

The Sabbath Recorder

considered in detail. The committee was continued for another year. Anyone desiring a concise statement of the problems involved might be able to secure a copy of this report by writing to President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College.

Pastor David Beebe of the Middle Island Church brought the message on Sunday evening, after devotions by the Salem people. The sermon was an exposition of Isaiah 30. The children of Israel were seeking help from outside sources rather than from the quietness that God supplies, and the strength that comes from confidence in Him. "Egypt cannot help; swift horses cannot save," the prophet was saying; but, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." This message is greatly needed in our day. We need to remember that our God is a God of justice in all His dealings. He is nevertheless gracious and merciful toward the repentant. And to those who will hear, His voice is calling, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Pastor Beebe, we might say in passing, made an excellent moderator of the meetings. Next year the Middle Island Church will be host to the association, with Edwin Bond as moderator.

The associations are history, but the spirit and tone of them seems to call for a new forward movement all along the line. May we go to our General Conference at Battle Creek with hearts aglow and minds made up for greater challenges under the directing hand of our God.

Accessions

Adams Center, N. Y.

Baptism:

David Moore
Mrs. David Moore (Jane Whitford)
Mrs. Holly Whitford

Births

Lockard. — A daughter, Sandra Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. James Lockard of Washington, D. C., on February 12, 1953.

Allen. — A son, Thomas Bond, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Allen of Petersburg, W. Va., on May 26, 1953.

Bond. — A son, Harley Davis, born January 23, 1953, and adopted June 2 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Bond of Madison, Wis.

Langworthy. — A son, Dennis James, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred Langworthy of Adams Center, N. Y., on May 9, 1953.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTONVILLE, KAN.—Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in May with an enrollment of 45. Pastor Davis was director with Miss Nannie Greeley as his assistant. Teachers were: Pastor Davis, Mrs. Jack Mitchell, Mrs. Melvin Stephan, Mrs. Marvin Stephan, Mrs. Alena Bond, and Miss Zella Babcock. Miss Babcock and Pastor Davis entertained the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at a breakfast during the school. The offering was sent to our African Mission.

Our pastor has just returned from two weeks' absence in which he was graduated from the Alfred University School of Theology where he received his bachelor of divinity degree. He attended the alumni banquet at Salem College, brought the message at the Sabbath morning service at Alfred, and visited his parents at Verona for a week.

Pastor Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield Stephan represented our church on a Gospel team the weekend of June 26 at Boulder, Colo.

Nine young people from the church will attend Rocky Mountain Camp. Pastor Davis will be a teacher and counselor at the camp.

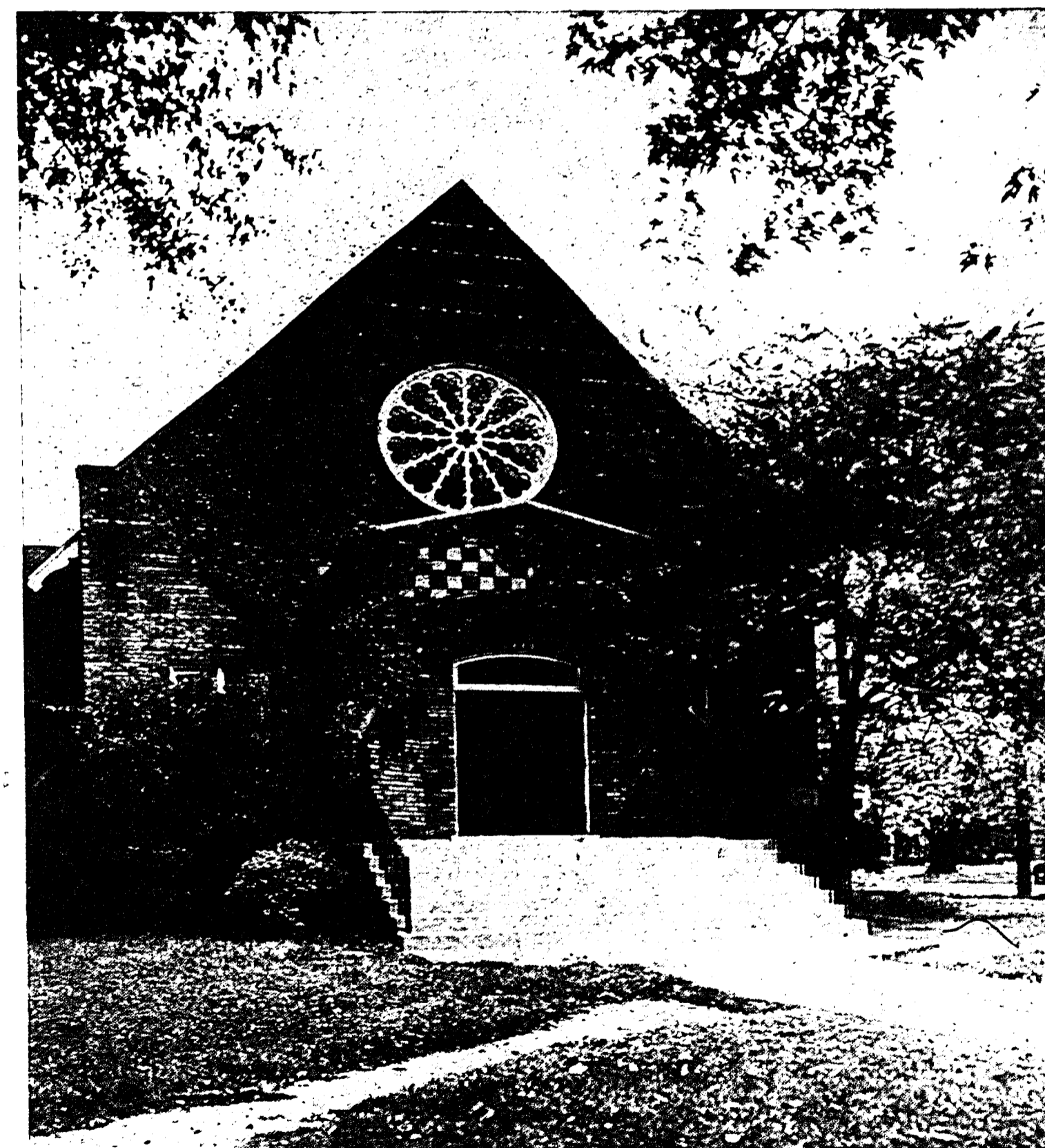
Missionary Barrar of Nyasaland recently visited our church and showed very interesting pictures of the mission. A collection of \$14 was presented to him for his work. The Sabbath school also gave him \$50.

Our pastor was given cash graduation gifts from the church, Sabbath school, and Missionary Society. The Missionary Society also remembered his birthday.

We are very glad to welcome Mrs. Mary Crandall, Beth, and Billy as new members of our church by letter, and Jack Mitchell by testimony. —Correspondent.

State Goes to Church

First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, N. J., held a special "nonpartisan and nonsectarian" worship in connection with the convening of the state legislature for its 1953 session. Invitations went to Governor Alfred Driscoll (a Presbyterian), members of his cabinet, the state supreme court, and state representatives to the United States Congress. This service is conducted regularly each year. — Presbyterian Tribune.



Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Mich.

For the third time in its brief history of fifty years, our Battle Creek Church entertains the General Conference next month. The interesting story of the congregation and building appears in this issue.

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MISTAKES WE HAVE MADE

Women are easily moved, it is said. Still there are a good many eligible bachelors who have not been able to get "yes" for an answer. There are many "fortyish" maidens who have withstood many wooings. Our women in their Ladies' Aids, missionary groups, and Dorcas societies have no doubt been swayed by appeals of the moment and have spent some of their hard-earned funds for ill-considered projects. Is their work discredited in the eyes of the judicious male? No, the women are admired for all good things they have done and the "impossible" projects they have brought to successful conclusion.

Not all money mistakes are woman made: many are man made, or made by all of us. We have attempted some ill-fated missionary, tract, and educational ventures in the past. We have sent good money after bad also in helping some of our weaker churches, or so it seems. Some of our past mistakes have been at the higher level of planning, some at the local church level. At neither level are we about to give up because of previous errors of judgment. Those who have made no mistakes have made nothing. We courageously apply the saying, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

The writer could name one of our elderly ministers who has over a period of years contributed relatively large sums of money to special mission projects in Jamaica, South America, China, besides various evangelistic home mission projects, not to mention helping many young men preparing for the ministry. When some of these efforts seemed fruitless, do you suppose he was ready to quit? Oh, no! Not he. At eighty-eight he bounces back to push a new project. In addition to his regular generous giving to many causes he says, "Put me down for \$200 on this Nyasaland project." That spirit prevails in consecrated people and pervades some churches.

One of our church groups has long hoped for a building of its own. They started a building fund. Recently we heard that they were giving up for the present their cherished hopes in their own city and were considering building something in Nyasaland. A little more

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of that spirit will build churches in both places.

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11: 24.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

We have previously published two short editorials calling attention to the Vacation Bible Schools which we were sure would affect the life of so many of our churches.

In recent weeks nearly every mail contains some reference to such schools in progress or completed. Seventh Day Baptist names are listed in the leadership of many community schools in the newspapers received here. Church publications give some of the statistics of our own Vacation Bible Schools. If all of the reports came to us we should like to paint a composite word picture for our readers. Perhaps next year the new secretary of the Board of Christian Education may attempt to do that, as was done some years ago.

From where we sit the picture is not all glorious; some churches have made no summer effort for the children; others have had small attendance in relation to the number of children in the community; but the picture is glowing. Whatever the complexion of a child, it is altered by two weeks of Bible school. The faces of the parents at the demonstration also glow. It is a joy to behold our children growing "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." If you have seen the Moody science films with their delayed-action photography picturing the sprouting of a bean and the blooming of a rose you can understand something of the thrill that comes to parents who can actually see spiritual growth in a concentrated period of time.

The shame of parenthood is that far too many of us abandon our half-grown children as far as religious training is concerned. Of course we don't mean to, but we do. We let them quit church school six years before we let them quit public school. We advance many excuses for this. How about pondering one more? Is it possible that our twelve-year-olds

think they are too grown-up for Bible school because they sense that they have reached the spiritual maturity of their parents?

"Will a man rob God?" We rob God, Christ, the kingdom, and the church when we become party to the crime of withdrawing our children from Christian training on the very eve of the age at which they are capable of making lasting decisions for Christ. Junior age responses to the Gospel call are glorious, child responses. Teen-age responses have an adult element in them. Let us not throw our half-grown children to the wolves of the world just before we might give them the strength to battle the lions of the arena.

JUNE BUDGET RECEIPTS

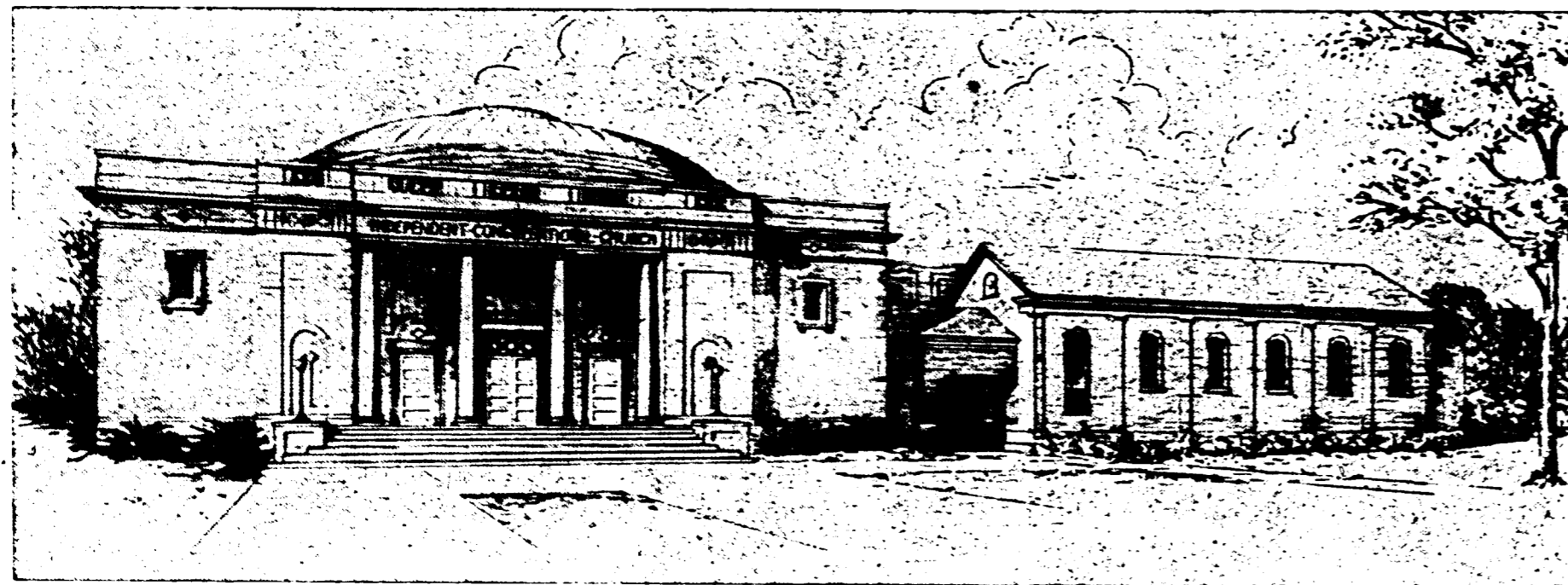
On the editorial page of our June 29 issue we expressed confidence that our people were responding to the June appeal for more generous denominational giving. When predictions come true and evaluations of the situation are proved correct, we like to call attention to it. The figures for June printed in this Recorder do show a decided increase — \$3,242.45 more than June of last year — but still much below the desired percentage for nine months.

There were about 25 churches which have contributed something during the year that failed to get in the June report. Probably in some cases the treasurer was not quite prompt enough. The campaign got off to a slow start. We trust it is still gathering momentum. We believe that many of our people will make an extra effort during this month.

In Proverbs 24: 34 there is a very up-to-date expression which is seldom quoted. It has a definite relation to vacations and to the amount of money which we have available to give to the Lord's work. Here it is: "So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth." Let us ponder it when we fill the gas tank for pleasure trips! Let us ask ourselves, "Are we planning to travel beyond our means and thereby shorten our giving to the work we profess to love?"

Your presence, your prayers, and your purse are all needed in the Lord's work.
—Los Angeles Church Bulletin.

MEETING PLACE OF GENERAL CONFERENCE — 1953



Sketch of the First Congregational Church of Battle Creek, Mich., meeting place of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, August 18-23, 1953.

Our own beautiful building in Battle Creek is not large enough for the crowd of delegates expected. The Congregational Church is beautiful, easily accessible, and offers every possible facility. Besides the main auditorium, which will seat about 900, it has a chapel, ladies' parlor, and spacious dining hall, not to mention numerous other rooms and offices. It stands on Capital Avenue NE, which is Highway M 78, intersecting Michigan Avenue or Highway M 98 in the center of the city. The church is about two blocks north of the New York Central station. From the Grand Trunk station, one would need a bus or taxi.

Local Conference Committees

Registration Committee is headed by Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Polan, 11 Buckeye St.; Housing, Mrs. John R. Cornish, 492 Emmett St.; Transportation, Claire Merchant, assisted by Dale Thorngate and Miss Alice Hemminger. The Mothers' Council is to provide nursery accommodations. Conference meals and eating places are being looked after by Mrs. Lloyd Lukens. The sound equipment will be set up by Arthur Millar and Ervin Davis. Lounge and rest room arrangements have been made by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moulton; flowers, Mrs. Pansy Talbot and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lawton. Usher and platform service will be provided by the regular ushers, George Parrish, chairman. Conference choir di-

rector is Dr. Ellis C. Johanson, and with him on the Music Committee are Dr. B. F. Johanson and Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston.

Pre-Conference Retreat for young people, with Rev. David Clarke as director, will be held August 13-17 at Camp Ben Johnston.

For added information, you may write to any member of the Local Committee: Russell Maxson, Miss Jacqueline Wells, Herbert Bennett, and James Gardner.

We hope there is every inducement for you to come to this year's Conference. This is your opportunity to hear Rev. Ronald Barrar, the two nurses who will assist him on the Nyasaland field, and many other pillars of the denomination.

Mrs. Millar, Publicity.

Prayer

Oh, we thank Thee Lord for the treasures of Thy Word, for the blessings of love which Thou hast bestowed upon us; and, for the bounty of Thy wisdom which Thou hast imparted unto us we give Thee praise. May the aura of Thy love and the glory of Thy wisdom, as imparted in the secret chamber, be given to all men. — T. Denton Lee.

Dwight D. Eisenhower has emerged, surprisingly to many Americans, as "the most religious U. S. President since Washington and Lincoln," says the May issue of Christian Herald.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., CHURCH

Sermonet: "Those Who Have No Names."

"Then there arose a reasoning among them (the disciples of Jesus), which of them should be greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great." — Luke 9: 46-48.

Civilized man is name-conscious. Family names are perpetuated from one generation to another. Ofttimes there is a deep longing for at least one son in the family, and parents have been known to adopt in order to preserve the family name. Most parents find it a thrill to decide on attractive, sentimental, or distinctive names for their children. Quite early in life many children are impressed with the parents' desire that they live up to the family name, and as they enter into life's occupational or vocational pursuit, they are often urged to make a name for themselves in the world. Civilized man is name-conscious.

The vast majority of the people of the world, however, are as those who have no names. Their titles do not appear in newspapers, magazines, or books. They are not given public acclaim or recognition.

Who was the young lady in Elisha's day who told Naaman the Syrian of the prophet through whom God could heal him of his leprosy? Who was the boy who so generously gave to Jesus his loaves and fishes when the disciples were perplexed as to how they would find food enough to feed the hungry multitudes? Who was the "certain poor widow" mentioned by Jesus who gave what little money she had to the work of the Lord? In truth, their identities do not matter, nor would they be the type of individuals who would anticipate citations for their meritorious deeds, nor praise for their expressions of sacrificial love.

It seems only natural that one should desire to succeed in life no matter what his calling might be, yet he is almost inevitably destined to disillusionment and disappointment if he aspires to become great. When Jesus found His disciples

arguing as to who was the superior among them, He wisely informed them that "he that is least among you, the same shall be great." Such was the moral of the story of the treasure chest filled with gold which would provide one generously for the rest of his life. It did not even take a key to open it; rather, all one had to do was to forget a given word. Many tried in vain, for the more selfish and vain they were, and the harder they tried to forget, the more vividly they remembered the word.

One does not become great through desire, nor by declaring himself so. Conceit and selfishness block the way and distort his personality. Rather, he must "forget the word," the incentive, and the haughty Hamanite attitude of mind toward others around him.

"He that is least among you, the same shall be great." Ponder those words for a moment and put them to a simple test. Calling to mind the names of twenty-five of the most famous persons in the world today and twenty-five who have very effectively influenced your personal life, doubtless you will find that there will be no duplications in the two categories. Most persons are affected in hundreds of little ways by hundreds of "unnoticed and unknown" loved ones or acquaintances within the communities of their life experiences, not the least of whom are parents, teachers, spiritual leaders, and friends.

Down through the ages, God has called upon those "without names" to perform tremendous and important tasks for Him. He called farmers, shepherds, and common laborers to be His prophets, and Jesus later chose fishermen, tax-collectors, and uneducated men to become His apostles.

The Church of Christ today is comprised, for the most part, of those who seem to have lost their identity in the throngs of everyday living and of those who do not aspire to greatness for themselves. Much of the kingdom work is done by consecrated volunteers. Many souls are won to the Lord by those unknown to the world, and countless lives are made happier because of those who have no names. "He that is least among you all, the same shall be great." "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Alton L. Wheeler.

History of the Church

Battle Creek, Mich., was settled in 1831. The seventh day Sabbath was first observed here in 1852 when David Hewett accepted the Seventh Day Adventist message from Joseph Bates. The first Seventh Day Baptist to make her home here was Mrs. Ella Eaton Kellogg, of Alfred, N. Y., the wife of the late Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, of Battle Creek Sanitarium fame. Our sanctuary was dedicated in honor of Mrs. Kellogg, a beloved and respected member with us, though she was not instrumental in the organization of a church of our faith here. She became a member ten years after our church had its beginning.

The church was constituted December 10, 1904, by Dr. Lewis A. Platts, then of Milton, Wis. Dr. Platts came here following an invitation from a group of Sabbathkeepers who were out of fellowship with another local congregation. There were seventeen charter members. Of these Frank B. Hunt is still an active member. He has held office as deacon and treasurer for many years. The late John Kolvoord, Sr., another charter member, has a daughter and grandchildren who are actively associated with the church.

Because of a lack of denominational leadership this church was inactive for several years until Rev. Judson J. Burdick was sent here by the Missionary Society in 1908. A reorganization was effected by Mr. Burdick and the church began to thrive. This was due largely to the fact that it was made known through the Sabbath Recorder and other sources that there was opportunity for employment for Sabbathkeepers in Battle Creek. There was a steady increase in membership until about 1935. Most of this was made possible by people coming from other churches of our own faith. However, to justify the existence of a church here it can be said that of the people who, at the present time, are affiliated with us and who attend and support the church program, about one fourth are from non-Sabbathkeeping families. This would seem to indicate that we have a mission here besides furnishing a church home for our own fellowship.

Dr. Platts reported a Sabbath school of 28. Though it may not have had a continuous existence as a Seventh Day Baptist

school, it is at present in a flourishing condition. The Christian Endeavor had its beginning in March, 1908, and probably has had a continuous existence since then. It has served a multitude of young people who have come and gone. The Ladies' Aid was organized in 1909 and was the outgrowth of what was called the Sunshine Committee. It has had a long and useful existence. An Activities Committee was set up in April, 1917, with the slogan "Every church member at work." It has exerted a profound influence upon church activities.

The Battle Creek Church has been fortunate in having many capable musicians who have furnished music not only for our own services but are in demand in other singing and playing groups.

Our church became a corporate body in 1912 when we acquired property on North Washington Avenue and Aldrich Street for church purposes. This is located just across the street from the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Our sanctuary was built in the late twenties and was dedicated in March, 1929. Besides owning its own house of worship and a parsonage the church has acquired a cottage on Cotton Lake called the Holston Camp, named for Rev. Edward M. Holston, through whose efforts this property was secured. The camp is made available to the young people of the Northern Association.

In former days, before the Young People's Board was merged with the Christian Education Society, it had its headquarters here for about fifteen years. At present the Women's Board of the denomination is located with our church.

The Battle Creek Church first entertained the General Conference in 1919 and again in 1940. This year the delegates will assemble here for the third time in our nearly fifty years of existence. December 10, 1954, we can celebrate our semicentennial.

—Benjamin F. Johanson.

Sabbath School

The Sabbath school is organized in two divisions: the children's division including all ages from cradle roll through junior, and the adult school which begins with the

MEMORY TEXT

"And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." Acts 11: 21.

intermediate. Each division has a superintendent and an assistant, the work of all being co-ordinated by a general superintendent. Worship services are conducted in three departments each week, except on the fourth Sabbath of each month when all classes meet together in the sanctuary for worship under the leadership of the general superintendent.

Our chief purpose is to teach the Bible and Christian ways of living, not only to families within the church but to all others whom we may reach. Accordingly, the church and the Sabbath school through the planning of the Religious Education Committee, hold a two-week Daily Vacation Bible School each year, with an enrollment this year of 91.

In addition, a Bible school of one week has been conducted in Convis Township, a rural community about twelve miles north of Battle Creek, a ministry which began as a Sabbath afternoon Bible study in the homes of a few interested families. The attendance in the school this year is 32.

The camping program is also an important part of Christian education. Three camps are held: a one-day camp for primary children, one week for juniors, and ten days for seniors. A retreat for seniors and older young people is usually held over the Labor Day weekend. The White Cloud and the Jackson Center churches have co-operated in bringing some of their young people and in helping to staff the camp when they were able to do so.

Mrs. Russell Maxson.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 1, 1953

The Christian Home

Lesson Scripture: Col. 3: 12 — 4: 1.

There are no disappointments to those whose wills are buried in the will of God. — Selected.

ENCOURAGING RECEIPTS BUT STILL SHORT OF GOAL

Denominational giving to the extent of \$5,261.52 during June is cause for a certain amount of satisfaction, but certainly no occasion for self-complacency. Had we been doing as well all year, and were we to continue giving on this scale for the remainder of the Conference year, we would easily have oversubscribed our budget. As it is, however, we still have \$20,304 to raise during the remaining three months of the year — \$6,768 a month.

If we are to raise the budget which we adopted at Denver last year, our giving during the next three months must be greater even than it was during June. We have fallen far short of the goal which Conference President Randolph set for the month of special effort, but there is still time to play the parts of Aaron and Hur and hold up the hands of our leaders so that God's work may progress. (Exodus 17: 12.)

One peculiarity revealed in the report of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget is that many of our churches have given more as of June 30 this year than they gave during the entire Conference year last year. Yet our budget is only about 6% higher than it was last year and is only 57% raised, as compared with 95% at the end of last year. One reason for this, of course, is that many of the gifts are "specials" designated by the giver for a particular board or purpose, and thus not included in the budget figures.

"Special" giving is praiseworthy, and should not in any way be curtailed. It represents a heartfelt interest on the part of the giver in some particular portion of our denominational work that should be encouraged by all means. But the fact remains that other portions of the work — equally important to our denominational growth, and having, in the judgment of Conference, their proportional right to a share in our giving — suffer because the budget is not met. Perhaps some of these other portions of our program may not be so dramatic or romantic, nor have so strong an appeal to the personal background or interests of an individual giver, as do those

causes which receive large "special" gifts. But they are important to our growth, else we at Conference would not have included them in our budget.

Our Moseses are devoted and sustained by the faith in the rightness of their work. But they are human and will tire before nightfall unless our Aarons and Hurs sustain their hands. They, too, may tire, but if the obstacles to God's work are to be overcome, if Amalek is to be defeated, our efforts in giving are minor in comparison with the accomplishments that can be achieved. Let us give in July, in August, and in September, so that this year's budget for God's work may be achieved.

A. Burdet Crofoot.

MORE REGIONAL CAMP NEWS

The dates of ten of our summer camps for children and young people were announced in the Recorder of June 15. More than half of them are completed or in progress. Some new information is now available.

The South Jersey youth camp (ages 10-16) meets at the Shiloh Deer Club camping grounds east of Tabernacle, N. J., July 19-26. Rev. Ronald Barrar is among the leaders of this camp. There is also to be a weekend retreat for older young people at the same place August 1 and 2.

The Pacific Coast Camp has added to its four previously announced camping periods a fifth, August 2-9. This is a family camp to which all adults are invited. Californians interested may contact either the Riverside or Los Angeles churches.

First reports of camp experiences are beginning to come in. The editor and his family received personal notes from every young person at Pacific Pines Camp. Leaders and campers tell of a very spiritual camp resulting in decisions, rededications, and baptisms. Particularly touching are the written testimonies of some of the lone Sabbathkeepers who indicate great strengthening from the spiritual food received.

Man could not have written the Bible if he would and would not if he could. — John Wesley.

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT CAMP



The above picture shows a portion of the camp where the young people will gather for a long weekend just prior to General Conference at Battle Creek. We do not have space in this paper to also include the picture of the beautiful white cottages nestled in the wood near the shore of the lake.

Young people are urged to read the article on page 22 of the Recorder of July 13.

If you have looked over the outline of the program and have noted the leaders who are going to be there, you may be sure that this year's Pre-Conference Camp will bring a real blessing to many Seventh Day Baptist young people from all over the United States.

We understand that there may also be a young lady from one of our New Zealand churches at the Retreat. Those of us who are older could well wish that some kind of Pre-Conference Retreat could be arranged for us also so that we might get the inspiration of camp life just preceding the General Conference.

Conference Housing

The Housing Committee is very anxious to make your reservations for Conference. We would like to know how and when you will arrive, and the type of reservation preferred. Please notify our chairman, Mrs. John Cornish, 492 Emmett, Battle Creek, Mich.

THE COMMISSION SAYS "NO"

Many have probably noticed in the last copy of the Missionary Reporter that the Missionary Board voted at the last quarterly business meeting "to request the Commission to grant permission for Secretary Harris to promote a project to raise \$500 to purchase furnishings for use of our missionaries in Jamaica."

The request was made and has been declined. This article then is not a special appeal for funds but a statement of the board's case to the people.

The situation is this: The Missionary Board members believe that it will be a saving to the denomination if the Charles Street property in Kingston is furnished, just as many churches furnish their parsonages in this country. It would currently mean that Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills would leave much of their furniture, including a fine spinet piano, for the use of Rev. and Mrs. Orville B. Bond and any succeeding missionaries. (Rev. and Mrs. Wardner Fitzrandolph are assisted in renting a house at Raetown some distance from the Charles Street property.) Not only would there be a saving on transportation charges on household goods of the Bond and the Mills families which the board is obligated to pay, but it would save on succeeding transportation charges.

One reason for declining the board's request seems to be the feeling on the part of certain Commission members that the board should have foreseen this need and requested it in the current budget. Who of us could have foreseen that last year's Conference president would be in Jamaica at this writing, serving with Mrs. Bond as principal and teacher in Crandall High School? Who could foresee that the Bonds would prefer to keep their own furniture in this country or that Mr. and Mrs. Mills would be willing and even prefer to sell their household furnishings to the board? Certainly, the budget committee of the Missionary Board did not foresee it, did not request it, and made no provision to carry it out.

And what do we do now? We trust God that if it is right that the Missionary Society should furnish the Charles Street

property, a way will be found to do it. We also trust that our missionaries at Kingston will be patient and understanding about it. —E. T. H.

THE BONDS WELCOMED AT KINGSTON

The June 17th issue of "The Gleaner," a daily newspaper published in Kingston, Jamaica, contained the following item of interest: "The Rev. Dr. Orville B. Bond, newly appointed principal of the Crandall High School at Charles Street, Kingston, arrived on Sunday (June 14) on the SS Cape Cod from New York. He was accompanied by his wife who is also a school-teacher and they have been in the profession for over 37 years.

"In a shipside interview Dr. Bond said he was looking forward to his term at Crandall with the definite intention of developing the agricultural side of our high school. Dr. Bond is due to take up duties at the end of June." The item was accompanied by a picture of Dr. and Mrs. Bond.

A program of welcome held on Sunday, June 21, contained many interesting items as follows: The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Neal D. Mills, the introduction of the chairman was given by Rev. W. T. Fitzrandolph, and then the chairman's opening remarks spoken by Deputy Director of Education G. V. Helwig. Then followed special music by the choir and a soloist, recitations and exercises by the children, and messages of welcome in behalf of the church, the Sabbath school, the Christian Endeavor, Young People's League, Intermediate Christian Endeavor, the Woman's League, and Crandall High School. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Bond. It must have been a happy occasion. One wishes he might have been there.

Rev. Neal Mills writes, "We have had a busy but pleasant week since the Bonds came." Rev. Wardner Fitzrandolph writes, "Everyone is delighted with them. They seem so wholeheartedly Christian and are so anxious to be of service in the work here that everyone has fallen in love with them at sight."

SABBATHKEEPERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN DENMARK

Through correspondence between Pastor Clifford Hansen of Salem, W. Va., and Pastor E. F. P. Hansen of Gentofte, Denmark, we have learned of a group of Sabbathkeeping churches in Denmark and other Scandinavian countries. A conference of these Sabbathkeeping Christians is being held at Gentofte July 4-14 and an invitation has been extended for the Seventh Day Baptists of America to send representatives. The selected representative of the Missionary Society is Brother G. Zijlstra of Holland who plans to attend and report at a later date. It is possible that Pastor James McGeachy of England will attend also.

—E. T. H.

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES ON MISSIONS

Eastern, Central, and Western Associations were urged at their last meetings to appoint missionary-evangelistic committees to press forward a more aggressive program of outreach. Word has come that the Southeastern Association also appointed a Missions Committee at the prompting of Professor Loyal F. Hurley, the representative of the Missionary Board secretary. It is hoped that the other associations of our country will appoint such committees also. The chairmen of these committees are urged to get in touch with the Missionary Board.

It is interesting to note that the Constitution of the Missionary Society contains the following article:

"Art. 5. Each Seventh-day Baptist Association may elect annually a permanent committee on missionary work to consist of one person, and whose relations to the Board of Managers shall be that of an advisory committee for the purpose of definitely ascertaining the spiritual needs of the Association and the available help by pastors and others in providing for these and kindred needy localities, and reporting these conditions to the Board of Managers with recommendations."

—E. T. H.

FORERUNNER OF PREACHING MISSIONS

The missionary secretary did not state the matter accurately at Central Association when he gave the impression that the General Conference was convening with the Brookfield Church at the time that an action was taken urging churches to send ministers to visit weaker churches.

Actually the Conference convened in 1813 with the Cohansey, N. J., (Shiloh) Church and at Brookfield in 1815.

The action taken in 1813 was as follows: "It is recommended to every church of our order that can with convenience to send out a traveling preacher to visit brethren and destitute churches in the Union."

This is still an excellent practice and perhaps we may consider it the forerunner of the current preaching mission plan by which churches are urged to share their pastors for special services with some sister church in that association or area.

—E. T. H.

BRITISH GUIANA INTERESTS

Four resolutions were proposed by Supervisor Wardner T. Fitzrandolph to the British Guiana Seventh Day Baptist Council and voted unanimously at the April 14, 1953, meeting. They were as follows:

"1. Resolved that all official communications from the Council to the several churches be sent to the clerks of the several churches.

"2. Resolved that official communications from the 'Council' to the Missionary Society be 'channelled' through the superintendent of the field.

"3. Resolved that all communications of paid workers of the Missionary Society, shall be forwarded through the superintendent of the field. Also annual and quarterly reports.

"4. Resolved that all communications between officers of this Council, and between workers on the field shall exhibit that respect, consideration, and courtesy which is due to fellow-workers in Christ."

—E. T. H.

In spite of persecution, Protestant Bible distribution in Colombia increased in 1952.

WOMEN'S HOUR AT SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

The Women's Hour of the Southeastern Association at Lost Creek, W. Va., was planned and conducted by Miss Ada Bond, corresponding secretary for the Women's Board in this association.

Mrs. Fernon Gregoire, past president of the Harrison County, W. Va., United Council of Church Women, spoke with such faith and enthusiasm on the aims and purposes of the United Council that the whole audience caught a vision. She emphasized the fact that Christ established the Church. It was man who organized denominations and created barriers among them. It is only by the application of Christian principles in all nations that peace can ever be permanent.

The Council of Church Women is rapidly extending its influence. At the close of the meeting at least one woman's society president made definite plans with the speaker to organize a council in her community.

Some of the problems that the Harrison County Council is working on are: Christian worship and education in the public schools; improvement of mental health; a Prayer Room, conveniently located where one may step in at any time for a moment of devotion.

At the close of her talk Mrs. Gregoire and her husband presented a filmstrip, "Women United for a Christian World." This visual aid made very impressive the possibilities for service of the ordinary housewife when she unites her efforts with church women all over the world. — From notes taken by Lotta Bond, Key Worker.

"NO REPORT"

Is that the remark you wish following the name of your church in the 1953 Seventh Day Baptist Year Book? A number of our churches have failed to date to forward the information asked for by the Board of Christian Education. If for any reason no blank was received, please inform the secretary, and hustle your report in at once. Thank you. Ben R. Crandall, Secretary, Alfred, N. Y.

CHALLENGE

Women of America, mothers, wives,
Descendants of intrepid pioneers
Who trekked in covered wagons, stifling
fears,
Enduring endless hardships, giving their
lives
To build this great free country — wives
and mothers,
Give us again the homes founded on faith,
Stripped of this mad speed, pursuit that
smothers
All serenity. Only the wraith
Of the settlers' pious home remains today,
To shame our weakness. Give us back
Real homes where parents and their chil-
dren pray
Together; where there is never found the
lack of tolerance,
Of peace; where there is grace
At meals, and in the quiet hours
Companionship; a well-loved song in place
Of raucous dissonance; beauty that flowers
On tranquil soil. Women of this nation,
You who fashion as you will
A doorway straight and strong, or a sag-
ging sill,
Build our homes on a godly, sound founda-
tion.

— Selected.

Contributed by Mrs. Clarence Beebe,
Whitinsville, Mass.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

It's no longer news — religious books on the "best seller" list. Today, the sale of books, like the press, radio, television, and magazines, reflects the insatiable hunger for spiritual nourishment. It is not many years since editors gave short shrift to most of the religious manuscripts submitted to book publishing houses. A revival of religious interest is gaining momentum. The result has been that virtually every large publishing house in the country is in search of religious fiction and nonfiction.

Profession or Possession

For none shall reach that blissful place,
Or heaven's unclouded glory see,
Who talks of free and sovereign grace,
Unless that grace has made him free!
— From Hugh White
in "Profession and Practice," 1849.

Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I enjoyed the poem about the robins.

In one week Vacation Bible School will be out. My school has been out several weeks. I passed into the second grade and brought home my first A in citizenship at the end of school which made Daddy and Mother much happier.

I will be seven years old Tuesday. Next year I will go to a modern new school building they are making for us. I am also going into town for two weeks this summer to take swimming lessons.

Sincerely,
Willard Wells.

Route 2, Box 462,
Boulder, Colo.

Dear Willard:

Again I am happy this week to receive two children's letters. I have always wanted to visit Boulder, but I'm afraid I will never again get that far from home. Please write me often.

Congratulations on your receiving that A in citizenship. What would our country be without good citizens. Faithful citizens mean those who are faithful in their service to their country and to Christian standards.

When I was about your age I went to a country school about two and one-half miles from Walworth, Wis. It was built of cobblestones and was called "The Old Cobblestone Schoolhouse." Finally it became so old that the stones began to fall, especially in the entrance, and it was dangerous to pass through the doorway. So the schoolhouse was torn down and a wooden building built in its place, but I think it's still called Cobblestone School.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have never written a letter before, but my brother, Buchie, is signing his name to his letter so I want to write one, too.

I am so happy that I will be old enough to go to Vacation Bible School with Brother this year. I can hardly wait to go to kindergarten next year in the new

school. I will be five years old in September.

I love to go to Sabbath school. My teacher is Mrs. Waldron and she does such nice things for us.

Jennie Lou Wells.

Boulder, Colo.

Dear Jennie Lou:

In Independence they are beginning Vacation Bible School tomorrow, and I am going to tell the children Bible stories at the request of Pastor Sanford. I really think it's fun to tell stories, especially to children, and most children like to hear stories. Don't you?

It's nice that you can begin to go to kindergarten next year. All children seem to be happy when they are old enough to attend kindergarten.

I like Bible School best of all for there we learn about Jesus and His love.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

SPRINGTIME

Irene Post Hulett

Spring has not her best been giving
To encourage happy living,
Yet in spite of her not caring
Of the frosts she has been sparing.

Leaves and flowers are budding — bursting
Satisfying our soul thirsting.
Birds are busy with their nesting,
Strings and twigs and feathers questing.

Alternating work with singing,
As through the azure skies they're winging.
Each bird has its way of telling
Of the joy within it welling.

Farmers busy, plowing, sowing,
Thoughts on coming crops bestowing;
Housewives active with their cleaning,
Betterment of homes are seeking.

Children, curbing spring's elation
Cram for coming "zaminations."
Forward to vacation looking
When they're through with school and
"booking."

Then, perhaps, mid their delighting
They may turn to letter-writing,
Telling of activities,
Helping fill the Children's Page.

HOW ABOUT THAT?

Mrs. May Henke

So you think it is all so much talk — God, Jesus Christ, heaven, hell? You say they mean nothing at all to you, that they have nothing to do with modern times and modern thinking? You think Christianity "and all that" are played out — old-fashioned?

Is this really the result of your own clearheaded consideration, or are you being led to think along these lines by some fellow who says he is appealing to your reason?

Do you know that God believes in reasoning? In His Word — and Christians have no doubt that the Bible is His Word, they have proved its promises so often — God says: "Come now, let us reason together . . . though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

The colors merely represent degrees of sin, crimson being a deeper red than scarlet. But the whole point of God's reasoning is that He will banish sin from your heart — that is, the center of your affections — and, in effect, make it pure as is snow, so that every thought and action of yours is pure.

You object to being thought a sinner? You are a respectable person? Yes, I have heard all the arguments, but the Bible says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." And, if you were to sit down and carefully consider every aspect of your life, you probably would have to confess, as the great Apostle Paul — one of the most learned men of his day — had to confess: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

You will know that civilization has been founded on the Ten Commandments; to break one of those commandments is to sin. You will probably think immediately of the outstanding commandments, and indignantly reply, "I do not steal. I have never killed anyone!"

Those are but two of the commandments. I will mention only two others. Can you honestly declare that you keep the first commandment: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"? That cuts out

self, worldly ambition, sport, business, the making of money, smoking, drinking, and gambling — almost every seemingly legitimate thing, if it is placed in your mind before the claims of God. You may think this very harsh, but remember, God gave us these Ten Commandments, and to break them is to sin.

And now for another commandment — the fourth commandment: "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." Do you faithfully keep that commandment? Is your Sabbath day different from any other day of the week? Do you devote it to worship of and service for God? Or are you among the hundreds of thousands who have conveniently forgotten the fourth commandment, and who spend the holy day in sport, in amusement, in recreation, in sleep, in doing jobs about the house, or in some utterly selfish manner? If that is how you spend your Sabbaths, then you break another commandment — consequently you sin and so are in very truth a sinner.

When God walked upon earth in flesh, He said on one occasion: "A new commandment give I unto you, That ye love one another." How does that affect you? Will you reply, "That suits me; I believe in universal brotherhood"? But do you? That means, then, for instance, that if you are an employer you have the interests of all your employees at heart, and that if you are an employee you have the interests of your employer and his company at heart.

Some people's idea of universal brotherhood is really weird. They collect themselves into circles, groups, and societies, and call themselves "brothers" or "comrades" but everyone outside that circle, group, or society is their avowed enemy. That is not brotherhood. That is war in the heart and on the individual.

Universal brotherhood, sincerely and earnestly sought, is a noble ideal, but it cannot be brought about unless all men who would be brothers recognize the fatherhood of God and the great Brother of us all — His Son, Jesus Christ. And He, Jesus, said: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Rest?" you ask. "And from what?" From the disturbance

aroused in your conscience by the reading of this message? Rather, from the knowledge that you now possess that you are no brother, as you thought, but a poor, miserable sinner who has broken the laws of God, but who can be gloriously saved by His grace.

Would you know more? Consult the first Seventh Day Baptist you meet. He, or she, will be only too willing to point you to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Then you will be able to join those who know that "it's not all bunk."

KINDNESS IN KOREA

A detail of American GI's, mopping up in an advanced area of the Korean front, found a little Korean boy writhing in a ditch. He had been badly burned about the face and body, and both hands were gone. He had evidently been burned by a napalm bomb. Despite his almost hopeless condition, the GI's decided to take him to their medical corpsmen for attention.

The General became interested in the lad. He and fellow-officers of the First Corps collected funds. In a short time they had \$75,000 to provide medical care and mechanical limbs for these innocent victims of the war.

Only a brief time earlier, Church World Service — representing the Protestant churches of America — had begun a project at Severance Union Hospital, in the City of Seoul, to provide artificial arms and legs for Korean soldiers and civilians who had undergone amputations.

It is estimated that about 10% of all war injuries among Koreans result in amputations, and that there are perhaps 20,000 such amputees today among the military and civilian population. It is reported that thousands of homeless children, searching for food and valuables among ruins, have touched off explosives and have lost limbs.

And there was available to head this Church World Service undertaking, a Presbyterian missionary, Rev. Reuben A. Torrey, Jr., formerly of China.

—W. W. Reid.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Japan's State religion and nationalism lie in the ashes of defeat, and its people in large numbers, are turning to Christianity. . . . India is more Socialist-minded than it is Communist, and Premier Nehru is an outstanding non-Communist, independent leader." These factors, Dr. E. Stanley Jones said, mean that both India and Japan can "hold the line," play vital roles as peacemakers, and exert a great influence on China where, he predicted, "disillusionment with Communism is certain." Dr. Jones said that during his three-month stay in Japan he had conducted evangelical meetings in 72 cities and received 31,000 candidates for Christian baptism.

(It may be that this will later come to the attention of our women through city women's organizations. Our chief denominational contact with India is through our New Zealand churches. Ed.)

The Southern Baptist Convention which perhaps has more in common with the position of Seventh Day Baptists than the Northern Convention, held a great meeting in Houston, Tex., May 6-10.

In point of numbers this was the greatest convention ever held by their denomination. The registration was almost 13,000. It seems amazing that such a crowd, meeting in a coliseum, could actually deliberate. The Watchman-Examiner reports that the greatest thing in this convention, compared with other years, was the height of missionary zeal, which, the editor says, is the main purpose of such a meeting.

The vision of the missionary secretaries was 1,200 missionaries and a budget of \$10,000,000. It was apparently not an impossible goal because 800 missionaries are under appointment and \$8,000,000 is in sight.

Two new tracts advertised by the American Tract Society (free) are "Alcohol the Great Remover" by Edwin Raymond Anderson and "Civilization's Most Crucial Hour" by Hon. Ernest C. Manning, premier of Alberta, Canada. The latter compares the oil of Alberta with the unfailing oil in the lamp of God's Word.

Allahabad, India

There are more than 300 villages in the environs of the City of Allahabad, one of the centers in India from which Dr. Frank C. Laubach is carrying on an intensive campaign to erase illiteracy. He has recently proposed to the United Church Women that they "take on a long-term project" that will supply Indian villages with small libraries. He would begin with the 300 villages and then extend from Allahabad as funds permit. Each village library should include, says Dr. Laubach, a mantle-burning oil lamp (something new to India), forty to sixty simply written books in the local language, and a pest-proof and damp-proof case to hold the books. Each of these "field libraries" would cost about \$25, he estimates.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J. — The following notice appeared in the July 4 Shiloh Church bulletin and should be of prayer-interest to many.

"Tonight is the first open-air meeting on the Shiloh corners at 7:45. Let's turn out in force to give them a good start. You should plan to bring a friend to hear the Gospel message in Song and Word. In case of rain the service will not be held.

"A special prayer service for the meeting will be held at 7:30 at Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard's. Those who are interested are invited to attend."

[Shiloh is New Jersey's smallest municipality (387). It fans out from a five-road intersection where most of the property is owned by Seventh Day Baptists and the only open space on the corner is connected with the house of the elderly Mrs. Sheppard mentioned above. Open-air meetings are quite common in southern states. Gospel zeal may well erase the Mason-Dixon line. Flash — more than one hundred attended this first meeting. Ed.]

VERONA, N. Y. — The Ladies' Aid Society was entertained for their all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Marion Dillman, June 25. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. LaVerne Davis. The treasurer's report showed that over \$700 had been raised, including contributions to the pastor's salary, Women's

Board, associational scholarship, nurses' fund, Denominational Budget, and the local building fund. Several teachers have returned to their homes for the summer vacation: Miss Agnes Smith from Huntington, L. I., Miss Leora Sholtz, Duanesburg Central School, Joyce Sholtz, Cicero.

The Boosters Sabbath School class held its monthly meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Alden Vierow. Several committees were appointed for six months.

Pastor Skaggs and family attended the Southeastern Association at Lost Creek, W. Va., and visited his parents at Salem. Rev. Walter Suits, pastor of the M. E. Church, Verona, occupied the pulpit in the absence of Pastor Skaggs.

—Correspondent.

DENVER, COLO. — The forty-second convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Denver, Colo., June 22 to 27, was important news to our youth and other church members.

A pre-convention treat for our congregation was the International Christian Endeavor secretary, Dr. Gene Stone, whom Pastor Dickinson invited to speak on Sabbath, June 20. Using a text from Romans, "With God we can do anything," he stressed our great need for more power for Christian service and living, and which can be ours simply by trusting and relying on God. Dr. Stone's pleasing delivery and joyous facial expression thoroughly demonstrated "the joy of the Lord is my strength."

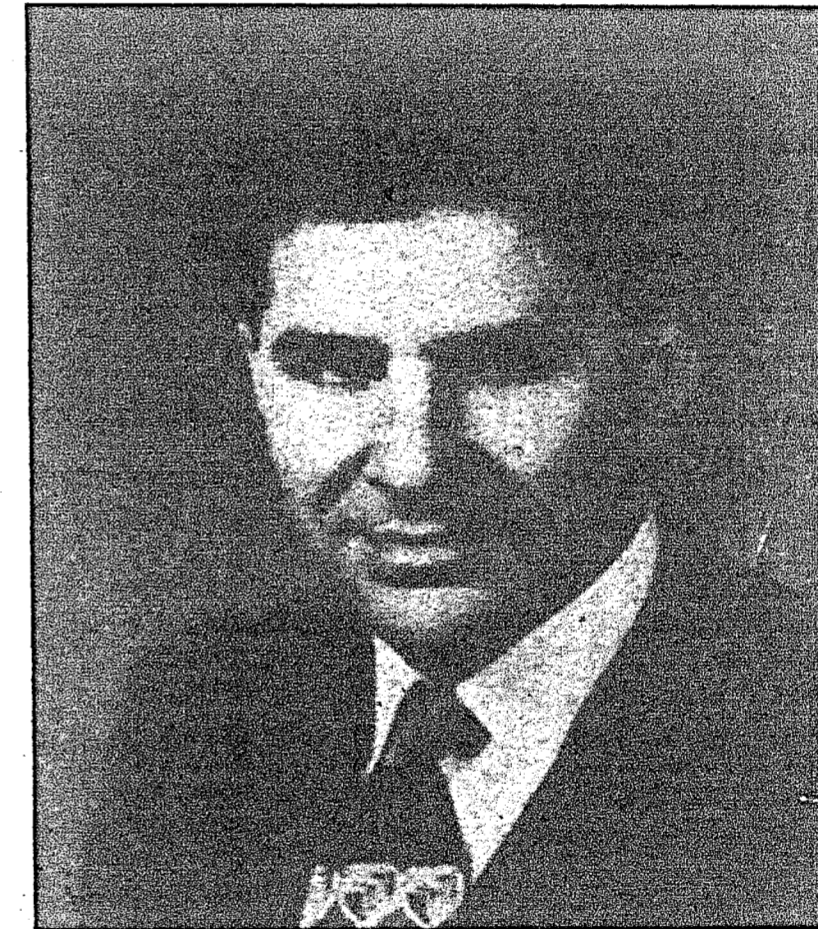
On May 12 we enjoyed the visit of our missionary to Africa, Ronald Barrar, who gave us a better understanding of their needs and problems.

The Vacation Bible School held June 8-19 with an enrollment of 60 and an average attendance of 38, gave an interesting demonstration Friday evening under the direction of the teachers: Mrs. Grant Burdick, Miss Betty Davis, Mrs. Ted Turpin, and helpers, with Mrs. Dickinson directing the music. Their collections amounting to \$15 were sent to our mission in British Guiana.

The church has called two new deacons, Elnor R. Davis and Bernard Benner, to be ordained soon.

Susā Patterson, Correspondent.

The Sabbath Recorder



Rev. Alton L. Wheeler
Pastor of the Battle Creek Church

This clear thinking, energetic young preacher, recognized by the 1944 Conference, has since been member of Commission, president of Conference, and successful pastor of a growing city church. After he guides his church through the problems of entertaining General Conference, August 18-23, he will take up new duties in the fall as pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Church.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, June 30, 1953

Receipts		June	9 months
Balance on hand June 1	\$	37.41	
Adams Center			269.05
Albion			136.02
Alfred, First	479.96		1,976.79
Alfred, Second	224.60		659.50
Andover			27.50
Associations and groups	342.04		387.04
Battle Creek	102.92		2,738.42
Berlin			474.58
Boulder	33.05		317.37
Brookfield, First			135.00
Brookfield, Second			237.50
Chicago	104.00		710.81
Daytona Beach	58.75		427.10
Denver	93.15		541.94
De Ruyter	45.00		105.00
Dodge Center	56.70		181.70
Edinburg	150.00		181.59
Farina	15.00		231.60
Fouke			121.77
Friendship	22.00		27.00
Hammond	30.00		40.00
Hebron, First	12.50		149.04
Hopkinton, First	147.20		830.70
Hopkinton, Second			20.00
Independence	56.00		370.00
Indianapolis			47.15
Individuals			210.00
Irvington			200.00
Jackson Center			27.00
Little Genesee	30.00		289.47
Little Prairie			28.55
Los Angeles			336.50
Lost Creek			568.41
Marlboro	100.00		1,226.33
Middle Island	9.85		92.60
Milton	690.00		3,496.93
Milton Junction	308.04		1,230.02
New Auburn			100.85
New York			233.12
North Loup	203.61		524.13
Nortonville			195.00
Pawcatuck			2,237.15
Philadelphia	15.00		137.50
Piscataway	11.00		136.50
Plainfield	353.05		2,934.03
Richburg	126.00		274.56
Ritchie	60.00		90.00
Riverside	452.87		1,610.14
Roanoke	11.00		57.00
Rockville	11.11		77.11
Salem	130.20		509.00
Salemville			45.00
Schenectady			40.00
Shiloh	551.99		1,981.45
Stone Fort			50.00
Syracuse			100.00
Verona			663.64
Walworth	15.00		65.00
Washington			191.00
Waterford	23.76		154.94
Welton			10.00
White Cloud	148.76		410.43
Wilkes-Barre			25.00
Totals		\$5,261.52	\$31,902.53

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,454.52	\$ 185.18
Tract Society	569.48	2.00
Board of		
Christian Education	788.90	127.00
Women's Society	104.42	10.00
Historical Society	174.80	
Ministerial Retirement	522.56	298.22
S. D. B. Building	146.28	
World Fellowship and Service	27.60	
General Conference	811.44	14.04
Balance on hand	25.08	
Totals	\$4,625.08	\$ 636.44

Comparative Figures

	1953	1952
Receipts in June:		
Budget	\$4,587.67	\$1,345.22
Specials	636.44	198.66
Receipts in 9 months:		
Budget	26,331.79	28,392.68
Specials	5,570.74	8,042.93
Annual Budget	46,635.00	43,825.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	56.6%	64.8%

L. M. Van Horn,

Milton, Wis.

Treasurer.

Births

Hargis. — A son, Douglas Ray, to Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Hargis at Fresno, Calif., June 5, 1953.

Shuler. — A son, Gary Vincent, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent L. Shuler (nee Marilyn Sholtz), March 13, 1953.

Obituaries

Clark. — Harriett M., daughter of John C. and Mary Eccleston Langworthy, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., August 8, 1866, and passed away at her home on July 2, 1953.

She married John S. Clark more than 65 years ago and for the past 40 years they have made their home at 134 West Broad Street, Westerly, R. I. In addition to her husband, she leaves a brother, John C. Langworthy of Boston, and a half sister, Mrs. Annie L. Clark of Westerly.

She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Women's Aid. Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home Sabbath afternoon, July 4, 1953, with her pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was made in the River Bend Cemetery.
C. H. B.

OUR SERVICEMEN

Ens. Paul N. Sholtz, USN
USS Tarawa, CVA-40
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