

# The Sabbath Recorder

journal covering the accomplishments and happenings of his pastorate here.

Elois Burdick had charge of the memorial service for our beloved deceased members which was touching and beautiful. The hymns, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Beyond the Sunset," were sung by Betty Davis, Myrna Davis, and Helena Knox.

Expectations for the future were given by Kenneth Wear of the Junior Christian Endeavor and Helena Knox of the Young People's Society. Pastor Dickinson congratulated the church on its progress in the past 25 years, and expressed the hope for a doubled membership, 220, by 1978.

The celebration was concluded in the evening by a social hour of special music and games under the direction of Luther Hansen. — Susa Patterson, Correspondent.

## Accessions

Westerly, R. I., Nov. 21, 1953

Regular Membership:

Baptism:

Miss Martha J. Gavitt  
John J. Cahoon  
Jared A. H. Van Horn  
Ronald Ray Bond

Letter:

Mrs. Dwight E. Wilson  
Dwight E. Wilson

Associate Membership:

Baptism:

Mrs. Ruth F. Drew

Nortonville, Kan., Nov. 28, 1953

Testimony:

Lloyd E. August

Baptism:

William August	James Wells
Stanley Bond	Judy Wells
Georgia Mitchell	Robert Wells
Melvin Francis	Stephan

## Births

**Richardson.** — A son, Robert William, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Jr., of Shiloh, N. J., on Oct. 8, 1953.

**McAllister.** — A son, Maynard Monroe, born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAllister (Eleanor Dickinson) of Shiloh, N. J., on Nov. 16, 1953.

**McAllister.** — A son, Stephen Robert, born to Mr. and Mrs. William E. McAllister (Jean Davis) of Somerville, N. J., on Dec. 11, 1953.

**Dittner.** — A son, Richard Brian, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Dittner of Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 4, 1953.

**Bottoms.** — A daughter, Suzan Glen, to Mr. and Mrs. George Bottoms of Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 27, 1953.

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## Obituaries

**Spafford.** — Bertha Bliss, was born April 21, 1875, in Milton Junction, Wis., and passed away June 20, 1953, after a few hours' illness at St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford, Ill.

She was married on Aug. 3, 1892, to Ezra Ernest Spafford. She became a follower of Christ at an early age and was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by one son and six daughters: Ralph of Moline, Ill., Dorcas Lee, Ruth Aurand, and Ellen Thompson of Rockford, Ill., Ruby Hodges of Winnebago, Ill., Isabel Austin of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Ila Charles of Long Beach, Calif. There are thirty grandchildren and sixty-four great-grandchildren.

[Mrs. Spafford would be best identified to many Recorder readers as the aunt of Mrs. Walter Rogers. This delayed obituary was furnished by Mrs. Ruby Hodges, and forwarded by Mrs. Nelson Inglis. Ed.]

**Skinner.** — Archie Brooks, son of William and Adeane Brooks Skinner, was born at Waterford, Conn., Aug. 15, 1908, and died at Uncas-on-Thames, Dec. 2, 1953.

Archie attended Chapman Technical High School in New London. He worked for the Connecticut Light and Power Company for over 20 years. Increasing ill health caused him to spend over three years in the tuberculosis sanitarium. He had hoped to be returned home in a few months when death came suddenly. Surviving are his mother and his sister, Doris, of Waterford and a brother, Philip, of New London.

The farewell service was conducted by Rev. Paul Burdick and burial was in Great Neck Cemetery. P. S. B.

**Knight.** — Minnie Alberta Ward, was born near Jackson Center, Ohio, on May 28, 1866, and passed away at her home in Topeka, Kan., Nov. 26, 1953.

She became a member of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church when about 15 years of age, and at the time of her passing had been a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church for fifty years.

In 1884 she was married to Edmund C. Knight who preceded her in death in 1936. Survivors are one brother, Calvin C. Snay, Valley Falls, Kan.; two daughters: Olive Washburn and Velora Wood of Topeka, Kan.; two sons: Raymond A. of Topeka and Roy W. of Philadelphia, Pa.; two granddaughters, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nov. 28, 1953, conducted by Rev. Duane L. Davis, and burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

D. L. D.

# FOR A NEW DAY



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It is more important that a man be  
healed of sin in his soul than it is that he  
be healed of the results of sin in his body.  
For the soul must go into everlasting life,  
but the maimed body is but for a season.  
— T. D. Lee.

## A TIME OF BEGINNING AGAIN

William Culbertson, editor of "Moody  
Monthly," has a short article in the  
December issue entitled, "A Night for  
Prayer." Although it may be too late to  
change church plans for New Year's Eve  
this year, all Christians would do well to  
ponder what he says about the great  
revivals of the past which started with  
Watch Night prayers. Here are his words:

"Probably there is no season of the year  
when the hearts of Christians more natu-  
rally turn to God in prayer than on the  
threshold of the new year. The pastor or  
congregational leader, therefore, who pro-  
vides a fitting opportunity for public  
praise and prayer on New Year's Eve is  
wisely bringing his congregation into a  
place of blessing.

"This is especially true if there is need  
for congregational revival. The Great  
Awakening under the Wesleys, Whitefield,  
and some others was granted in answer  
to Watch Night prayers. Thus for three  
centuries New Year's Eve has been a night  
of prayer which many have observed  
with blessing."

Calendars are human inventions for  
marking off time into convenient sections,  
both for records and for beginning again.  
Most of the divisions of time follow the  
handwriting of God on the tablets of  
nature. The progressive accuracy of obser-  
vation has caused some calendar revision  
of months and years through the centuries.  
We have abandoned lunar months, and  
in the Gregorian calendar have more ac-  
curately determined the number of days in  
a year.

As has often been pointed out, the divi-  
sion of time into weeks is by the revelation  
and command of God; it depends upon no  
scientific observation. God, who needed  
no rest, rested at the close of creation and  
gave man the Sabbath for his own good  
— for rest and remembering his Creator.  
Science enters the picture only to confirm  
in a general way man's need for weekly  
rest and beginning again. The Sabbath  
comes to us in the handwriting of God  
upon tablets of stone.

The end of a year does not call for  
days of rest if we have refreshed our souls  
and bodies every seventh day throughout  
the year. But, as Mr. Culbertson has  
pointed out, it is a time when the hearts  
of Christians naturally turn to God in

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## Prayer Thought

Anger is more than a boomerang,  
which, missing the mark, comes back to  
be deftly caught and thrown again. It is  
the scratch of the poison-tipped arrow  
while fitting it to the bow. Its venom  
robs us of the strength to reach the heights  
of Christian intercession: "Pray for them  
that despitefully use you and persecute  
you." The love of self that hurts itself  
with the poised arrow of hate must be  
conquered in the prayer closet.

prayer. We are well aware that the care-  
less, carefree (so called) world has made  
of New Year's Eve a time of rioting and  
drunkenness and other pagan practices. In  
the desire for a celebration one can often  
see the hidden wish to drown the disap-  
pointments of the past and to refuse to  
face the responsibilities of the future.

We, as Christians, should put away such  
childish things and think soberly. Let us  
not descend by easy steps to the level of  
the world. Rather, let us resolutely mount  
the ladder of prayer and begin the new  
year with humble dependence upon God.

Year's end is a time of bookkeeping in  
business, a time of squaring accounts. It  
is required that we keep books for income  
tax purposes for a government that is not  
omniscient. Figuratively speaking, our  
omniscient God keeps records on us. He  
knows exactly how much we have given  
this year, and He knows if there have been  
any faults in our motives. Unless we have  
consistently tithed our incomes we prob-  
ably do not know how little we have  
given back to God. When we pray at the  
threshold of the new year, let us pray for  
the grace to give God the full tithe or  
more!

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 9, 1954

Jesus Uses His Authority  
Basic Lesson Scripture: John 2.

[Those who are using the "Helping  
Hand," our denominational lesson quar-  
terly, will note a new arrangement of  
lesson material this quarter. The headings  
are: "The Heart of the Lesson," "The  
Lesson Today," "Studying Further," etc.  
Many no doubt will like this arrangement  
better. Ed.]

## UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER JANUARY 3 - 9, 1954

There are many special weeks advocated  
by different groups to be emphasized in  
the churches of our country. None of  
them has been so consistently emphasized  
or has brought so much blessing to the  
churches of our denomination as the Week  
of Prayer which is always the first full  
week in the new year.

Missionary Secretary E. T. Harris some  
time ago sent to each pastor an illustrated  
pamphlet, "Universal Week of Prayer."  
This sets up a schedule of devotional  
thought for each day of the week and  
contains some suggestions for group meet-  
ings. It is probable that pastors and  
prayer meeting committees have long since  
laid their plans for an adequate church or  
community observance of the Week of  
Prayer. There are, however, many indi-  
viduals and some congregations that might  
not get these suggestions. It is not too  
late to appeal to such individuals to ob-  
serve the Week of Prayer in their homes  
or by organizing small cottage prayer  
meetings.

The theme suggested by the Depart-  
ment of Evangelism of the National Coun-  
cil of Churches can be developed in any  
way that may be chosen. Here follow  
the theme and its logical sub-divisions  
with Scripture references:

## They Saw His Glory

Sunday, Jan. 3: On the Mountain — One  
Step Enough. Matt. 6: 19-31.

Monday, Jan. 4: At the Well — Lifting  
the Horizons. John 4: 1-26.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: By the Sheepfold — The  
Unwearying Shepherd. Luke 15: 3-7;  
John 10: 1-17.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Through the Storm —  
The Risks of Discipleship. Mark 4:  
26-41.

Thursday, Jan. 7: At the Supper — The  
Directions of Life. John 13: 1-18.

Friday, Jan. 8: By the Sea — Impossible  
Invasion. John 21: 1-22.

Sabbath, Jan. 9: In the Dawn — The Final  
Assurance. Luke 1: 67-79.

## COMPARING FAVORITE HYMNS

In the October 26 issue, page 190, reference was made to the top ten religious songs as discovered by polling the listeners to the Seventh Day Adventist "Voice of Prophecy" program. An interesting sequel to that story comes from the well-listened-to program of BIOLA (Bible Institute of Los Angeles) as reported in "Civic Bulletin" of Los Angeles.

The latter organization has been polling its listeners for several months to find out which songs used on their many programs were the most popular. The similarity between the two lists is amazing and goes to prove that radio and television have changed the hymn tastes of the listening public. While some of the old favorites continue to hold their place, others have been crowded out by new songs that just as beautifully express depths of Christian experience and trust.

In the two lists the top four are in the same order: "The Old Rugged Cross," "The Love of God," "What a Friend," and "In the Garden." Three others are common to both lists though not in the same relative position: "It Is No Secret," "Beyond the Sunset," and "Rock of Ages." BIOLA found the following three among the top ten: "Amazing Grace," "I'd Rather Have Jesus," and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The Voice of Prophecy poll included instead: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "Abide With Me," and "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus."

It is only in these variations that one could draw any conclusions about differences in program emphasis or listener interest. They are all good hymns and songs. It could be presumed that "Amazing Grace" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" reflect the flavor of BIOLA more than of the Adventist program. If further conclusions are to be drawn, we leave it with the readers. It will be noted that the radio audiences of the two programs have very similar tastes and that personal relationship to Christ is a dominant note in both lists, perhaps a little more so in the Voice of Prophecy poll.

It takes an iron will to live up to the Golden Rule. — Anon.

## President's Column

Anno Domini 1954

The Psalmist says, "We spend our years as a tale that is told" (Ps. 90: 9). What sort of a tale will 1954 be? "Anno Domini" — the year of our Lord. We date events as so many years before or after the birth of the Saviour in Bethlehem. How can we "spend" 1954 so as to make it truly "the year of our Lord"? Since all time is God's it should be spent for Him and for His glory.

Naturally the year cannot be "anno Domini" unless we have been redeemed, unless we are His. This is the first requisite. Second, our lives should be conformed to His will. "Trust and Obey" must be the motto of a life, and of a year, which can truly be "anno Domini."

Paul says, "Living not unto themselves, but unto him" (2 Cor. 5: 15). How much of our time we spend "unto ourselves!" Business, houses, families, pleasures — other interests control and fill our days. If 1954 is to be "anno Domini" we must live lives separated unto Him. This requires devotedness of heart and life and time and abilities to the Lord.

Faithfulness is another element — faithfulness to the Bible as God's revealed will, to the Church as Christ's bride, to service for Him in presenting the Gospel, to the observance of the Sabbath as His holy day. Acceptance with God is not measured necessarily by success, but by faithfulness to Him and the "things that be of God." The crowns of reward to be given at the judgment seat of Christ are for faithfulness! Anno Domini? 1954 must be a year of faithfulness.

Another year — 1954. Will it be "anno Domini" in our individual lives, in our churches, in our denomination? Let us seek to fill its days with things for His praise and glory. Let us make Christ and His Church central in our lives, and give soul-winning service the priority. Let us live our Conference theme: "To know Him and make Him known."

"Run the straight race through God's good grace,

Lift up thine eyes and seek His face,  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize."

## Secretary's Column

Dear M.....:

(Please fill in your own name here.)

Please consider this a personal letter from me to you. This is about the only way in which I can tell you personally what is in my mind.

Last August, either you, or a duly named delegate from your church, and hence your authorized agent, attended Conference in Battle Creek. There you and I together, acting as we believe under God's guidance, enthusiastically developed an extended program of denominational work — increased foreign missionary work, expansion in the home missionary field, improved training facilities for the development of our future denominational leaders. This, you and I did together in Battle Creek last summer.

We also recognized, you and I, that God does His work for men through other men. To some He gives the direct task of working among other men, to the rest of us He gives the duty to supply the sinews for those to whom specific tasks are delegated. This supplying of the means for accomplishing God's work among men can be just as dedicated a task as the preaching, teaching, and healing tasks of those we select as our representatives — if we but make it so. But we also recognized that an extended program requires an extended purse, and at Battle Creek we adopted a markedly increased Denominational Budget. This you and I did in full faith that we could give that amount for God's work.

So far this Conference year, we have not done as well in filling the purse as we have in starting the program. Two months' giving has amounted to approximately the necessary amount to keep the budgeted items going for only one month. Such a situation is disheartening for those who have accepted our appointments and gone forth as our agents in God's work. They must eat if they are to put forth their best efforts in the work, and that is where we can do our part. Let's see that they eat!

Can we not, you and I, as the new year opens, realign our individual programs so

that we shall give regularly to the work of God as projected by us ourselves at Conference last summer? It is far easier to give (let us say) five dollars a month than it is to fulfill at some time in the uncertain future the hope that we shall give sixty dollars sometime this year. And it is far more practical for the agencies who depend on our giving for the carrying forward of our programs.

This systematic giving (amount, frequency, and so on) is something for each of us personally to set up for ourselves. That is why I have made this a personal message to you, hoping that you will help to fulfill the program which you and I together adopted at Battle Creek.

Yours sincerely,  
A. Burdet Crofoot,  
Executive Secretary.

### Boosting the Sabbath Recorder

More and more churches and ministers seem to be boosting the Sabbath Recorder through their church bulletins, other publications, and presumably in their pastoral calling. An increasing number (27) are more or less regularly sending bulletins to the editor, for which he is grateful.

A subscriber recently asked to have her Recorder discontinued at its expiration date because she didn't think it was worth "all we have to pay." The next mail brought an air mail letter from one of our missionaries enclosing a \$9 check to renew the subscriptions of three close relatives. His accompanying comment was, "The home mission must be kept alive since we have fourteen grandchildren to be trained." Missionaries do not have to renew their own subscriptions; the Sabbath Recorder is sent to them free of charge.

We believe that the Sabbath Recorder in every home would greatly lighten the load of the overworked pastor. One of the reasons that our Denominational Budget is not raised is because the information about our work does not reach all our people through the pages of our weekly publication.

Christ died for sin;  
The believer dies to sin;  
The unbeliever dies in sin.

## WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

Rev. T. R. Sutton

Seventh Day Baptists believe in the experience of sanctification or holiness, even though there may be those who fail to understand our deep experiences.

There are several ways by which holiness or sanctification may be expressed. Three outstanding expressions are: emotional, intellectual, and in service.

An uncontrolled emotional expression leads to serious danger — that of an uncontrolled mind and body. Satan can step in and take over the uncontrolled mind and lead us to believe it is the Spirit. It can cause us to go into improper bodily actions we would condemn in other public places. It can lead to immorality, and even insanity. It can cause us to feel self-righteous because we may believe we are sinless having gone through a prescribed form of sanctification.

There is also serious danger in uncontrolled intellect. Through the process of thinking one can reason out excuses for self-efficiency which becomes self-righteousness. It, too, can lead to immorality. It can cause the choking of our emotions.

True holiness is the process of being sanctified unto the Lord (1 Thess. 5: 23; 2 Tim. 2: 20-26). It is the working out within us of our salvation. It is not a case of one's being saved — Period. By faith in Jesus Christ our past sins are gone, but the process of being saved goes on. To be sanctified is to be made pure — a refining. It means God's will being developed within us. It is not a case of becoming sanctified — Period. It is growth in grace. True holiness is expressed sanely.

The greatest manifestation of holiness is not the outward expressions, but in the lives we live. On the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) people spoke in unknown tongues, but not senseless jabbering. So great should our experiences be with God that we can "speak" the unknown (to the unbeliever) tongue of love and consecrated devotion. This will purify our thoughts and deeds, and cause adjustments in our attitudes towards others. Our lips will be clean without foul speech, malice, back-

biting, or condemnation of persons because we differ. We will be bearing some of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 6: 22-26).

True holiness will affect our witness of God's love. We will desire to spread the message of His redemptive love in answer to Christ's command (Matthew 24: 14; 28: 19, 20). We will be concerned that others experience the joyous redemption as is found in the Lord Jesus Christ, and the growing in grace through the working of the Holy Spirit. We will desire that each of us be stimulated by the Spirit both in our emotions and intellect and thus controlled by the Spirit in wholesome expressions.

Another manifestation of true holiness is in a deep concern about the problems of humanity. As Christians we will face in practical reality the problems of race, nations, class, and rank, as also the problem of war and peace. We will have works as well as faith (James 2). We will not be content, as are some, to sit back and just wait "until He comes" but rather to "occupy" by doing all we can do. (Luke 19: 11-27; 1 Thess. 5.)

We Seventh Day Baptists DO believe and practice sanctification. What we have is not a limited emotionalism, . . . . Our weakness is not in lack of emotion or of intellect. Our lack is in making greater use of that which we have.

When we Seventh Day Baptists can so develop this experience of true holiness that our emotions, intellect, lives, witness, and service are all brought into the sanctifying process of God's Spirit then we will be united and will grow. In such an experience we can overcome our petty disputings over detailed interpretations as the Spirit leads us to see that basically we are much alike. Then we can demonstrate real unity and co-operation even though our free minds may differ, for the "mind of Christ" is that of love and unity. Then our offer of the Sabbath truth to the Christian world will more quickly become a common experience for all — the steppingstone for unity among all Christians with religious freedom for all. As far as I know no other denomination offers this combination. This is my vision for Seventh Day Baptists.

## MEMORY TEXT

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3: 13, 14.

## BELIEVING AND BEHAVING

Larry Ward

"What's good tonight?" I addressed the question to a busy waitress as she prepared to take my order.

Without the slightest embarrassment she answered, "How should I know? I eat at home!"

Later, chuckling over the vagaries of human behavior, I strolled down the street to be accosted by a newsboy: "Paper, Mister?"

"Well, maybe," I rejoined. "What's the news?"

"I dunno, Mister — I never read the paper!"

Still later, while an energetic young colored boy wearing dirty saddle shoes beat out a rapid tattoo upon my dusty footwear, I listened with great interest while a bald-headed barber described a tonic guaranteed to raise hair on a billiard ball.

Inconsistency? Yes, but no more so than the sad spectacle of professing Christians who give little evidence of being possessing Christians. As a wise old preacher once remarked: "There are two things we must do: believe the Gospel, and behave the Gospel."

Nothing could be more explicit than the Scriptural admonition for the children of God to "be doers of the Word, and not hearers only." The Pauline epistles are packed with such exhortations. Unfortunately, as a famous Bible teacher has reminded us, "We've had a feast of Bible interpretation, and a famine of Bible application!"

—Alabama Christian Advocate.

To get rid of your doubts, part with your sins. — Cream Book.

## RADIO PROGRAMS ENTHUSIASTICALLY SPONSORED BY ASSOCIATION

The group of Seventh Day Baptist churches in western New York known as the Western Association has laid careful plans for 13 weeks of Sabbath morning broadcasts beginning Jan. 2.

A special Radio Committee which had been investigating the possibilities of such a program made the recommendation to the fall meeting of the association. A tape recording of the discussion and adoption of the report shows both careful deliberation and enthusiastic endorsement of the project.

The plan called for a fifteen-minute broadcast over station WWHG in Hornell at 9:30 Sabbath mornings. Here we quote from the committee composed of Rev. Paul Osborn, Mrs. Harley Sutton, and Pastor Delmer Van Horn.

"Program to be planned and produced by the pastors and groups of the association, co-ordinated by the Radio Committee. Purpose: to publicize Seventh Day Baptists and their beliefs, to reach people not now reached, to provide a deeper Christian experience for our members.

"We recommend that the Radio Committee be authorized to contract for time and to carry out the program as indicated in this report, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to extend this program if indicated by sufficient support."

The enthusiastic financial response of the churches after the association meeting led the Executive Committee to authorize extending the broadcast to station WFRM in Coudersport, Pa., in order to cover the whole area of the churches of the association. This will be done by transcribing an extra tape. It is expected that the recorded programs will be deposited with the American Sabbath Tract Society at Plainfield, N. J., for possible use by other churches or associations. The combined cost of the radio time on the two local stations will amount to \$306.69, more than two thirds of which was reported pledged at the time arrangements were being made with the second station. The Tract Society has been asked to bear the cost of the tape recordings.

## Missions

### PRAYER LIST FOR BRITISH GUIANA

Let us pray for our brethren in British Guiana that they may be such living examples of the Christian way that any other way shall lose its appeal or attraction.

Pray for Supervisor Wardner Fitzrandolph as he plans another journey to the field and as he continually holds the interest of the pastors and people on this field in his prayers. Pray that he may receive the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide him in all his decisions.

Pray for Pastor and Mrs. Ben Berry who have had greater opportunity for preparation for work among their people than the other pastors. Pray for their continued faith and courage and sympathetic understanding of the problems of others. May souls be won at Wakenaam where special services have recently been held.

Pray for the Georgetown group and for their pastor, Rev. Charles Belgrave — that God may grant patience and perseverance to the remnant that continues faithful in this great city.

Pray for Pastor Joseph Tyrrell and his wife Martha, of the Parika Church, that abundant grace and wisdom may be poured out upon this consecrated couple and the people they are serving.

Pray for Pastor and Mrs. Alexander Trotman as they enter into their new field of labor at Henrietta on the Essequibo Coast. Pray that Mrs. Trotman's eyesight may be saved if it be our Heavenly Father's will, and that souls may be won to the Lord through Brother Trotman's ministry.

Pray for the British Guiana Council, that it may continue to grow in usefulness as a spirit of unity and accord permeates the work and workers on this field. And ask the Lord to grant to us all a sense of urgency to put first things first — the eternal wealth of the spirit before the things of this world.

#### Faith

To believe on Christ is initial faith;

To receive Him is appropriating faith;

To understand Him is intelligent faith;

To assimilate Him is active faith.

— C. Woelfkin.

### "FROM INSIGHT TO ACTION"

(Portion of address given by Rev. Raymond A. Dudley at the D. F. M. Fourth Division Assembly, December 9, 1953, Buck Hill Falls, Pa. George B. Utter and Secretary Everett T. Harris attended this conference as representatives of the Missionary Board.)

We are gathered here to further the process of translating the insights received at Willingen, Denver, and elsewhere into action. We may well be humble. We are mindful that insights are being translated into action in Japan by the Japanese, in India by the Indians, and in Africa by the Africans. We are mindful also that nothing that we can say or do here is binding upon the boards which sent us here unless they approve.

Nevertheless we do have an inescapable obligation. We are enjoined by our by-laws: "To foster and promote a science of missions." We are admonished that: "The influence and usefulness of the division will depend upon the thoroughness of its investigations, the soundness of its methods of procedure, and the reasonableness of its conclusions and recommendations."

Somewhere it has been said that "the implementation of the obvious is more important than the elucidation of the obscure." As we seek to implement a few of the more obvious insights it may help if we break down the process in which we are to engage in this meeting into three simultaneous and mutually complementary elements.

**First, we must think.** Recently I asked a person long familiar with the Division of Foreign Missions what is particularly characteristic of the Division today. He said, for one thing, "The attention that is being given to research." He had in mind in particular the studies being made by our Research Committee under the direction of Dr. Beaver. If you will look at the mimeographed and printed documents on display at the Missionary Research Library table you will be astonished at the volume and quality of the material which has been produced in the last two or three years.

"All things are ours." The Bible, church history, anthropology, sociology, educational and medical theory — all these

things have a bearing on our mission. We must study them. We must all work like "Beavers"!

Being Americans we like to be doing things. I suppose in three days here we could think up 100 things that we ought to be doing and make a list of them. But to emphasize 100 things is, in effect, to emphasize nothing.

After we have thought up 100 things to do, let us think some more and decide upon five that are indispensable. Then let us think still more and arrange those five in order of their importance.

The mission movement needs a compelling sense of direction. Therefore let us **think**.

**Second, we must act** — act in obedience to our convictions.

A Vermont farmer was asked if he was going to attend the coming meeting of the Farm Bureau where better methods were to be discussed. He replied, "No, I ain't farming now as well as I know how." That is the Vermont way of saying, "We must act in accordance with what we know."

Recently one of my associates in Boston has been berating us for the same thing. He did not come from Vermont. He came from Harvard. Therefore, he used bigger words but they meant the same. He said, "The Policy Committee of the American Board has been meeting for years. But nothing changes. What is the matter?"

Well, in all honesty, what is the matter? I suggest the following for your thought:

a. Imperfect co-ordination between some of the planning at the home base and action on the field.

b. Trying to emphasize too many things. Even Paul did not try to do everything.

c. Lack of clear, compelling, intellectual, and moral conviction.

d. Vested interests — pertaining to denominations, to property, to persons.

e. Lack of money. This is a poor fifth. If we could settle other things, probably the money we really need would come.

I once had a car in which the self-starter sometimes jammed on dead center. The car would not start. In fact we could not even push it. Therefore we put three men behind and three men ahead and

rocked it back and forth until it went off dead center.

Shall we say that war rocked the mission movement in Japan until we got unity of a sort? Shall we say that Communism rocked the Orient until we fed the poor and devolved upon national leaders, which we ought to have been doing all the time?

In my student days the Student Volunteer secretaries used to tell us that a ship could be steered only if it were moving. If we volunteered to go to the mission field at least we were moving and God could guide us along lines pleasing to Him.

Failure to act on our insights is the pathway that leads straight to moral and spiritual deterioration.

Therefore, let us **act** in obedience.

Third, we must not only think and act, we must **listen** — listen for the still small voice of God — we must pray.

Now I suppose you are all thinking that I should have put listening or praying first. Probably you are right. But I put these three things in this order to suggest that those who have used their God-given power to think, and those who are ready and willing to act are much likelier to hear the voice of God when they listen.

Those young college students in the prayer meeting under the haystack at Williamstown had been **thinking**. And they were eager to **act**. They were eager to go. They, and their spiritual successors, are the ones who have engaged in prevailing prayer. So must it be with us. It is this kind of prayer that makes the missionary movement different from any other movement.

A year ago I listened to a missionary as he made his report to the Prudential Committee. He had been a missionary in China for nearly 40 years. He had spent 18 months under house arrest. He was one of the last three American Board missionaries to leave China. He had had plenty of time to think and pray, and this is what he said:

"Communism is doomed to failure. And against this dark background there appears in ever greater beauty, among believing Christians certainly, the gentle and attractive figure of the Carpenter of Nazareth. He doesn't force you, He

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## WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

### IN THE BEGINNING

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." — Gen. 1: 1.

We're at the threshold of a year — a year which God has made;

We hope to walk through all its days clear-eyed and unafraid.

We pray 'twill be a climbing year, e'en though its paths are hid,

We'll search for those with upward trend, and walk as Christ once did.

And when this year draws to a close, its memories growing dim,

We pray Christ has not walked with us, — but we have walked with Him.

Selected.

Ladies' Trio: God that Madest Earth and Heaven (first and second verses)

\*Scripture: The New Year — The Eternal God — Psalm 90: 1-4, 9, 10, 12, 14; 102: 12, 24-27

Silent Prayer: (Use the hymn "Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord," for soft background music.) May we bow our heads in silent prayer, thanking God for all the blessings we have received and for the privilege of serving Him in this New Year. Amen.

The first of the New Year is a most appropriate time to express our thanks to God for all the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. We should show Him our appreciation in the manner we wish — but we should show Him. One way would be to reach beyond our own little circle, into the bigger world, doing our part to bring the love of Christ into every heart. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples; if ye have love one to another." John 13: 35.

Hymn: Standing at the Portal

Closing Prayer: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who causes light to shine out of darkness, guide and direct us as we journey forth into this New Year. Amen.

\*The Scripture reading may be used as a responsive or unison reading and is No. 557 in "The Service Hymnal."

Mrs. Roderick Moulton.  
Benton Harbor, Mich.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

The Lord is our shepherd, not one of us shall want;

He makes us lie down together in green pastures.

He leads us beside the waters of rest;

He restores our fainting souls.

He directs us into right paths for His name's sake.

Even though we walk through the valley of deep darkness,

There shall be no evil to fear

For Thou art with us;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort us.

We sit down to eat together and are no longer enemies;

Thou anointest our heads with oil, so that each one of us

Is a kingly person.

Our cup overflows, for

Only goodness and kindness shall follow us

All the days of our life:

And together we shall dwell in the house of the Lord

Forever. Amen.

Mrs. F. A. Scovel, Landour, India  
in Church Woman, Oct., 1953.

Prophets never get along with Pharisees. Vested hierarchies of religion, encrusted in tradition and proud in self-righteousness, hate the preacher whose headquarters is heaven and whose superintendent is God. — Vance Havner.

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doesn't compel you, He comes as a friend and knocks at the door of your heart, and only when the heart opens to Him will He come in. It is Jesus Christ that will have the last word in China and the victory will be His. It is written in human nature and in the laws of the universe. And we are part of His great and glorious campaign."

So must it be with us. It is only as we listen to the voice of God that we can have any true insight or worthy accomplishment.

## UNIQUE MINISTRIES OF A CAMPING PROGRAM

Some of our churches and associations will be considering their camp policies and programs soon. The following appraisal may be of help to them. It was written by Pastor Alton L. Wheeler to the Battle Creek Church as he was leaving to take up his new pastorate at Riverside.

The camping program affords several unique ministries: 1. It affords an opportunity to contact and minister to children and young people, including many who are outside our fellowship. This should excite us with the basic Christian spirit of witnessing and sharing in "knowing Him and making Him known." The camping program is a "full-time" proposition of contact over an extended period which permits observation of behavior patterns, spiritual thought, and social adjustment of campers.

2. It affords an opportunity for evangelism. A number of young people have accepted Christ and have been baptized, having testified of their love for the Lord at the consecration service toward the close of camp in an impressive campfire meeting.

3. It affords an opportunity for revival. More than once a young person has testified of wanting to "start all over again," of wanting "another chance really to live for Christ," or of saying, "I know that I can do a lot better than I have during the past year and tonight I want to re-dedicate my life to Christ." One would have to be there to realize to some small extent what changes the camping experience effects in many lives.

4. It magnifies Christian ideals and friendships. At camp the young people develop Christian friendships and fellowships. They are encouraged to choose Christian friends, and win many there. They realize anew that one can have fun in such Christian fellowship circles. In the older camp groups, they discuss Christian companions, marriage, and homes. One will never know to what extent these impressions will affect their ideals and choices in later years.

5. It keeps our young people busy! During much of the year they are planning for camp, saving toward camp, or

going there. Afterward they continue to fulfill dreams and plans stimulated during camping days. Thus, it encourages a more profitable employment of their time and thoughts throughout the year.

6. It affords a unique opportunity for personal counseling. As the days progress, campers feel increasingly free to share their inner thoughts, questions, and problems with the counselors. In these days during the rest of the year many of them work and they may at times simply let such perplexities harbor in their hearts due to imposing schedules.

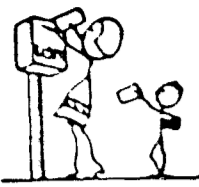
7. It creates a warm spirit of appreciation on the part of the children and young people toward the church. Many, many times the campers have expressed their gratitude for a church that cares about its young people, a church which provides such a wonderful opportunity, stimulating happiness and growth in their lives, and which believes in "investing" in them! They feel that they are a part of a living church.

8. It can conceivably offer similar opportunities for an adult camping program. At least two other Seventh Day Baptist churches or associations have adult educational camps. Hitherto, our church has not considered the possibilities or ramifications of such a program. It is not necessarily true that adults cannot find time for such participation — especially if they value it as a helpful and inspiring experience. N. D. M.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN

November was proclaimed church attendance month again this year by Conference President Osborn, as announced in his column of the Recorder of Oct. 26. The first news of the tabulated results comes in the flash announcement from Mr. Osborn printed below:

"Reports are not all in yet, but here is the order to date: Milton, 1st; Shiloh, 2nd; Battle Creek, 3rd; Riverside, 4th; Alfred, 5th; with Westerly and North Loup tied for 6th; and Marlboro next. These are all with averages over 100. Salem might be a contender for one of these places, and perhaps Alfred Station. Get your reports in if you haven't already! More later."



## OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene  
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I will soon be eight years old. My father is pastor of the Alfred Station Church. I sing in the junior choir. Mrs. Louella Lewis is our leader.

My father took three trips this fall. I was the mother in a play at school.

Yours truly,  
Cynthia Rogers.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

Dear Cynthia:

I was very happy to receive your letter and also to have a chance to see you and many other good friends at Alfred. What do you think? I have been told that I am a "regular gad-about" because I like to go places. I do hope some Sabbath I'll be able to attend church at Alfred Station and hear you sing in the junior choir.

I wish I could have seen you when you acted the part of mother in the school play. Oh, did you wear a long dress and really wear your hair like a mother?

I do hope you will write to me again soon.

Your loving friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I was born in the hospital where Doctor Greene works in Bridgeton, New Jersey. I am seven years old. I am in the second grade.

I have two sisters. Jennifer is four years old and Victoria is two. My mother and daddy used to write to you.

Sincerely,  
Joan Lewis.

Winchester, Calif.

Dear Joan:

I am so glad you decided to write me a letter and hope now you have begun you will write often. I am glad you mentioned that both your mother and father used to write to me when they were children, but what is most surprising is that some grandmothers and grandfathers used to write to me when they were children.

Did your parents live in Bridgeton when you were born? I was in Bridgeton at

my son's home last fall for over a week. I usually visit them at least once every year.

Yours with love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mr. Maltby:

Thank you for sending the bulletin from the Denver Church. It is good to know of the good work of that church and most helpful that the young people are helping in the future growth of the church as shown by this young helper, Kenneth Wear.

Yours in Christ,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

The following paragraph is taken from the Nov. 14 bulletin of the Denver Church. The youngest speaker last Sabbath afternoon was Kenneth Wear, age 8. His expectations for the future included: "A larger church and almost full every Sabbath. More kids in Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor. If more attended these, we would need more classrooms and larger social room. The mothers and fathers to take an interest in what the younger people are doing and help when they can."

### Trust

Irene Post Hulett

"He shall cover you with his feathers and under his wings shalt thou trust." Ps. 91: 14.

As a wee chick in affright  
To its mother takes its flight,  
'Neath her downy feathers hiding,  
Nestling there all safe confiding,  
And with trustful drowsy peep,  
In contentment falls asleep.

Thus would I, fear-driv'n, oppres't  
Flee to Thee, O Christ, for rest,  
'Neath Thy wings of love abiding,  
I would nestle, safely hiding,  
Resting there in peace so sweet,  
In communion calm and deep.

**Wanted — Bartender. Must have ability to cater to a very discriminating club membership. Appearance and use of the English language is important. Job requires split shift. A must is no drinking habits.**

## ANOTHER NEW BOOK

Dr. Billy Graham, a college president at 29, who is probably now at 35 the most-listened-to evangelist in the world, has added another item to his list of Gospel-spreading achievements. He has written a 225-page book entitled, **Peace With God**, which is now ready for the market. Published by Doubleday and Co., Garden City, N. Y., it should soon be available in most religious bookstores at \$2.50.

In the preface Dr. Graham states:

"I am convinced that there is a great hunger of mind and thirst of soul on the part of the average man for peace with God. This book has been written for the man in the street. My purpose is to give him a clear understanding of a new way of life that was presented by an unknown Galilean two thousand years ago, and my daily prayer will be that in this hour of crisis, confusion, perplexity, and bewilderment, this book will be used to bring you peace with God."

If you are looking for light reading you will not find it here. This is solid, hard-hitting like his sermons. He presents the doctrinal basis of salvation in Part One, entitled "The Problem," and does not leave it out in the other two parts, "The Solution," and "The Results." Though some would count portions of the book heavy reading, the author is tersely meeting the quest of man for right answers about the Bible, God, sin, the devil, and death.

Would you like to know the first question that was asked of Billy Graham by Hollywood actors and Washington senators? It was, "What is Conversion?" The author's explanations about how to begin the Christian life and how to understand the new birth have grown out of his wide evangelistic experience. He knows how to meet men where they are. The book is therefore an answer book for the earnest seeker after peace with God. It is also a valuable guide for personal workers and ministers whose experience has been more limited.

Perhaps it is enough to mention the chapter headings in Part Three: Enemies of the Christian, Rules of the Christian Life, The Christian and the Church, Social

Obligations of the Christian, The Future of the Christian, Peace — At Last. This is a book that will generate faith, produce solid Christians, build churches, and strengthen preachers. Here is the heart of the preaching of Billy Graham without the fanfare of his campaigns, and it is highly readable. Ed.

## EVANGELISM, HOPE OF THE CHURCH

Edgar F. Wheeler

The time was when the church depended largely upon a settled population and an established membership for its continuing life. However, in recent years conditions have been tremendously altered. Due to new patterns in employment and rapid transportation, population makes rapid shifts. The faithful member here today may be employed in California a month hence. This transient way of life has threatened the very existence of many local churches.

Someone recently said to me, "Unless we can bring in some new members, this church will die with the passing of its older members." This observation is startling but it forcibly impresses upon us the true evangelistic mission of the church. It is "evangelize or die" for the church. Circumstances awaken us to the service which we ought to have rendered out of love for Christ and for man.

The salvation of the church is evangelism, not simply membership drives bringing in a "mixed multitude" insensible to the things of God, but proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through which men are reconciled to God.

The local church can no longer stand on the merits of its history. It must meet the needs of people — not only of the settled population, but of those who come into the community. It must have a positive message in answer to people's greatest needs, the spiritual, the need for salvation, the need for direction in Christ's way.

How blessed is the truth that the church which saves souls saves her own life! "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it." — Mark 8: 35. [Taken from the De Ruyter church bulletin. Ed.]

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Coming in on a wing for a prayer," was the theme for a one-day meeting at Dayton, Ohio, of SARCAP (Search and Rescue, Civil Air Patrol), when 200 members of the 52 Ohio CAP organizations met in a local church.

Ohio CAP officials, who termed the meeting a large success despite the fact that bad weather hampered attendance, said the program was designed to show the emphasis placed on the spiritual and moral aspects of CAP service.

Lt. Col. Burt L. Bershon, group commanding officer, stressed the maneuver as particularly important "because of CAP's prime responsibility as the only civilian organization designed to handle air emergencies."

The nation's largest church women's organization early in December urged President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles to come up with a "forthright statement by the Administration repudiating Senator McCarthy's attitude and behavior." In a communication sent to both of them, the organization of 10,000,000 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church women in the U. S. A., declared: "We believe this stand on your part would greatly strengthen the position of our country in the eyes of the world." The message also warmly congratulated the President and the Secretary of State for "their resistance to Senator McCarthy's continued criticism of U.S. foreign policy."

CROP — The Christian Rural Overseas Program — reports that every new day finds 55,000 more mouths to feed than the day before. This means an annual world population growth of about 20,000,000 people.

When the film "Martin Luther" opened at the 50th Street Guild Theatre in New York City September 9, Radio City guards had to be called out to keep the crowds in line. Two months later in New York, crowds still line up to see the picture, which now has settled down at the Guild for an indefinite run. In Chicago and Boston, "Martin Luther" also is booked for an indefinite run, and in almost every

city where it has played so far the picture has been held over its original engagement. Louis de Rochmont Associates and Lutheran Church Productions, Inc., collaborated in producing the film.

Filmed on location in West Germany, "Martin Luther" also was made in a German version which will have its premiere in Europe within the next few months.

Any American can be an Andrew Carnegie type of philanthropist for the sum of \$25, says Dr. Frank Laubach, famed world literacy expert. The donation would actually create a working public library in a village of India, he declares. The portable libraries, as envisaged by Dr. Laubach, would consist of 40 to 60 small, simply-written books, a pest- and damp-proof case to hold the books and an oil lamp to ready by. Dr. Laubach says that literacy is making rapid strides in the rural districts of India.

From an extensive report given by the Tenth Congress of the Slovak Communist Party, it is obvious that Party members are reluctant to turn from religion. The report states: "There are members, and even Party officials, who are still captives of religious obscurantism." One of the chief Party ideologists, B. Voda-Pexa, voiced his disappointment about the situation and offered a solution: "It . . . will be necessary in the new Party training courses to explain thoroughly that Party members must part company for good with religion and the church."

## More News of Ministers

Rev. Neal D. Mills, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, underwent surgery on Dec. 7 to correct trouble that he had before leaving Jamaica. He expects to be able to meet his field work appointments in January and to teach a course on Latin-American Missions at the Alfred School of Theology during the second semester.

Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor of the Berlin, N. Y., Church, is reported to have been taking a six weeks' rest from the heavier responsibilities of the ministry due to illness.

## AN APPRECIATION

Mrs. H. Eugene Davis

Some of her relatives and close associates knew Hannah Larkin Crofoot in a way which may not have been apparent to those who observed her more casually and under less difficulties. It is of Mrs. Crofoot as the wife of a foreign missionary that we write this appreciation.

One characteristic which stood out was her courage. Her elder child, Alfred Burdet Crofoot, now our denominational secretary, was born very shortly after she reached China the first time. To set out on a transcontinental and trans-Pacific journey at that particular time required what many women would have lacked. We who made our first transoceanic journey in her company some years later can deeply understand that.

Again and again through the years together in China we saw this characteristic courage illustrated. None of us parents on the mission field could fail to know what it means to put a continent and an ocean between one's children and ourselves, when the children must go to continue their education in the homeland. For Burdet and Anna (Mrs. L. Harrison North) she made that sacrifice.

Mrs. Crofoot was often a missionary-behind-the-scenes. She took upon herself some of the many duties her husband, Jay W. Crofoot, could not possibly do because of lack of time or the conflict of duties. It was not always the things that she liked best to do that she did. She devoted herself to teaching responsibilities even if it was difficult. She told me once that she found it hard to be a teacher; she would much rather be a homemaker. As far as I can remember, she never shirked anything. Her teaching was Bible and English for Chinese boys.

As for homemaking, Hannah was the spick-and-span kind. The house spoke of orderliness the moment one entered the living room door.

A gift of quiet humor, this lady missionary had. As I grew accustomed, within her companionship, to Chinese ways and customs the unfamiliar moods and mores were far less jarring to a then very serious and literal-minded person like myself than they would otherwise have been.

Speaking of companionship, what good times we had with her! Whether it was joining them for afternoon tea, going shopping, taking long walks in the bamboo-covered hills in the summers, eating a picnic supper on the big grave mound across the brook, strolling along the top of the ancient city wall after church on Sabbath afternoons, or traveling together in a native houseboat, it was ever so.

Mrs. Crofoot was a beautiful woman. A natural facial color of youth seemed to remain with her. She was an excellent nurse, too. Often ill herself, she knew what it meant to enjoy such ministry.

Hannah Crofoot had many acquaintances among representatives of many nations. Through membership in the Shanghai Missionary Association, of which her husband was at one time president, the American College Club, the American Women's Club, the Short Story Club, and the Community Church, she felt at home with any and all.

Her house was open to nationals of several countries for months at a time — British, Polish, White Russian, American, Korean — she never chose these particular nationals to the exclusions of others. They came to her.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS. — The Milton College Choir, under the always professional direction of Bernhardt Westlund, with the aid of some outside talent and instrumentalists from the college student body recently gave two Christmas concerts, one at the college auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 13, and the other, the annual Christmas Vespers program at the church Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15.

Seventh Day Baptist students constitute nearly one third of the membership of the choir. Their names follow: LeRoy Burdick and Denise Kagarise, New Enterprise, Pa.; Robert Burdick, Gordon Drake, Paul Green, Edwin Shaw, Milton; Margaret Post, Arpin, Wis.; Miriam Seager, Loretta Seager, Little Rock, Ark.; Dick Stearns, Coudersport, Pa.; James Stillman, Houston, Tex.; Dale Thorngate, Battle Creek, Mich.; Philip Thorngate, Monterey, Calif.



**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**  
Statement of the Treasurer, Nov. 30, 1953

	Receipts	
	November	2 months
Balance, Nov. 1 .....	\$ 3.31	
Adams Center .....	100.00	100.00
Albion .....		79.41
Alfred, First .....	147.94	533.84
Associations and groups ..		25.80
Battle Creek .....	15.00	45.00
Berlin .....		68.92
Boulder .....	40.24	73.04
Brookfield, Second .....		64.85
Chicago .....	169.00	209.00
Daytona Beach .....	36.65	86.25
Denver .....	118.84	118.84
De Ruyter .....		111.00
Dodge Center .....		48.10
Farina .....	15.00	30.00
Hebron, First .....	8.05	16.65
Hopkinton, First .....		238.55
Independence .....	61.00	83.00
Indianapolis .....	5.00	18.70
Irvington .....	200.00	200.00
Little Genesee .....		21.10
Los Angeles .....	67.47	67.47
Lost Creek .....		150.00
Marlboro .....		260.00
Middle Island .....	7.00	20.82
Milton .....	255.25	504.80
Milton Junction .....	216.37	266.37
Pawcatuck .....		280.00
Philadelphia .....	20.00	20.00
Piscataway .....		27.50
Plainfield .....	228.50	437.15
Putnam County .....	10.00	10.00
Richburg .....	35.50	54.85
Ritchie .....	50.00	50.00
Riverside .....	145.41	145.41
Rockville .....		7.35
Salemville .....	24.78	24.78
Shiloh .....		150.00
Verona .....		30.00
Walworth .....		20.00
Waterford .....	14.75	37.50
White Cloud .....		34.43
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,995.06</b>	<b>\$4,770.48</b>

**LET'S THINK IT OVER**

Over a billion and a half — seventy-five per cent of the world's population — are suffering from preventable diseases. Life expectancy in most underdeveloped countries is a little less than 30 years, while more than half of the babies born in these same areas die before they are one year old. We who experience the security of prompt and thorough medical care tend to forget that the "healthy feeling" is never enjoyed by a majority of the world's population. — Wilbur McFadden (22), Elgin, Ill., in a prize-winning essay on the Point 4 Program.

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society .....	\$ 588.45	\$ 300.16
Tract Society .....	136.65	10.50
Board of		
Christian Education .....	259.05	25.00
Women's Society .....	83.10	40.00
Historical Society .....	35.70	
Ministerial Retirement .....	145.50	53.21
S. D. B. Building .....	40.65	
World Fellowship		
and Service .....	6.00	
General Conference .....	204.90	
Balance, Nov. 30 .....	66.19	
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$1,566.19</b>	<b>\$ 428.87</b>

Comparative Figures

	1953	1952
Receipts in November		
Budget .....	\$1,562.88	\$1,538.93
Specials .....	428.87	301.53
Receipts in 2 Months		
Budget .....	3,966.19	3,904.46
Specials .....	804.29	563.64
Annual Budget .....	63,121.22	46,635.00
Percentage of budget		
raised to date .....	6.28%	8.37%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

**Births**

**Gooch.** — A son, Thomas Wilson, to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gooch, Nov. 27, 1953, Coudersport, Pa.

**Bond.** — A girl, Jessica Jeanne, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bond, Nov. 23, 1953, Keeneyville, Pa. Mr. Bond is the son of Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Bond.

**Obituaries**

**Nichols.** — J. LaVier, 71, died Dec. 5, 1953, following several months of declining health.

The youngest of five children of LaDurna and Marcella Harvey Nichols, he was born April 1, 1882, in the Town of Georgetown, N. Y. On April 5, 1939, he married Mrs. Mina Brooks of Otselic, N. Y. They were both baptized by Rev. Neal Mills and joined the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church July 21, 1941.

Surviving are his wife, three stepdaughters: Mrs. George W. Swayze of Manlius, N. Y., Mrs. Daniel R. Swayze and Mrs. Alton Soule of Otselic, N. Y.; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a nephew and a niece.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 8, at the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church with the pastor officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Otselic, N. Y. E. F. W.