philanthropic giving."

Dr. Hopkins asks, "That hardly seems the appropriate way to celebrate the birthday of the founder of Christianity, does it?" Then he appeals, "Can we not make Christmas in 1950 a Golden Rule Christmas?"

Suffering will mount and become rampant in 1951. It will increase until the colossal curse of humankind is banished from the earth.

As we share our material and spiritual blessings with those who are in deep need, we shall help to hasten the day when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 11: 15.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

Benjamin Van Doren Hedges, onetime Olympic track star, and an Air Force officer in World War II, has been elected executive vice-president of the Big Brothers of America, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. The Big Brothers is a voluntary organization of business and professional men for the prevention of delinquency.

A SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, president of the recently-formed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., has sent a call to special prayer to the Churches comprising the new National Council.

Bishop Sherrill has designated "the Sunday after Christmas, December 31, 1950, as a special day of prayer to God for a peace which is the fruit of righteousness."

This request comes "in accordance with the call of the World Council of Churches, issued to Christians of many Churches and nationalities asking for prayer."

President Sherrill's message, in part, follows:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

"Once again we hear the angelic chorus, now in a time of war and rumors of war, as the crisis of our generation lengthens and deepens. The supreme lesson of our day is our need of God, His wisdom, His mercy, and His guidance of men and of nations. Events call for deep searching of hearts, for clarifying of purpose, for humility, yet also for determined action. Within ourselves alone we cannot find the resources to meet the necessities of this hour. Our strength comes from God, who sent His Son that the world through Him might be saved. As never before we should pray daily to God for all mankind, for those who have at home and abroad the responsibility of governmental decisions, for the United Nations, for the establishment of a peace of justice, and, purged of self-righteousness and worldly fear and anxieties, the rededication of ourselves and of our nation to the will of God."

Surely, Seventh Day Baptists have the unique opportunity, at the close of the first half of the twentieth century and with the great privilege of entering upon the second half, of starting the prayer vigil on Sabbath, December 30.

The bishop concludes his call to prayer, thus: "It is hoped that many outside of our own fellowship will join in this day of prayer, that, united in our faith in God who is the Father of us all, we may indeed prove ourselves a nation under God."

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

(Excerpts from letter by J. J. Maxon who furnished information for the obituary of Miss Mabel E. Maxon which appears in last week's issue of the Sabbath Recorder.)

Dear Editor:

One of Miss Maxon's ancestors was a Revolutionary soldier. She was also the descendant of the first white child born in Rhode Island, and one of her ancestors was a founder of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The above facts I have heard all my life, . . . and I am proud to have been selected as a member of this illustrious family.

Yours very truly,
J. J. Maxon.

My dear Sabbath Recorder:

I am sending you three dollars with the hope that you will continue to come to my home every week for another year.

My father, Barton G. Stillman, was Recorder agent when I was a lad and I learned to love the paper with the interests which it represents.

May God bless with very much good success the efforts put forth by our beloved paper for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom on earth, is the prayer of yours in Christ.

G. S.

Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Brother Warren:

May I be permitted to say a few words through the Recorder as to the reasons why I believe we are not growing as a people. I feel there are three main reasons, first, being that we as a denomination do not preach the Second Coming of Christ and the nearness of His return, leaving out the more sure word of prophecy. Second, we are too modernistic in our teachings, and our outlook. Third, we belong to the Federal Council of Churches, who in the main are Sunday-keepers, and are not interested in the Sabbath — not interested in this vital truth that means so much to us all. The

Seventh Day Adventists, although in error, have made wonderful progress; also the Church of God. These two denominations did not join the Federal Council, but continued to preach their own doctrine with great success in spite of the opposition of other denominations. We who have co-operated with them have shown losses, not gains.

I am in earnest about this matter. I love our denomination. I have given my best in service to build our cause in New Zealand.

I do pray that God will touch our hearts and bring us all into more earnest effort, to build up our membership, and the power of our witness for the truths for which we stand. May God bless our Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Francis S. Johnson.

South Titirangi Road,
Titirangi,
Auckland, New Zealand,
December 2, 1950.

Dear Dr. Warren:

On behalf of the Religion in American Life Committee here in New York, I would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the excellent publicity coverage that you have given the Religion in American Life program during recent issues of the Sabbath Recorder. To my way of thinking, you have done an outstanding publicity job among your people in which you have told them of this important nation-wide effort.

According to the reports that are coming into this office, the program this year was nearly two and a half times as effective as it was one year ago. We sincerely trust that the results have been reflected in your own denomination, as apparently they have in many of the Churches and communities which have sent in reports to date.

Appreciating once again your co-operation in this matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Earle B. Pleasant,
National Director.

214 East 21st Street,
New York 10, N. Y.
December 6, 1950.

SHARING OUR CHRIST*

By Socrates A. Thompson
Milton, Wis.

Scripture: Ruth 1.

Text: Ruth 1: 16, 17.

"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

Few are the scenes in the entire Bible which present a more beautiful picture than is painted in the Book of Ruth. For its literary value, it ranks at the top. As a drama, there is none more beautiful. As a story, it is like a polished ruby. As a novel, it presents the most artistic moral character about which one can think.

This book of the Bible brings to our attention the story of a Jewish family who left their native land because of hardship, to go to a strange land where there was bread. Hence, the story begins: "Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land." Then, without any explanation, it tells this strange story with a strange setting of a strange family in a strange land.

If we begin to read this story from the first chapter of the book, we cannot help wanting to know how it ends. The instant we catch a glimpse of this ideal epic, we are at once entranced and become curious to know what happened next. No one book in the whole Bible, in such a short space, seems to convey a more embellished picture of the lives of so many people.

The story is concise, comprehensive, and no other seems more cohesive. Here, the story of an entire generation, from the time of the judges down to Christ, is given in four short chapters of eighty-five verses, much shorter than many others in other

*Excerpts from a sermon preached at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Independence, R. 2, Andover, N. Y., December 28, 1947, while Mr. Thompson was a student at the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

parts of the Bible. Careful scrutineers have discovered that the word "God" has not been mentioned through the entire book more than three times, yet on all these occasions He was magnified.

The most challenging character that I wish to present to you at this time is Naomi. I see her as two personalities. One, Naomi in Bethlehem-Judah, and the other, Naomi in the land of Moab, or Naomi the widow. Very little has been said of her life and career, but, beyond question, she was a woman who was set on fire for God. No greater picture of her religion is necessary than that which is implied in the words of her daughter-in-law. She had lived in this strange land for a number of years, and had had the opportunity of copying the manner of life and the religion of the Moabites; but instead of doing this, the account which we have of her shows that she "sold" her religion to them.

Notice the words of Ruth: "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." This is not only a bright picture of Naomi, but also of Ruth. Naomi lived her life according to the God she believed in, in the presence of her daughters-in-law, to such an extent that she interested Ruth.

In these days we are apt to be traveling from place to place just as Naomi traveled from Judah to Moab. In fact, in America today, people travel much more. It is said that when families cross the Rocky Mountains, or the Colorado peaks, their God seems to remain behind them. This is becoming more nearly true of people who move from one place to another each day. Young people move from home to college, and the God they once believed in seems to be afraid of the train on which they ride from their home town to college. Families move from one community to another, and the God they loved in their first community is not a portable God, therefore He stays where they were. Thanks be to God that the God of Naomi was not afraid even to cross borders. Thank God, the Christ of Bethlehem is One who is not afraid to cross nations.

A few days ago, our thoughts were on the Child of Bethlehem, and on the one great day in the year when our minds are

filled with the thoughts of giving and receiving gifts. That day has passed into history, and we are now approaching the time when we begin again to make resolutions.

How soon after the joys of the birth of the Christ child do we begin to make our resolutions for the new year? How many of those resolutions are made to make the Christ child known to the world? We may view this time in the life of Ruth as the dawn of a new year. Her resolutions were to make the God she had come to believe in her God.

We may say today that the Christ of Bethlehem is already our Christ, but we are challenged to make Him known to others. Too often we sit and think of our neighbors as just the people next door, maybe as a Jew, an Italian, a Negro, a Japanese, or even a white man. He may be a Russian. Do we ever stop and wonder if he is a Christian? And if not, do we try to help him to see that the Christ in whom we believe is the Saviour of the world, and is able to save him from sin?

There is no other way more fitting for us to make our resolutions for the year than to plan to make the Christ, in whom we believe, known to our nearest neighbor. As we make these resolutions, let each one of us resolve that he will share his Christ with someone else, knowing that the Christ we do not share, is the Christ we cannot keep.

This was Naomi's conviction of the God she served while she was in her native land. When she went to the land of Moab, she did not forget it. Even in this strange land she showed that this was what she believed. How many of our Seventh Day Baptist young people have married into other denominations, or into the world, and have left their Christ just where they first were in love? How many of us, when our sons and daughters have married people who do not believe as we do, have tried to aid them in accepting Christ?

This was doubtless the system used by Naomi. Too many people try to help the young family to get a good start with material things, which of course is good, but fail to help them to get a good start

with things that pertain to their eternal destiny. Parents will divide their living and be quite satisfied to stand a little hardship for the good of the young couple, so that they may be able to start married life with a fine home, a nice car, and other comforts. However, they fail to remember that these things are perishable, and last but for a short time. But when they help them to get started in life with Jesus Christ, they are helping them to establish a Christian home, helping them to become citizens of the kingdom of God, and also helping to prevent divorce.

Jesus tried to teach this spirit to the rich young ruler when He told him to sell all that he had and give to the poor, then take up his cross and follow Him. We are asked of the Lord to give of the knowledge we have of Him to those who have not found Him.

In Isaiah 52: 7 we read, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; . . . that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

How beautiful in the land of Judah the feet of Naomi must have been when she had brought this strange girl, from a strange country, into the fold of the God she served!

How beautiful in the sight of the Lord will be our feet when we have helped someone to accept the Christ who died to save us from our sins!

What a peaceful world we would have if each one of us would strive to turn the heart of some wanderer to Christ. There would be no more fear of what Russia will do. There would be an end of war, and a hope for the days of which Micah says, "But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." Micah 4: 4. If the money, which will be spent by the United States for Universal Military Training, were spent for Universal Christianization, what a difference it would make!

Naomi seemed to have caught the true meaning of the words which Paul used in Acts 17: 26, that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell

on all the face of the earth," and she put it into practice.

The account we have here in the words of Ruth, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God," is an outstanding proof of her life. I believe that in the New Jerusalem, Naomi will be one of those of whom we are told in Daniel 12: 3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

There is no question but that Naomi will shine as the stars forever and ever. We, too, can be among those who will be shining in the presence of the Lord, if only we will use our God-given powers for the purpose of turning others to Christ. In our New Year's resolutions, let us endeavor to be instrumental in turning even one soul to the Lord during the coming year.

ORGAN DEDICATION

. . . To the service of the Lord,
in memory of those who serve.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Richburg, N. Y., dedicated their new organ during a concert by the well-known Buffalo artist, Carl Coleman, on Thursday night, November 9, 1950. During this beautiful and impressive service Mr. Coleman presented nine organ solos, which included his own arrangement of a medley of gospel songs and several historic hymns of the Church.

Rev. Melvin G. Nida led the ceremony of formal dedication, "To the service of the Lord," observed during the concert. The program also included two vocal selections by Wesley McCrea and two selections by Pastor Nida, with Mr. Coleman accompanying at the organ.

The organ, which has been secured to meet the growing needs of the Church, is a single manual Wurlitzer designed for use in modest-sized Churches, and was installed on October 12.

Much credit for securing the organ goes to Maurice and Wesley McCrea who have been instrumental in securing the funds for and installing the organ.—Contributed.

MONTROSE CAMPAIGN GRAND SUCCESS

Three busy and blessed days awaited the "Gospel-Aires," Pastor Leland Davis, and Pastor Harmon Dickinson as they crossed snow-covered Monarch Pass and entered the western slope town of Montrose, Colo., Friday afternoon, November 24. There they met Ray Byerrum who had just finished distributing the last of a thousand handbills to the homes. Other last-minute preparations included the moving of chairs and a piano into the armory on North 1st Street where the meetings were to be held.

Although this was the first attempt at holding evangelistic meetings in Montrose, and anything could be expected, still the team proceeded, backed with prayer and faith in God.

As the meetings progressed attendance increased from 22 to 36. Those who came were not curiosity seekers, but seekers after the truth of the gospel and the Sabbath as it is found in Christ. Unbelievers, non-Sabbathkeepers, and children were drawn by the Spirit of the Lord as living messages were proclaimed, "Sin Is Sin," and "Except Ye Repent."

On Sabbath afternoon, 13 children and 20 adults were present to study the lesson and hear the message on "The Sabbath in the Light of the Cross." Over four hundred Sabbath as well as gospel tracts were picked up from the display table during the five services.

The Lord opened the door to the Baptist Church on Townsend and Third to the "Gospel-Aires" on Sunday morning as they sang the message of salvation to 145 children and adults following the Sunday school hour. At a rest home and several private homes they were privileged to sing.

Following the Spirit-filled consecration meeting on Sunday night, November 26, the team returned across moonlit Monarch Pass to arrive safely home Monday morning in time for work. Tired but blessed through the opportunity given them through the Mid-Continent Association, they thanked God for the experience.—Contributed.

(Continued in next column)

RURAL CHURCH NOTES

Nearly two thirds (63 per cent) of our ministerial students become interested in the ministry before they are through high school. In a study of 1,978 ministerial students from 48 states and 20 different denominations it was found that 40 per cent of the young men were considering the ministry before they were 16 years old, and 69 per cent before they were 19 years old.

Of the people who influenced the young men to enter the ministry, the pastor ranks first, then comes the young man's mother, and then his father. The Sabbath school teacher's record is not good, with direct influence in only 5 per cent of the cases.

Contrary to popular opinion, the young men's girl friend encouraged him in three times as many cases as she discouraged him.

One ministerial student out of three said he was kept from making his decision because no one gave him any guidance or told him about the work of the ministry.

The report of this study is published in a 30-page bulletin and is being distributed on a nonprofit basis for 15 cents a copy by the Rural Church Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J.

Many rural enthusiasts have told about the large number of ministers produced by the rural Church. This may have been true in the past, and in some rural Churches now, but only 33 per cent of these 1,978 ministerial students came from rural Churches, which is less than the rural population needs (43.5 per cent).
—Release.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO, ILL.

Sabbath services are held in the Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Room 821, each Sabbath. Worship at 2:30 p.m., Sabbath school at 3:30 p.m. You are invited!

Note: The "Gospel-Aires" were William Saunders and Daryl White of Boulder, and Grant Burdick and David Davis of Denver.

THREE ESSENTIAL SERVICES

By Stanley I. Stuber

What is giving real concern to the Displaced Persons Department of Church World Service is not securing more sponsorships, but getting enough cash to operate on adequately for the rest of 1950.

As of October 31, 1950, CWS had brought 22,258 Displaced Persons to America. It estimates that the arrivals for November and December will be 3,000 persons. These are all covered by assurances, but they are not covered by enough financial resources. In order to render the three basic services, which CWS is called upon to provide by the co-operating denominations, additional funds are necessary.

Now what are these essential services?

They are (1) the selection, screening, and processing of Displaced Persons in Europe; (2) taking care of all the paper work that is involved in lining up the DP family with its sponsor, and (3) the whole matter of reception at the U. S. pier, inland transportation, baggage, and many other items. All this takes an exceedingly large amount of time, and a little over \$30 for each person.

Denominational relief committees have not, for one reason or another, been able to supply ample funds with which to cover these three essential services. For this reason a special appeal for "Delayed Pilgrims" is being conducted. If you would like to help, please send your check designated for "Displaced Persons" to Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y. — Release.

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MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING

Fifteen Missionary Board members met at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 29, 1950, in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church for the quarterly meeting of the board. Regular reports of the various committees dealing with our world mission were heard and knotty problems regarding the budget for 1951 were discussed. Pastors and Sabbath school superintendents will receive detailed reports on finance and the other matters through their Missionary Reporters. Copies of the Reporter are usually available upon request of interested persons.

Following the reports of financial and promotional activity for the quarter, July 1-September 30, by the treasurer and executive secretary, work in the United States was discussed.

It has been a source of encouragement that four missionary Churches were able to respond to the appeal by the board to help out with the financing of their pastors' aid up till the end of 1950. These are the Churches at Salemville, Pa., Indianapolis, Ind., Hammond, La., and Berea, W. Va.

A rather thorough debate of the student evangelism work for 1951 was made and a recommendation was adopted to the effect that the full allotment for this work from the Denominational Budget be granted to various local Churches employing student assistants in the summer of 1951 upon certain standards to be established in conjunction with the Board of Christian Education and the Conference President's Co-ordinating Council.

Deacon Gallimore, a carpenter by trade, and a member of the Kingston, Jamaica, Church, has been employed to put up a new fence about the mission property in Kingston and the board's secretary reported Rev. Neal Mills' pride in the fine, new appearance of the school and Church grounds. Among other matters reported was the necessity of replacing, next term, one of the most important Crandall High School staff members, Cyril Corniffe. No serious damage was caused by the recent hurricane, but school was not held for two days — "5 to 8 inches of rain fell in 24 hours and we had three days of it."

Fifty-three students have been registered in Crandall High School this term, and it was reported that prospects for the new year's term were good. There is urgent need for more scholarships. (Since the board meeting, two new gifts have come in.) "Some students can scarcely find clothes suitable for school to say nothing of books and tuition."

Also, "we need lots of literature to distribute, including Helping Hands, Sabbath Recorders for our own people and tracts and Upper Rooms for friends in various Seventh Day Baptist communities." Two new specialized courses have been started: Religious Education and Introduction to the Bible. The board's action on Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph's American visits has been reported in the Sabbath Recorder of November 20.

After hearing a statement on Seventh Day Baptist work in China, the board voted to combat a common public opinion that Chinese missions were useless and support unnecessary if not impossible to give. "We have no idea at this time of discontinuing support of our institutions in China," the board's action said. Protestants generally are continuing their support financially, although new missionaries are not going out. Seventh Day Baptists have a safe and reliable means of sending funds.

A committee on securing a successor to Secretary David S. Clarke reported progress.

The board elected George B. Utter as General Assembly representative on the new National Council of the Churches of Christ and assigned Mrs. Clarence Crandall and David Clarke to the Foreign Missions Division, and Eugene Van Horn and Charles Bond to the Department of Evangelism. Although only one representative could be sent to meetings usually, the others allowed by quota could receive National Council reports.

The board recessed for separate committee consideration of the parts of the budget for 1951 and then reconvened to adopt a tentative budget subject to revision at the January meeting. The tentative figures for all fields totaled \$27,551.62, as follows:

China, \$4,400.00; Jamaica, \$5,480.00;

British Guiana, \$1,140.00; Germany, \$600.00; Home field, \$6,480.00; Administration, \$7,790.00; Debt reduction, \$1,661.62.

After adopting a modified committee organization, the board adjourned at 5:40 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Kenneth A. Stickney. D. S. C.

MEET REV. CHARLES BELGRAVE OF BRITISH GUIANA

Since we are more or less familiar with the background of most of our British Guiana pastors from reports of recent years, it may be timely to present a biographical sketch from one leader in British Guiana who has been unknown to American Seventh Day Baptist circles. Let us listen to Charles C. Belgrave of 161 Lamaha Street, Georgetown, British Guiana, South America.

(Ask your pastor for information about British Guiana released through the reprinted and revised speech of Rev. William L. Burdick on British Guiana history.) D. S. C.

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

By C. C. Belgrave

At the age of twelve years I gave my heart to God, and ever since then have been interested in the work of the Lord. In my boyhood days I learned to love the East Indians (people from India) who now outnumber those of my race. I wanted them to know my Saviour.

For this reason I started to learn Hindi and Urdu, two of the leading languages of India. Still later I felt the need of a proper education that would fit me to labor for these people. The way was opened for me to attend what was then Mount Vernon College, a Seventh Day Adventist institution in the state of Ohio, in 1906. I was graduated from that institution in 1912.

It was during the last few weeks in college that I decided to go to India as a missionary. After returning to British Guiana and spending just one month, I was married and went off to India where I spent 25 years. Most of these years were spent in literature work in Hindi and Urdu in which I passed examinations with

distinction in Urdu, and credit in Hindi. I spent some years in teaching and some in evangelistic work.

It was during these years in India that I came to know about the work of Seventh Day Baptists having received, while on furlough in 1921, a copy of a "four-pager" called the Voice, edited by Rev. R. B. St. Clair.

In 1938 I was dropped from the Seventh Day Adventist ministry because I refused to accept the writings of Mrs. E. G. White, their prophet, as equally inspired as the Bible. I was asked to return to British Guiana which I did. I continued in missionary work being backed by Pastor W. W. Fletcher of Australia who was once my superintendent under the Adventists in India and who died over two years ago.

Ever since Rev. B. O. Berry returned to this country I have been with him from the very start of the work. I am now holding together the little group of Seventh Day Baptist believers in the city of Georgetown, and we are eagerly and anxiously looking forward for great things to happen in connection with the Seventh Day Baptist cause in British Guiana.

SPECIAL

Dear Friends:

The Season's Greetings to each of you with happy thoughts and best wishes for Christmas and all through the New Year.

May you have the gladness of Christmas which is Hope,

The Spirit of Christmas which is Peace,
The Heart of Christmas which is Love.

Sincerely,

Harley Sutton and family.

—Sabbatarian Echoes, Lost Creek, W. Va.



New Year's Greetings

to All from the

Sabbath Recorder Staff



WE REJOICE

O God, we rejoice in Thy promise to make all things new.

We rejoice that old slaveries are becoming new freedoms;

That former enemies are becoming new friends;

And that the women of Thy Church may serve Thee in ever-widening horizons.

We rejoice in Thy new revelation of Thyself in the Ecumenical Church;

And dedicate ourselves to its enrichment, through the grace and power of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

—Mrs. Harper Sibley,
Honorary President of
United Church Women.

MEDITATION

Has a Scripture ever suddenly leaped into living light before you? Perhaps because I had been thinking about Leadership Training in the UCCW, the dramatic episode in Mark 10: 32 recently became for me a great lesson in leadership! "And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid."

Jesus in crisis, with face set toward Jerusalem, almost imperceptibly steps ahead of His disciples and pulls them after Him by the very majesty of His heroic, self-sacrificing, lonely courage. When they looked at Him they were amazed. That kind of leadership that knows the way, strikes out and pulls after, always earns man's amazement. As long as their eyes were fastened upon their Lord, the disciples were joyful, conquering, exalted. But when they looked at themselves, they were afraid. Such paradoxical creatures are we, allowing the great broad tracts of sunlight and serenity before us to be suddenly crossed with shadows and despair; so near is fear to faith; so near the Mount of Glory to the Valley of Defeat. We, too, take our eyes away from Him and we tremble and are afraid.

What right had men like that, we ask, to have heard words the centuries had so long awaited; what right to walk with God on earth and be afraid? As God

Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It has been a long time since I wrote to you, but I enjoy reading other boys' and girls' letters.

This afternoon I made some "Bible Cookies" from the recipe in the June Sabbath Visitor. I had fun mixing, cutting, and baking them. I looked up the references for the recipe yesterday.

I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. I am in the Junior class in Sabbath school. We are studying about our Church and other Churches.

Your Recorder friend,
Janet Van Horn.

Brookfield, N. Y.

Dear Janet:

Your good letter was unusually welcome for three reasons: because you had already proved yourself a good Recorder friend; because I have a very warm spot in my heart for your daddy and mother; and because it came from Brookfield where I spent two happy years and gained many faithful friends. Brookfield is a good place in which to live, don't you think?

I would like to have had a taste of those "Bible Cookies" of yours. I'm pretty sure they were good. I don't believe you had the experience Nancy had in a comic strip in the Buffalo Evening News. She served cookies to a little boy friend who found them very good, but the next picture showed her throwing out of the window nearly a bushel of cookies which she had spoiled before she succeeded in making

understood them and knew their frail humanity, so He knows us who wonder, linger, loiter, while He waits to lead us forth to greater conquests. He waits to lead once more a band of believers that will start anew shaking our world. May we, women of the Church, be among that band of believers, keeping our eyes on Him, following Him, learning from Him. And may we lead others, courageously, joyfully, unafraid. — From Biennial Assembly Work Book.

the good ones. Nancy has some funny experiences.

Please do write often.

Your true friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We have a dog named Bozo and a cat named Socks, because he has white feet. We have a turtle. Daddy found him in the road and brought him home.

I am in the second grade. I like school and Sabbath school.

Your new friend,
Chris Van Horn.

Brookfield, N. Y.

Dear Chris:

Of course I was pleased to receive your letter along with Janet's and Josephine's, and for the very same reasons.

I have always thought dogs and cats were the very nicest pets for children to have and I am sure you have fun with Bozo and Socks. Andover is a great place for dogs and at last count there were 277. No doubt there are as many, if not more, cats.

A little cousin of ours found a turtle in the road not far from Alfred Station, and brought it home. I guess this turtle liked to travel, for in a few weeks it disappeared and the little boy never found it again. I hope yours isn't such an ungrateful turtle.

I'm sure you will do well in both school and Sabbath school, since you like both.

Truly, your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am five years old and like to go to kindergarten. We made a turkey out of a potato for Thanksgiving.

My Sabbath school class said thank-you prayers in our Thanksgiving service at Church.

My baby sister's name is Laura Jean. She talks (coos) to me and smiles a lot. She will soon be three months old.

This is my first letter to you, but I will try to write often.

Your friend,
Josephine Van Horn.

Brookfield, N. Y.

(Continued on next page)

Dear Josephine:

I just guess your "mommy" wrote this letter for you, but it sounds as if you told her what to write. Please say thank you to her for me. I hope it will not be long before you will do the writing yourself since you signed your name so nicely. And say, don't you suppose little Laura Jean will be writing to me one of these days? I hope so.

I think it must have been fun to make that turkey out of a potato, so here are some verses about it:

Oh, once there was a fine potato,
Big and firm and fat;
From it was made a husky turkey.
What do you think of that?

Of course it was a tiny turkey,
But what fun it was to make
For boys and girls with thankful hearts,
Just for Thanksgiving Day.

Your thankful friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, guide, we beseech Thee, the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness.

Note: The above prayer was sent by the Bishop of Chichester, chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, to the 160 member Churches of the council in 44 countries (including those under Soviet domination) to be used during the present crisis.

Based on a World Council of Churches Release.

Mrs. Nettie M. West

Nettie M. West, daughter of Robert W. and Ann L. Newton Brown, was born at Brookfield, N. Y., June 17, 1859, and passed away at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martha Anderson, Milton, Wis., November 1, 1950.

Nettie was married to W. Leman West in 1881. To this union were born two daughters, Mabel L. and Anna M. Shortly before his death in 1891, Mr. West bought a building lot in Milton Junction, Wis. Mrs. West carried out his plans and built a home on Madison Avenue next to that of her father-in-law, William B. West, who was in the lumber business.

She was connected with the West Lumber Company for about fifteen years, and older people in the community will remember her as one who helped to figure estimates on construction work. She was also active in Church work, being especially interested in promotion of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

When her daughter Anna went to China as a missionary, Mrs. West spent

some time in New York City and at Salem, W. Va., with Mabel; and in Milton where she helped to care for her invalid father. In 1919, she went to China to be with Anna. The following year, Mabel, also, went to China to teach in the same mission school where her sister was teaching.

In Shanghai, Mrs. West was active in the Community Church of which she and Anna were charter members. Her work in the Bible school and woman's auxiliary of that Church gave her interest that continued to the last. She was always ready to assist in relief work and made many little garments on her sewing machine. Her Chinese friends honored her on more than one occasion, one of which was her 90th birthday, only a few months before she returned to this country.

Anna died after the beginning of World War II. Mrs. West decided to stay in China even though there was an opportunity for her to return to the United States. Then she and Mabel with many others were taken to a concentration camp where she was an example of cheerful helpfulness.

Her health was none too good after the camp experience. After Mabel had the misfortune of breaking her hip, it seemed best for them to leave for America before the Communists reached Shanghai. They arrived in Milton during the early part of 1949, and for several months made their home with Mrs. West's sister-in-law, Mrs. Willard D. Burdick, and her niece Marjorie. A year ago, she went to live with her sister, Mrs. Martha Anderson.

Mrs. West leaves her daughter, Mabel, her sister, Mrs. Anderson, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Willard D. Burdick, nine nieces and nephews, several grandnieces and nephews, and a multitude of friends around the world.

Memorial services were conducted Sabbath day, November 4, in the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn. K. B. V. H.

BIRTHS

Howard. — A son, David Lynn, to Donald and Irene Baldwin Howard, Unadilla Forks, N. Y., July 26, 1950.

Obituaries

West. — Nettie M. Brown, June 17, 1859 - November 1, 1950. A more extended sketch appears elsewhere in this issue.

Camenga. — Florence, daughter of Charles and Myrtille Maxson Clarke, was born December 2, 1875, in Brookfield, N. Y. She died unexpectedly October 27, 1950, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Warner, in Durhamville, N. Y.

When Mrs. Camenga was a child the family moved to North Loup, Neb., and later to Boulder, Colo. When she was 17 years old they returned to Brookfield. She taught in the schools of the community until she married Claude Camenga on August 25, 1898. The marriage was performed by Rev. Clayton Burdick in Brookfield.

Mrs. Camenga was a member of the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a much-loved teacher of the children of the Church for many years so that now she is held in honored memory by many whom she has helped and guided on life's way. She was a worker in the community, being a member of the Grange and the W. C. T. U. Beside these duties in Church and community, she, for a number of years, conducted a maternity and nursing home.

She is survived by her husband, four sons: Carlos C. of Syracuse; Harold F. of West Edmeston; Lawrence W. of Buffalo, and Kenneth A. of Beaver Dam, Wis.; a daughter, Mrs. Stanley Warner; 17 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Ruby Todd, of Milton, Wis.

Memorial services were held October 30 from the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Burial was in the Brookfield Cemetery. M. C. V. H.

Vars. — Eva Sage, wife of Lynn C. Vars, was born September 16, 1889, in Anin Creek, Pa., and died November 21, 1950, at her late home in Alfred, N. Y.

With her husband she came to Alfred as a bride from Nile, N. Y., 35 years ago, making a home for her husband's brothers and father. She taught school for 20 years, part of the time as a member of the Alfred High School staff.

She was an active participant in the many social and service organizations and clubs of Alfred. Through her leadership of the Horizon Club, she came in close contact with many younger girls. Her sweet spirit and ready humor made her accessible to those who most needed her wise counsel and guidance.

Survivors are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Clarence Dudley and Mrs. John Gorton of Alfred; four brothers, four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were conducted in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, Pastor Everett T. Harris officiating, and burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Armstrong. — Grace, daughter of George Oscar and Ruby Witter Hood, was born May 29, 1877, on Crosby Creek, near Hornell, N. Y., and died November 25, 1950, at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, N. Y.

At an early age she taught in the schools of East Valley and on Hartsville Hill.

At the age of ten, she was baptized and became a member of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred Station. In later years, she transferred her membership to the First Alfred Church where she was a loyal member until her passing.

At the age of twenty she was united in marriage with Reuben Armstrong, Rev. Boothe C. Davis solemnizing the wedding service.

The family home has always been in Alfred. Here their five children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Their son, Robert, preceded her in death on May 17, 1938. With the husband, two children survive, Leland of Washington, Pa., and Mrs. Maxine A. Bucher of Hornell, N. Y., and seven grandchildren.

Farewell services were held at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, preceded by a prayer service at the late home, Pastor Everett T. Harris officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Disappointments that make us wait on His appointments are blessings in disguise. — Shiloh, N. J., Church Bulletin.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, November 30, 1950

	Receipts	
	November	2 months
Alfred, First	\$ 116.35	\$ 213.00
Alfred, Second		188.40
Andover		24.00
Associations and groups ...		36.80
Battle Creek	117.00	236.87
Boulder	42.16	42.16
Brookfield, Second		32.75
Chicago	35.00	70.00
Committee on Relief Appeals	10.00	
Daytona Beach	74.85	74.85
Denver	41.20	70.38
De Ruyter		142.94
Dodge Center		49.94
Edinburg	9.07	9.07
Farina	45.00	45.00
Friendship		20.00
Gentry	2.09	5.35
Healdsburg-Ukiah	3.51	3.51
Hebron, First	16.52	39.33
Independence	13.00	13.00
Individuals	16.50	16.50
Little Prairie	20.00	20.00
Los Angeles		12.00
Lost Creek	116.09	116.09
Marlboro	72.00	145.00
Middle Island		7.66
Milton	315.20	592.57
Milton Junction	75.69	126.57

New Auburn	10.00	10.00
New York City, First		32.50
Nortonville		52.50
Piscataway		20.00
Plainfield	137.78	296.43
Philadelphia		27.25
Richburg	138.00	138.00
Riverside	70.00	100.24
Rockville	6.22	6.22
Shiloh	285.00	379.00
Walworth		27.60
Waterford	13.22	25.81
White Cloud	17.63	57.36
Totals	\$1,819.08	\$3,526.35

	Disbursements	
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 573.24	\$ 147.09
Tract Society	274.38	10.00
Board of Christian Education	320.21	
Women's Society	8.42	5.00
Historical Society	26.97	
Ministerial Retirement	126.59	63.01
S. D. B. Building	50.20	
General Conference	167.43	
World Fellowship and Service	11.54	
Committee on Relief Appeals		35.00
Totals	\$1,558.98	\$ 260.10

Comparative Figures

Total Budget	\$37,000			Normal
Receipts for October	\$1,557.18	4.20%	\$3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for November	1,558.98	4.20%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Totals	\$3,116.16	8.40%	\$6,166.66	16 2/3%
Special gifts, designated:				
October	\$ 150.39			
November	260.10			
Total	\$ 410.49			

D. Nelson Inglis,
Acting Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

HAVE YOU?

Have you and your family made a pledge to the Denominational Budget? Of course you are paying your pledge through the Church of which you are a member.

Have you joined the Four-Hundred Club?

Have you joined the Eight-Hundred Club?

How soon will there be a Twelve-Hundred Club?

We are all stewards of God's grace and of His goods. Are we giving a good account of our stewardship? (See first editorial in this issue.)

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Have you been getting the Sabbath Recorder lately? In recent issues there have been interesting articles on denominational interests which you should read. By reading the Recorder you can keep in touch with our work at home and on the mission fields.

If you haven't been subscribing, write today to the Sabbath Recorder, Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. Your remittance of \$3 will bring it into your home each week for one year. Do it now! A subscription also makes a good Christmas gift. — The Chicago Call.