DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET Statement of Treasurer August 31, 1953

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Adams CenterAlbion	82.00	376.80
Alfred, First	200.24	250.03
Alfred, Second	209.24	2,186.03
Andover		659.50
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Battle Creek	889.89	1,316.93
Berlin	12.00	3,768.44 527.58
Boulder	47.98	499.88
Brookfield, First	77.90	185.00
Brookfield, Second		319.85
Buffalo	60.00	60.00
Chicago	93.00	843.81
Daytona Beach	15.00	496.60
Denver		599.82
De Ruyter		337.50
Dodge Center		253.95
Edinburg		190.50
Farina	15.00	261.60
Fouke		121.77
Friendship	25.00	52.00
Gentry		10.00
Hammond		40.00
Hebron, First	9.05	173.24
Hopkinton, First	257.60	1,088.30
Hopkinton, Second		75.00
Independence	24.00	428.00
Indianapolis		50.15
Individuals		2,224.41
Irvington	25.00	325.00
Little Genesee		27.00
Little Prairie	85.50	502.47
Los Angeles	3.35	35.25
Lost Creek	197.00	533.50
Marlboro	120.00	693.41
Middle Island	187.88	1,725.21
Milton	7.93 557.39	113.31
Milton Junction	98.40	4,054.32
New Auburn	30.40	1,401.14
New York		100.85
North Loup	120 21	295.69
Nortonville	120.31	644.44
Pawcatuck		320.47
Philadelphia		2,850.18
Piccatage	4	137.50
Piscataway		178.00
Plainfield	290.75	3,521.75
Richburg	76.00	350.56
Ritchie		103.00
Riverside	93.53	1,888.52
Roanoke	10.00	67.00
Rockville		83.80
Salem		509.00
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Schenectady		40.00
Shiloh	256.32	2,237.77
Stone Fort		60.00
Syracuse	-0.00	100.00
Verona	71.00	807.64
Walworth	71.00	85.00
Washington		
Waterford	13.60	191.00
Welton	13.00	198.49
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Marriages.

May - Carskadon. — On June 9, 1953, in the First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg, W. Va., Nancy Jane Carskadon, daughter of Mrs. Charles Guy Carskadon and the late Mr. Carskadon of Clarksburg, was married to Lewis Hoffman Van Horn May, son of Mrs. Hallie V. May of Salem, and Mr. Homer H. May of St. Marys, W. Va. Dr. May is now doing interne work at the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia. The couple reside at 826 Pine St., Apt. 4C, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Barker - Rowe. — Richard Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barker, Colon, Mich., and Dorothy Rowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rowe, Sr., Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Battle Creek, Mich., on August 9, 1953. The bride's pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, officiated. After September 1, Mr. and Mrs. Barker will reside at Dearborn, Mich.

Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held in the Pawcatuck Church, Westerly, R. I., September 20, 1953, at 2 p.m. E. T. H.

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He who is born of God is certain to resemble his Father. — Los Angeles Church bulletin.

A DAY AT OLD SHILOH

The editor and family recently spent a Sabbath in South Jersey where his first eight years in the ministry were spent happily, and somewhat strenuously, serving the Lord in the old Shiloh Church.

Why do we call the Shiloh Church old? It shows no signs of age or decrepitude in the congregational attitude, size, or outreach. Nowhere have we seen more indications of strength and virility. The church shows great soundness of body in all its parts. There are no visible gaps in age in the congregation. We saw some babes in arms; we noted that one third of those present were children; we saw the youth, the "young men and maidens fair"; we noted the strength of the middle group, and the usual percentage of the faithful old folks.

Shiloh is not the oldest church of our faith in America, but it is old. We have seen in South Jersey the grave marker of the "first female white child" born in the great Cohansey tract. She was born of Seventh Day Baptist parents. But it was not until 1737 that the church was constituted.

Perhaps we are led to speak of "Old Shiloh" because, arriving well ahead of church time, we had occasion to walk through the cemetery. The 1771 building used to stand in the midst of the tombstones, as was the custom in those days. In that section of the graveyard several white marble slabs can be found with distinguishable death dates older than the date of that building. Interspersed with these are twentieth-century markers for the infants and aged claimed by death. An old cemetery can hardly be said to show life, but an active one somehow comes nearer it than one which has been abandoned. One can get a spiritual lift from the springing hope of eternal life evidenced by tombstone testimonies.

The Shiloh Church may have the flavor of ripe age which is even reflected in its heritage of spoken language. Like Peter, the Galilean, the speech of the people gives away their South Jersey origin, but, as we said, Shiloh is alive and young. As we visited with some of the young and the old we were struck with this observation: A high percentage of the people have been growing in their faith through their contact with the church

and its leadership through the past twenty years. Most of the workers of the church are firmly grounded in the Word of God. Their faith is positive and firm. They know what they believe.

One cannot avoid the inescapable conclusion that here in this place the church is strong in works because the people are strong in their beliefs. We believe that we can generalize further. The church that develops strong, positive faith in the Word of God (other things being equal) does not face an uncertain future. It will go on, rather than hang on, from generation to generation. It will hold most of its young people and will, like Shiloh, bring many of the "outside" brides and grooms into the working membership of the church. Strength of faith seems to beget strength for church labor.

WHAT PRINTER'S INK CAN'T DO

It is our business and our mission to make printer's ink do all that it can to convey the love of Christ and to show how that love works in the hearts of people. The printed page — our printed page — can do wonders. However, there is much it cannot do.

In a recent Recorder we printed a letter of greeting signed by pastors in Germany, Denmark, Holland, and England. It lost a lot of the color of the four languages involved. It lost much of the spirit of the typewritten note and the handwritten notations.

Addresses and impromptu remarks can only faintly carry the personality of the speaker when put in print. We can faithfully reproduce a few things that were said by Rosemary Hare of New Zealand or by Rev. Ronald Barrar of Nyasaland, but the intriguingly different manner of speech cannot survive the printing process. We have become more aware of this by having a tape recorder which preserves tone and inflection for years to come if we keep the tape. Even so we have lost the smile and the manner. It reminds us that an editor has the responsibility of using word pictures to make the writers live on these pages.

It is difficult to know where the duties of editor end and those of the correspond-

ing secretary begin. In recent weeks there have come to our desk letters and tracts not only from various parts of America with all their local color but also from England, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Nigeria, Argentina, and elsewhere, with remarks about work in Brazil, India, the Philippines, and other countries. Foreign languages are fascinating when they tell about people of like faith. Experiences as a chaplain living among Orientals and aborigines taught us not to be impatient when we couldn't understand everything that was being said. We wish we could print Christian love in many languages in the Sabbath Recorder. But we must stick to unaccented English and pass on the spirit of the other languages as best we can.

The Colonial Crisis in Africa

Delivering the Lord Lugard Memorial Lecture before the Executive Council of the International Africa Institute meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, recently, Dr. Emory Ross cited four root causes leading to the African colonial crisis of today, as: 1. The phenomenal scientific and material progress of Western Europe and America. 2. Africa's slowness in keeping pace with material advancement. 3. The effect of mass communications on the African mind, whereby floods of undigestible information and knowledge have had a confusing impact on primitive societies. 4. "The split which has developed in the West between the spiritual and the secular."

Dr. Ross, retired secretary of the Foreign Mission's African Committee, emphasized that in the world's colonial relations both the Westerners and the Africans need a new balance between the spiritual and the secular. To avoid Mau Mau uprisings, the errors of "apartheid" and other outbreaks of the colonial crisis, the noted authority on Africa said, "Westerners and Africans, separately and together, should seek to establish and maintain, with all the understanding and flexibility which a growing human society requires, a new balance between the spiritual and the secular in their lives and in their doings. When balance and serenity rule within," he concluded, "the relations without are never so hard."

Presidents Column

Rev. L. G. Osborn

We Seventh Day Baptists want to make Christ known to others — His saving grace, His transforming power in men's lives. We want to share with them the moral and spiritual uplift of the Sabbath. We cannot give nor share what we do not have ourselves, nor can we give nor share in greater measure than we possess. Before we can accomplish our purpose — to make Him known — we must have a deeper experience in our hearts and lives. We need to really know Christ — to know Him as crucified Saviour, as risen Lord, as coming King. We need to know His salvation, His power for living and witnessing, the fulness of joy in keeping His Sabbath, the purifying influence of the hope of His coming.

Fellow Seventh Day Baptists, let us this year go deeper with Him. Let us reexamine our salvation experience. Let us delve into the riches of God's Word, this Bible gold mine. Let us keep in touch with Him through prayer. Let us live winsome lives and be witnesses for Him.

Our theme for the year is: "To Know Him and Make Him Known," with 1 John 1: 3 as our key verse:

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

Our "Book-of-the-Year" is 1st John. The theme of this epistle is "know." Let us strike a positive note this year. Let us be assured of the certainty of the things of Christ.

We suggest that you read 1st John repeatedly. Read it once a week. Read it through at one sitting; read it by chapters or sections. Count the number of times the words "know," "knoweth," etc., are used. List the things we can know and the reasons for this knowledge. Study it and apply its truths to yourself.

I call you to prayer in the words of Paul: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit . . . and for me."

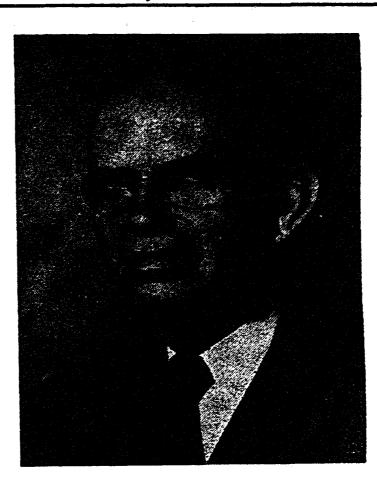
Secretary's Column Whose Budget?

With the end of the budget year rapidly approaching, and with the budget still \$12,500 short of being met, the question arises Who loses? The answer to that question lies in the answer to two other questions: Whose budget is it? and Who is responsible for its adoption and raising? There must be uniform agreement that the budget is set for God's work, and therefore to a certain extent is His budget.

The amount for the budget is determined by us. At the Denver Conference a year ago, we, either as delegates, or through delegates named by us at our church meetings, determined that we should give toward God's work during the year ending this month the amount of \$46,635. Again, at Battle Creek last month, we determined that we should give for God's work during the coming year the amount of \$63,121. We set the amounts that should be raised, and therefore we are the ones responsible for the raising of these amounts. In this sense, the budget is our budget, and upon us devolves the duty of raising it.

If now we consider the question of who loses when we fail to meet the budget, our answer again is rather obvious, even if it be a bit painful. To whatever extent God's work is hindered by lack of funds, to that extent we, as God's children, also lose out. That, however, is not the only way in which we lose. Every time we assume an obligation and then fail to discharge that obligation we are the losers in our sense of responsibility, in our self-respect, in our sense of moral well-being.

It is not my purpose to chide anyone. Each of us is primarily responsible to his own conscience in determining how he shall give to God's work. Many of those who read these words will already have given their full and just share to this year's Denominational Budget and will be already drawing a deep breath preparatory to giving even more generously to next year's increased budget. The point to remember, however, is that the budget is ours by adoption and responsibility. Its fulfillment is also our responsibility. A. B. C.



COURTLAND DAVIS HONORED

For 23 Years of Denominational Service

The executive secretary recently employed has taken over the duties of the unpaid corresponding secretary of Conference and of the secretary of Commission. On Tuesday afternoon of Conference Mr. and Mrs. Davis were presented with a token of appreciation for his twenty-three years of service. In the evening a testimonial dinner was also held in their honor. A portion of President Randolph's presentation remarks will be appreciated by many within and outside the denomination.

"In the name of the Commission I should like to call for Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis to present themselves if they will, please.

"I must say, friends, that this is an occasion in which I feel particularly glad to participate especially as it concerns Courtland Davis' good wife. We are aware of the fact at this Conference that Courtland has completed twenty-three years of service to our denomination as the corresponding secretary of the Conference and secretary of Commission. While he has been cautious and careful throughout the years in not allowing himself to get up in front except on those occasions when somebody gets behind him and pushes him a bit, at the same time

we've been conscious all along of the fact that his good wife has simply not been up front at all. . . .

"There are so many things I wish we might say to you in this regard but the thing we want most to do is to convey to you, perhaps belatedly, here, the fact that we are appreciative of the principle often stated that a wife is the power behind the throne, and so, if in some even slight degree we can convey to you and to your good husband our deepest appreciation of the fine spirit that has been demonstrated by both of you in relation to this unglamorous job, that you have made a glamorous one in the eyes of many of us, then this presentation is successful.

"Now, Mr. Davis, this is a chance again for those of us who have served on Commission under your secretariat to say in our quite inadequate way the thing which we would not at all be without saying. We have prepared for you a book on which is engraved the name Courtland V. Davis, and in the frontispiece of the book there is this presentation: 'Presented to Courtland V. Davis upon the occasion of his retirement after twenty-three years of distinguished service as corresponding secretary of the General Conference and as secretary of Commission, Battle Creek, Mich., August, 1953.' And as we leaf through this book, we find here pieces of correspondence that have been collected from men who have served in this twentythree-year period with you on Commission. We aren't going to take the occasion here to read the correspondence. This is to be your book. We hope that it will serve, in a very real degree, to express even a little of the deep appreciation that we have of you for a grand job done.

"So in behalf of the Commission and in behalf of all Seventh Day Baptists who can recognize the services of one who has done so well, we present to you this memento of our affection and regard."

[The full text of these remarks taken from the editor's tape recorder was later presented to Mr. Davis for pasting in the scrapbook. The editor is especially appreciative of both the wise counsel of Mr. Davis and the most valuable assistance of Mrs. Davis as chief proofreader in the Recorder office. Ed.]

MEMORY TEXT

"And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." 1 John 2: 28.

TRACT SOCIETY PROGRAM

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at the Battle Creek Conference

Ruth V. Hunting Reporting

The importance of the work of the Tract Society for our denominational unity and the need for our co-operation were stressed by the speakers on the Tract Society program, Friday morning, August 21. The president, Franklin A. Langworthy, presided. He commended the co-operation of the Tract Board and mentioned that at least seventeen of them were present — more than sixty per cent of the board.

The first speaker was Frank R. Kellogg, the retiring corresponding secretary. His topic was "The Witness of the Printed Word." He said the printed word makes our beliefs more real and creative. The Bible is the best example. Christ often said, "It it written," referring to the Old Testament. Without the Bible we would not know God and His Son, Jesus Christ. The value and importance of the witness of the written word is shown throughout the Bible. All our authority for Christian living is based on the written word. Good books other than the Bible can help us to become better people. We should avail ourselves of the treasures of the past. The written word is necessary for holding our denomination together, Mr. Kellogg said. We can't evaluate the results of tract distribution. In the end we will be rewarded for our work.

Rev. Leon M. Maltby, editor of the Sabbath Recorder and the new corresponding secretary of the Tract Society, was the second speaker. His topic was "One Great Family Through the Sabbath Recorder," and he used the text, Ephesians 3: 14, 15—"the whole family in heaven and earth." Through the Recorder, he said, we can become more of a family than we can without it. The basis of our unity is Christ

Jesus. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Through sin man has forfeited the family relationship to God. No denominational paper can create this relationship apart from the new birth. The need of conversion is constantly with us. It is too easy to assume that we all belong to Christ's family when we are not all regenerate Christians. Many Seventh Day Baptist families are having family troubles. The Recorder must appeal to the unconverted young people in our midst. Many a prodigal has been brought to realize his need of salvation by a tract.

But the greater use of the Recorder is to hold together those who already belong to God's family. One fifth of our country's population moves every year, and one half of the population has moved in the last ten years. Seventh Day Baptists are a part of this movement. Our situation is not as static as it was years ago. The Recorder is our principal means of holding those who have moved. It is the mortar that holds the loose bricks together. Our world axis is shifting, for our largest overseas membership is now in Nyasaland, Africa. We now have one third as many colored people as white people. The Recorder is important in circulating news among our world family. Our task is to fan the fires of love among Seventh Day Baptists, to build up the work and the unity of our denomination. The Recorder is dedicated to improving the health of the family. It must serve as our family physician in helping us to endure our growing pains. It must minister to our spiritual life and build up our struggling churches. It must serve both our children and our adults.

The third speaker was Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, retiring pastor of the Plainfield Church. His address was entitled "The Tract Board Is on the Team." A baseball team is limited in size, he said, but when it comes to religion, there can be no limit to the size of the team if victory is to be won. Every available man is needed on the team. Yet too many of our people needed to win the victory are still up in the bleachers — they haven't got into the game. Too many are ready to cheer or

to criticize but not to share the responsibility of winning.

The yoke is not just a beautiful symbol. It is a tool with which to get a job done—the job of pulling a load. This means participation in the work that needs to be done. It means pulling together without jealousy and without seeking to get the credit.

The Tract Board and the other boards believe in pulling together. Each is working for the good of the whole, for the glory of the Lord. The Tract Board is seeking "to promote Christ and the Sabbath Truth." To this end it prints our tracts and our Recorder and sponsors our visual aid program. And it is willing to do more as the vision grows brighter and the needs become more clearly defined.

We must pull together — with a purpose. Paul's words serve to remind us of our purpose — "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Let us not forget that we were bought with a price. Let us not forget, while we think of how steep is our road and how heavy the load a few of us must carry, that there was another road even steeper than this, and the One who climbed it had something on His shoulders too. And when we get discouraged, let us remember that He was despised and denounced and was rejected by His own disciples. But He didn't quit or lose the game.

We've got to pull. We've got to pull together. We've got to pull with the same purpose that our Lord had, and in His strength. The Tract Board is on the team!

Salem Offers Hebrew

Hebrew is one of the new courses being taught at Salem College this year. Rev. Clifford Hansen joins the college staff to teach a course entitled, "Introduction to Biblical Hebrew." The class meets three days a week and is open to students beyond the freshman year. It is expected that some ministers will avail themselves of the opportunity of getting acquainted with the Old Testament in its original language. Mr. Hansen, pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, is a specialist in this field.

KNOW YOUR COLLEGES

Reported by Rev. Paul S. Burdick

On the second day of Conference there was a brief symposium on "Know Your Colleges," presided over by the acting president of Milton College, J. Leland Skaggs.

Dr. Paul C. Saunders responded for Alfred University, speaking of the advantages at Alfred, including the one church, the Seventh Day Baptist, dominating the community; the fact that most business of the village is run by Sabbath-keepers and shops are closed over the Sabbath. There is no liquor sold in the village, which has been "dry" for many years. The university includes five departments including liberal arts and theological departments. There are a number of Seventh Day Baptist students in these departments who add much to the religious spirit of the school and community.

To introduce Salem College, its president, K. Duane Hurley, presented two students, Marie Bee and David Beebe. They called to our attention the fact that a college is made up not alone of courses to be taught, but also the faith and spirit of its members. If you receive with your education a rich Christian experience and find friends of like experience and faith, you are prepared not only for making a living, but also for making a life.

President Hurley pointed out that in the college there are 25 Seventh Day Baptist students, and that in the courses now given in the Department of Christian Education, there are 57 students enrolled. Our church-related colleges are in great financial need, and even the next few months may bring a crisis in our existence. But we have faith in the support and prayers of those who are standing behind us loyally and sacrifically.

Introducing Milton College, President Skaggs called upon two students, Miriam Seager and LeRoy Burdick. They spoke of the advantages of Milton in the realm of music education, including the Milton College Choir which has taken tours throughout the eastern states, and the outstanding presentation of the St. Matthew Passion this year by the choirs and orchestra of Milton College and community.

The Shakespeare play presented this year marked the 50th anniversary of these continuous performances. There is a religious fellowship in the college and a Christian Endeavor Society in the local church. About ten per cent of the student body of 208 are Seventh Day Baptists. Fourteen, or about half the members of the faculty, are Seventh Day Baptists.

Milton, like other church-related colleges, is meeting unprecedented financial difficulties. "Unless you whose prayers and gifts in the past have meant so much to Milton will come to her aid in these difficult times," said Mr. Skaggs, "we cannot promise a continuance of that service to the denomination which has given so much leadership, as well as humble service, to the denomination in past years."

NEW RELIGION COURSE Offered at Milton College

Rev. A. H. Lambrecht, minister of the Milton and Milton Junction Congregational Churches, will present a course called "Our Religious Heritage" at Milton College this year, according to a recent publicity release. The textbook which he has chosen is "Procession of the Gods" by Atkins and Braden. Both authors are said to be consecrated Christians, Atkins being an ordained minister.

"The purpose of the course," Lambrecht stated, "is to trace the God-idea from its earliest concepts, so that we may realize what a rich heritage we have as a religious people, which has helped us to form our Christian concept of God."

The first semester will deal with pre-Christian religions, when Mr. Lambrecht plans to have outstanding representatives of these religions visit the class to give authority to the study. The second semester deals with Christianity.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON October 3, 1953

God's Design for a Better World Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 42: 5-9; Mark 1: 14-15; John 3: 16-17; Revelation 21: 1-5.

Lesson material contributed by Clifford W. P. Hansen

MISSIONARY PARTY SETS SAIL FOR NYASALAND

Late cancellation of reservations on the States Marine Line, the SS Morgenster, made possible the sailing of nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement with Missionary Ronald Barrar on Sabbath afternoon, September 12. Editor Leon Maltby and Secretary Everett Harris were among those who bid them farewell at the New York City pier. They plan to make port at Capetown, South Africa, and travel the remaining distance to the Nyasaland Mission by rail, arriving about October 10.

The mission team spent their last weekend in New England. On Sabbath morning they spoke at the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church. Secretary Harris conducted the service. A tureen dinner at the church provided an opportunity for informal discussion and fellowship.

On Sabbath afternoon the members of our New England Seventh Day Baptist Churches convened with the Pawcatuck Church in a service of consecration and farewell. After messages had been brought by each worker, the New England ministers were called forward for prayers of consecration. Those taking part were Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Rev. Charles H. Bond, and Rev. Eli F. Loofboro. These all joined hands with Secretary Harris, forming a circle which enclosed the three mission workers, symbolizing the encircling love of our Heavenly Father and of all our brethren in this country as these servants of Christ entrust their lives to His care and venture forth to tell of His love and win souls to His Kingdom. It seemed a significant way to close a deeply spiritual and moving service.

Following the service at the church the Missionary Board members and their wives or husbands came to the secretary's home nearby for an opportunity to meet and visit with the mission workers. They left Westerly on Monday for Plainfield, using the intervening days to prepare for sailing. The ship had been scheduled to sail on Friday but did not actually get underway until the evening after the Sabbath about 7:30 when the tide came in. Passengers boarded at 11 a.m. E. T. H.

CHARGE TO MISSIONARIES

Fellow workers in Christ, you who have been called of God to work on foreign fields:

Our denomination has committed to you as important a task as lies within our power to bestow; that is, to represent us in carrying out the Great Commission of our Master to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Not all can go — not all should go, for God did not create us with the same talents - some are teachers, some are pastors and evangelists on the home field, some are workers on farms and in shops and in the homes of our nation — but all have a part in God's plan. Since we cannot go, we pray that you will represent us, that you will carry our responsibility before God to spread the Gospel of Christ our Saviour.

I charge you, therefore, to be faithful, earnest, sympathetic, and persevering, keeping ever in mind the goal of winning souls to Christ and building them in faith, enlightening their minds, healing their bodies, encouraging them to such good works as shall bring honor and glory to His Name. I charge you also to keep in remembrance the great spiritual resources that are available to you, for He who promised, "Lo, I am with you always," is faithful. In your own strength you can do nothing that will abide but you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

Covenant of Mission Workers

Inasmuch as you have been called to this marvelous ministry on foreign fields, do you accept the above charge as it has been presented to you?

(To this charge the mission workers answered, "We do.")

Charge to People

And now to you present who are to be represented by these consecrated workers, there is a charge which it is only right and fair that you should accept. These mission workers have promised to do their part, but their best efforts will surely fail of fulfillment unless they are supplemented and supported by your interest, your prayers, and your gifts.

Recognizing that a primary responsi-

bility for the support of missions rests with you in this country as being blessed of God far beyond your deserts, recognizing that with great blessing there goes responsibility to share, will you now join these workers in rededicating yourselves to God — and to designate this will you now stand for a prayer of consecration?

Prayer of Consecration

Eternal God, our Father, who hast called us into Thy service and who hast promised grace and strength for the fulfilling of Thy will, look with favor upon these Thy servants who now dedicate themselves to the carrying out of Thy Great Commission to "go into all the world." Grant that the preaching, the teaching, and the healing ministries which they will carry on may be used mightily to advance Thy Kingdom of love and grace. Keep them safe and well in body, mind, and soul, O God, until Thy purpose and plan shall have been fulfilled through them.

And grant, O most merciful God, that we who remain in this land, so favored by the abundance of Thy blessings, both physical and spiritual, may joyfully share our treasure, so that boys and girls, men and women from faraway Africa may know Thy saving grace, may find surcease from pain and suffering, may develop their talents to find their place among the nations of the world. Bid us all to seek first Thy Kingdom and Thy righteousness, knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that all needful things will be added unto us, until the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and He shall reign forever and ever. Amen. E. T. H.

NEWS FROM JAMAICA

The following are a few excerpts from a letter received by Secretary Harris August 31 from Missionary Wardner Fitzrandolph:

"We are really very busy getting organized for the opening of Crandall High School on the seventh of September. O. B. and Lucille are putting in long hours and using two or three of the high school boys in cleaning up and painting up the schoolyard and building. Then it is necessary to employ a new teacher and rea four-year basis)....

"O. B. is anxious to visit the churches and I am taking him and Lucille nearly everywhere I go. He is getting a fair idea of conditions, I think. We went to Albion Mountain last Sunday to a Harvest Festival. They were raising funds for their church. It was a successful meeting. Perhaps 250 people were present. Government teacher Schyles was chairman. A long program was rendered including addresses by Dr. Bond, Mrs. Fitzrandolph, and myself. The offering amounted to about 20 pounds besides the fruits and produce brought to be sold. I have never seen finer fruits than were there. Oldtimers say that it is the finest season in 49 years. . . .

"Albion Mountain is one of the churches which has just started a new building. For years they have worshiped in a coconut bough booth. Now they are building a large church which will seat 200 when completed. It is raised with a fine roof upon it and it is the purpose of the people to push it to completion next year. The people in the Chicago Church are extending some help and I feel sure that Albion Mountain will be one of our finest churches in a few months. It would be nice if two or three other churches could get the vision of putting some of their money into a permanent monument to God and His service along with a church building here or in British Guiana." E. T. H.

INSPIRATION AND INTERPRETATION

(Another portion of Treasurer Karl G. Stillman's Conference address.)

What are other probable reasons for this surge in interest in work on foreign fields? I have heard it said that a soul saved abroad or a person converted to the Bible Sabbath in a foreign country costs about one tenth as much as it does for a similar conversion in this country but this does not seem to be a convincing argument. Another oft-repeated statement is that a foreign missionary effort stimulates greater interest at home. This seems to have more merit than the first theory as there are instances of greater total giving in such cases but this favorable factor has not keep no day. Wherein the fault lies in

organize our courses (trying to get it on carried over into a membership increase. Then too, when we remember that a dollar today is worth only slightly more than half its value in 1939, unless our total giving is now nearly twice what it was then, we have failed to hold our position and in fact have declined in our rate of financial support.

A study of our decline in membership by withdrawals and failure of children to join the church of their parents in due course seems to indicate that the more prosperous a Seventh Day Baptist becomes, the more likely he is to slip away from the Sabbath. The logic of such action is not understandable since it appears that the very teachings and observance of our beliefs, which undoubtedly had much to do with his material success, are considered outmoded and not appropriate any longer for himself perhaps, but certainly not for his children. Sabbathkeeping never really hampered him but his children must follow the crowd and go to the society folks' church so they may never need explain the Sabbath to friends and acquaintances. It might be too embarrassing, and hamper

them in their mode of living. Migration to localities where there is no Seventh Day Baptist church is another deterrent to membership increase, but migration even to a locality where we do have a church seems to diminish interest in our denomination also.

It used to be an excuse that in order to live comfortably, one had to work on the Sabbath, but this no longer is true if it ever were, since most industries, banks, hospitals, and even professional men feel it advisable to keep their places of business open only five days a week or else they arrange schedules of work so that five consecutive eight-hour days constitute a week's work. In those businesses where continuous processes are required, and in service institutions such as hospitals, those conditions prevail, but there, Sabbath observers can find employment on shifts not including Sabbaths.

Perhaps the greatest number of persons who give up Sabbathkeeping are the indifferent, those who feel it makes no difference which day of the week is observed as the Sabbath and who then proceed to

WOMEN'S PROGRAM on Thursday of Conference

When familiar names become actual acquaintances, interest naturally mounts. This was our privilege as the members of the Women's Board sat on the platform to present their program at Conference and the officers were introduced indi-

vidually.

Their report shows they have been very busy. Some of their projects have been the printing of the Nyasaland booklet, raising a special fund for the missionary nurses, printing the goals booklet, sponsoring the idea of scholarships in each association, and compiling suggestions of what to do for younger children Sabbath afternoons — these are but a few.

The program itself was inspirational and challenging. After an organ prelude, a friend from Battle Creek, Mrs. Mattie Willis, sang "O Divine Redeemer."

Mrs. H. Eugene Davis illustrated her talk, "Yoked for Life in Christ," with simple true stories of people who "listened for God." We have one mouth and two ears. Do we use them in that comparison?

Miss Marjorie Burdick in her talk stressed having a definite plan for Christian service. She cited the story of the loaves and fishes. "What are they, among so many?" We are few in number but there is no limit to what we can accomplish with much prayer and meditation.

The churches need to be more vital was one thought expressed by Mrs. Eldred Batson as she used "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord" for the basis of her talk.

Miss Elizabeth Randolph concluded the talks by reporting on a little group starting in Columbus, Miss., and quoted from 1 Corinthians 3: 6: "I have planted, Apollos watered: but God gave the increase."

such cases is a question, but it is a problem that must be faced by us all, minister and layman alike. There was a time when it could be said that the average Seventh Day Baptist kept the Sabbath far better than the average person worshiping on the first day of the week, but though many still do, the average person does not.

Then as Mrs. Willis completed the program by singing "Were You There?" and "The Lord's Prayer," there was such an intense silence that I felt others were as deeply stirred as I.

Merle Crowe.

North Loup, Neb.

WOMEN MEET AT CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The women of the Central Association were very grateful for the decision of the executive committee to invite a representative of the Women's Board to come to our meeting last June. We were doubly glad that it was possible for our board president, Mrs. Fetherston, to come as that representative and to bring with her another board member, Mrs. Edna Wilkinson. Many had the opportunity to visit with them as well as to hear them at the informal discussion meeting of the women following the supper hour on Sabbath night. As a result we have a better picture and understanding of the work of the board as a whole and were able to learn more details to take back to our societies.

Another highlight for the women at our association was the final voting on plans for a scholarship fund for use of young people of our association in one of our colleges.

Mrs. Marion Van Horn.

Brookfield, N. Y.

A Camper Testifies

Betty Halford dates most of her Christian experience and her baptism to the camp held two or three years ago when she was invited by a little girl friend to attend Pacific Pines. She was invited this year to be a junior counselor in the second children's camp. She wrote the following verses at camp.

My Testimony

"I feel that God has touched my heart With His almighty hand.

I thought I loved Him from the start, But now with Him I stand.

I'll thank Him through the rest of life For helping me decide

To live a life of service here; With Jesus I'll abide."

Children's Page

Hear Ye, Recorder Children!

O where, O where have the children gone?
O where, O where can they be,
With their splendid letters and cheery
rhymes,

And their letters so dear to me?

Some have forsaken the "Children's Page,"
For several weeks and more.
I'll not despair, but what shall I do
To get them to write as before?

O children large and children small,
Now list to my pleading I pray,
With a will to do, and a trusty pen,
Get busy and write me today.

What's that? You've written? You're going to write?

Your letter is now on the way?
That is fine; my outlook may surely be bright,

But come, write another today.

The Great Gift

Once upon a time, many, many years ago, there lived in a faraway land a dear little boy whom we will call John. Poor little John could not run and play like other boys, for he had been lame all his life. He could not even walk, but he had to be carried from place to place. As he grew to be a man his condition did not improve; in fact he seemed to grow more helpless day by day. It made him very sad to see his brothers go off to work each day, for he longed to go too. The only thing he could do was to beg a living from those more fortunate than he. Each day his friends carried him to the gate of the temple. There he would sit and beg of the people who passed by the gate on their way to the temple. People were very kind to him and freely gave him money as they went by, for they were sorry for the poor, helpless man. Those who had very little to spare could at least cheer his heart with a kind word or a pleasant smile.

One pleasant day, two faithful Christian men, disciples of Jesus, whose names were

Peter and John, were on the way to the temple to pray and worship God. They looked with pitying eyes upon the poor lame man and thought, "What would Jesus do if He were here? We must help this poor man, just as He would, for has He not promised to give us power and strength to do His work?"

Then Peter looked straight into the eyes of the poor beggar and said with a kind smile, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, that give I thee."

The lame man looked up eagerly into the faces of the two men, wondering what gift they had for him since they had no silver or gold to give him. Their kind words and pleasant smiles cheered his heart, but surely they had something more for him. Then he could hardly believe his ears, for now Peter was saying, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

"Can this be possible?" thought the lame man. "Why, I never walked a step in my whole life. I do not even know how."

But there was Peter holding out his hand to him, and John was smiling at him encouragingly, and before he knew it he was able to stand; yes, he could walk, and even leap!

Oh, how happy he was! Out of the beautiful gate he went, praising God with a full heart. I am sure he never forgot the gift that meant more to him than all the gold and silver in the whole world—the gift of strength and power to walk; to make a useful place for himself in the world.

I am sure Peter was happy, too, that through Jesus he could bring strength and happiness to this good man and the chance for a useful, busy life.

Mizpah S. Greene.

A distinguished clergyman said, in vindication of his course as a Christian preacher and reformer, "I am not afraid of the devil."

Another said in reply, "That is not the point, but this: Is the devil afraid of you, doctor?"

If the father of lies is afraid of us, we may be sure that we are right and ought to go ahead. — Los Angeles Bulletin.

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

David C. Pearson

(See certification of ordination following this article.)

I. Testimony of Personal Experience

My heart is filled with praise when I look back over the years and see all that God has done for me. I thank God for the training afforded me in a Christian home, for my mother and father, also for the godly influence of a church where the Gospel was preached.

At an early age I became convicted of my sin. Being fearful of the judgment of God that is most certain to fall upon the unbelieving, I went forward to an altar of prayer and was saved. Assurance of salvation came some time later, and I now rejoice in knowing that I have been made a son in the royal family of God.

I was attracted to the ministry because the world's greatest need is for consecrated men and women to teach and preach the Word of God. Because I feel the need of the world is even greater on foreign soil, it is my intention to carry the Gospel of salvation to those abroad, unless the Lord should direct me to remain at home to serve.

II. Doctrinal Statement

- A. My beliefs are stated in the Creed of Bob Jones University:
 - I believe:
- 1. In the inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments.
- 2. The creation of man by the direct act of God.
- 3. The incarnation and virgin birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- 4. His vicarious atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood upon the cross.
- 5. The resurrection of His body from the tomb.
- 6. Christ's power to save men from sin.
- 7. The new birth through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit.
- 8. The gift of eternal life by the grace of God.

[Space does not allow printing the clear and scripturally documented amplification of the points listed above. Ed.]

B. My beliefs not stated in the creed:

1. Sabbath

We are saved by grace through faith, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to his mercy he saved us." When we are questioned as to our Sabbath stand and our position to God's law, we are often told that we are not under law. This is true! Yet the commands of God, Christ, and the Bible are stated as proof of our love for God. People ask, "Why burden yourselves by striving to keep the commandments?" In First John we have the answer, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not grievous." I believe there remaineth a Sabbath of rest to the people of God and Sunday is not the Sabbath.

2. Baptism

I believe that water baptism by immersion is an outward sign to the world of one's Christian experience. Baptism signifies the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; consequently our death to sin and resurrection to eternal life. Christ, who is our example, was immersed by John.

3. Lord's Supper

This was instituted by Christ and given to the Church to be observed by the people of God. "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show forth the Lord's death until he come." The elements, the wine and the bread, are symbolic of our Lord's blood and body.

4. Church

I believe in the Church as the body of all believers, past and present. The New Testament Church might be said to have started where the disciples of John the Baptist — Andrew, Peter's brother, and John, the beloved — left their leader and followed after Christ who was declared the Lamb of God. Shortly thereafter the Church was confirmed at Pentecost. Christ's Universal Church today is comprised of the members of the various denominations and of independent believers throughout the world. I have felt that my work would be among Seventh Day Baptist people. They have always received me royally wherever I have been and I have counted it a joy to have worked with them. I appreciate the liberty granted in regard to doctrinal interpretation by our denomination. I desire to work as a Seventh Day Baptist as long as there are open doors of service.

III. Views on Christian Living

The Christian is not simply a church member or professor but rather one in whom God's act of grace has been wrought. Christ's Spirit now dwells in the believer and shines forth to the world through love for all mankind. I believe in the spiritual life as one of growth, which should mean that Christ becomes dearer every day. Our love for Christ increases and also our love for man. I believe that the Christian walk is a constant warfare against sin and the Devil and a continual life of service for Christ and all that is eternal. Our chief purpose is always to glorify God and love Him forever. One of the best ways to glorify God is to help select Christ's bride. Soul-winning must be our cry. "And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?" To win souls is man's supreme delight, for a multitude of sins is hid and all heaven is made to rejoice for each soul that is saved. The Christian has his eyes set upon those things which are above and never becomes so engrossed in this world that he overlooks the spiritual. He ever looks to Christ's return, knowing that He shall come some day in power and in glory. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Certification of Ordination

This is to certify that Brother David Pearson, after a satisfactory examination as to his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and religious faith by a council consisting of official delegates to the Southwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptists, was consecrated to the Christian ministry at Paint Rock, Alabama, on the fifth day of July, 1953.

Bettie A. Butler, Clerk.

[A news item from Berea, W. Va., indicates this this newly ordained minister will come to that church as pastor early in the fall. Ed.]

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES AND RESOLUTIONS

Albert N. Rogers, Chairman

The letters from Rev. Erlo E. Sutton and President Heinrich Bruhn referred to this committee have been carefully considered and appropriate responses prepared in the name of the Conference. The committee submits the following resolutions and moves their adoption:

- 1. Resolved that the Conference desires to call the attention of all our people to the importance of seeking divine guidance in every decision. This seems particularly applicable at the present time in making decisions about what occupations should be followed, what entertainments shall be attended, what refreshments shall be served, or when offered shall be accepted. It should be remembered that our Lord who is beside us is pleased with every right decision.
- 2. Resolved that the sincere appreciation of the Conference be expressed to the following whose gracious kindness has done so much to make the meetings a success: to the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, our hosts; to the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church for entertaining the Commission; to the First Congregational Church of Battle Creek for placing their facilities at our disposal and showing a friendly Christian spirit to us at every turn; to President Elmo F. Randolph for his preparation and oversight of the program with its meaningful theme, "Yoked for Life in Christ"; to the Conference choir and those who have served as soloists and accompanists; to all the local committees whose work has been so well done and whose chairmen are listed in the Conference program; to the Nottawa Council, Boy Scouts of America of Battle Creek; to the Enquirer and News; and to A. Russell Maxson.
- 3. Resolved that the Conference, giving thanks to God for the cessation of hostilities in Korea, shall reaffirm the religious basis of the government of the United States of America, and call upon the nation's leaders to pursue further the principles of understanding and reciprocal relations represented by the United Nations Organization, particularly the development

of commercial and cultural relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics so far as these may be possible under terms of personal liberty. We deplore the denial of civil rights under any flag and the closing of the doors of China through which trade, education, and missions were carried on, yet we believe humility requires us to admit that many of our official acts have been such as to be considered unchristian. We therefore call upon the members of the Congress, the country's journalists, and the people as a whole to exercise responsibility in their expressions of opinion on international issues and to support a nonpartisan foreign policy in measures for world order and justice, implementing the word of Scripture, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Members of Civil Air Patrol's National Chaplains' Committee met for their third annual conference September 8 and 9 at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb.

Composed of CAP's eight regional chaplains and two members-at-large, the committee was organized as an advisory body to the National Air Chaplain and functions as a policy-formulating group.

All the committee members are clergymen who volunteer their services to Civil Air Patrol, the civilian auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force. The more than 450 members represent all three major religious faiths — Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish — in serving the spiritual, moral, and character guidance needs of the nearly 49,000 Civil Air Patrol cadets.

[Rev. Kenneth A. Stickney, currently living in Holland, Mich., attended Conference in CAP Chaplain's uniform. In this volunteer unpaid service he finds opportunity to preach the Gospel to many unchurched youth. Ed.]

Ownership of the David C. Cook Publishing Company of Elgin, Ill., has been turned over to the David C. Cook Foundation for Christian Education. All present and future earnings of the company will be used by the Foundation "to aid and promote the work of religious education without profit to any person or group."

REV. ROBERT W. WING

The passing of Rev. Robert W. Wing was noted in the Recorder of April 6 but the story of his life has not previously been reported. It will be recalled that his wife died on January 10 of this year. His brother, Rev. Luther A. Wing, died at the age of 90 on March 18, 1950.

Robert Wesley Wing, the son of Winthrop B. and Cynthia Powers Wing, was born Oct. 14, 1873, in Blockville, N. Y., and died at the home of his daughter in LaFayette, N. Y., Sabbath, March 21, 1953.

His brother, mentioned above, had served as a minister among our people since 1907, but it was not until Robert Wing was over 60 years of age that he entered the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. His name first appears in our list of ministers in the 1930 Year Book when he became pastor of the White Cloud, Mich., Church, where he served about four years. That he was highly regarded by the members of that church is evidenced by the fact that he was called back in December of 1943 to serve another four-year term. During the intervening years he served the Hebron Churches in Western New York. Failing health caused him to leave White Cloud. He returned to Coudersport, Pa., where he remained until the death of his wife, Minnie Hayes Wing.

Mr. Wing was known as a sweet-spirited gentleman, a sound preacher, and an earnest worker for the Lord and His Sabbath. He left the imprint of Christ upon many lives.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward Roberts of Syracuse, N. Y., and Mrs. Kenneth Newcomb of Cuyler, N. Y.; by one son, Archie Wing of Clearwater, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Peter J. Christofferson, Waupaca, Wis.; five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. His body was laid to rest in Hillcrest Cemetery, DeRuyter, N. Y., where his wife also is buried.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The Commission of General Conference was entertained in the homes of Clyde Branch, Mrs. Naomi Vandenberg, Marion Cruzan, and

Pastor Babcock during the week previous to the meeting in Battle Creek.

Rev. Neal D. Mills and family, returned missionaries from Jamaica, visited his sister, Mrs. Elma Johnson, after Conference. He spoke here on Sabbath, August 29, his subject being, "Kingdom Building in Jamaica." A fellowship luncheon was held following the service.

A baptismal service was held recently at Diamond Lake. Marvel Cruzan was the only candidate.

Hearing aids have been installed in the church and are proving a benefit to several of our folks.—Zoe Branch, Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — While working on Conference preparations, the Battle Creek Church kept up the regular spring and summer schedules. As has been done for some years, an assistant pastor was secured, this time Don Richards, an Alfred student. He and his wife and baby, Dan, were welcomed at an all-church social the evening of June 13. The couple lived in the Holston Camp cottage. We appreciated Don's sermons, both to the grownups and to the children, his work in the Vacation Bible Schools and camps, and his pastoral help. While a three-monthold son demands most of a mother's time, the schools benefited by Edna Ruth's knowledge of handwork She also acted as counselor to the girls of the senior camp.

The Convis School was directed by Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner, with six able helpers. Two of these were mothers of children attending, plus one who "subbed" for one day. The school was held from July 8 to 12. Instead of the usual type of program, a Moody Bible science film was shown on the Sunday following. The Battle Creek school was in charge of Mrs. W. B. Lewis and was held July 15-26. Ninety-one pupils were enrolled, and twelve teachers were required. Offerings for the Nyasaland Mission amounted to \$31.32. An achievement program was given at the close of the two-week school, and was well attended.

On the 7th of July the Primary camp was held. Twenty-five little folks enjoyed studying, singing, swimming, and of course eating. Senior camp was from July 12 to 17, in charge of Rev. Orville Babcock of White Cloud. Some of the young working folks could be on hand

part time only, but twenty-three names were registered. Junior camp July 19-24 was presided over by Pastor Wheeler. About 30 boys and girls registered.

We wonder if there is a busier lot of women anywhere than our group, when one adds to the foregoing the preparations for Conference, the Women's Board work, and our local Ladies' Aid Society, which has by no means been neglected. The new president, Marilyn Merchant, is already carrying on like a veteran. We are not forgetting a salute to the men, who have their hands full all the time. The summer has brought much Christian fellowship and many rich experiences. We hardly feel the need of a Fall Rally and feel that the new year's work can be looked forward to with fresh vigor and enthusiasm. — E. M., Correspondent.

Accessions

Denver, Colo.

Baptism:
Gerald Lynn Davis
Burnett P. Patterson
Ellis Henry Webb

Letter: Ida (Mrs. Ellis) Webb

Marriages.

Smith - Crouch. — Albert N. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, Topeka, Kan., and Darlene Crouch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Crouch, Nortonville, Kan., were united in marriage at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, on August 15, 1953. Mrs. Smith is making her home in Nortonville, while the groom is in the U. S. Army, overseas.

Pickens - Bond. — Robert E. Pickens, son of Mrs. LaVerna Pickens, Nortonville, Kan., and Helen A. Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bond, Nortonville, Kan., were united in marriage at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 29, 1953, with Pastor Duane L. Davis officiating. They will make their home at 321 Orchard, Topeka, Kan.

Correction: The date of the Coll-Swiger marriage should have been May 17 instead of June 17. See Recorder of August 31.

Births.

Sanford. — A son, Dean Victor, to Rev. and Mrs. Don A. Sanford of Andover, N. Y., on August 31, 1953.

Burdick. — A son, David Grant, to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Burdick, Wheatridge, Colo., on May 30, 1953.

Huber. — A daughter, Kandy Laine, to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Huber, Denver, Colo.

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Rev. Neal D. Mills

New Secretary of the

Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

Mr. Mills, who just returned from a full term of educational missionary work in Jamaica, B. W. I., assumed his duties as office and field secretary on September 1. Located at Alfred, N. Y., he will do correspondence and field work promoting the organizing of Sabbath schools and the strengthening of the Christian education work of all the churches. Material from his pen will soon be appearing regularly in this magazine.