

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, February 28, 1953

	Receipts	
	February	5 months
Balance on hand Feb. 1	\$ 71.34	
Adams Center	95.60	168.55
Albion		70.01
Alfred, First	147.98	1,042.79
Alfred, Second		260.65
Andover		10.00
Associations and groups		45.00
Battle Creek		1,724.56
Berlin		294.10
Boulder		173.21
Brookfield, First		100.00
Brookfield, Second		163.55
Chicago	60.00	319.81
Daytona Beach	67.55	225.45
Denver	48.92	272.53
De Ruyter		20.00
Dodge Center		50.00
Edinburg	4.69	15.94
Farina	15.00	171.60
Fouke		40.33
Friendship		5.00
Hebron, First	27.61	70.62
Hopkinton, First	161.35	517.80
Hopkinton, Second		20.00
Independence	50.00	209.00
Indianapolis		47.15
Individuals		155.00
Little Genesee		140.22
Little Prairie	4.20	18.20
Los Angeles		191.50
Lost Creek		232.67
Marlboro		736.02
Middle Island	12.80	48.45
Milton	372.85	1,568.89
Milton Junction	131.50	634.32
New Auburn		88.85
New York		82.30
North Loup		173.47
Nortonville		140.00
Pawcatuck		1,314.14
Philadelphia	10.00	82.50
Piscataway	11.50	82.50
Plainfield	143.34	1,545.01
Richburg		130.56
Ritchie		30.00
Riverside		536.04
Roanoke		26.00
Rockville		20.70
Salem		222.00
Salemville		45.00
Shiloh	350.00	1,077.47
Syracuse		50.00
Verona	57.00	423.78
Washington	10.00	80.00
Waterford	29.00	89.01
Welton		10.00
White Cloud	17.10	216.97
Totals	\$1,899.33	\$16,229.22

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 537.54	\$ 125.00
Tract Society	210.46	
Board of Christian Education	291.55	
Women's Society	38.59	15.00

Historical Society	64.60	
Ministerial Retirement	193.12	37.20
S. D. B. Building	54.06	
World Fellowship and Service	10.20	
General Conference	299.88	
Balance on hand	22.13	
Totals	\$1,722.13	\$ 177.20

Comparative Figures

	1953	1952
Receipts in February:		
Budget	\$1,650.79	\$1,936.67
Specials	177.20	400.79
Receipts in 5 months:		
Budget	13,726.96	14,387.19
Specials	2,502.26	4,318.25
Annual Budget	46,635.00	43,825.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	29.4%	32.8%

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

for some explicit expression of the churches' welcome to military personnel.

A full-color poster showing a group of service people before a beautiful church doorway has been prepared.

The poster will be made available in three styles: No. 1 is designed for display on church bulletin boards and will speak for the individual church; No. 2 speaks for all the churches of the community and will be displayed in store windows and other public places. The legend reads: "The Churches of This Community Welcome Members of the Armed Forces"; No. 3 is designed as a car card for public vehicles, and also speaks for the churches of the community. — National Council Committee on Ministry to Service Personnel.

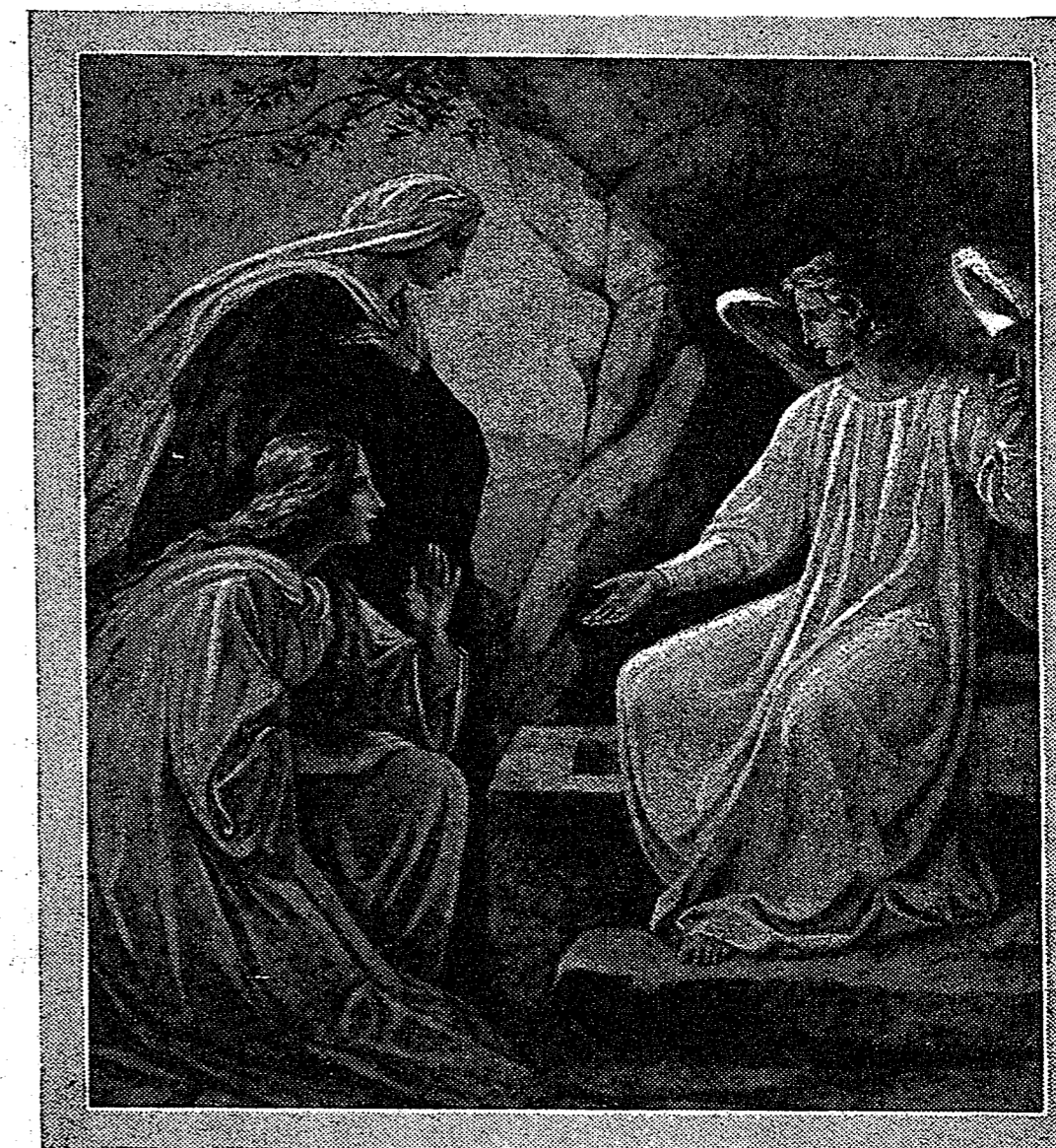
The posters and other materials including: A "Book of Hymns, Prayers, and Services"; a prayer card; a card with Sallman's Head of Christ; a pamphlet "Out of Uniform — into What"; and other helpful materials may be secured from the National Council of Churches, Department of Publication, 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

Some of the above items are sent to our own servicemen whose addresses are known. These come from the office of the corresponding secretary of the Tract Society and are a prayer card, a book of prayers for the Armed Forces, and a card with Sallman's Head of Christ on one side and a little article called "One Solitary Life" on the other.

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"He is not here."



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OUR NEW EDITOR

Rev. Leon M. Maltby, who will begin his duties as editor of the Sabbath Recorder with the next issue, was born in Adams Center, N. Y., in 1905.

He is a graduate of Milton College and Westminster Theological School, Phila-



delphia, Pa., and is currently working for a master's degree in Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

Mr. Maltby's pastorates have been in Shiloh, N. J., White Cloud, Mich., and Riverside, Calif. As a result he should be acquainted with the points of view held by the people in the East, the Midwest, and the West.

He was for more than two years a chaplain in the United States Army, and now holds that position in the Reserve Corps. The Netherlands East Indies, Manila, and Tokyo were his fields of service in the Orient, and in this country he has been stationed in various camps.

The Maltby family, consisting of Mrs. Maltby (Iris Scholtz), a daughter, and two sons will probably join Mr. Maltby in Plainfield some time in June. Their home will be at 750 Hillside Ave., Plainfield, N. J., the property purchased for the use of the editor when Rev. Hurley S. Warren assumed that office.

We welcome Mr. Maltby to his new and responsible task, and bespeak for him the prayerful, sympathetic support of all Seventh Day Baptists.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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MEMORY TEXT

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." Matt. 28: 6.

EASTER PRAYER

O Risen Lord, we lift our hearts and minds to Thee. We thank Thee that Thou didst break the chains of sin that bound us; that Thou didst conquer death that would entomb us, and that through Thy life and death Thou dost bring to man who trusts in Thee eternal life.

Angels sang at Thy birth and though no resurrection song is recorded, yet the angel at the tomb brought a message which will never be forgotten: "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said."

In humility we pray that Thou wilt live in us and that by Thy grace we may bear witness to the reality of eternal life. Amen.

THE NIGHT IS OVER!

Dark was the night on Calvary. The empty crosses bore mute witness to the tragedy that had been enacted. Clouds and midnight gloom and earthquake had attended the death of the Son of man upon the cross. With tender and loving care His broken body had been borne away and laid in the new tomb of wealthy Joseph of Arimathea.

Black, indeed, had been the hour for Judas the betrayer who seems not to have waited for the consummation of his treachery but had hanged himself in unspeakable remorse and self-condemnation.

The eleven, filled with vain and terrible regret for the part they had played in the event, must have been tortured with thoughts of their own cowardice which had led them to forsake their Master in His time of danger and flee in terror lest they, too, be seized and brought to trial. When all was over and it was then too late to save Him, how they must have wondered if they could not have protected Him if they had been wiser or more courageous. There could have been no rest for them during the long hours of the entombment. Not only did their consciences flagellate them for their weakness but all their high hopes had come to naught. They had "trusted that it had

been he which should have redeemed Israel."

The approach of the Sabbath prevented the complete preparation of the body of Jesus for burial. They had hurriedly done what they could in so short a time and placed it in the cave-like tomb. When the Sabbath was past, the devoted women had made haste to prepare the spices and ointments and came to the burial place to do with loving hands and breaking hearts all that was possible to be done. "And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

Their concern was needless. No powers of death could hold Him who was life itself. Instead of a waiting body they found an empty tomb and angel messenger.

The disciples were slow to believe the glorious truth, but at last, having seen, and heard, and touched Him, they were convinced of the Resurrection. Their sorrow was turned to joy, their fearfulness to courage. And when they had tarried at Jerusalem as they were bidden and had been empowered by the Holy Spirit they went forth to preach the glad message. He is the Son of God, Saviour.

He is risen!

SWAN SONG

With this number of the Recorder the task of the interim editor is done.

We did not suppose the interim time would be so long. We thank God for strength which has been given us and express our gratitude for the support that has been ours through the sympathy and prayers of many friends.

All members of the Recorder staff have been most patient and helpful and to them much of the credit is due for the measure of success which has been achieved.

We regret the mistakes which we have made, but we have tried to fulfill the promise made in the beginning that "for the sake of the present and the future and in memory of the past" we would carry on.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,
AUGUST 18-23, 1953.

HE IS RISEN!

Matt. 28: 1-7.

Rev. Francis D. Saunders

Three little words! One simple sentence! Yet here is embodied all the distinction of Christian faith and hope. Here is the image of the "author and finisher of our faith." Here is the emphatic statement of His eternal nature. Here is undeniable proof of the Resurrection: the doctrine that elevates Christianity above the vanity of any other religion of man.

The subject of the text is the Son of God, the Son of man. He is the one of whom the beloved disciple bore witness, saying, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1: 14. He is the historic Jesus. His advent to earth was heralded by the heavenly messenger, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." And angel voices joined in the chorus "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." His boyhood and youth were spent in becoming obscurity, and without pomp and ceremony He entered into the role of public minister. From the moment of the pious declaration of the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," to the time of the cruel piercing of the nails which bound Him in ignominy to the cross, He was the humble servant of God and man. Men of every station and class experienced His mercy and power. The son of the nobleman was healed, and the most despicable was freed from the power of evil which possessed him. The multitude on the mountain was fed from the meager lunch of an interested lad, and in fitting symbol He presented Himself as the "Bread of Life." "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. . . . I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6: 33, 35. Breaking through the barriers of racial hatred, He received from the hands of the detested Samaritan a drink of water, and enabled her in turn to taste of "living water." In His match-

less life of service and sacrifice, He gathered about Him a faithful few, and unto one of them was imparted the Spirit of revelation as to His true identity; "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," and hereby is the door of heaven unlocked for all true believers in all ages.

The last days of His self-inflicted sojourn upon earth were filled with hours of terrible anguish and pain; terrible by reason of the very brutality of the physical hurt upon His person; the scourging, the crown of thorns, the beatings, the cross — even more terrible because of the weight of sin which was upon Him, sins, not of His own commission, but of those whom He came to save. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3: 17. Following the hours of anguish came death. The Son of God died for the sins of the world "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

BUT — He Is Risen!

The emphatic "is" is past accomplishment, present experience, and future hope. The fact that Christ was dead and buried is superseded by the fact that after three days He arose! The Gospel narratives bear testimony to the Resurrection. Matthew tells us that the two Marys came in the end of the Sabbath, to see His grave, but the angel of the Lord had rolled the stone from the tomb. To the frightened women he spoke the words of hope and joy, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

As the women departed from the tomb to tell His disciples, they met Jesus and He spoke to them. Mark also tells us of the coming of the women to the tomb. He relates in addition the appearance of Christ to Mary Magdalene, and two of the disciples, and unto the eleven. In addition to what the first two Gospels tell, Luke speaks of the visit of Peter to the empty tomb; and the visit of Jesus with the two on the road to Emmaus, and His eye-opening breaking and blessing of the bread in their midst. John's more intimate narrative speaks of John running to the grave with Peter upon hearing

Mary's information. It tells also of the appearance of Jesus to Mary, and how she supposed Him to be the gardener. Also here related is the dispelling of Thomas' doubts by the evidence of the nail prints in His hands. Jesus rose again from the dead as He had promised!

The fact that Christ did rise from the tomb establishes another of the wonderful dogmas of Christianity, namely, that "Christ Lives."

"He lives, He lives,
Christ Jesus lives today.
He walks with me, and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart!"

Christian testimony of word and deed has continually borne witness to the fact that Jesus does live today. His words to His disciples after the Resurrection, just before He was received out of their sight, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," have a far deeper and more significant meaning than a mere remembrance of His words and deeds. It is true that Christ lives on in the teachings of the Church, and in the deeds of His followers, but to deny that He lives in a more literal sense than this is to deny the fact of the Resurrection itself. That Christ is alive today and at the right hand of the Father, ever interceding for His followers, is vital to the believer. Christian salvation is dependent upon it, and if it is not so, we can say with Paul, "Our faith is vain — our preaching is vain — we are of all men most miserable." Death is the victor! But, praise God, death is not the victor! "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15: 57.

Christ lives on throughout eternity. Our hope is sure. Our faith is not vain! Salvation is a reality. There is yet to be a day when our hope shall be realized, when we shall see Him as He is, and shall be like Him. A day wherein all the pleasures of this life shall fade into insignificance in the light of the glory of His kingdom. Christianity has always held to the second coming of the Lord

and the blessedness of the believer in that day. So the words "HE IS RISEN" hold for you and me the most wonderful significance — significance which should purify our lives and inspire our testimony. There should be no hesitancy whatever in the life and speech of the believer to own Him as Lord and Master. There should be nothing so important in this life that it would not willingly be forsaken for the sake of the Lord. Yet how strongly do we cling to so many things that are comparatively insignificant? How prone we are to lay up for ourselves treasure on earth where moth and dust corrupt, and are not rich toward God.

May we have grace in these hours of uncertainty to realize the significance of our text.

"HE IS RISEN!"

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Date: May 4-7, 1953.

Place: Alfred, N. Y.

Theme: A Minister's Education.

Plans are well under way. Replies are back from enough men that we can be assured of good participation on the panels for discussion. Panels will be "Theological Education and Seventh Day Baptists" and "Continuing Study as a Pastor." Topics to be considered in these panels will be: "In Service Training," "Study Habits," "If I Had My Training to Take Over Again," "Bible-Centered Preaching," "Radio Ministry," "The Minister's Library," "More Effective Pastoral Calling."

Three Bible studies from the Pastoral Epistles will be led by Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen.

There will be an opportunity to hear briefly from each of the major boards of the denomination and from the Conference president.

Sermon on the Mount

Anyone who has not seen the new large-type pocket-size Sermon on the Mount may receive a free copy by sending his address on a post card to Alton L. Hall, 17331 Nichols St., Huntington Beach, Calif.

THE BOULDER, COLO., CHURCH



Sermonet: "Debtors to the Unsaved."

Christians should be the best citizens, the most considerate persons, the most courteous drivers, and the most willing to despise self for the sake of others. Yet, like the Jewish Christians on the Isle of Crete, we are too apt to forget that we are debtors to God and the world. Conquered in 67 B.C. by the Romans, the Cretans had been under their yoke for 125 years. Over the years there had grown a feeling of hate and revenge toward "the powers that be." Especially of dignitaries, it was easy to "speak evil." Paul, in his second letter to Titus, writes: "Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for any honest work, and to show courtesy toward all men."

Those who belong to Christ have a special obligation to all who are outside His fold. The apostle brings this home to Titus by a forceful argument, "For we ourselves were once foolish (irrational), disobedient (to God), led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by men and hating one another; but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." Titus 3: 3-7.

Little reason have we as Christians to be proud, envious, hateful, or revengeful. We are not saved because of what we did or as a result of our good works. We are saved by Christ in virtue of what He did, and owe our salvation to His goodness and loving-kindness. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — not because of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2: 8, 9. Through faith in Christ's shed blood we are forgiven of past sin, saved from present sin's dominion, and sin's consequence of death. All this is accomplished by means of "the washing of regeneration." God takes us as we are and gives us a new life. When we receive His Son as our personal Saviour from sin, God richly "pours out" His Holy Spirit upon us. His Spirit dwelling within us regenerates us and makes us new creations of God. We are His workmanship, recreated in Christ Jesus for good works. No one can do a work for God until he has become the workmanship of God!

Good works are the spiritual fruit of salvation. Fruits are the proof to men that something has happened in the lives of those who put their trust in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the new life resulting from the transformation wrought by the Holy Spirit in regeneration. Our Lord says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works (not your evil), and glorify your Father who is in heaven." A Christian does good not because he is good but because of God's goodness to him. We owe Him a debt of goodness.

Recent surveys show that over fifty per cent of American people are in debt. Two thirds spend more every day than they earn. Oh, that Christians might spend and be spent for God. Their greatest and foremost debt is to Him. We owe Him more than we can ever hope or endeavor to repay. By right of re-creation and regeneration He has first claim on us and everything we claim as our own. He purchased us with His own blood, so that we are His. Our bodies as well as our

souls were purchased by Him and as such should be given to Him in His service. Daily we should yield ourselves to Him and pray, "Here Lord, I give myself away. Use me as you see fit."

In exchange for His sacrificial death, Christ wants the sacrifice of your life! Of himself, Paul willingly said each day, "I am now ready to be offered." Are you? Are you ready to offer your life in service to God? Are you ready for every good work, or are there some duties you shirk? Do you really seek daily to love your neighbor — as yourself? Are you the best citizen you can be? Are you the most considerate person you can be? Are you the most courteous driver you can be? Are you most willing to despise self for the sake of others?

To you whom God has entrusted the most, rests the greater responsibility. Remind them, says Paul, that they are debtors to God and their neighbor. Remind them that by virtue of His own mercy God saved them. Remind them that they have no reason to be proud, unconcerned, hateful of others. "And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful." Titus 3: 14.

Closing Prayer: Our Father God, to whom we owe our salvation, we come to Thee in humble gratitude. Fill us with the Spirit of Thy love and goodness. Send us forth with holier ambitions to do good to all men. May our lives adorn Thy doctrine of grace. May we ever walk by faith in the fellowship of Thy love. We would glorify Thy name daily. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Leland E. Davis.

The following information has been taken in part from a church history prepared in May, 1943, by Mrs. Clarissa Rasmussen assisted by Mrs. Mary Andrews and Mrs. Mina Coon for the 50th Anniversary Program of the church.

The Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized by Rev. S. R. Wheeler with fifteen members May 20, 1893. (Mrs. Mary Andrews, the daughter of Mr. Wheeler, is the only charter member now living.) The Missionary Board sent Rev. Mr. Wheeler and his family to Boulder in April of 1893. Sabbath school

services had been held for about two years previous to this date. A lot was bought for \$400 at Twelfth and Arapahoe Streets. A full basement had been excavated and the walls laid in stone had been carried up until the windows were set when the "Big Flood" of 1894 washed away twelve feet of the foundation, resulting in a damage of about \$400. As soon as possible the foundation was repaired. The money for the building came largely from the people of the denomination. The first from the young people (being a five-cent contribution from each one) amounted to about \$200. The building was dedicated February 17, 1895. There was an indebtedness of \$600 and Rev. Mr. Wheeler again presented the needs to the denomination and the necessary funds were raised. A deed for the property was given to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board.

Rev. S. R. Wheeler served the church for ten years; Rev. F. O. Burdick from April, 1903, to 1909; Rev. A. L. Davis from 1910 to 1916; Rev. L. A. Wing from 1916 to 1922. Rev. D. B. Coon came in 1923 and remained until 1927 when he went as a general missionary to Jamaica.

Early in 1928 the church building was sold to the Texas Oil Company who gave us all the material of the old stone building. A lot was purchased at Ninth and Arapahoe Streets. The present church building was dedicated November 9-11, 1928. Rev. C. A. Hansen was then pastor.

Rev. Ralph Coon came in January, 1930, and served as pastor until 1941. He introduced us to the work of Week Day Bible School, Daily Vacation Bible School, and Summer Camps for children and young people. The General Conference met here in 1936; it had also been held here in 1908.

Rev. Earl Cruzan came in 1942 and served until the summer of 1946. He was succeeded by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton in November, 1946, who retired in 1949 after forty years in the ministry. Our present pastor, Rev. Leland Davis, came in 1949. We have a membership of 125.

Organizations which are active and meeting needs of the church are the Sabbath school, the Crusader's Sabbath School Class, the Young Married People's Sab-

TO VISIT BRITISH GUIANA

Rev. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph, superintendent of missions in Jamaica and British Guiana, plans to leave Kingston on March 19 for his annual visit to British Guiana. Going by plane, he will arrive in Georgetown the next day. Remember this mission of our superintendent in your prayers.
H. R. C.

WORK OF KINGSTON CHURCH

A lot on Whitehall Avenue in upper St. Andrew has been leased by the church and it is planned to open a work there. When this special work is started there will be three groups in Kingston: 27 Charles Street, Whitfield Town, and Whitehall Avenue. We wish the Kingston Church Godspeed as they endeavor to expand their work.
H. R. C.

ACCOMPONG

What does this heading mean to you? What is it? Where is it?

Rev. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph writes from Jamaica, "Yesterday I went to Accompong to hold services. Accompong is the capital of the Maroons and is in the cockpit country of St. Elizabeth and Trelawney." The Maroons are descendants of fugitive slaves who hid in the mountains. They aided other runaway slaves. The British authorities failing to subdue them finally gave them a large grant of land and their independence if they would return the fugitive slaves. They live in their own little country, make their own laws, and administer their own courts. None of them owns land but they are permitted by their government to settle on unoccupied land and build homes. They have no taxes to pay and many things are held in common. Mr. Fitzrandolph says, "It is a peculiar way of life, but seems to work with them. They gave us a royal welcome and urged us to return again soon." A few of them are Sabbathkeepers and plans are being made for a series of meetings to be held there in the near future.
H. R. C.

bath School Class, the Women's Missionary and Aid Society, and the Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor Societies.
Mrs. Jane Bottoms.

CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL GROWS

A letter from Rev. Neal D. Mills gives information regarding Crandall High School as follows:

"We have 66 on roll now and prospects for more next term. Three out of five passed the Cambridge exams in December and two of them with Grade II certificates. (One of these was Joyce Hamilton, daughter of Rev. John Hamilton.) That report is giving us quite a boost, both among our own Seventh Day Baptist folks and outside. We promised more scholarships this year than we had, but several have come in and we are praying for more."

The commercial teacher, on half time, also teaches at the Government Technical School. Two teachers of Spanish left after serving but a short time each. A doctor who practiced in British Honduras and knows Spanish well has been engaged to serve part time, teaching that language and physiology and hygiene. Mr. Mills says, "I don't know of any secondary school in Jamaica that can boast of an M.D. for a hygiene teacher."

Friends of Mr. Mills will be sorry to know that for the past three months he has suffered much pain from arthritis in his right shoulder and is handicapped in being unable to use the blackboard.
H. R. C.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP AT LITTLE ROCK

Rev. Everett T. Harris, on an extended mission in the Southwestern Association, spent several days in Little Rock, Ark., including the weekend of March 7. On Sabbath afternoon a meeting was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seager when a Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship was organized. Dr. Paul Ewing presided and after welcoming four friends from Fouke and six from Texarkana, Secretary Harris spoke on "The Claims of the Church" and presented plans for the forming of the fellowship. They start with a membership of eight, with three more who will join but were unable to be present. There are possibilities of several more families joining later.

Dr. Ewing was elected president of the fellowship and Loretta Seager, secretary-

treasurer. Dr. Seager was appointed chairman of a program committee. He invited the group to meet regularly in his home as long as they wish. Pastor Trevah R. Sutton of Fouke gave the benediction.

That this group may be blessed, soon outgrow the home as a meeting place, and develop into a strong Seventh Day Baptist Church is our devout prayer.
H. R. C.

WISDOM FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE

Notably outstanding and second to none in the field of missionary publications is "Missions," an international Baptist magazine. Dr. William B. Lippard retired recently after twenty years of distinguished editorship and was made editor emeritus. His successor as editor is Dr. John C. Slemp. Under Dr. Slemp as chief there is confident assurance of the continuing upward trend that has characterized this fine magazine.

In the March, 1953, issue of "Missions," there is an article by Dr. William W. Parkinson, candidate secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and of the Woman's American Foreign Mission Society. The article is entitled, "Needed — 100 New Missionaries!" "Among the requirements are top-notch character, thorough training, unreserved commitment to the task, and a capacity for hard work." The article is in the interest of "Missionary Recruitment Sunday, March 15." Present conditions and needs are discussed and the specific needs of American Baptists.

A section entitled "Educational Perspective" is arresting and challenging. Dr. Parkinson writes:

"Under each type of work I have listed the training required. There are, in addition, some educational principles that each candidate needs to have in hand.

"1. Short cuts do not pay. Take the college preparatory course in high school. Go to a fully accredited college. Take languages and stay on for a degree. Taking the college preparatory course in high school does not compel one to go on to college. It does make it possible if

college suddenly looms desirable. Studying languages in college involves no obligation to do graduate study or to pursue further language work. It leaves the door open, and that can be decisive.

"2. Good preparation needs a broad base. This is a second educational principle. Every missionary must meet and work with a very wide variety of people, cope with a range of experiences met in few other occupations, and make adjustments for which there is no textbook. For these demands a missionary's preparation comes from the broad fields of learning and discipline — from history, literature, mathematics, psychology, the sciences, philosophy, sociology; from biographies; from nature; from athletics, gardening, conversation, campus meetings, youth gatherings; from worship, Bible reading, and prayer.

"3. Let yourself grow. That statement may sound trite, but it is an important part of training. The missionary movement produces men and women of stature, both through the opportunities it presents and through the demands it makes upon its workers. The most successful missionaries did not begin as giants; they grew in missionary service."

Seventh Day Baptists cannot afford standards for missionary or pastor less than the best. Qualifications for one are essential for the other as well. Church members, reread and ponder these words of Dr. Parkinson. Prospective pastors and missionaries, heed the wisdom expressed. Surely the greatest work in the world deserves the best and most thorough preparation. Our Lord called ordinary men to be His disciples, but He gave them adequate training. He calls men and women to His service today. "Top-notch character, thorough training, unreserved commitment (consecration) to the task, and a capacity for hard work" are indeed among the requirements.
H. R. C.

One may live as a prince or a pauper, but he dies as a man. — Salem Herald.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for April 12, 1953

Paul's Conversion

Scripture: Phil. 3: 4-6; Gal. 1: 11-17.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

(Our missionaries are much on all our hearts these days. We are indebted to Mrs. Cora Hemphill of North Loup, Neb., for this beautiful prayer.)

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy great love, given to all the world — love great enough to give Thine only Son to be our Saviour and Lord. We thank Thee for the faithful ones who carried that message down through the ages until it reached us. Grant to each of us the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the chain be not broken and the message be carried to the uttermost part of the earth. Be so near to our missionaries on the field that they may feel Thy presence and Thy guidance at all times. May all our service be according to Thy will and for Thy glory.

We ask in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Hold High the Torch

Hold high the torch!

You did not light its glow —

'Twas given you by other hands, you know.

'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,

Yours to pass on when you no more need light:

For there are other feet that we must guide
And other forms go marching by our side.

Hold high the torch!

You did not light its glow —

'Twas given you by other hands, you know,

I think it started down the pathway
bright,

The day the Master said, "Let there be
light."

And He once said, who hung on Calvary's
tree —

"Ye are the light of the world. Go, shine
for me."

— Author Unknown.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

May 3-10, 1953

Theme: A Christian Foundation
for Every Home.

Our families can provide the Christian climate in which religious thought and action are natural.

Our families need to hold fast to their faith in spite of changing situations around them.

Our children absorb the teachings of church and home only if we live our faith and make the Bible, prayer, and discipline a reality.

Home and church together lay the foundation for a Christian family.

Your pastor will have plans for observing National Family Week. Co-operate with him!

In your group, focus attention on families, their needs, problems, and importance.

Some excellent helps are available, copies of some leaflets are being sent to the key worker of women's societies. Ask her about them, or if you do not live near a key worker, send to Mrs. Edna Wilkinson, 174 West Street, Battle Creek, Mich.

These helps may also be ordered from the Division of Education, National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Ill.

Plan now for a special observance in your home and society. One of our goals for 1953 is, "Promote a Family Fellowship Program During May." M. M.

NYASALAND BOOKLETS READY!

The Nyasaland booklets compiled by the Women's Board are in the mail. Key workers of the various women's societies have been given the responsibility of distributing them to the women of their local church. A sufficient number of booklets has been printed so that each member of our Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society may have her own copy.

The study packets will be mailed to societies in a few days. It is the hope and prayer of the Women's Board that not only may our women participate in this Nyasaland project but that each church as a whole may become interested and undertake a program of action.

The set of slides and tape recordings that have been made on the West Coast for use in this study are, or will be ready very soon, and are to be available to societies on request. Pictures of the missionary nurses, Joan Clement and Beth Severe, and some scenes taken on the Makapwa Mission grounds are included in the set of slides. On the tapes are

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Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My mother told me that you like to hear from children. I am in first grade. One hundred fifty-nine is the number of my room in Alfred-Almond School. My teacher is Miss Mullen. My Sabbath school teacher is Mrs. Randolph.

I am learning to read. We read about Dick, Jane, Sally, Spot, Puff, and Tim.

Sincerely,
Helen Percy.

Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Helen:

I felt like saying "Hurrah!" when I received your letter; at least I thought it, which is almost the same as saying it. And thank you for the photo. Probably your dear mother has told you that I have known her and all her sisters since they were little children. Now I ought to know you, too, for I have your photo on my piano where I can see you with your merry smile many times a day. I hope before many days I may really see you and visit with you. Indeed I do like to hear from children, especially those whose parents I know and admire. Please do write often.

I not only like to hear from children but I enjoy having children come in to call on me, as three or four do quite often. One of them is a little boy, Douglas, whom we call Doug for short. He has been calling on me ever since he was three years old and he will soon be seven. Then next door are Nancy, nine, Donnie, six, and Christine, almost two years old. These are the ones I see most often.

Yesterday I spent the day with my daughter and family in Wellsville and enjoyed watching and listening to television, most of the time with my granddaughters, Gretchen, twelve, and Joyce, sixteen years old. Then the family took me for a nice long ride, and then home. Yesterday was a regular warm spring day, but today like most of our spring days this year is cold with signs of a snowstorm. Perhaps you like snow and winter weather as I did at your age. No doubt you enjoy sliding down hill on your sled, just as I did. When the cellar for the farmhouse in Wisconsin where I was born was dug

they piled the dirt not far from the back of the house and made it into quite a good-sized hill and sowed grass seed on it. It wasn't a very large hill of course but my brother and I thought it was the very best place for us to slide down hill. The hills in Wisconsin seemed like real hills to me but they didn't seem very high when I compared them with the hills in New York State.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Sky Gazing

I like to look up at the sky
And see the clouds go sailing by,
Or, when the sky is drab and drear,
To think that just beyond the here
The sun is shining bright and clear;
And, if in faith I will but wait,
Ten million sunbeams to my gate
Will come, and God will say,
"My son, I love thee every day —
When clouds sail shining thru the sky;
Or, if o'erhead is drab and drear,
Forget not, son, I will be near."

— Ralph Spaulding Cushman.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55: 9.

Springtime Comes Again

Soft were the breezes that beautiful day,
Golden the sunshine all over the way,
The sparrows came home, brought their
music along,
For I heard one singing the same little
song.

"Good morning, Robin, in the old apple
tree,
Your voice seems so cheery and pleasant
to me.

I wonder if ever you're gloomy and sad,
Or are you always this happy and glad?"

Hear voices of spring on the soft gentle
air,
Soon blossoms will come to make the
world fair;

Let praises be given from children below,
To the God of great love who planned
it so.

— Devillo E. Livermore.

IT'S A GREAT WORK

Rev. Charles H. Bond

Seventh Day Baptist representative on the
Advisory Council of the American
Bible Society.

There are many things we do not agree upon as individuals, and denominations have many different points of emphasis, but we are of one mind when we say that the American Bible Society is doing a great work. It is agreed that the Bible is the most important Book of all time, and that it is the "Word of Life" for our day and every day. We also believe there is power in this God-inspired word, and that it should be placed in the hands of everyone in so far as it is humanly possible. The American Bible Society is trying to do just this.

The fine job the society is doing was revealed again on December 2 and 3, 1952, when the Advisory Council met at the Bible House, 450 Park Avenue, New York City. There were 57 delegates present representing 46 denominations. I was there as the representative of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Perhaps you are not aware of the fact that the delegates are guests of the Bible Society with all expenses paid. This, I believe, is money well spent because it gives the denominations, which help support the work, a firsthand report of all activities. The treasurer gives a detailed accounting of the money spent and submits the budget for the new year. (Budget for 1952 — \$2,978,500; for 1953 — \$3,495,980.) Thus, everything is done in the open and each denomination can see where its money has gone and is going.

The American Bible Society has been busy for the past 136 years "promoting the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment." Just how well

interesting facts about the lives of the two girls. Churches and societies will want to use these in their program plans whenever possible. As requests come in, the committee will endeavor to arrange a satisfactory schedule of dates in order that all wishing to do so may use these materials. Requests are to be sent to Mrs. E. E. Thorngate, 51 Blanch Street, Battle Creek, Mich.

the society has done this was revealed by Rev. Richard H. Ellingson, associate secretary in charge of distribution, in his report. He presented a comparison between the 1951 commercial "best seller" and the Bible. He said, "The highly efficient sales organization of McGraw-Hill collaborated with reputable General Mills to sell 675,000 volumes of the 'Betty Crocker Cookbook.' Imposing as this figure may be it is somewhat less than 9% of the total number of Scripture volumes distributed by the American Bible Society in the United States alone. Altogether in this country the society distributed during 1951 8,002,004 volumes of the Scriptures. In addition to these 7,999,941 volumes were distributed by the society outside the United States — a grand total of 16,001,945 volumes. The colorful book of new recipes ran a very poor second in this country to the Book whose pages reveal the 'Bread of life.'"

We need to remember that the American Bible Society works not alone in America but in every part of the world where it can gain entrance. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, Secretary of Translations, and his staff work constantly on translations and revisions. Some entire books of the Bible have been produced in 1,049 languages and dialects and the entire Bible in 195 languages or dialects. Fifteen new languages were added in 1951. The children of God are receiving His Word in their own language. Our denomination has a part in this great work.

Mr. Frank H. Mann, general secretary, is in charge of the cultivation of gifts from the various denominations to support their program. Mr. Mann suggested and the Advisory Council recommended "That a goal of a minimum of 1% of the contributions (for other benevolences, missions, etc.) from local congregations or communions be recommended for the work of the American Bible Society." He also says: "One disturbing factor in our church relationship is the small flow of gifts from women's organizations to the cause of Bible distribution. There is no doubt that the women as members of the congregations give but the gifts from the women's organizations are not as generous as might be expected." Our women's groups certainly do much for our churches;

but, ladies, here is another very worthy field.

As I was leaving the Bible House after our final session Dr. James V. Claypool, secretary in charge of promotion of the use of the Scriptures, shook my hand and said, "I am always anxious to meet the Seventh Day Baptist representative. I was pastor in Providence, R. I., when Mr. Utter was governor of the state. You must be a fine people to produce such men as that." Then he said, "Did you notice that the bulletins have just 'Bible's Day' on them now? That is the result of a suggestion made by Rev. Harmon Dickinson that some bulletins be left blank for the use of the Sabbath-keeping people. You know they used to say 'Bible Sunday.' Now we call it 'The Bible's Day' and everyone can use our materials." Perhaps that is a sample of the cordial welcome with which I was received, and indicates how the voice of a small group is respected.

Just a Warning

Perhaps I should issue a word of warning in regard to an organization which claims to be the Russian Bible Society. The American Bible Society has on hand 84,891 Russian Bibles ready for shipment but at the present time there is no way to get them into Russia. Therefore, beware if a representative asks to appear in your church claiming the ability to get Bibles into Russia. Ask him for a financial statement from the society. If you would like more information, please write me or the American Bible Society. C. H. B.

PRESIDENTS PRAY

Just as the latest President of our land wrote a prayer which was read at the beginning of his inaugural address and which papers and magazines in general claim has done something for the religious horizon of our land, so George Washington, the first President, wrote a prayer, the spirit of which, like the name of Washington, hovers over the country in "deathless splendor" to this very day. The prayer was contained in a circular letter sent by Washington to the governors of the 13 states in 1783 shortly before he relinquished his command of the Continental Army. Wrote Washington:

A Prayer of Washington That Lives On

"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you, and the state over which you preside, in his holy protection; that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to the government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field; and, finally, that he would graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with charity and humility, and a pacific temper of mind, which were characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation." — United Presbyterian.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A group representing Milton College trustees, administration, and faculty, left the Rock County Airport at the crack of dawn Tuesday morning, March 10, for a one-day trip to Berea College, Berea, Ky. They left by plane, furnished through the courtesy of the Parker Pen Co., and landed at Lexington, Ky., where they were met by car for the trip to Berea. The purpose of the trip was to provide an opportunity for the group to study the "Berea Plan" firsthand. Berea College provides an education for students through a self-help program. — Milton and Milton Junction Courier.

David Beebe, a senior in Salem College, headed the Dean's List with the highest grade for the first semester. Mr. Beebe is editor of the school publication, Green and White, and in addition to his other schoolwork, is pastor of the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church, near Blandville. His parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe, are now living in Putnam County, Fla. — Salem Herald.

Time talks. Yesterday says, "Learn of me." Today says, "Use me." Tomorrow says, "Trust me." — Alabama Christian Advocate.

DR. LESTER M. BABCOCK

Dr. Lester Maxson Babcock was born in Garwin, Iowa, the son of Granville and Harriet Bishop Babcock, on June 13, 1873. He was graduated from Milton College in 1898 and married Mary Anna Crumb on June 13, 1899. Following three years of schoolteaching he entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, being graduated in 1904. From 1904 until 1914 Dr. Babcock practiced dentistry in Jackson Center, Ohio, where, as a valued member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, he was elected a deacon.

Coming to Milton, Wis., in 1914, Dr. Babcock began a practice of dentistry that continued for thirty-five years, until his retirement in 1949.

A man of unusual interest and activity in educational and community life, Dr. Babcock participated in many organizations during his active years. He served as a member of the Milton Graded School Board, and as a long-time trustee of Milton College. For fifteen years he was president of the Tri-County YMCA. He was a member, and past president, of the Rock County Dental Society, and of the Wisconsin Dental Society.

In community life Dr. Babcock served as a member of the Milton Village Board; a director of the Bank of Milton; a member of the Milton Civic Club and of the Janesville Rotary Club. He had also been affiliated with the IOOF fraternal organization.

Throughout his life Dr. Babcock was an active Christian. He was baptized at twelve years of age and joined the Garwin Seventh Day Baptist Church. Elected a deacon in the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, he continued to serve in that capacity when he affiliated with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. In the Milton Church he served as a Sabbath school teacher and superintendent, and for several years as president of the church. Shortly before his retirement in 1949, Dr. Babcock, together with his wife, gave his church a twenty-five-note set of carillon bells that have enriched the spiritual life of the community, and will continue to ring out the music of the Christian faith for years to come.

Dr. Lester M. Babcock passed from this life on March 3, 1953, following a long illness. He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Ruth, of Philadelphia, Dr. Charlotte, of Chicago, and Helen, of Waukesha, Wis; and one sister, Mrs. G. I. Hurley, of Eugene, Ore. (A son, Herbert, died in youth.)

Farewell services were conducted on Thursday, March 5, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

Resurrection

I will repudiate the lie
Men tell of life:
How it will pass
As fragile flower, or butterfly,
Whose dust shall nourish
April grass.

Since One, for love, died on a tree
And in the stony
Tomb was lain,
Behold I show a mystery:
All sepulchres
Are sealed in vain!

— John Richard Moreland.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LONDON, ENG. — Pastor McGeachy attended the Conditional Immortality Mission Conference at Wimbledon last September, where two Sabbathkeepers from Leicester were contacted — Mr. H. G. Smith and Michael Phipps. A small group of Sabbathkeepers in this city meet every Sabbath in the home of Mr. Phipps. They are an independent unit, but it is hoped that they will eventually link up with Mill Yard Church.

While the pastor of Mill Yard Church was on holiday the service on September 20 was conducted by Mr. G. M. Dyce-Keele, who preached on "The Pilgrim's Way."

The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on October 4. The collection was in aid of the Sunshine Fund.

The first Mill Yard Church social of the 1952-53 winter session was held on December 6. Unfortunately one of the worst fogs experienced in London for

many years developed during the late afternoon and prevented many people from attending. Those, however, who did attend were well rewarded for their loyalty for there was not a dull moment during the whole evening. An excellent program was carried through and everyone enjoyed it.

Rev. Ronald Barrar is due in London from Nyasaland on March 21 and will no doubt pay a visit to Mill Yard Church before going on to Holland and America. — Sabbath Observer.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — The annual meeting of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church was held Sunday, February 1, following a fellowship dinner at noon. Reports were submitted by the various organizations and committees of the church. The Ladies' Aid, Young Adults, Sabbath School Workers, the Christian Comrade group of young people, and the newly organized Juniors have all been active.

Released time religious education classes are held regularly during the last school period on Monday afternoons. As in former years, our church, in co-operation with the other churches of the community took an active part in the summer Daily Vacation Bible School.

A religious service was held again this year at the opening of the Brookfield Fair. Another co-operative service was held last September for the presentation of the new translation of the Bible.

The purchase of a tape recorder has proved to be a valuable investment in many ways. It has taken programs and sermons into the homes of shut-ins. Through its use, the Sabbath morning service is being picked up on the radio of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rogers. It is a real source of joy to this faithful couple who are now unable to attend the service.

The new officers and committees look forward to another year, hoping with God's blessing to go forward in our church work. — Mrs. Francis W. Palmer.

SHILOH, N. J. — The Teen-age Christian Endeavor Society had charge of the service on Sabbath day, February 3, with James Ayars presiding. There were three

messages given by Christine Davis, Doris Carter, and Mary Ann Tomlinson. Special music was furnished. The adult leader of this group is Everett Dickinson.

The World Day of Prayer service of the West District was held in the Shiloh Church. The program was in charge of Mrs. Floyd Harris and Mrs. Percy Fogg. Each of the five churches had a part in the program.

The Shiloh Sabbath school has an orchestra among its members that merits much commendation. The selections are hymns which are played at the beginning of Sabbath school. The leader is David Davis. Each week brings surprises when a new musician appears. Our pastor and Oscar Newkirk play trumpets. The other instruments are four violins, two flutes, a cello, a clarinet, and a piano.

The Sabbath eve study group with the Book of Hebrews as the subject is slowly growing in numbers. The discussions are enjoyed by everyone.

Cottage prayer meetings are again being held each Tuesday night.

March 7 was the Sabbath given to "Men and Missions." This proved to be an inspirational Sabbath. William Richardson, Jr., presided. The men's chorus furnished music. The messages were presented by Rex Bowen and Edwin Harris. The message of Charles Harris will be given at a prayer meeting at a later date.

The Shiloh Church will join with the Marlboro Church for joint Communion on March 28 at Marlboro. — Mrs. Percy C. Davis, Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — The Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church held its annual dinner and business meeting January 11 electing the following officers for 1953: President, J. Fred Whitford; secretary, Bernice Todd; treasurer, Truman Lippincott; trustee for three years, William Heinig, Jr.; head usher, Basil Dunwell; chorister, Lehman Stringer; intermediate chorister, Herbert Crouch; junior chorister, Mrs. Paul Green; organist, Elizabeth Daland; Sabbath school superintendent, Don V. Gray.

Among the many annual reports given we note that from offerings at the meals of sharing in 1952, we sent \$669.72 for various forms of relief. One of the proj-

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ects is the support of our foster daughter, Sylvania Calagarri, under the Foster Parents' Plan. This is our third year of support.

Mrs. Roger Burdick is the new president of the Woman's Circle with Mrs. Truman Lippincott, Mrs. Guy Polan, and Mrs. Stanley Fox vice-presidents (or group leaders). Most of our church women are members of the circle.

The members of the Men's Fellowship have camp development as a project and have contributed to its progress with much voluntary labor. It is hoped that the lodge may be completed in time for the summer associational camps. Just now interest is centered on a name for the camp. Suggested names are to be voted upon at the April church business meeting.

The Young Adults also are much interested in the camp and are selling commemorative plates to raise funds. These bear a beautiful picture of the Milton Church on a gold-edged plate. On the back is a brief history of the church. They make lovely and decorative keepsakes.

The annual intercommunity Lenten services include sermons by two pastors from Madison, one in the Milton Junction Methodist Church and one in the Milton Congregational Church; the religious sound film, "I Beheld His Glory," in the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church; a program of music in our church; a religious drama in the Milton College gymnasium; and a final Communion service in the Milton Methodist Church. The youth of the community are to join in an Easter Sunrise service.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in a union service in our church this year and was largely attended.

The Milton Historical Society put on a Pioneer Supper, March 3, when a large company of people enjoyed not only the food, bountifully served, but the program which followed. Of special interest was the playlet, "Truth Comes to Milton," written and directed by Dr. Zea Zinn. — Mrs. C. S. Sayre, Correspondent.

THE RELIGION OF RUDYARD KIPLING

B. S. Townroe

Writings of Rudyard Kipling are being more read and broadcast than at any time since his death in January, 1936. The

recent publication of a book of his short stories, selected by Somerset Maugham, has further emphasized this.

There is no doubt that Kipling studied the New Testament in considerable detail. One of his stories — "The Church that Was at Antioch" — is headed by a quotation from Galatians 2:11. It is a reconstruction of St. Paul and St. Peter visiting the house of the Prefect at Antioch. Another of his stories about St. Paul is called "The Manner of Men" and is headed by the verse: "If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts," from the 15th chapter of the 1st Book of Corinthians. This tells of Paul voyaging to Rome and concludes with the poem, "At His Execution," from which the following verse is taken:

"I am made all things to all men —
Hebrew, Roman and Greek —
In each one's tongue I speak,
Suiting to each my word,
That some may be drawn to the Lord!"

Another story showing Kipling's appreciation of those who serve is called "The Miracle of Saint Jubanus." This is a lively description of a motor run through France and the discovery of the village church of St. Jubanus, where there is a painted window of thirteenth-century glass depicting Saint Julian of Auvergne.

It would be misleading to deduce too much from these stories. It would certainly be wrong to claim Kipling as a pillar of the Church of England in spite of his interest in the church at Burwash, where there is a memorial to his only son.

In his preface to "Life's Handicap" Kipling wrote: "When men come to the gates of death all religions seem to them wonderfully alike and colourless." I agree with Dobree that Kipling had a curious religion of his own which probably most nearly approaches that Stoicism which was the religion of the Victorian public school.

Kipling had a strange belief in guardian angels. This is shown in his story, "Uncovenanted Mercies," where the chief characters are Gabriel, Michael, and Azrael. He had clearly carefully studied the teachings about angel messengers to be found in Moslem, Jewish, and Christian writings.

The more the poetry and prose of the Third Period of Kipling is studied the more it is clear that he was seeking for perfection, truth, and beauty with divine inspiration. — The Sabbath Observer.

ADVENTURING

Mrs. L. A. Wing

Faintly, in the dim distance I behold
Life, spirit filled, and strong.
Not content with common, simple things,
It goes adventuring into the vast unknown,
Choosing the straight and narrow road
That leads to gates of gold
Opening to the City Beautiful.
What matter that between the beginning and the ending,
Lie rivers wide and deep;
Pitfalls to snare unwary feet?
Steep mountain passes weary feet must climb?
Deep, dismal canyons shutting out the sun?
Long, lonely nighttime when the stars are hid?
What matter? Faith still travels on
As walking with the One invisible
'Til victory is won and the gates of gold
Open to all eternity.