

# The Sabbath Recorder

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET Statement of Treasurer, December 31, 1950

	December	3 months		
Receipts				
Alfred, First .....		\$ 213.00	New Auburn .....	12.00 22.00
Alfred, Second .....		188.40	New York City, First .....	32.50
Andover .....		24.00	Nortonville .....	70.00 122.50
Associations and groups .....		36.80	Pawcatuck .....	560.00 560.00
Battle Creek .....	128.00	364.87	Piscataway .....	60.00 80.00
Berlin .....	79.54	79.54	Plainfield .....	185.85 482.28
Boulder .....		42.16	Philadelphia .....	27.25
Brookfield, First .....	48.00	48.00	Richburg .....	138.00
Brookfield, Second .....	30.25	63.00	Riverside .....	497.60 597.84
Chicago .....		70.00	Rockville .....	4.00 10.22
Daytona Beach .....	26.00	100.85	Shiloh .....	266.00 645.00
Denver .....	19.68	90.06	Walworth .....	27.60
De Ruyter .....		142.94	Waterford .....	15.40 41.21
Dodge Center .....		49.94	White Cloud .....	38.59 95.95
Edinburg .....	9.96	19.03	Totals .....	\$2,956.91 \$6,483.56
Farina .....		45.00	Disbursements	
Fouke .....	17.35	17.35	Missionary Society .....	\$ 872.71 \$ 210.61
Friendship .....		20.00	N. D. Mills .....	50.00
Gentry .....	5.57	10.92	Tract Society .....	417.73 1.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah .....		3.51	Board of	
Hebron, First .....		39.33	Christian Education .....	487.51
Hopkinton, First .....	92.60	92.60	Women's Society .....	12.82 25.00
Independence .....	72.00	85.00	Historical Society .....	41.06
Individuals .....	100.00	116.50	Ministerial Retirement .....	192.73 212.44
Irvington .....	100.00	100.00	S. D. B. Building .....	76.43
Little Genesee .....	13.77	13.77	General Conference .....	254.91
Little Prairie .....		20.00	World Fellowship	
Los Angeles .....	33.00	45.00	and Service .....	17.56
Lost Creek .....		116.09	Committee on	
Marlboro .....	65.00	210.00	Relief Appeals .....	71.43
Middle Island .....		7.66	Mighty Oak Print Shop .....	11.44
Milton .....	326.27	918.84	Bank of Milton	
Milton Junction .....	80.48	207.05	service charge .....	1.53
			Totals .....	\$2,386.43 \$ 570.48

### Comparative Figures

Total Budget .....	\$37,000			
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%
Receipts for December .....	2,386.43	6.45%	3,083.34	8 1/3%
Totals .....	\$5,502.59	14.85%	\$9,250.00	25%

### Special gifts, designated:

October .....	\$ 150.39
November .....	260.10
December .....	570.48
Total .....	\$ 980.97

Milton, Wis.

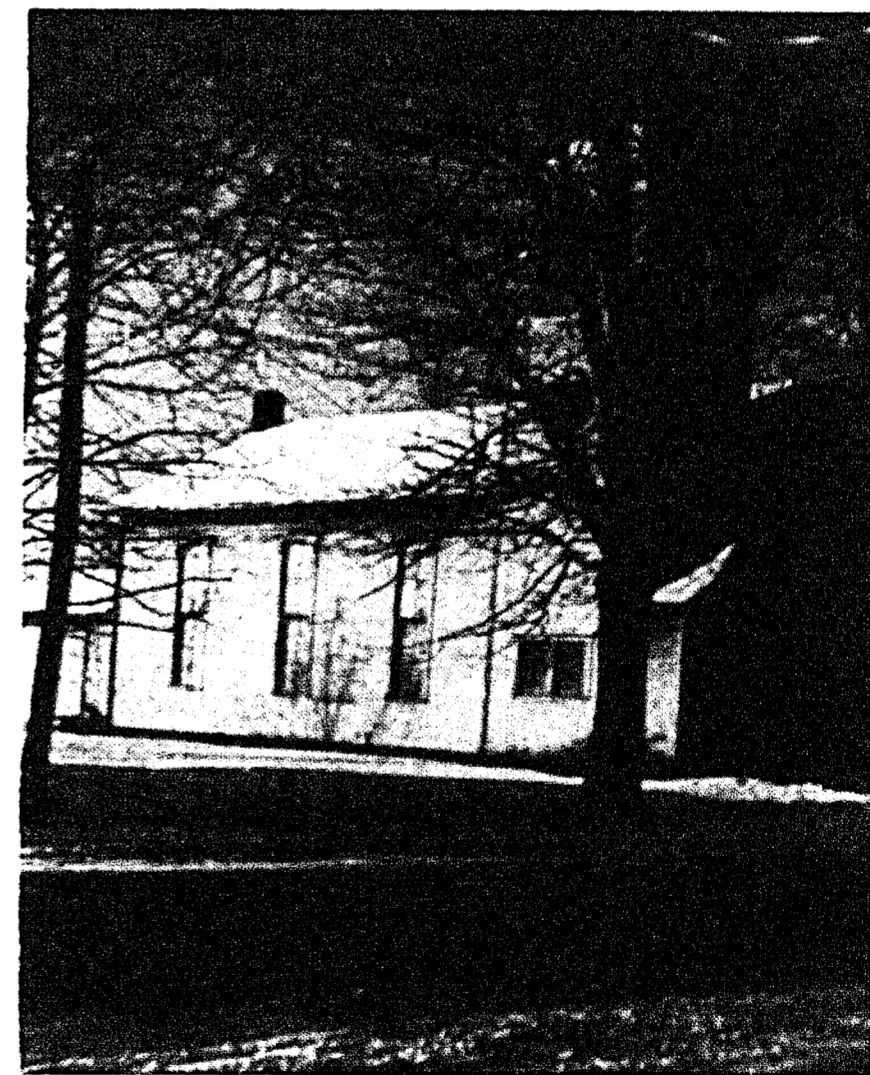
D. Nelson Inglis,  
Acting Treasurer.

### BUDGET PROMOTION POSTERS

The posters sent out to all Seventh Day Baptist Church treasurers were prepared according to committee plans to make it possible for each Church to become aware of the current condition of denominational giving. The bar graph at the upper right of the poster allows you to record each month's giving to all Conference agencies while the Denominational Budget Church with its 365 squares (one year's denominational work divided into \$102 daily cost

units) allows you to record either each month's giving to all agencies or to record the amounts which each agency receives monthly. The bar at the bottom is to record your Will Endeavor decision and the payments as they are made to the Denominational Budget treasurer. Bill Knowles, high school senior and Westerly Seventh Day Baptist Church member, designed the Denominational Budget Church this year, calculating the proportions for each wing of our united building.

D. S. C.



Seventh Day Baptist Church  
Jackson Center, Ohio

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## A CALL FOR CHAPLAINS

The Army has appealed for 165 clergymen to volunteer to serve as chaplains on active duty with American troops. While the authority exists for recalling chaplains now on reserve status, every effort will be made to meet present personnel needs with volunteers, Chief of Chaplains (Major General) Roy H. Parker declared.

"We are especially anxious to receive applications from clergymen without previous military training who wish to be commissioned in the Reserve in order to qualify for a tour of active duty," Chaplain Parker said.

Clergymen without previous military experience must not have attained their 33rd birthday to apply for a commission as chaplain in the Reserve. Original appointments in the Reserve are made only in the grade of first lieutenant.

National Guard and Reserve chaplains not on active duty are also eligible to volunteer.

The openings to be filled from the Reserves are in the grades of first lieutenant and captain. To qualify for active duty as first lieutenants, applicants must not have attained their fortieth birthday, while those seeking duty as captains cannot have attained their forty-third birthday.

If the call for volunteers does not satisfy existing needs, Army commanders will order involuntarily to active duty chaplains from the Volunteer Reserve and from divisional troop program units of the Organized Reserve.

Complete information is available through Reserve or National Guard channels or from The Military Personnel Division, Office, Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C. January 12, 1951. — Release.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the office of the Corporation, in Rooms 316-317-318, Babcock Building, at 240 West Front Street, Plainfield, N. J., at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, February 4, 1951.

Corliss F. Randolph, President,  
Asa F. Randolph, Secretary.

## THE SABBATH RECORDER

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## "DECLARATION ON MANPOWER"

Through the courtesy of President Carroll L. Hill, Milton College, Milton, Wis., and Executive Director Guy E. Snively, Association of American Colleges, Washington, D. C., the Sabbath Recorder has received copies of the "Declaration on Manpower" adopted by the Association of American Colleges on January 10, 1951, at its annual meeting held at Atlantic City, N. J.

The center spread of this issue is devoted to the full text of the "Declaration," except for minor editorial changes. It deserves the thoughtful, prayerful, understanding consideration of every reader of the Sabbath Recorder who is interested in the future of Christian education. This should include every one of us.

President Hill has stated that "The committee on resolutions was appointed ahead of time, and worked steadily throughout the convention. There was opportunity for anyone to submit ideas to the committee. When the report was made on Wednesday morning (January 10, 1951), there was a unanimous vote. A few changes were suggested in wording, but nothing that substantially modified the report. So unanimous was the agreement that a motion to consider the report item by item was resoundingly voted down. The vote adopting these resolutions was recorded as a completely unanimous vote."

Executive Director Snively has written that the committee authorized in Proposal IX, and which was duly appointed, presented the "Declaration" in person to Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, "early on the morning of January 11."

The committee planned to "present the 'Declaration' in person to the Armed Services Committees of both Houses (of Congress) at the earliest possible moment," Dr. Snively continued.

If readers of the Sabbath Recorder feel moved to write their congressmen and two senators concerning this matter, they should feel free either to remove the center spread from this issue and forward it with their own comments or to copy all or portions of the "Declaration" for sending.

This is a matter of utmost and vital interest and concern to our own colleges. Let us therefore act as the spirit of God directs.

## OUT-OF-DATE CUTS

Our attention has been called to the fact that the Sabbath Recorder recently has been using out-of-date cuts of some Seventh Day Baptist Churches. This truly is regrettable, but we have been using the latest in the files.

One of the items under the original "One Hundred Sabbaths of Service" program was an amount for the purpose of bringing the cut file of both Churches and pastors up to date. Since the program had to be drastically revised at the close of "Fifty Sabbaths," the project had to be dropped.

However, if any Church or individual will furnish the Sabbath Recorder with a good glossy print of either Church or pastor, the Sabbath Recorder will bear the expense of having a cut made.

The picture will be returned to sender in due time.

## ORIGINAL COPY OF SABBATH RECORDER RECEIVED

Recently Business Manager L. Harrison North received the first copy of the first issue of the Sabbath Recorder. Mrs. Willard D. Burdick of Milton, Wis., lent it to him from among the prized possessions of the late Rev. Willard D. Burdick. Soon this earliest and only copy will be handed to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society for further preservation and display.

The first copy of Volume 1, Number 1, is a priceless possession. It is the rarest copy in the world. In the upper left-hand corner of the front page appears the following: "This is the first copy of the first number of the Sabbath Recorder, pulled from the press by John M. Mosher and given to the undersigned by his son, W. B. Mosher."

"Willard D. Burdick."

At the bottom of the last column on the back page appear the penciled names: "John M. Mosher, W. B. Mosher."

In a prominent position beneath the

## RURAL CHURCH NOTES

In a recent study of 341 rural or village Churches, located in 44 states and belonging to 23 different denominations, it was found that the men of these Churches contributed 40 different types of labor gifts.

In 12 per cent of the cases the men contributed their labor to beautify the Church grounds. In 10 per cent of the Churches the voluntary labor of the men was used in building a new Church or parsonage or in putting on an addition to the old one. The 605 men who helped with such construction in these 34 Churches contributed an average of \$79.31 in labor per man or \$1,845.57 per Church. This was over three times the annual cash gift of the average Protestant.

In 16 per cent of the Churches the men made equipment for the Church school.

The painting of the Church or parsonage was one of the most successful group projects for men. One third of the 341 rural Churches used it. The 886 men thereby saved \$10,734 for their Churches.

These voluntary labor gifts are described in a new bulletin entitled, "Men Working." It contains 72 pages and 58 photographs of the men at work. The Rural Church Department, Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J., is distributing this bulletin on a nonprofit basis for 30 cents a copy.

These labor gifts develop for the men a new pride and a new loyalty for their Church. — Release.

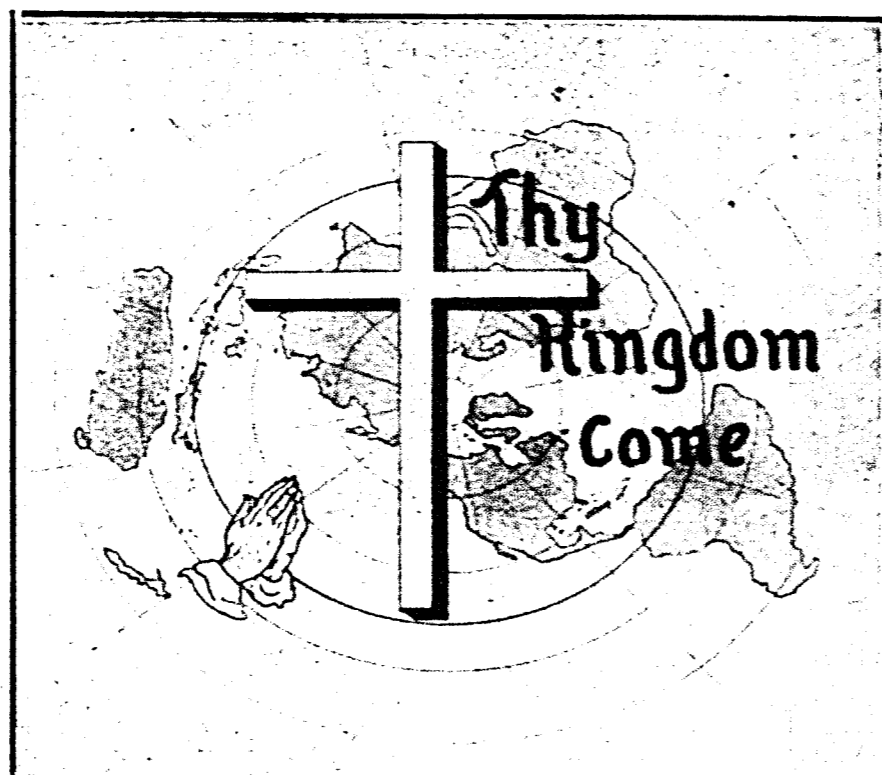
title is: "The Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

"Edited by George B. Utter" and "published at No. 9 Spruce Street, New-York, Fifth Day, June 13, 1844," this copy of the Sabbath Recorder is in a remarkable state of preservation. The next time you visit the Historical Rooms at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., ask Miss Evalois St. John, assistant librarian, to show you this rare copy of the Sabbath Recorder.

## Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

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

## Conference Presidents Corner



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

## REVIVAL OF TITHING?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3: 10.

Our Denominational Budget for October 1, 1950, to September 30, 1951, is \$37,000. Of this amount 25% or \$9,250 should logically be contributed from Churches and individuals during each quarter of the fiscal year. During the first quarter, however, receipts totaled only 14.85% or \$5,502.59.

We might console ourselves with the argument that this is the customary pattern over a number of past Conference years, or we might anticipate optimistically that most of the deficit will be made up the last two months of the year through "pressure appeals" and denominational pride in honoring our assumed obligations.

However, if there is to be enthusiastic promotion, it would seem logical that it be done now rather than during the last quarter of the year. And if we are con-

cerned for the proportionate support of the budget, it would seem expedient to promote "stewardship through the tithe and offering" unto the Lord rather than merely to urge "giving a few more dollars to help balance the budget."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . saith the Lord of hosts." The command is uttered with a clarion voice. "Bring ye all" (one tenth) unto the Lord. It seems almost conclusive that through a general revival of tithing among our people, the Denominational Budget and our local Church budgets would automatically be oversubscribed.

In this inventory season, let us check our own books, determining what portion of our earnings during the past year we have actually returned to the Lord. Let us judge ourselves as to our faithfulness as stewards or trustees of that which He has so generously granted to us.

Alton L. Wheeler,  
Conference President.

619 North Avenue,  
Battle Creek, Mich.

## TRACT-A-MONTH CLUB

The Tract Society, in its effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the sacredness of the seventh day Sabbath, has a very efficient and simple way by which you can help.

It is called the "Tract-a-Month Club." It gives its members (at the cost of only one dollar per year) an opportunity, which should not be very difficult, to actively join in the Lord's work by distributing one tract each month.

Won't you join and enjoy this means of Christian service? It will enrich your life and give you a sense of joy as you add to your ability to serve.

Just send your dollar to the American Sabbath Tract Society, Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., and you will receive one tract each month to pass on to someone else.

We need only a few more members to bring our membership up to 100.

Frank R. Kellogg,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## Church Co-operation in South Jersey

Week of Prayer services were held by the six Churches composing the West District Council of Christian Education in Cumberland County, South Jersey. It was held a week before the stated dates, which seemed more convenient.

Beginning with a watch night service at the Canton Baptist Church, with Rev. Roland Miller of the Greenwich Baptist Church bringing the message, the meetings moved from one Church to another — Greenwich Baptist, Roadtown Baptist, Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist, Greenwich Presbyterian, and Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist. The pastors of the Churches exchanged pulpits in giving the messages, Rev. C. Rex Burdick and Rev. Lester G. Osborn being among them. Attendance ran around fifty, but on the night at Marlboro nearly one hundred were present, and on Sabbath eve at Shiloh about 130 were in attendance.

The project was a great success, and a blessing was received by all who attended. A part of each service was given over exclusively to prayer.

The next activity of the West District Council is the Bible Conference for six Monday nights beginning January 22. Two 50-minute class periods, with a 20-minute chapel service between them, will be the order. Rev. Kenneth Masteller of Haddon Heights will give a series of studies on the Book of Joel during one period. The other hour will bring different men each Monday night to discuss the following subjects: Bible School Principles, Youth in the Bible School, Missions, The Bible in the Home, and Personal Evangelism. Pastor Osborn of the Shiloh Church is dean of the school.

— Contributed.

## PREACHERS COMING

The annual Ministers' Conference will be entertained here by the Marlboro and Shiloh Churches early in April. The Benevolent Society will be in charge of serving the meals and arranging for entertainment.—Bulletin Extra, Shiloh, N. J.

### AN APPRECIATION

(Resolution passed by the Uniform Lesson Committee at its meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October, 1950.)

It is noteworthy, however, that one member of this committee, at the conclusion of this session, will terminate his active membership upon it. Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, now of Boulder, Colo., has served upon this committee for twenty-five years. He is beloved by all of us. We shall not forget him at our future meetings. On the contrary, his shining Christian spirit, his constant willingness to help, his clear understanding of what needs to be done — all that made him so valuable as a member of this committee — will remain in our minds and hearts to direct us and to inspire us in the sessions to come in the years that lie ahead.

### FEBRUARY IS FOCUSED ON EUROPE

In foreign mission emphasis, we suggest a study of European missions by Seventh Day Baptists, the work of our Dutch brethren, the opportunities for help to our Churches and leaders in England, Holland, and Germany. Ask your pastor or Sabbath school superintendent for information from the Missionary Reporter. At home, capitalize on the study of January's "Christians United in Service" theme with its vital prayer plans by developing community outreach. Inquire of your pastor or the Missionary Board for new tools for putting time-tested methods to work in the Master's Spirit.

D. S. C.

### AUCKLAND, N. Z., ANNIVERSARY

Since my last writing, I have been down to our South Island Church, spent one Sabbath there and held several meetings. On my return I went to Thames and held a baptismal service in the Church of Christ.

Last Sabbath we held our anniversary service, ten years of Church history, four of our eight foundation members being present, our oldest foundation member cutting the cake at the luncheon held after the service. From a beginning with eight members we now have a roll of 33 in the Auckland Church and 17 in Christchurch, besides our African and Indian Missions.



Rev. Francis S. Johnson (in back) at Thames Church of Christ where baptism was recently held.

### NEW ZEALAND COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On Tuesday night, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms will be commissioned for their work in New Zealand. The members of our New England Churches are especially urged to attend, since we will be dedicating ourselves jointly with the Bottoms and all other Seventh Day Baptists to an urgent evangelistic project. We will express at this service the prayerful hope of our other American Seventh Day Baptists that our New Zealand Churches may receive divine power and enter through new doorways.

The Bottoms sail from New York City on the SS Queen Mary February 7 at midnight. Friends are urged to join the farewell if at all possible.



Group at Thames, 200 miles south of Auckland, New Zealand

Mention in the service was made of other members who had gone to their rest, and of one that was transferred to Mill Yard. We are looking forward to the time when we will have our own Church building, Christchurch have theirs and free of debt. (Rev. Francis S. Johnson in letter of December 1, 1950.)

### KINGDOM CRUSADE

These principles were adopted by the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Jackson Center, Ohio, at the annual business meeting on January 7, 1951. This is not a program of set plans, except that as we as individuals and families put these principles into practice. If practiced, guided by the Holy Spirit, a definite working program may arise in our minds.)

Motto — "Thy kingdom come." Matthew 6: 10a.

Crusade Dates — January through June, 1951.

#### Principles for Goals of Growth

##### 1. The Kingdom Within Us

More time given for personal devotions.

Stronger family "altar" experiences or the establishment of such where there is none.

Development of deeper experience in public worship — more thoughtful and frequent.

More earnest and careful Bible study — not by any one system or view, but open-minded.

##### 2. Our Church and the Kingdom

Enrich our public worship experiences. Promote Christian education to best advantage with our limited means.

Develop a stronger emphasis in wholesome and balanced evangelism.

Promote personal witnessing through Christian living, the spoken word, and the printed page.

Think more deeply on world problems from the viewpoint of Christ's teachings, and exert every possible effort to influence national and world leaders to follow Christ's teachings.

##### 3. Kingdom Stewardship

Strive to give more for our Church and missionary interests so that our Church and world-wide missions can do more.

Set aside a definite per cent of our incomes for the Lord's work. The tithe is a Biblical recommendation for the minimum. Settle this between God and yourself.

Utilize every possible talent and devote much time for the promotion of the kingdom of God on earth.

##### 4. The Kingdom and World Freedom

Place the authority of God first in our lives and the authority of man second. The grace of God through Christ enables us to do His will.

Create within us, with God's help, the ability to despise and defeat evil without having hatred in our hearts towards any person or any peoples on the face of this earth.

Pray and work for a just and lasting peace, not for ourselves alone, but for all peoples who dwell on earth, and be personally willing ourselves to accept a peace of this nature.

### STEWARDSHIP SABBATH March 3, 1951

Every Seventh Day Baptist Church will want to make early and effective plans for the observance of Stewardship Sabbath.

## DECLARATION ON MANPOWER

(Unanimously adopted at the Association of American Colleges Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, N. J., January 10, 1951.)

### Preamble

The present national emergency is without parallel in our entire history. It will extend over a long period. It will require great sacrifice. Both from within and from without, it threatens our basic heritage of freedom.

The American college and university recognizes the gravity of the crisis and is actively aware that the national welfare must take precedence over other considerations. It is recognized that there is a present and presumably continuing requirement that essentially all able-bodied young men give service of a proper length of time in the nation's military forces. As representatives of higher education, we recognize the importance of meeting this requirement to the full. We believe that all young men should share equitably the responsibility of national defense.

It is our conviction that the key to ultimate national survival is the wise use of manpower. Considering the demand to have now the men we need in the places where they seem needed, we must not lose sight of the long-range importance of providing a constant flow of trained persons to fill critical places two years, five years, ten years or more hence. Leadership of all types, political, economic, military, educational, and religious, will be even more necessary in the years ahead than today. Further, in a democratic nation we deal with men as **individuals** not as units in the mass. No effective manpower program will treat men in the mass without concern for their dignity as human beings and their individual differences. If we lose sight of this truth, the battle with totalitarianism has been lost at the start.

The American colleges and universities are and have been a vital source of leadership and spiritual strength. Hence, these institutions are more necessary today than ever before. Their strength is the strength of our democracy, from the largest university to the smallest liberal arts college.

They must make a continuous contribution to national welfare in every field of learning. Thus, it is in the national interest that higher education be viewed as essential to the development of manpower resources.

### Proposals

The Association of American Colleges, representing more than 650 institutions of higher learning, therefore, strongly recommends to the Federal Government the following considerations concerning the relationship between military manpower and higher education:

#### I

In the education and training for the Armed Services and for the civilian war effort there should be no duplication of existing educational facilities. Before new educational facilities are developed by the Armed Services or other Governmental Agencies, a thorough survey should be made to see whatever existing facilities could more readily be converted and adapted to meet the particular need. Every effort should be made to bring the facilities of as large a number of educational institutions as possible into the defense efforts, both by increasing the existing number of ROTC units and by allotting other training programs to non-ROTC institutions.

#### II

We request that appropriate authorities take immediate steps to assure that students whose induction is now postponed or deferred will be permitted to apply for entrance, at the termination of their postponement into any branch of the Armed Services in which voluntary enlistment is now permitted, regardless of any intervening action by the Selective Service System.

#### III

Since the shortage of trained personnel is becoming acute, and womanpower is an ever more important source of leadership in civilian service and in the professions, we urge adequate and immediate comprehensive planning to ensure the constructive utilization of the ability and training of all college women.

#### IV

a. In setting the age for entering military training and service we believe that the age for induction should be nineteen. A lower age should be adopted **only** when and as long as an emergency manpower shortage requires such lower age.

b. We endorse the present policy of deferring ROTC students until the completion of their college courses. We recommend that the number of ROTC units be increased. We endorse the legislation now before Congress to place on the same basis stipends and educational allowances for men enrolled in all ROTC programs.

#### V

Certain groups of students now enrolled in colleges and universities have progressed so far with their studies, that it is in the national interest to allow them to complete their course. Among the students to be deferred during the present transitional period should be:

a. Students in professional schools of theology, of medicine, dentistry, and related health fields, and in the graduate schools in mathematics, engineering, and physical and biological sciences.

b. All students who will have completed two years of undergraduate study in any curriculum by July, 1951, and who are eligible to continue because of satisfactory standing in accredited four-year colleges.

#### VI

An enrolled college student who reaches the age of induction while successfully pursuing a course of study should have his induction postponed to the end of his academic year.

#### VII

If eighteen-year-olds are to be subject to universal military service, we assume that it is unlikely that more than half could be inducted in the first year of the new legislation. To reduce to a minimum the uncertainty in the minds of prospective and present college students, it is highly desirable that those who are not to be inducted before the opening of their academic year should be notified that they will be able to complete that year before induction.

#### VIII

To maintain a flow of educated personnel as an important element of national strength, we recommend that after basic training a substantial number of properly qualified young men be furloughed to colleges of their choice for further education in all areas of learning before completing their required military service. In implementing this plan, special consideration should be given to a federal scholarship or loan program, in order that no one who qualifies may be deprived of this educational opportunity for lack of means. We recommend that the administration of this program and the testing and other procedures of selection under it be entrusted to competent civilians.

#### IX

We recommend that the Board of Directors appoint a committee to take steps to present the views of the Association to the appropriate officers and committees of the executive and legislative branches of the government and to co-operate with other educational organizations having similar objectives.

#### X

As an Association in which the majority of member institutions are small independent colleges, we recognize the fact that the present emergency seriously threatens the very existence of many of these institutions which represent a vital element in American life. While the foregoing recommendations are intended to provide full participation by these colleges, we are aware that their problems will be severe for a minimum of two or three years. We therefore urge governmental agencies, philanthropic foundations, and the American public to consider seriously the need to preserve these institutions for continued service beyond the period of the immediate manpower crisis.

#### "FOR WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT?"

The angels from their thrones on high  
Look down on us with wondering eye,  
That when we are but passing guests  
We build such strong and solid nests,  
But where we think to dwell for aye  
We scarce take heed a stone to lay.

—North Loup, Neb., Church Bulletin.

## THE FIFTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

To attend the Second National Assembly of the United Council of Church Women held in Columbus, Ohio, six years ago was a new and rich experience for me. To attend the Fifth National Assembly held recently in Cincinnati in company with the president of our local council was even more a rich and inspiring experience. In 1944, I saw Mrs. Harper Sibley receive the gavel as the next president of the UCCW, and so it was with unusual interest that I saw her close her successful term of office which was also the close of the UCCW as a separate organization.

How the organization had grown and expanded in six short years! I do not remember the number registered in that meeting six years ago but I do remember that not all states were represented. At the last meeting there were over two thousand delegates representing every state in the nation. There were also visiting delegations from foreign countries. The "Ecumenical" registrations at the close of the assembly were 267,428, and since the beginning of the registration 150 new councils have been organized.

The final decision as to how these dedicated dollars are to be spent seemed most gratifying to all. It is to be divided three ways; and I quote from the Church Woman: "First, for endowment, emergency, and savings for the General Department of United Church Women; second, for the necessary expense for setting up the General Department of United Church Women; third, for advance work in ecumenical education and fellowship within the state, across the nation, and around the world." This was unanimously voted at the last general business session of the assembly. Surely every woman of our denomination who contributed should feel doubly thankful that she had a small part in this project and if there are those who have not yet registered, the opportunity is still theirs, since by vote of the assembly the registration is to be kept open until May Fellowship Day.

Are we as United Church Women presumptuous in thinking that our organization made a powerful contribution when

it merged with many others into the National Council?

We were privileged to be registered at the Gibson Hotel which was headquarters for the assembly. I understand that the manager of the hotel was so impressed by the behavior of the delegation that he said to one woman — "You women have something. We notice the absence of unnecessary noise, cigarette stubs, and discourteous manners that seem to be prevalent in other delegations. It has been a pleasure to have you." We take such behavior for granted among Church women but evidently it was a revelation to him.

The daytime programs were held in Taft Auditorium which joined the Masonic building. It was within easy walking distance from the hotel. The night meetings were held in Music Hall which was several blocks away so we had to take a bus. That afforded another opportunity to get acquainted with other women as we shared seats to and from the auditorium.

The worship services each morning, led by Dean W. J. Faulkner of Fisk University, were most inspiring. The quiet manner and musical voice of Dean Faulkner added much to the impressiveness of his messages. One could not soon forget the meditation based on Matthew 25, closing with the words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." He asked the question and we in turn asked ourselves, "What have we done to improve human life in our generation?" He said, "The voice of God speaks to women of today as it did to Mary Dyer, Susan Anthony, and Florence Nightingale." Dean Faulkner made us more conscious of the need to reach out beyond our own homes in loving Christian friendliness and helpfulness.

The voice of God seemed to speak through Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, who truly gave us spiritual messages in song. She led the songs during each worship service and also sang several solos. I think I shall never forget her rendering of "I Walked Today, Where Jesus Walked," and "God Grant Us Peace on Earth." Mrs. Welch considers that her part in the National Assembly programs has been a won-

derful blessing to her, but I am sure everyone who has heard her sing feels that she has been more of a blessing to them.

We were also favored by hearing at the opening session a Cincinnati choir of thirty beautifully blended voices. Their rendering of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" at the close of the Historical Pano-Drama was most impressive.

On the third day the Fisk Jubilee Singers made their appearance and sang spirituals as only Negroes can sing them. The members looked so young for college students.

The assembly was blest in having top speakers among men who are leaders in education, in Christian missions, and in world relations, some of whom have been instrumental in the organization of the National Council. It was indeed a privilege to see and hear Dr. Frank C. Laubach, that great missionary and teacher of the illiterate. It was significant to hear one of the younger women who had heard him before, say of him, "That man has changed my whole life — I think he should be rated with the prophets and teachers in the Bible." Dr. Laubach hopes to recruit 100,000 men and women to "win the world's heart with kindness." I wondered if this woman would not be one.

The mention of this young woman reminds me of another difference in this assembly as compared with the one six years ago, that is that there was a larger percentage of younger women which I felt was most encouraging.

To be sure there were top speakers among women on the programs, too. Among them was Mrs. Olive Remington Goldman who flew straight from the United Nations meetings. She talked so "fast and furiously" that we, sitting in the balcony so as to get a better view of the UN flags in the processional, did not hear all she said. Her subject was, "Women's Responsibility in the United Nations." I do remember her quoting Edith Samson, a Chicago lawyer and the first Negro to speak before the UN, by saying, "When you meet problems, don't get discouraged — get smart!"

One of the most interesting luncheon speakers was Dorothy Wagner, a young

and beautiful woman who has recently returned from mission work in China. She told us that the position of Chinese women is more strategic than ever before and that Communism is binding their hearts as their feet were once bound. She said: "Women of China are looking for a purpose as never before and that purpose is found in Christ." She urged us as Christian sisters to pray for the women of China. Her talk came very close to me because of our mission and Church in China and our friends who have labored there.

Another interesting luncheon speaker was Miss Myrtle Pider who is President of Woman's Christian College in Tokyo. Of the 35,000 graduates of this college, many of them are evangelists, teachers, and social workers. The prayer meetings held each morning before the Diet convenes were started and continued to exist through the influence of these girls. The testimony of one of these college girls was, "We flounder in mud and mire not knowing the Lord has prepared a solid foundation for us." Our World Day of Prayer collection is shared with this college and after hearing what the alumni do for the uplift of their fellow man, I felt that I for one would contribute more this year.

Mention should also be made of Mrs. Hachiro Yuasa, wife of the president of Japan International Christian University, who praised General MacArthur and the fine work he is doing in Japan and said that she is grateful that it was the United States who came to occupy their country. She said that non-Christians who are the majority in Japan are looking toward Christian America to be their leader. They believe, she said, in Christian education and that new leaders for the new Japan will come out only from such institutions as Japan International Christian University.

To hear these speakers who had firsthand knowledge, gave one hope that the country that was once so hostile to us and to all in which we believed, might some day truly become our ally in Christianity.

I cannot close this "write-up" without telling about the Communion service which was to me the highlight of the whole week. It was held in the Masonic Temple, a most

fitting place for it was beautiful, restful, spacious, and the acoustics were especially good.

The setting of the stage lent itself to quiet worship. As we entered the auditorium we seemed not conscious of the crowd but of the view before us, a blue background with a tall white cross in the center, below the cross a huge bouquet of lovely white flowers and on either side tall white candles. The tables laid with snowy white linen were arranged in the shape of a cross.

Dean Faulkner presided, giving the opening prayers of commitment. Then from the rear came the soft, sweet tones of the jubilee singers in the spiritual, "The Angels Done Bowed Down." The meditation was given by Mrs. James D. Wyker, an ordained minister, then the president of Ohio Council of Church Women and now the newly elected president of the Women's Department of the National Council. Her meditation was based on the words from Luke's Gospel, "He took upon himself." If one had not been convinced before that she was the right person chosen to be the president of the Women's Department, she must have been after hearing her speak at that service.

Fifty ministers and elders of many faiths, several of them Negroes, served the Communion. It was done so orderly that the quiet, reverent mood seemed unbroken. During the serving, Mrs. Welch sang from the rear of the auditorium, "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees." She also led the jubilee singers in "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" as we slowly, quietly, and without conversation retired row by row from the room. I noticed, too, that this same stillness prevailed even after we passed through the doorway.

Yes, the Fifth Assembly of the UCCW was a rich experience for my companion and me. We were almost loath to leave the city which impressed us with its friendliness as host to the assembly. As we started on our journey the Sunday evening before, and it seemed longer for we had seen and heard so much, we soon met other women going to the assembly and visited together about our local councils and anticipated together what was in store

## Children's Page

### ROBIN'S SEARCH

Once upon a time, in the deep cool woods, where birds and beasts are free and fearless, there dwelt a dear little brownie. He was called Robin, for he was never quite happy unless he wore a brown coat and a "robin-red" vest.

He was just the merriest little fellow imaginable. He was always laughing and frolicking, and he had the kindest little heart in the world. He was always helping those around him so that all the woods folk loved him.

Now you know, brownie boys, when they are fully grown, are quite apt to leave their forest-homes. They go out to seek new homes among girls and boys, for they are very friendly little creatures.

When it come Robin's turn to seek a home among human folks he said to himself:

Ho! Ho! my friends, I go to seek  
A home where boys and girls are kind.  
I will not stay a single week,  
Unless a peaceful home I find,

Where boys and girls love to obey;  
Are thankful, cheery, brave, and true,  
And help each other day by day,  
As all good children try to do.

So bidding his family and forest friends good-by, Robin skipped away on his tiny, swift-moving feet, singing a merry little tune as he flew along over hill and dale

for us. Likewise, on the way back, we soon got into conversation with other women, some of whom were Negroes, and lived over again parts of the programs. We also talked of our oneness as Church women and of hopes of larger accomplishments through having merged into the larger organization, the National Council. Thus our trip ended as it began, in the spirit of oneness with other women, yes, even of other races through our common interests.

Ogareta Ford Seager.

as light as a thistledown. Those who heard his cheery song said, "How happy the little breezes are today!" for, being a brownie, of course he was invisible to human eyes.

At last he came in sight of a large, white farmhouse, nestled among tall oak trees, which were gay with beautiful autumn colors. Two children were playing happily about the door, and Robin cried gleefully:

Ha! Ha! I really do believe  
That this is just the place for me,  
For surely here I now perceive  
Kind, helpful children, full of glee.

Close up to the children he crept and listened to their play with a happy look on his little brown face. But after awhile he drew down the corners of his mouth. His face grew very long indeed. The children began to quarrel, to say unkind things, and even to strike each other. When their dear mother heard their shrill voices and called them in they were even cross to her.

Then Robin said sorrowfully:  
Oh, dear! Oh, dear! I must away,  
This surely is no home for me.  
Not for a good deal would I stay  
Where such cross children I must see.

(To be continued)

Mizpah S. Greene.

### CHURCH NEWS

WESTERLY, R. I. — The first of October our pastor and his advisory committee launched a "Crusade for Christ," "that our membership might be strengthened spiritually and that we might reach out in Christian love to bring others to Christ and His Church." Cards were passed out on which we individually kept account of our Church attendance for the quarter. These words were on the Church bulletin for December 30, when the cards were turned in, "This is a portion of yourself that you have given to God in time and worship."

Rev. E. Wendell Stephan of Plainfield spent a weekend with us the first of No-

vember on a preaching mission. This was another phase of the crusade. Those who heard him were blessed as he quietly and effectively presented words of truth. A fellowship supper was sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Society Sunday evening which closed the weekend series.

Under the direction of Rev. David S. Clarke, a visitation campaign was undertaken the next week. As Mr. Clarke explained, "It is simply the moving out in Christian neighborliness." On November 6, 8, and 9, volunteers for visiting met at the Church for supper and instruction and then went out two by two to call. This was a heart-warming experience for those who called as well as for those called upon. The baptism on November 10 of three persons, two of whom joined the Church in full membership, and the reception of two others into associate membership are tangible results of the Crusade for Christ.

Expressions of interest and friendliness begun during this special effort are still bearing fruit. On December 30, two adults were received into full membership through letters, and four into associate membership. This associate membership privilege is bringing into closer relationship with us several who are members elsewhere, but who appreciate a closer fellowship with this Church. At this service also five babies were dedicated to Christian living by our pastor.

Boys of our Church under twelve years of age are enjoying the basketball season again as members of the Church league. Boys from Ashaway have joined with our boys this winter to produce a Seventh Day Baptist team.

Every five years, Seventh Day Baptists in New England go on a pilgrimage to the mother Church at Newport. On October 14, more than one hundred worshipers filled the stately old meetinghouse and were served the Lord's Supper from the old-time Communion service. The collections on these occasions are given to the Newport Historical Society toward the care of the meetinghouse.

Four Sabbath afternoons in December, organ vespers were given in our Church. The first three were played by guest organists — Frederick Monks and William

Pickett of Providence, and Miss Margaret Powers of Pawcatuck. Special emphasis was given by these artists to Christmas music as well as great organ classics. The fourth vesper service was given by our choir under the direction of Mrs. Gaynor McIntyre, music director, and our pastor. As we listened in the candlelight to the beautiful selections, and heard along with them the old familiar story of the birth of the Saviour, in song, and as read by Pastor Bond, the spirit of Christmas filled our hearts. Especially was this true at the last service, when, with candles lighted one from the other, we left the auditorium as we sang "Joy to the World."

The regular Church-family supper and social followed in the evening. On this very special occasion children of the Sabbath school were the entertainers. Recitations and songs from tiny tots, experiencing their first stage fright, and from more seasoned performers were climaxed by the arrival of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts from the gay Christmas tree. — Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro, Correspondent.

BERLIN, N. Y. — The celebration of Christmas for the Berlin Church was held in the Church on the evening after the Sabbath, December 23.

The juniors, of whom we have a fine group, put on an enjoyable program of recitations and music and, after the presentation of gifts to the junior classes, a lamp was presented by the school to Mrs. Arlie Green in appreciation of her work with the Vacation Bible School. Pastor Maxson and family were also well remembered. Then with the serving of ice cream and cake a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

The fine tree with its beautiful groups of cones was a gift from a Berlin resident who for a long time had taken great pride in his spruces, but for which our recent windstorm had no respect — hence the gift to us.

The Communion service was held Sabbath, January 6, and the annual Church dinner was served on Sunday, the 7th. This was followed by two business sessions — the annual Church meeting, and the Church and Society group.

The election of officers for the following year and the discussion of various problems were a part of each session.

A unanimous call was given Pastor Maxson to serve the Church another year.

The meeting adjourned with the hope that we may all be in attendance January 6, 1952. — Correspondent.

ALFRED STATION, N. Y. — A year of activity and service was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Second Alfred Church on Sunday, January 7, 1951. Reports indicated a healthy financial situation and reasonable growth in membership. The 1950 Lord's Acre project netted \$1,017.49 to the Church and this amount is to be used to renovate the parish hall known as the community house, with the exception of \$28 which was sent to CROP from the sale of farm produce at the annual sale.

F. J. Pierce asked to be relieved at the end of his term as trustee and was succeeded by vote of the Church by his son, Lloyd Pierce. Mr. Pierce continues as deacon and clerk of the Church. Elmer A. Willard, Clinton Burdick, and Mrs. Fred M. Palmer were elected to succeed themselves; also re-elected were Mr. Willard as moderator, and Irving V. Palmiter as treasurer.

The budget for 1951 amounts to \$2,893 alongside a "Will Endeavor" pledge of \$536.58 to the Denominational Budget. Rev. Albert N. Rogers was called as pastor for the year and will also serve the Andover Presbyterian Church on a part-time basis.

In response to an invitation from the First Alfred Church it was voted to join with them in entertaining the General Conference next August. Several members have already accepted posts on the various planning committees, and an item was placed in the budget to help meet incidental expenses.

Mrs. Clinton Burdick was chairman of arrangements for the annual tureen dinner.

Mrs. Robert Lewis reported receipts and disbursements of \$1,245.57 by the Union Industrial Society. The latest project of the women of the Church is making a United Nations flag for the auditorium.

A. N. R.

## Marriages

Van Horn - Boehler. — L. L. Van Horn and Mary H. Boehler, both of Edinburg, Tex., were united in marriage January 5, 1951, in the parsonage of Rev. M. Ehlert, south of Edinburg on the Valley Bible Institute grounds. Rev. Mr. Ehlert performed the ceremony. The L. L. Van Horns are at home in Edinburg.

Hanke - Dennis. — Wesley Hanke and Mavis Dennis, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage in the home of his mother, Mrs. Gladys Hanke, January 10, 1951. His pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, officiated. Their address will be Route 3, Box 309, Battle Creek, Mich.

## BIRTHS

Mintchell. — A son, Donald Howard, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacque Mintchell of Jackson Center, Ohio, January 3, 1951.

## Obituaries

Briggs. — Ida Champlin, daughter of George S. and Annie Merritt Champlin, was born in Hopkinton, May 20, 1869, and died October 20, 1950.

She married Robert Briggs and to them was born one daughter, Mrs. Annie Greene of Charlestown, R. I., with whom she made her home for several years and who survives her.

Mrs. Briggs joined the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church February 9, 1889.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, and burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I.

T. A. S.

Wright. — Ollie Brown, daughter of Otis and Maude Sherman Brown, was born in Hopkinton, September 2, 1909, and died suddenly December 25, 1950, at the Westerly Hospital.

Mrs. Wright united with the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 26, 1937.

She married Leslie E. Wright and to them were born two sons, Eugene Otis and David Alan, who survive. One sister also survives her.

Funeral services were held at the Schilke Funeral Home, Dr. John W. Elliott, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating, and burial was in Wood River Cemetery, Hope Valley, R. I.

T. A. S.

Wheeler. — Ernest Raymond, was born on Seventh Day Lane near Nortonville, Kan., February 21, 1895, and passed away January 4, 1951, at his country home where he was brought up.

On October 19, 1915, he was married to Edna Lugibihl of Pandoria, Ohio, and to this union were born eight children: Mrs. Louise Sullivan of Minonk, Ill.; Charles and Merlin of Nortonville; Edgar of New Orleans, La.; and Robert of Lawrence, Kan. Three daughters died in infancy.

Besides his children, there survive: his mother, Mrs. Augusta Wheeler; two sisters, Mrs. Helen Crews and Mrs. Vernetta Van Horn of Denver, Colo.; one brother, Edwin of Nortonville; and fourteen grandchildren.

He was baptized May 13, 1910, and united with the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he remained a lifelong member. He was always active in Church work — supporting it and all its auxiliaries, also holding different offices. At the time of his death he was Sabbath school superintendent.

He was a friend with a cheery word or smile for everyone, a loving husband and a kind father, and will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church on January 7, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Verney A. Wilson, assisted by Rev. C. B. Dennison, a close friend of the family. Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

V. A. W.

Babcock. — Lucinda J., widow of Salathiel R. Babcock, was born in Fayette County, Ohio, August 25, 1860, and died at the home of her son in Muncie, Ind., December 30, 1950.

As a child she moved to the vicinity of Jackson Center, Ohio, spending much of her life there.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church during that time, joining in 1898.

She had four sons and is survived by one, Corliss of Muncie; also by one brother, David Rowell of Hastings, Mich.

Memorial services were held at Muncie December 31, and on January 1 services conducted by Rev. T. R. Sutton were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Jackson Center, with burial in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.

T. R. S.

Thomas. — Adele R., widow of Edward Thomas, passed away on January 12, 1951, at the home of her daughter-in-law in Bridgeton, N. J., at the age of seventy-eight years.

She had lived near Shiloh all her life.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Edna Jones; a nephew, Robert Jones, with whom she had made her home for the past five or six years; five grandchildren: Mrs. Paul Bettler of New York, Mrs. James Uhland of Pennsgrove, N. Y., Mrs. Arthur Boss of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Arthur Hickman of California, and Everett Randolph of Bridgeton, N. J.; and a great-grandson, Lonnie Randolph, who lived with her much of the time.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Shiloh, N. J., of which Mrs. Thomas had been a member for over forty-five years. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. L. G. O.



## REV. ERLO E. SUTTON RETIRES

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers  
President, Seventh Day Baptist  
Board of Christian Education

After more than a quarter century of service as editor of the Helping Hand in Bible School Work, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton of Boulder, Colo., will retire at his own



Rev. Erlo E. Sutton

request on July 1, 1951. He began his work on March 1, 1926, and plans to complete the Sabbath school lessons for 1951.

The Sabbath School Board called Mr. Sutton from the pastorate of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church to take up the work of editing the Helping Hand following the death of Rev. William C. Whitford. He also was made director of religious education, succeeding Rev. Edward M. Holston who had resigned, and was appointed to the International Lesson Committee and the International Council of Religious Education.

Hosea W. Rood and Rev. Mazzini G. Stillman, who had been associated with the former editor, continued to assist until 1929 when Rev. S. Duane Ogden and Rev. Lester G. Osborn assumed departments. For three years beginning in 1930, Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond wrote Sabbath supplements and lessons, and in 1935 and 1936, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton assisted. The bulk of the lesson material, however, was prepared by the editor who introduced as a new feature, "Practical Problems for

Class Consideration." In 1935 he wrote a quarter's series on the "Expose of Faith and Practice of Seventh Day Baptists."

Devoting a portion of his time to executive work for the Sabbath School Board, Mr. Sutton undertook extensive field trips to visit the Churches and to familiarize himself with their problems. When the depression curtailed denominational finances in 1933, he paid a part of his travel expense personally and accepted a reduced salary until 1937 when he undertook the part-time pastorate of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. During this time he was among those who studied the advisability of consolidating the Sabbath School Board with the Young People's Board and the Education Society as was done in 1940 to form the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc. As president of the General Conference in 1939, he presided at the annual session held in Milton, Wis.

With the setting up of the new Board of Christian Education in Alfred, N. Y., Mr. Sutton ended a term of fourteen years as the denomination's director of religious education. However, this board immediately reappointed him as editor of the Helping Hand and its representative on the International Council of Religious Education. His work has been systematic, thorough, and consecrated, and, in the judgment of the board, has met the needs of the majority of Seventh Day Baptist readers as well as any one man could do. Primarily for adults, the Helping Hand has shown its editor's concern for young people and their needs.

During the past year the International Council of Religious Education and the Uniform Lesson Committee have honored the Seventh Day Baptist editor as one of their senior members and chairman of an important subcommittee. Mr. Sutton also made a significant contribution to the annual Ministers' Conference of this denomination by his three Bible studies, "Our Father," "Our Saviour," and "Our Consolation," which have appeared in the Sabbath Recorder.

The Board of Christian Education voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Sutton with deep appreciation of his twenty-five years of service and with regret that he feels he must be relieved. His successor will be announced at an early date.

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