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 it. Today the tendency is to swing back to the recognition of corporate responsibility.

Jesus knew the joy of winning such a person as Zacchaeus into the kingdom of God, but He was also quick to act against social wrongs, as we find Him cleansing the temple with a whip.

His blessed lips would call tenderly to little children but spoke with utmost courage in the cause of social righteousness. Yes, the emphasis of Jesus is perhaps the very basis for the true Christian life. We see that He emphasized those things which, when followed by the individual, will give rise to a better world as a whole. His emphasis on the personal should be to each one of us a challenge to live in His way of life. We should be challenged to let every mustard seed we sow into others' lives be a seed of goodness and righteousness. Above all we should never allow the importance of our means of worship to outweigh our motives of worship.

The emphasis of Jesus is the challenge to the youth of today also, to build a better world of tomorrow, a world in which God is first in every life, and a world in which every tongue might say: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Accessions

Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

Baptism:

- Estra Anderson
- Marion Donaldson
- Joyce Coombs
- Theda Oates
- Miriam Mills
- Harold McVassel
- Paul McVassel
- Barrington Stephens
- Waldron Donaldson
- Ronald Fitzrandolph.

Westerly, R. I.

Full Membership:

Baptism:

- Judith Ann Hoffman,
- Ward A. Kuehn,
- Roland B. Kuehn.

Associate Membership:

Baptism:

- Mrs. Bernice B. Hoffman.

Testimony:

- John B. Hoffman,
- Mrs. Elizabeth Fraser.

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 Co. B, 11th Armored Cavalry
 Camp Carson, Colo.

Pvt. Russell G. Clement, RA17367218
 34th Eng. Photo Co.
 64th Eng. Bn. Base Topo
 APO 500, c-o Postmaster
 San Francisco, Calif.

Cpl. Richard G. Gowen, RA17328027
 Hq. Btry, 97th AAA Gp.
 APO 331, c-o Postmaster
 San Francisco, Calif.

Births

Parry. — A daughter, Amanda Bond, to Mr. and Mrs. William Parry, Bala Cynwyd, Pa., October 21, 1952.

Clarke. — A son, Timothy David, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kenyon Clarke, Kulpsville, Pa., January 26, 1953.

Obituaries

Lewis. — Robert Ira, son of Robert and Minerva Oshel Lewis, was born September 24, 1879, at Stonefort, Ill., and died March 15, 1953, at Riverside, Calif.

His boyhood days were spent on a farm near Stonefort, where his father was pastor of the Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church. He accepted Christ, was baptized, and joined this church when he was 14 years old. He later held membership in the churches of Gentry, Ark., Marlboro, N. J., and Riverside, Calif.

Mr. Lewis attended Milton Academy and College in Milton, Wis. He served in the United States Army from 1906-1909, after which time he was a farmer, until his retirement 6 years prior to his death.

On June 3, 1912, he was united in marriage with Dollie Joanna Martin of Stonefort, with his father officiating. To this union were born seven sons: E. Paul of Marlboro, N. J.; J. Ford of Stockton, Calif.; R. Samuel of Tampa, Fla.; Norman S. of Fairmont, W. Va.; Philip H. of Winchester, Calif.; Alfred E. of Culver, Ind.; and Murray M. of Ft. Ord, Calif. There are 12 grandchildren. A brother, Oliver Lewis, and a sister, Mrs. Cora L. Green, of Stonefort, also survive.

Funeral services were held in the M. H. Simons Funeral Home on March 17, 1953, conducted by Rev. T. Denton Lee, Elder E. S. Ballenger assisting. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside, Calif. — Mrs. Philip Lewis.

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 BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,
 AUGUST 18-23, 1953.

I SOUGHT THE LORD

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
 He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me;
 It was not I that found, O Saviour true,
 No, I was found of Thee.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;
 I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea, —
 'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,
 As Thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but, O the whole
 Of love is but my answer, Lord, to Thee;
 For Thou wert long before-hand with my soul,
 Always Thou lovedst me.

— Author unknown.

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish,
 neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10: 28.

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WITHOUT A PREACHER

God's people need leadership not only in their worship services, but even more in their evangelistic outreach. All too many groups of Seventh Day Baptists find themselves "without a preacher." Can we give an answer to the double question of why it is and how it can be avoided? Perhaps there is help in the tenth chapter of Romans which asks a related question, "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

That which produces preachers is a vital experience of the saving power of Christ coupled with a consuming burden for other souls that need salvation. The Apostle Paul expressed his changed life principle thus: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Rom. 10: 1.) From a fire-eating persecutor, filled with zeal without knowledge, he was changed to a flaming torch of gospel truth. The New Testament churches were not long without preachers, deacons, and lay leaders because the Holy Spirit kindled a fire of love in the hearts of believers. Our problem of churches without pastors requires us to ask first of all: "Is there a fire in the preachers we already have, a fire that makes them burn to save souls; and is this fire transmitted by their preaching to the people in the pews?" If we can answer that in the affirmative then preacher timber will be constantly in the making in our churches. Then our problem is one of training and of distribution. That requires thought and the expenditure of time and money, but it is not a serious problem.

Within a period of about three weeks our denomination has lost three veteran preachers. One has been a powerful evangelist, another has served well as a missionary evangelist, and the third had a fruitful ministry as a pastor. Two of them leave churches pastorless. We may say they all served their generation and were taken away by the diseases common to man. To replace them is more than a problem of distribution. Before we forget them, while the story of their lives is fresh on the pages of this paper, may we pray that the fire may fall on new men, perhaps descendants and relatives, and that the mantles of these Elijahs may

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

How many of our churches have more than one prayer meeting each week?
How many of our churches have a Sabbath afternoon Bible study or one at some other time besides Sabbath school?
How many have a missionary society in addition to the Ladies' Aid or similar organization?
How many consistently hold meetings in county hospitals, rest homes, etc.?
How many have young people preparing for full-time service?

These are evidences of life. It would be interesting to have such facts before us. It might stimulate laymen and pastors to start something in the churches that do not now have these extra activities. The Sabbath Recorder would be glad to tabulate such information as it comes in and pass on the good word.

come to rest upon the shoulders of young Elishas in the schools of the prophets.

"Make them apostles!
Heralds of Thy cross,
Forth may they go to tell all realms Thy
grace:
Inspired of Thee, may they count all
but loss,
And stand at last with joy before Thy
face."

—Denis Wortman, in
Masterpieces of Religious Verse.

It is not death alone that leaves churches without preachers and the souls of lost Israel languishing in the darkness of unbelief because no one has been sent. We lose some young men like Paul lost Demas; some are called involuntarily or through sense of duty to the Armed Forces; some feel led to other related fields of Christian labor. It is inevitable that some who have "set their faces like a flint" (Isa. 50: 7) will fall by the wayside short of the goal of their youth. Let us keep before us the question, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" The secret of a burning fire is a strong spark, fanned to a glowing ember, constantly fed with good fuel. God grant that there will be qualified men to step into the vacant places. May He bless both the preparation and the distribution!

MEMORY TEXT

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6: 37.

MORE EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

As this Recorder goes to press (April 14) two of our eastern churches are launching out into evangelistic efforts of ten days' or two weeks' duration. The roots of Seventh Day Baptists are so intertwined that the needs and the blessings of one church are felt in many churches. This notice may not reach our readers early enough to encourage prayer for the meetings while they are in progress, but it is not too late to urge prayer for lasting blessings to come upon revived churches and newly consecrated lives.

The Verona, N. Y., Church under the leadership of Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor, has invited Rev. C. Rex Burdick of the Marlboro, N. J., Church to do the preaching. He comes fresh from a revival in his own church. Attention is called to an article by him describing the results of the meetings led by Rev. Ralph H. Coon. Comparable results may be confidently prayed for in this other rural church which is reportedly well prepared by special prayer meetings and a personal evangelism class.

The other church looking for an outpouring of the Spirit on a two weeks' series of meetings which were scheduled to begin April 10 is the Salemville, Pa., Church of which Rev. Paul S. Burdick is pastor. Evangelist Wayne R. Marona has journeyed from California to conduct this campaign. He is accompanied by his wife and children. Miss Mary Alice Butler of the Southeastern Association is also present to help with the services. Here also we have reports of prayerful preparation by pastor and people.

It is perhaps significant that both of these churches are cramped for room and both have plans for adding to their church buildings. It is a sound principle to look first to the spiritual foundations as these churches are doing and thereby making sure of the right answer to the verse: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

MISSIONARY ARRIVING



Rev. Ronald H. F. Barrar

Before the next issue of the Sabbath Recorder is dropped in your mailbox, Missionary Ronald Barrar will probably have arrived in New York aboard the SS Nieuw Amsterdam which was scheduled to leave Rotterdam, Holland, on April 13. It is hoped that his first view of the Statue of Liberty will be followed shortly by a glimpse of the friendly, though strange, faces of a group of representative Seventh Day Baptists anxious to welcome our Nyasaland missionary who went out from his home in faraway New Zealand.

A missionary, fired with a zeal for his work, may take a furlough but he allows little besides his traveling time for vacation. In this case our good brother has chosen not to go home to his family and native land and not to be absent from his mission station much more than six months. Rather, he comes to our country with intentions of packing his time full of further preparation for effective service. Let us remember that as he visits us he is still a missionary, and one with a message for us. We need have little fear that he will rise to the occasion. There could be grave apprehension lest we of the churches and of the ministry fail to rise to the occasion. He has been accustomed to a life that is next to poverty by our standards, as Rev. E. H. Bottoms has testified. He has voluntarily kept himself very poor that the work might

prosper. What will he find in our comfortable land? Surely he will be able to make allowances for many things, but worldliness, self-centeredness, and callous indifference to the Gospel needs of the world will try his patience. It is so with every true missionary visiting the average church.

We pray that he may find a warmth that is deeper than politeness and a desire to help which needs only knowledge to make it more effective. We hope that in our entertaining we may refrain as far as possible from the atmosphere of social teas and from foolish cultural questions. May we let the man talk about the burden of his soul and his hopes for the future. Let us constantly remember in prayer the mission and its needs during the absence of its superintendent. Let us pray also for the girls planning to go to Nyasaland early next fall.

For another picture of Missionary Barrar baptizing candidates see the cover of the Sabbath Recorder for July 7, 1952.

FIGURING OUT THE FIGURES

On the back page of this issue is the March 31 statement of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget. The treasurer adds no comment, but every thoughtful member of our denomination ought to do more than comment on those comparative figures. Toward a larger budget than last year we gave during the past three months \$4,000 less than a year ago. A special appeal was made last year. Perhaps a lack of it this time is the greatest single factor in producing these figures of only one third as much money contributed. If true, that is a sad commentary on our devotion to our cause. Do we give because we love or because we are prodded? Don't try to answer that for the mass of Seventh Day Baptists — answer it for yourself and your church with deeds and tithes.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 2, 1953

Paul as Teacher and Pastor

Scripture: Acts 18: 23—21: 14

Special Emphasis Portion: Acts 19: 8-10;
20: 17-27.

CONSECRATION SERVICE

A Consecration Service for Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond will be held Sabbath afternoon, April 25, at 3:30 o'clock at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. All interested friends are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bond are to go to Kingston, Jamaica, about the first of June. Mr. Bond will become principal of Crandall High School and Mrs. Bond a teacher, replacing Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills, who are returning to the States. E. T. H.

CORRECTION

In a copied item of interest on page 94 of the Recorder of February 23 it is stated that a member of the Marlboro Church provided the money for the church at Bath, Jamaica, dedicated last May. We are told that it was the Blue Mountain Church that this young man built by using the entire proceeds from his home radio repair shop. We are glad to take the space necessary to call attention again to such a noble project. The cost of building a church in Jamaica or Africa is not much if you have love in your heart and a willingness to do overtime work for the Lord. — Ed.

FOOD FOR KOREA

The milk of human kindness needs to flow more freely. Modern science makes a food called MPF, 2 ounces of which provide the approximate nutritional equivalent of 1/4 lb. of beef, a glass of milk, a serving of peas, and a small potato. This can be purchased for 3 cents. Science provides it but only gifts can send it to famine-stricken areas. Seventeen sponsoring American agencies are regularly shipping this food to Korea and India, the largest amounts being shipped by the Methodists and Presbyterians. Money can be handled through the W.C.T.U. Our literature comes from the Meals for Millions Foundation, 648 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. The testimonies from the missionaries distributing the food are very touching. Let the milk of human kindness flow!

NEW SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH IN WESTERN AFRICA

Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen

Shortly before the middle of January, 1953, I received a letter from an unknown Christian in Western Africa. The writer of the letter told how he had chanced to find a copy of the "Sabbath Observer," our London publication, in a book which someone had given him. The message in this paper appealed to him "on the spot." Since the paper had mentioned the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, he wrote to the church here for more literature about Seventh Day Baptists. We sent one copy of "Handbook of Information Concerning Seventh Day Baptists," one copy of "Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs (a Manual for Study)," and one tract. I also wrote him a letter.

Just a little more than two months later, during the last week in March, I received another letter from this man stating that he had called a group of interested people together to study the beliefs and history of Seventh Day Baptists. On the basis of what these people found in this literature, they organized a church of thirty members — a Seventh Day Baptist Church. But that is only half the story. Within a few weeks, twenty more people joined the church, so that the total membership when he last wrote was fifty.

This man, and some of the other believers, are now holding meetings in other churches and in the open air in neighboring towns. The church has officially requested recognition by our denomination, and has elected the brother responsible for bringing them the Sabbath message to be their pastor.

Surely this is an indication of the tremendous power of the printed word. As a people, we need to do much more to bring the Gospel of Christ in its purity, for which we stand, to the attention of others. There must be thousands — yes millions — of people hungry and waiting for such a message.

Between the great things we can't do and the little things we won't do, the danger is we shall do nothing. — Selected.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AT MARLBORO

Rev. C. Rex Burdick

Deeper Life evangelistic meetings were held in the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church March 13 through 22 with meetings every night except Wednesday. Rev. Ralph H. Coon, professor of Bible in Salem College, was the leader in these meetings which were specially designed for a deepening of the spiritual life of Christians. We in Marlboro have received a number of blessings from these meetings which, at the invitation of the editor, we would like to share with readers of the Sabbath Recorder.

Deepening of Prayer Experience

All members and friends of the church were called upon to offer themselves in prayer for the spiritual success of these meetings. Prayer meetings were held daily in several areas of the community served by our church during the week preceding the special meetings, and during the meetings. One of the special services was planned toward a fuller prayer life. A group met for prayer at the close of nearly every service. Some of the prayers have already been answered, and we confidently expect the answers to others. An increased prayer consciousness is most certainly one of the results of our meetings.

Deepening of Spiritual Life

Christ-centered, Biblical preaching will always have its effect in the lives and hearts of Christians. It is impossible for Christians to sit through ten days of such services with the Holy Spirit working, and not come to a deeper experience with the Lord. An increased devotion and commitment to the Lord on the part of the people is an observable result of these meetings.

Stimulus to Personal Work

Before the special services began, a large number of people volunteered to visit every home in the community. An invitation to the meetings, and literature distributed gave a point of contact. On the one night when we had no service in the church, members went out for visitation in the interest of Christ and His Church. Some who participated in this

work had never before done any personal work. An increased interest in the soul welfare of the lost, and an increased awareness of our responsibility in presenting the way of salvation in Christ are other results.

Witness to the Community

It has been said that Seventh Day Baptists are a people living to themselves with little, if any, interest in others. We are becoming increasingly aware that the purpose of a local Seventh Day Baptist church is not primarily to provide a fellowship of worship for those who have been Seventh Day Baptists all their lives, but primarily, its purpose is to provide a living, vital witness to the community and the world at large of God's grace in providing a way of salvation to all who will come to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ, and holding aloft the principal of Sabbath worship as a part of God's plan for the life of every Christian. The way of salvation and our belief in the Sabbath were made known by visitation and by preaching. One advertised sermon on the subject of the Sabbath was delivered by Professor Coon. An increased witness to the community is one of the most evident results of these special services.

Salvation of the Lost

While these meetings were largely directed toward Christians, an appeal was made for non-Christians to accept Christ and commit their lives to Him. There was clear and definite evidence of the working of the Spirit of God in granting salvation. For this we praise God, for we believe that it is the first task of the Christian Church to lead men to Christ and His joyous way of life. It was this task of evangelization of the lost that Jesus committed into the hands of His apostles before His Ascension, and through the apostles to His Church. There is a supreme joy in seeing this work done by the church.

Confident of Continued Blessing

While we feel that many observable results have been seen, we also realize that all of the results of our special meetings cannot be tabulated. God will continue to work a work of blessing in the hearts and lives of His people, and through His people to the unsaved. We are con-

ETERNAL VIGILANCE

Herbert A. Philbrick, the government's surprise witness against top-drawer Communists, declares in the April issue of Christian Herald that Soviet agents are using the clergy and "good church members" to carry out their destructive and anti-God policies.

In an article entitled "The Communists Are After Your Church!", Philbrick shows how the Communists capture the hearts and minds of clergymen and laymen. He says that government prosecution and congressional investigations have sent "thousands of comrades scurrying for respectable disguise. As a disguise, the church offers . . . the perfect cover for Communist agents, the perfect place for the recruiting of unsuspecting puppets."

Describing his nine years of "loyal" work for the Party — while he was actually a volunteer "agent" for the FBI — the author of "I Led Three Lives" tells how he was ordered to sow red seeds in his Baptist church. He continues, "The most shocking fact . . . was a special subversive cell of hardened, disciplined, trained agents of Stalin, men who were ministers of the Gospel!"

He cites the hundreds of prominent Americans — ministers and church leaders — who were tricked into signing petitions to "save the Rosenbergs" and the eleven convicted Communist leaders. These documents were written under the sponsorship and name of Communist-inspired "reverends." Many of these duped signers, he states, didn't read what they signed or else the published statement differed radically from the original.

"Don't sign a petition," he warns, "simply because the name of a prominent preacher already appears on the list." — News Release, Christian Herald.

"One on God's side is a majority." — Wendell Phillips.

Confident that more blessing is yet in store for our Church and community, for the Lord has given His own promise, that "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55: 11.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — Mr. Charles D. Swing of the Shiloh, N. J., Church, now residing in Syracuse, has brought the Sabbath morning message several times recently. Edgar F. Wheeler of Athens, Ala., has accepted a call to become the pastor of the church and is expected to arrive in May. — De Ruyter Gleaner.

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — There was a good attendance at the Community-Church Family Night at the parish house in Rockville Sunday night. After the supper community singing was enjoyed with John E. Kenney leading and Walter Reynolds at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Elston H. Van Horn of Westerly entertained. Mrs. Van Horn gave two groups of readings in her inimitable manner. Mr. Van Horn, adept at color photography, showed slides of interest and beauty, both of coastal and inland scenes. The committee on arrangements was Mrs. G. Carlton Irish and Mrs. Clinton L. Armstrong. — Westerly Sun.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The last Sabbath in February two cars full of Daytona Beach Church people enjoyed the services at the Carraway Seventh Day Baptist Church of which Rev. Clifford Beebe is pastor.

Thirteen residents of Alfred and Alfred Station attended church here March 21: Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Titsworth, Dean and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond, Mrs. Degen, Miss Louise Ellis, Miss Iva Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kenyon, Mrs. Hazel Claire, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Davis and J. N. Norwood. — Alfred Sun.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The Florida-Alfred Branch of the Alfred University Alumni Association held its annual meeting at the Marigold Restaurant in Daytona Beach. The 53 alumni, former students, and friends were presided over by Dr. Ruth T. Rogers, '40, president of the branch. The invocation was voiced by Dean A. J. C. Bond of the School of Theology, and a tasty chicken dinner was duly dealt with by the members. — Alfred Sun.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

May 4-7, 1953 — Alfred, N. Y.

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DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, March 31, 1953

| Receipts | | March | 6 months |
|-------------------------|----|--------|----------|
| Balance on hand Mar. 1 | \$ | 22.13 | |
| Adams Center | | | 168.55 |
| Albion | | 66.01 | 136.02 |
| Alfred, First | | 232.90 | 1,275.69 |
| Alfred, Second | | 174.25 | 434.90 |
| Andover | | | 10.00 |
| Associations and groups | | | 45.00 |
| Battle Creek | | 15.00 | 1,739.56 |
| Berlin | | 110.42 | 404.52 |
| Boulder | | 72.93 | 246.14 |
| Brookfield, First | | | 100.00 |
| Brookfield, Second | | | 163.55 |
| Chicago | | 62.00 | 381.81 |
| Daytona Beach | | 56.50 | 281.95 |
| Denver | | | 272.53 |
| De Ruyter | | 40.00 | 60.00 |
| Dodge Center | | 75.00 | 125.00 |
| Edinburg | | | 15.94 |
| Farina | | 15.00 | 186.60 |
| Fouke | | 20.77 | 61.10 |
| Friendship | | | 5.00 |
| Hebron, First | | 12.20 | 82.82 |
| Hopkinton, First | | | 517.80 |
| Hopkinton, Second | | | 20.00 |
| Independence | | 63.00 | 272.00 |
| Indianapolis | | | 47.15 |
| Individuals | | 10.00 | 165.00 |
| Irvington | | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Little Genesee | | 106.25 | 246.47 |
| Little Prairie | | | 18.20 |
| Los Angeles | | 107.50 | 299.00 |
| Lost Creek | | 126.35 | 359.02 |
| Marlboro | | 390.31 | 1,126.33 |
| Middle Island | | 16.90 | 65.35 |
| Milton | | 518.80 | 2,087.69 |
| Milton Junction | | 149.82 | 784.14 |
| New Auburn | | | 88.85 |
| New York | | | 82.30 |
| North Loup | | 147.05 | 320.52 |
| Nortonville | | | 140.00 |
| Pawcatuck | | | 1,314.14 |
| Philadelphia | | 10.00 | 92.50 |
| Piscataway | | | 82.50 |
| Plainfield | | 207.50 | 1,752.51 |
| Richburg | | 18.00 | 148.56 |
| Ritchie | | | 30.00 |

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|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Riverside | | 536.04 |
| Roanoke | 10.00 | 36.00 |
| Rockville | 34.89 | 55.59 |
| Salem | 156.80 | 378.80 |
| Salemville | | 45.00 |
| Schenectady | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Shiloh | 191.99 | 1,269.46 |
| Syracuse | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| Verona | | 423.78 |
| Walworth | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Washington | 1.00 | 81.00 |
| Waterford | 14.91 | 103.92 |
| Welton | | 10.00 |
| White Cloud | | 216.97 |
| Totals | \$3,576.18 | \$19,783.27 |

Disbursements

| | Budget | Specials |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Missionary Society | \$ 822.13 | \$ 189.81 |
| Tract Society | 321.88 | 5.00 |
| Board of Christian Education | 445.90 | 125.00 |
| Women's Society | 59.02 | 10.00 |
| Historical Society | 98.80 | |
| Ministerial Retirement | 295.36 | 357.72 |
| S. D. B. Building | 82.68 | |
| World Fellowship and Service | 15.60 | 222.97 |
| General Conference | 458.64 | |
| Bank of Milton, service charge | .68 | |
| Balance on hand | 65.00 | |
| Totals | \$2,665.68 | \$ 910.50 |

Comparative Figures

| | 1953 | 1952 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Receipts in March: | | |
| Budget | \$2,643.55 | \$6,692.24 |
| Specials | 910.50 | 1,427.64 |
| Receipts in 6 months: | | |
| Budget | 16,370.51 | 21,079.43 |
| Specials | 3,412.76 | 5,745.89 |
| Annual Budget | 46,635.00 | 43,825.00 |
| Percentage of budget raised to date | 35.1% | 48.1% |

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

Accessions

First Alfred

Baptism:
Audry Jean Pierce
Linda Pauline Spaine
Dale Stanley Butts
Theodore Jack Glover
Ernest D. Button

Letter:
Donald E. Richards
Edna Ruth Richards

Riverside, Calif.

Testimony:
Rev. and Mrs. T. Denton Lee
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nophsker
Letter:
Joy Berry Ross (Mrs. S. J.)

Marriages

Randolph - McClain. — Rex Maine Randolph, son of Ashby and Ruth Randolph of Bristol, W. Va., and Phyllis Lorene McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo McClain also of Bristol, were united in marriage at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on March 27, 1953, by Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, pastor of the groom.

Births

Streich. — A son, Keith Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Streich of Mineral Point, Wis., March 12, 1953.

Myself

One day I looked at myself,
At the self that Christ can see;
I saw the person I am today
And the one I ought to be.

I saw how little I really pray,
How little I really do;
I saw the influence of my life —
How little of it was true!

I saw the bundle of faults and fears
I ought to lay on the shelf;
I had given a little bit to God,
But I hadn't given myself.

I came from seeing myself,
With the mind made up to be
The sort of a person that Christ can use
With a heart He may always see.

— Author unknown.

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith."
Hebrews 10: 22.