

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, April 30, 1952

Receipts		April	7 months
Balance on hand Apr. 1	\$ 76.64		
Adams Center		206.42	
Albion		154.50	
Alfred, First	233.19	2,085.46	
Alfred, Second		417.85	
Andover	25.00	25.00	
Associations and groups		187.65	
Battle Creek	733.75	2,350.01	
Berlin		291.40	
Boulder	48.96	349.61	
Brookfield, First		129.00	
Brookfield, Second	61.50	167.04	
Chicago	25.00	368.90	
Daytona Beach	30.00	400.90	
Denver		518.89	
De Ruyter	96.00	513.00	
Dinuba		32.00	
Dodge Center		274.69	
Edinburg	17.00	71.12	
Farina	52.00	221.20	
Fouke		56.53	
Friendship		34.00	
Gentry		10.00	
Hammond	28.82	77.07	
Hebron, First	27.50	145.75	
Hopkinton, First		627.00	
Hopkinton, Second		26.00	
Independence	15.00	250.00	
Indianapolis		30.79	
Individuals	558.83	763.83	
Irvington		230.00	
Jackson Center		21.50	
Little Genesee		410.43	
Little Prairie	2.80	12.90	
Los Angeles	86.00	223.00	
Lost Creek	69.00	547.67	
Marlboro	200.00	663.86	
Middle Island	24.36	76.47	
Milton	473.34	3,227.97	
Milton Junction	88.53	777.05	
New Auburn		35.96	
New York City, First		180.73	
North Loup		346.00	
Nortonville	80.50	187.00	
Pawcatuck	12.00	3,006.10	
Philadelphia	10.00	66.50	
Piscataway	16.50	218.50	
Plainfield	325.94	3,990.52	
Putnam County (Fla.)		10.00	
Richburg	20.00	255.00	
Ritchie	20.00	55.00	
Riverside		1,829.39	
Roanoke	21.00	28.00	
Rochester		11.65	
Rockville	12.00	100.76	
Salem		889.35	
Salemville		167.84	
Shiloh	277.47	1,355.67	
Stone Fort		7.00	
Verona	226.75	478.10	
Walworth		30.00	
Washington		150.00	
Waterford	12.55	126.51	
Welton		10.00	

White Cloud	96.72	316.29
Wilkes-Barre		25.00
Totals	\$4,104.65	\$30,853.33

Disbursements		Budget	Specials
Missionary Society		\$1,026.90	\$ 37.00
Tract Society		448.20	12.00
Board of Christian Education		605.70	132.00
Women's Society		13.80	50.00
Historical Society		82.20	553.83
Ministerial Retirement		225.90	232.24
S. D. B. Building		94.20	
World Fellowship and Service		18.90	
General Conference		484.20	
Church World Service			31.00
American Bible Society			10.00
Bank of Milton, service charge		.29	
Balance on hand		46.29	
Totals		\$3,046.58	\$1,058.07

Comparative Figures		
Receipts in April:	1952	1951
Budget	\$2,969.94	\$2,733.45
Specials	1,058.07	254.71
Receipts in 7 months:		
Budget	24,049.37	16,599.02
Specials	6,803.96	3,758.76
Annual Budget	43,825.00	37,000.00
Portion of budget raised to date	54.9%	44.9%

L. M. Van Horn,
Milton, Wis. Treasurer.

Accessions

Pawcatuck Church

Baptism:
Thomas Wesley Gavitt, and
William LaVerne Stillman, on March 29,
1952. C. H. B.

Obituaries

Owens. — Hazel V., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barnes, was born in New Haven, Conn.

She married Joseph Owens and for many years they lived on Franklin Street in Westerly. Mrs. Owens died very suddenly in the night on April 13, 1952. She attended the Easter service on Sabbath day and seemed to be feeling fine. She is survived by her husband and four sons, Harry of Hanover, Conn., Robert of Green Hill, Raymond of Perryville, and Douglas of Stonington. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

She was an active and faithful member of the Pawcatuck Church.

The funeral service was held in the Church on April 15, with her pastor officiating. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery. C. H. B.

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Front Cover Picture

Courtesy of World Council of Churches.

AS IT APPEARED —

Ten Years Ago

From Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn's report to the Tract Board of May 10, 1942: "With the skillful help of Miss Hazel Gamble as artist, the secretary has prepared a Sabbath seal or stamp for use on correspondence to be used not only at this special Sabbath Rally time but used on personal correspondence throughout the year, thus calling attention of others to this important but neglected truth. It is hoped that ten cents per sheet of ten stamps may be received for these seals beautifully printed in two royal colors, blue and gold. We appreciate the deep interest taken by all who have had part in this venture of faith."

A letter to Secretary Van Horn from Rev. Earl Cruzan, then pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Boulder, Colo., indicates the ready acceptance of the Sabbath seal or stamp.

"I thought it might be of interest to you to know how rapidly the stamps you enclosed with the Sabbath Rally programs went. I made the announcement during Church, and before Christian Endeavor time in the afternoon all the stamps were taken. I hope they will be used so that they can help to create an interest in Seventh Day Baptists."

Corresponding Secretary's Office

American Sabbath Tract Society

Filmstrips in Growing Demand

The Audio-Visual Aids program of the American Sabbath Tract Society is proving to be very successful. Our stock of filmstrips at the present time is quite limited, which means that each borrower should return the filmstrips promptly. It is not fair to others who want them, to keep them any longer than is necessary.

Prompt return of filmstrips is essential to the successful operation of this program.

Frank R. Kellogg,
Corresponding Secretary,
American Sabbath Tract Society,
510 Watchung Avenue,
Plainfield, N. J.

OUR DESTINY

We have a destiny!

Every person, every family, every Church, every community, every nation, even this world has a destiny.

Sometimes it is difficult to keep this fact before us, especially in these days of mass everything. Yet, if it were not for the individual, there would be no mass.

Recently we had the privilege of attending the Centenary Service of Thanksgiving of the Grace Episcopal Church of Plainfield. The preacher of the afternoon, Rev. Nelson W. Rightmyer of Philadelphia, stressed the destiny of the Episcopal Church and gave some practical suggestions for fulfilling that destiny.

Dr. Rightmyer stated that in 1852 one out of 252 persons in the United States was an Episcopalian. He surprised us by declaring that today one out of 90 persons is an Episcopalian.

This set us to thinking further. Seventh Day Baptists have a destiny. Else would our Heavenly Father have preserved us until this hour? Since God evidently has in mind that the seventh day Sabbath must be perpetuated, He will see to it that it is. Whether or not we will have a part in Sabbath perpetuation depends upon our consecration to Jesus Christ and our willingness to witness to the Sabbath truth and the value of the Sabbath experience.

Seventh Day Baptists are sharers in a precious, priceless heritage — the Sabbath truth and experience. Lack of numerical growth among us may be accounted for in one of two ways or both — either we have been too selfish, keeping the Sabbath truth and experience to ourselves, or have not believed in their value sufficiently to have a strong desire to share them with others, thus failing one great opportunity of making the Sabbath truth and experience known.

If we of this generation will be true to our Sabbath witness, our children's children may live to see, as the late Dean Arthur E. Main would say, Seventh Day Baptists, Seventh Day Methodists, Seventh Day Presbyterians, Seventh Day Congregationalists, Seventh Day Lutherans, Seventh Day Episcopalians, and the rest.

With the help of God, will we be true?

COMMENCEMENT 1952

"This is an important day in our lives," will be heard in some form or other from the commencement platforms across the length and breadth of our land. As these words are spoken many parents will recall with satisfaction the sacrifices that have been made in order that this hour might become a reality. If the graduate is the first one in a family in which others are to follow, the rejoicing will be one of anticipation and a forward look to the time when the next one will appear on the commencement platform. If the graduate is the last in the family line to receive his diploma or degree, the rejoicing will be that of deep satisfaction for the blessings of our Heavenly Father who has made possible the enjoyment of our free public school system and the opportunity of higher learning.

We follow our young people as they progress from grade to grade and from year to year in their preparation for life's responsibilities and their growth in appreciation of what it means to live. Our Christian institutions are to be commended most highly for the high ideals which they have implanted in our young people's minds in which the major emphasis has been upon learning how to make a life rather than how to make a living. The latter, of course, is important, but if a person does not learn the former, the latter will be of little satisfaction to himself or a blessing to others.

Commencement time, 1952, will confront the graduates of the schools of our land with more serious problems and more uncertainties as to their future plans than did the commencement time of a generation ago. Nevertheless, we believe that God is yet in control of the world that He created and, if we but seek to know His will for our lives even in the midst of uncertainty, He will speak peace to our minds and impart to us a clear vision of the world that is to be.

We bespeak for the graduates of 1952 a strengthened faith in Him who is our guide and stay and salvation. May His blessings rest upon them all.

Father's Day Feature

Father's Bibles — See back cover.

TO SABBATH RECORDER READERS

Following this brief word there is a statement by Franklin A. Langworthy, president of the American Sabbath Tract Society. We want to take this opportunity to thank the readers of the Sabbath Recorder for their interest, loyalty, support, and helpful suggestions and criticisms during the past four years and eleven months.

Our appreciation also is great toward all who have contributed good material for publication in the Sabbath Recorder. Writers increasingly have given diligent attention to the preparation of their material. This means an improvement in the quality of our Church paper.

Likewise, we would record our thanks to a number of folks here at the publishing house, from the manager to all along the line, including those of the mailing department, who have faithfully cooperated in getting the Sabbath Recorder out on schedule.

Above all, we are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for His continued patience and blessing, and pray that His guidance and grace may be with all who are or may become associated with this Seventh Day Baptist publication.

EDITOR RESIGNS**American Sabbath Tract Society
President's Statement**

At the close of the Tract Board meeting held in Shiloh, N. J., on May 11, 1952, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, editor of the Sabbath Recorder, gave an informal statement of his recent call to become the pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y. Although confronted with the seriousness of losing the one who has served the board and the denomination so faithfully and so well during the past five years, the matter was left with him for decision and that is quite fully explained in his resignation which follows:

Mr. Franklin A. Langworthy, President
American Sabbath Tract Society
1343 Belleview Avenue
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Brother Langworthy:

In keeping with our agreement to get in touch with you promptly should we decide to

accept the call of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, Alfred, N. Y., to become her pastor, we would hereby respectfully tender our resignation as editor of the Sabbath Recorder, effective as of September 1, 1952.

This decision has not been an easy one to make, nor would we have wanted it to have been. In severing our present relationship with the Tract Board, it is with a sense of deep gratitude for the loyal and understanding and generous support that the members of the board have manifested during the nearly five years of our tenure of office.

The reasons for our decision are as follows:

1. A growing feeling over the past two weeks and a half that the Lord is leading us to accept the Alfred call.

2. A developing impression that it might well be for the good of the Seventh Day Baptist cause at large if there were a change in the editorship of the Sabbath Recorder.

We are convinced that there are capable and worthy men who might be interested in considering a call to the editorial chair. We would bespeak for the one who will be led of God to accept this responsibility, the same loyalty and support of the Tract Board which we have enjoyed, and would commend him to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this task.

Yours in Christ,
Hurley S. Warren.

May 20, 1952.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society is called for Sunday, June 8, in order that such action may be taken as is necessary in procuring another editor for the Sabbath Recorder. Twice within seven years it has been the responsibility of the Tract Board to secure editors for the Sabbath Recorder, and twice the office has been filled. And now again the board is looking for "capable and worthy men who might be interested in considering a call to the editorial chair."

Presumably a special committee will be appointed to give careful and prayerful consideration to the selection of an editor at as early a date as possible following the action of the special meeting of the board in June.

Yours in the Master's service,
Franklin A. Langworthy,
President of the Tract Board.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

To the Editor:

Enclosed find check of \$3 for another year's family newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Mary W. Moore.

4858 Howard Avenue,
Riverside, Calif.,
April 30, 1952.

To the Editor:

We couldn't be without the Recorder in our home.

I am enclosing a check for \$3 to renew my subscription for another year.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs. Ed. C.) Marguerite S. Whitford.
R. 1, West Edmeston, N. Y.,
May 9, 1952.

To the Editor:

. . . I have been taking the Recorder for several years and it is among the first of my papers to get a hearing when it comes. . . .

Yours in the Lord's work,
Hal E. Todd.

600 S. Maple Street,
Effingham, Ill.,
May 12, 1952.

Jesus and the Law

By Lenora E. Stillman

Jesus kept His Father's commandments. John 15: 10.

All the commandments of God are righteousness. Psalm 119: 172.

Jesus is the righteous servant of God who shall justify many. Isaiah 53: 11.

Jesus does always the things that please the Father. John 8: 29.

God is well pleased because of the righteousness of His Son. Isaiah 42: 21; Matthew 3: 17; 17: 5.

Jesus magnifies the law and makes it honorable. Isaiah 42: 21; Matthew 5: 17.

Those who would live by faith should keep the law of God. Romans 3: 31.

The law of God is eternal. Luke 16: 17; Ecclesiastes 3: 14.

R. 2, Westerly, R. I.

**SCRIPTURE TEXTS
IN NEW YORK SUBWAYS**

A new project of the New York Bible Society is the placing of Scripture Texts in the subway stations of New York City where they proclaim their message to an average of 65,000,000 riders each month.

These can be easily read from the distance as they are printed on a sheet, size 30 x 46 inches, in boldest type. You will see them at the entrance to Radio City, at Times Square, Pennsylvania Station, in Brooklyn and the Bronx — in fact, they are in all stations of the Independent Subway System throughout the city.

Selections for the first three months were: John 3: 16; Romans 6: 23; and Isaiah 55: 7. The reaction to these silent evangelists has been cordial, even enthusiastic, from saint and sinner alike. Some friends have written: "This is the thing I have been praying for for years. Keep up the good work!"

Pamphlets Available

Church people from many corners of both the United States and Canada are indicating genuine interest in the Buffalo Conference on the Christian and His Daily Work. Growing concern about this relatively unexplored area of lay responsibility is further evidenced in the unusual amount of space given to the conference and its uniquely laymen-to-laymen message in the religious press.

The 64-page conference report is now available. The report outlines the structure and procedure of the conference and contains the conference message, full reports of sixteen occupational discussion groups, and the list of delegates. The recently published *The Christian at His Daily Work*, by Cameron P. Hall, was used as basic source material for the conference and its follow-up. This volume has been described as the first specifically American approach to laymen's Christian vocation in our industrial society.

Copies of either of these pamphlets may be secured from the Department of Publication, National Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Price: Thirty-five cents each. C. V. D.

Motion Pictures on Chaplains Available to Church Groups

The Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army, announced recently the availability of the following motion pictures for screenings before religious organizations and other interested groups:

"As Deep as the Heart" — the pastoral relationships between the chaplains and the soldiers. Running time: 42 minutes.

"Front Line Chaplain" — chaplain activities in World War II. Running time: 10 minutes.

"From Whence Cometh My Help" — counseling activities of the chaplain. Running time: 28 minutes.

"For God and Country" — activities of the Army chaplain. Running time: 45 minutes.

These films are available free of charge from Signal Corps Film Libraries in all sections of the country.

The films are especially appropriate for programs being arranged by Church groups to mark the 177th anniversary of the Army Chaplaincy on July 29. Assistance in booking the films may be obtained from the post chaplain or post signal officer at the nearest Army installation.

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

A "cease-fire" on name-calling in all branches of government, in press and radio, and in general conversation, was part of the "strategy of reconciliation" called for by Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director of Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, when he spoke in Paris, France. Dr. Nolde said that "the proposals for progressive disarmament, put forward by the United States and supported by the United Kingdom and France, offer grounds for new hope. . . . The Churches have insistently urged the necessity of bringing national armaments under the effective regulation and control of the United Nations, and they will support every sincere measure in that direction. . . . In the period which lies ahead, with its anticipated uncertainty and continuing tensions — in fact, even as at this very moment — there is required of us a quality of character and action without which our armaments will be-

come a Frankenstein and any effort at disarmament a futile gesture. The kind of peace we seek — peace, with justice and freedom — cannot be purchased at the price of submission to tyranny or aggression. At the same time that kind of a peace cannot be won by a third world war. Moreover, in our domestic life we must be alert to the danger of falling into the totalitarian practices which we condemn and oppose in the Soviet Union."

CHURCH NEWS

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — The Los Angeles Church held its annual business meeting on May 4. In addition to election of officers and committees, reports, and routine matters of business, there was much discussion pertaining to the program to be carried out when we move into the new Church building. A busy summer is planned — evangelistic services, Daily Vacation Bible School, camp for children, young people, and adults who are able to attend at Pacific Pines. Arlie and Edith Davis of Phoenix, Ariz., were asked to spend two months in the Los Angeles area to aid in the summer program. Pastor Lawton was unanimously called to continue his pastorate for the coming year with a vote of appreciation for his devoted and tireless efforts in preaching and teaching the Word. A cost of living increase was added to his salary.

Our pastor led a course of studies on Soul Winning for twelve weeks. Emphasis was placed on personal evangelism — methods of presenting Christ to the unsaved, memorization of Scripture passages, a study of the beliefs of various sects and cults. Meetings were held in the homes of

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members and friends three times each week — in the northern part of the city, the south side, and the east side. Following these studies, the past two weeks have been spent in a visitation program carried out in the same areas. Visits were charted in advance and those called on were folks who have expressed an interest in the Sabbath or inquired about our beliefs as well as inactive members of our denomination who reside in or near Los Angeles. It has been a heart-warming experience and has afforded many opportunities to put into practice the suggestions which have been discussed during the past few weeks. We plan to continue the visitation program concentrating next week on the neighborhood surrounding the new Church. — Correspondent, May 15, 1952.

Marriages

Sitzai - Collings. — Ruth Collings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collings, Sr., of Ashaway, R. I., became the bride of Andrew Sitzai, USN, of Jonestown, Pa., on April 27, 1952, at the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church in Ashaway, with Rev. Lester G. Osborn reading the ceremony.

Obituaries

Stickney. — Arline Joyce, infant daughter of Rev. Kenneth A. Stickney, Chaplain, USA, and Marie Sietsema Stickney, of Rockville, R. I., was born October 20, 1951, and died suddenly on May 16, 1952.

Besides her parents, she is survived by a sister, Carol, a maternal grandmother and her paternal grandparents.

Funeral services were conducted on May 20, at the Rockville Church, by Rev. Lester G. Osborn of Ashaway. The little body was laid to rest in the Rockville Cemetery. L. G. O.

Batten. — Della Paugh, widow of the late John E. Batten, died at her home at Lost Creek on May 19, 1952. She was born March 17, 1875, daughter of James and Eliza Murray Batten.

Surviving her are two daughters and two sons: Wilda Gatrell, Mary Batten, and James W. Batten, all of Lost Creek, and J. Edward Batten of Welch, W. Va.; also two sisters, Mrs. Robert W. Patton of Lewiston, Pa., and Mrs. Albert Hedrick of Belington, W. Va. There are four grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Batten was an active and beloved member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for fifty-eight years. R. E. Z.

COMING EVENTS.

Central Association — June 6-8, 1952, at De Ruyter, N. Y., with the opening session at 8:00 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, June 6. Theme — "Go Ye." — Bernice D. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary.

Special meeting of the Tract Board — Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., June 8, 1952, at 2 p.m.

Eastern Association — Shiloh, N. J., June 13-15. Theme — "The Light of the World." The first service will be on Friday at 8 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, and the association will close Sunday morning. — Mrs. Percy C. Davis, Corresponding Secretary.

Semiannual meeting of Dodge Center, Minn., and New Auburn, Wis., Churches at Dodge Center, June 20-22. — Ethel Greene, Corresponding Secretary.

Western Association — June 21, 22, at Alfred, N. Y. First service on Sabbath at 11 a.m. — Mrs. F. J. Pierce, Corresponding Secretary.

Southwestern Association — Hammond, La., June 25-28. — Mrs. Mary H. Van Horn, Corresponding Secretary.

Anniversary Home-Coming—Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nortonville, Kan., June 27-29. Dedication of historical marker. Other special features. — Nannie Greeley, Clerk.

Southeastern Association — The annual sessions of the Southeastern Association will be held at the Salemville, Pa., Church, June 27-29. Sessions will begin Friday night at 7:30 and close with a Sunday evening meeting. Rev. Paul S. Burdick, pastor, New Enterprise, Pa.

Pre-Conference Retreat, August 14-19, 1952, Red Rocks Camp, Mount Morristown, Colo. Rev. Ronald I. Hargis and Rev. Wayne R. Rood, co-directors. — Duane L. Davis, for the Youth Committee, Board of Christian Education.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
DENVER, COLO., AUGUST 19-24, 1952

Please return Tract Society filmstrips promptly. Others are waiting to use them. F. R. K.

The Sabbath Recorder

TWELVE YEARS HAVE PASSED —

The Commission commends to the earnest attention of every Seventh Day Baptist the following paragraphs from a letter from Rev. Alva L. Davis:

1. "We feel very keenly that we must put greater emphasis upon evangelism — Sabbathkeeping evangelism. The Preaching Missions have been worth while and doubtless should have a place in our program at least for a time. But these are not sufficient. We need, in fact must have, a comprehensive, sustained program of evangelism. And, by evangelism we mean not only the quickening of the spirit of evangelism in our Churches, but the winning of people to Christ and the Sabbath.

2. "Our program for years has been too largely a defensive one, that of 'holding our youth to the Sabbath.' We have seemed to say by our actions, if not words, 'The Sabbath is for Seventh Day Baptists.' It is vital that we hold our youth; but the fact remains, we are not holding our youth. Every Church knows this.

3. "Many of our Churches have no possible chance of rebuilding their Churches to the point of self-support, or increasing their membership, unless they win Sabbath converts from their immediate communities (a thing which most Seventh Day Baptists are unwilling to do).

4. "If the Sabbath is the distinctive contribution which Seventh Day Baptists are to make to the Church of tomorrow, then it is high time for us to go to work to make a thorough survey of our field, to take a careful inventory of our resources, organize our evangelistic forces, and then place the major emphasis upon our distinctive message — the winning of men to Christ and the Sabbath." — Seventh Day Baptist Year Book, 1940, page 36.

FATHER'S BIBLES

By Miss Ethel C. Rogers

(Note: The father of the writer of this article was Charles E. Rogers who was ordained a deacon of the Piscataway Church on July 16, 1893. He served as clerk of the Church from 1907 to 1942 and taught the same Sabbath school class for about fifty years. — Ed.)

When my father passed away in 1946, he left a number of unusually interesting Bibles. Among them is a large family volume like those which often graced center tables several generations ago. It has the letter "f" used in place of "s," and between the Old and New Testaments are the books of the Apocrypha.

Another large Bible dated Berwick, 1793, came from his great-grandfather's family. Its pages are old and crisp. It includes so-called "arguments and observations" by a professor of divinity in Switzerland, and the Psalms of David arranged in poetical form "according to the version used by the Church of Scotland."

Then there is a tiny book looking exactly like a copy of the Holy Scriptures, but which, upon examination, contains not the original version but a story of the Bible so compact that its measurements are barely 1 x 1¼ x 2 inches. Regardless of its miniature size, it contains a preface, several illustrations, and two hundred forty pages of legible printing dated 1823.

There are several other Bibles in the collection but the one which interests me most is a well-used volume, still in a good state of preservation after being rebound one or more times, and used for half a century.

From time to time, beginning in 1900 and extending through eight pastorates in the Piscataway Church, Father marked in the margins of this Bible the names of many ministers who preached from the New Market pulpit, giving texts and dates. Outstanding sermons given at associations, yearly meetings, ordinations of new pastors and deacons, and a few funeral sermons are included, as well as many sermons given week by week.

Sometimes noted is the first or last sermon in a pastorate. "In the beginning God . . ." (Genesis 1: 1) was the text chosen by Rev. Herbert L. Polan the first Sabbath he preached here as pastor, while Rev. L. E. Livermore, who served the Church at three different times, took as

his opening text of the last pastorate, "This is the third time I am coming to you" (2 Corinthians 13: 1a).

By far the larger number of texts marked were chosen from the New Testament. The twelfth chapter of John seems to be unusually fertile soil for sermon material, since ten texts are marked in this one chapter. Four speakers selected verse 21: "Sir, we would see Jesus," and five used verse 32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

In former years a number of our pastors were away from home weeks at a time doing denominational work. Consequently, ministers from neighboring Churches of other denominations were called upon frequently to supply the pulpit. Over twenty local names thus are found, not including students from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, of whom there have been many.

Sabbath Recorder readers may enjoy reading some names of men of our own denomination who have at different times during the last fifty years preached in the Piscataway Church. Doubtless the list is not complete, as several seemingly eligible names have not been found. Here is the list.

Reverends Lewis A. Platts, Samuel R. Wheeler, Leander E. Livermore, Theodore L. Gardiner, Abram H. Lewis, Clayton A. Burdick, Edward B. Saunders, D. Burdett Coon, David H. Davis, Walter L. Greene, Boothe C. Davis, Darwin C. Lippincott, Eli F. Loofboro, Theodore J. Van Horn, Edgar D. Van Horn, Henry N. Jordan, Willard D. Burdick, James L. Skaggs, Herbert L. Polan, Claude L. Hill, Jay W. Crofoot, Edwin B. Shaw, George B. Shaw, Leon M. Maltby, Neal D. Mills, Paul S. Burdick, Ahva J. C. Bond, Lester G. Osborn, Trevah R. Sutton, Gerald D. Hargis, Herbert C. Van Horn, and laymen, Esle F. Randolph and Frank R. Kellogg.

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs' name does not appear though the Bible was still being carried when he was pastor. The inference is that the custom of writing in the margins, by that time had been discontinued.

May the preceding list of names bring happy memories to men and women in all parts of our denomination who have known and loved these consecrated messengers of the Gospel.

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