

The Sabbath Recorder

SABBATH RALLY DAY PLANS

The Sabbath Promotion Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society has set May 15 as the date for the annual Sabbath Rally Day. A few suggestions for making it a successful day have been sent out to all pastors and Sabbath school superintendents. A larger participation than usual is hoped for. Special bulletin covers for the occasion, provided from Tract Society funds, will be sent to all pastors who wish to use them. The emphasis this year is on the Sabbath as "My holy day." There is a tendency for those who have grown up in the church to take the blessings of the Sabbath for granted. Let us pause to think what it means to "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy."

Nonresident members of churches are urged to write to the pastor of the home church sending him some word of testimony, some indication of earnest endeavor to "keep holy day" even though the exhortation of Heb. 10: 25 (not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together) cannot be properly carried out.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS. — Sabbath Day, February 6, our young people conducted the church service very commendably. Those taking part were Paul Green, Lucy Gray, LeRoy Burdick, Jim Stillman, Denise Kagarise, Dale and Roberta Thorngate, and Miriam Seager. The cover design on the bulletin for the service was by Ann Randolph and Roger Williams.

On the next evening our high school young people were hosts to the youth groups of neighboring churches in Milton and Milton Junction at a "Youth Week Worship Service and Social." Kenneth Smith, pastor of the Albion and Milton Junction Churches, was the speaker of the evening.

At the Forum Hour Sabbath afternoon, February 27, Pastor Smith gave a talk on "The Church and Mental Health." He was at that time serving as chaplain at Mendota Hospital, Mendota, Wis., which was a requirement in his seminary course at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill. The discussion of his work there was very interesting and instructive, giving us a less grim view of such hospitals as some of us may have had heretofore.

At the Forum Hour, March 6, we were given the opportunity to hear Dr. Vojtech Andic, Milton College professor in the Department of Business Administration, speak on "Czechoslovakia." Born in that country and a widely traveled man he has had a broad experience in international relations. Recently he was associated with the "Voice of America."

At the World Day of Prayer services Mrs. Jess Norenburg of Madison, Wis., told of the experiences she and her husband had in The Philippines two years ago. They were sent in the interests of all denominations in the development of Christian work. They also visited Japan where they found the people very friendly and interested in our way of living. These people have been aided by the service of United Church Women. — Correspondent.

The Milton - Milton Junction, Wis., community drew a very prominent speaker for the Lenten service held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Friday, March 26. Dr. Ralph Schell, a highly successful Baptist minister from Chicago who has recently become the Executive Director of the World Council Assembly Committee, was the speaker. Pastor Kenneth Smith of the Milton Junction and Albion Churches presided.

Marriages

Deitrick - Atkinson. — On Feb. 6, 1954, Robert L. Deitrick and Elsie Atkinson, both of Coudersport, Pa., were united in marriage, Rev. Arthur Leon, the groom's pastor, officiating.

McCarthy - Saretzki. — Ruth Tacy Saretzki, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Saretzki, became the bride of Sgt. James McCarthy on March 27. The wedding was held in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton at Ashaway, with Pastor Osborn reading the double ring ceremony.

Births

Maxson. — A son, Brian Dean, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maxson (Marion Burdick) of Butler, Pa., on March 14, 1954.

Paquette. — A daughter, Diane Ruby, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Paquette (Dorothea Clarke) of Plainfield, N. J., on March 26, 1954.

Shippee. — A daughter, Sherry Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shippee (Alfreda Maltby) of the Adams Center, N. Y., Church on December 27, 1953.

Forgiveness

When on the fragrant sandal tree,
The woodman's ax descends,
And she who bloomed so beautifully
Beneath the keen stroke bends,
E'en on the edge that brought her death,
Dying, she breathes her sweetest breath,
As if to token in her fall
"Peace to my foes, and love to all!"
How hardly man this lesson learns,
To smile, and bless the hand that spurns;
To see the blow, and feel the pain,
But render only love again!
This spirit ne'er was given on earth;
One had it, — He of heavenly birth;
Reviled, rejected, and betrayed,
No curse He breathed, no plaint He made,
But when in death's deep pang He sighed,
Prayed for His murderers and died.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

— The Prayer of Prayers.

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DE RUYTER CALLS TO ORDINATION

Sabbath day, April 3, was quite a day for the peaceful village of De Ruyter, N. Y., for it was the occasion of welcoming many visitors to the ordination of another pastor in the old Seventh Day Baptist Church. This town of half a thousand has two other Protestant ministers, the young liberal pastor of the Federated Church and the younger conservative pastor of a new Baptist congregation, who were both present to show their recognition of the leadership of the capable young father of five who was being called to ordination.

For those who have never had the privilege of visiting this church which once was the religious center for DeRuyter Institute, a word of orientation may be needed. The village is located some 30 miles south of Syracuse, a few miles east of the Binghamton-Syracuse highway and a few miles west of the Binghamton-Utica road, in a shallow valley of rolling farm lands. Typical of many New York towns it has the appearance of having settled somewhat into the ground by reason of the weight of its many years. The elderly red-stone high school a block from the church could look over its shoulder to the more modern low-slung grade school on the edge of town. One is aware that schools, churches, and houses show the span of their years, but within their walls new generations rise with springing step, justifying the hopes of those who gave.

That is true of the respected and respectable old church of De Ruyter. The tape recording of hymns, sermons, and solemn moments of consecration on this Sabbath day was punctuated with the little sounds that babies make and the tell-tale noises that betray the presence of even well-behaved youngsters.

Speaking of children, there are no new-fangled ways of dealing with them in an old-fashioned, one-room church. Woe to the parent who has neglected discipline in

Correction Please

In our April 5 editorial entitled "For Those Who Tuned in Late" we expressed hope that the report of available money to purchase the Nyasaland property would soon be confirmed. It has not been confirmed. See the article by Secretary Harris in the Missions Department of this issue.

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the home and now tries to put on a show of it in the church. In this particular church there is no putting the little ones behind nursery glass or beating a hasty retreat to the basement. There is only the balcony and the out-of-doors. Neither place quite satisfies, especially on such an unseasonably cold and snowy day.

Let us go inside. Like the Scriptural sheepfold, there is only one door, facing the street. We hope you are on time for the service, for when you enter the sanctuary you may not notice at first the beautiful memorial windows on either side; you will be keenly aware that you are walking past the minister and choir on the small raised platform and are facing the whole congregation. You are almost glad to drop into a front seat so you will not be so conspicuous.

What did the builders of long ago have in mind? They couldn't have been thinking of making it easy for the poorly-clad stranger who might expect to slip in late and slide out early. The church is even now about to enter upon evangelistic meetings. There may be problems of getting the self-conscious unsaved into the services. Perhaps the rugged designers of yesteryear had in mind helping the preacher. How could a sinner leave before he was converted? How could a backslider beat the preacher to the door at the end of the service? One might indeed sit through to the end and neglect the salvation pressed upon him but the other part of that verse, "How shall we escape?" would find no answer.

But this was a time when none wanted to get out. Everyone was interested in the organization of the ordination council. All wanted to hear the Christian experience and clear statement of belief of Pastor Edgar F. Wheeler. It was interesting to note the specific contributions made by many people as he journeyed the road leading to the ministry, and it was significant to hear him speak of "the difficult years" as being in the past.

The council found his statement and examination satisfactory and proceeded to the ordination in the afternoon. The sermon was preached by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of Alfred School of Theology. Six Seventh Day Baptist ministers joined

in the laying on of hands. Besides the three ministers from the Central Association, the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, Secretary Neal D. Mills, and Dr. Hurley took part. We do not know how many ministers De Ruyter has provided for the denomination, but it is interesting to note that two of the ministers present, Victor Skaggs and Neal Mills, got their capable wives from that congregation.

It was a great day for all those present. Sizable delegations from all the churches of the association were in attendance. The candidate's mother had come from Nortonville, Kan. Mrs. Wheeler's relatives had come from West Virginia, as well as two seminary students and their families from Alfred. Courtland Davis had driven from Plainfield, N. J., with four in his car. We believe that it was universally felt that we had consecrated to the Gospel ministry a real man of God, one who would have a growing ministry in the church that called him.

BINGO AND THE BIBLE IN NEW JERSEY

The eyes of the nation have been focused on New Jersey in recent months for two notorious affairs. First, is the decision of the State Supreme Court to bar the Gideons from distributing in the public schools, even with the consent of parents, the New Testament and Psalms. The American Jewish Congress takes the credit for fighting the case through to a successful conclusion. The other affair that offends the finer sensibilities of many Protestants is the legalizing of Bingo and other forms of gambling at the last election.

Prior to the election when Bingo was still illegal, the successful candidate for governor was pictured in the daily papers enjoying a Bingo game from the side lines. What brings this to mind is that the newspapers of April 1 in a three-column spread show Governor Meyner administering the oath to four members of the State Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission. Is it a mere formality? We would not wish to judge. In the picture the eyes of all four are upon the smiling governor, while their hands are upon a Bible. The Bible appears to be the fa-

miliar King James Version with overlapping edges. It is the same Bible that the Supreme Court barred from free distribution in the schools except that it contains all the Old Testament rather than just the Psalms.

One cannot help but wonder why the oath could not have been administered on a dictionary or a well-bound law book. There is something wrong with swearing in Bingo on the Bible. What would Moses say, or Isaiah, Amos or Micah, not to mention Christ and the apostles? Is justice fled to brutish beasts? Does the Bible mean no more in our public life than feeling the grain of its leather cover? We do not want to be cynical. Let us remember that few of our public servants will have a higher regard for the moral standards of the Bible than what they judge to be the composite attitude of their constituents. We have a responsibility to let them know that we take its precepts seriously.

WHAT DO THE FIGURES SAY?

On the back page of this Recorder is another monthly report of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget. Your editor thinks he sees evidences of greater consistency in giving compared with a year ago.

The figures say that only 17 of our churches (mostly weak ones) failed to send in money during March. Compare this with the figures in the November 23 issue. The figure 17 is also the number of churches that have sent in less than \$100 in 6 months. You will note that 6 churches stand in the \$500 - \$1,000 bracket, 4 in the \$1,000 - \$2,000 range, and 4 above \$2,000.

Where does your church stand in relation to other churches of comparable numeric and economic strength? Why not write to some of these churches that are doing more than you are and see if you can find their secret? Interchurch competition in benevolences is perfectly Scriptural. Read 2 Corinthians 9. We could furnish an example of a small congregation that stands high in denominational giving because its numbers on the average give as much to denominational work as to local expenses.



MEMORY TEXT

"I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth." 1 John 2: 21.



Prayer Thought

The Certainty of Prayer

As we approach another General Conference our thoughts are being directed to the theme, "To know Him and to make Him known." To know Him is the inward satisfaction of the Christian life and to make Him known is the outward result in service. That this inward life and outward overflow are all wrapped up in prayer is taught all through the New Testament. Let us examine one passage our Conference president has asked us to study in this connection, 1 John 5: 13, 14, 15. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, . . . And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: . . . we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." The climax of all the things "we know" as found in 1 John comes in these verses. That climax is that it is entirely possible for any of us to really know Him and it assures us that **He does answer prayer.** Let us include a new emphasis on prayer in our personal lives and in our work in the churches and in all of the fellowship we have together as Christians. — Ralph H. Coon.

If your church does not give as much for missions and other world-wide work as it does for the local program can you honestly say that it is because your local program provides funds for an unusually strong local evangelistic outreach? Looking at it the other way, if we are convinced that local outreach in our community is next to impossible (perish the thought), should we not feel duty-bound, love-bound to greatly increase the percentage which we put into the denominational treasury?

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A Call to Prayer

It has been written: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of"; "When I pray, something happens at the other end of the line"; "Prayer changes things." The most sweeping promises the Lord Jesus made are in connection with prayer. He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask. . . ." "If ye shall ask any thing in my name. . . ." The Holy Spirit says through James, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." Think of it — from your own prayer room you can reach out and touch people and situations all around the world.

"The other end of the line" on our hearts most urgently right now is Nyasaland, the mission at Sandama. The situation there needs our earnest prayer. It is imperative that someone go there very soon. Pray for the right one to be enlisted. Pray for Beth and Joan in this trying time in their experience, and the heavy load of work that rests on them. Pray for those loyal native pastors and church members. Pray for Brother Barrar and his family that the Lord may fully possess their hearts. Pray for unsaved people in that vicinity that their lives may be touched, and that they may be born again. We have a great opportunity there, and the field is ripe. Pray for a harvest of souls. What happens "at the other end of the line" depends on our prayers more than anything else.

And while you are praying for Makapwa Mission, don't neglect the other fields, and the home base. "The other end of the line" may be right in your own community, in your own church.

Rev. Ralph H. Coon has accepted the responsibility of planning the prayer program for General Conference. As a preliminary, he has prepared a series of brief paragraphs on prayer, based on First John, which will appear periodically in the Recorder. Read them thoughtfully, and then pray for a deepening experience in the lives of all of us, and an outpouring of the Spirit at Milton next August.

For the preacher: "Thicken your exhortation with doctrine." — Alexander Whyte of Edinburg.

Some occasion for encouragement is to be found in the monthly report of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget for March giving as found elsewhere in this issue of the Recorder. For one thing, the month's totals of \$5,284.09 fall within 1½% of the average monthly requirement for actually meeting the budget. For another thing, twenty-one churches have met their six months' target as of the end of March. In view of past performance, both of these factors are indeed encouraging to those charged with meeting denominational obligations.

Lest we become complacent, however, there is the reverse side of this picture. In spite of the records established by twenty-one of our churches, the entire budget after half a year is only 31.9% realized. This percentage should be 50. March was only the second month, within the past six, when we even nearly approached meeting the monthly needs. Because of this lag, it will be necessary for us to give the equivalent of eight months' needs during the next six months if we are to close the Conference year with our financial obligations met.

We hesitate to urge more strenuous effort on the part of those churches which are meeting the targets suggested to them several months ago. If they continue to give for the rest of the year as they have during the first half, they will have worthily met their portion of our common obligation. Even as it is, we can hope that they will not relax their efforts.

But what of those churches which have not met their suggested targets? Some of them are undoubtedly doing all that they can, and it is for that reason that the various targets were "suggested." But there are some churches for which there has as yet been no report after half a year. There are others which doubtless could have sent in more than they have.

Emergencies have arisen and our needs are increasing rather than diminishing.

Continued regular giving is still needed for that portion of God's work which we have undertaken. A. B. C.

Statement of Christian Experience

Edgar F. Wheeler

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Rom. 11: 33.

As I consider the many events through which God has brought me to this hour, I bow in gratitude and wonder to His wisdom and grace. He has kept and led me toward purposes far beyond my vision. In retrospect I see all the varied experiences converging on His design for my life. He has led through dark waters and along pleasant paths alike, and I am persuaded that nothing shall ever separate me from His love.

I am thankful for Christian parents and a home in which we children were taught by word and example the ways of Christ, obedience to the will of God, and prayer and Bible study. To my parents I am deeply grateful for their leading in those early steps of faith which have proved an abiding source of strength and guidance.

My many experiences of worship and fellowship in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church are most precious memories, and their confidence expressed in granting me a license to preach during my early studies for the ministry gave me added incentive in my preparation.

A vital and enduring influence of those early years at Nortonville was my pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, whose powerful preaching and example helped me to build a foundation of faith and high ideals. His work was an important factor in awakening me to a call into the ministry.

The capable and devoted teaching of the Word of God by my Sabbath school teacher, Miss Nannie Greeley, during my teen-age years, stirred within me a deep respect for and interest in the Scriptures.

A close friend of my own age, Allen Bond, while yet a new-born Christian, helped me to find a clear-cut faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. His life was to me a brilliant testimony to the transforming power of Christ.

The ties of Christian love with the members of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church have been especially satis-

fyng to my wife and me. I feel greatly indebted to them for their assistance and encouragement during our difficult years in seminary.

My experiences of friendship and learning with Rev. Loyal F. Hurley helped me to find the profound possibilities of faith in Christ for assurance and strength in daily living. His has been an example of faith stepping out of the realm of doctrine into life experience.

The confidence of my brothers and sister has many times been a steadying and inspiring influence. I am grateful, too, to my parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Randolph, for their help in so many ways. We were always assured of their being behind us in any need.

The self-sacrifice, love, and devotion of my wife have been a constant source of strength and happiness. God's kindness in giving her to me for a life companion and helpmate has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. We are united in our desire to serve the Lord.

I am deeply grateful to the members of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church for calling us back for a second term of service and for their confidence in now calling me to ordination. I pray that their trust may be well placed.

The question does not arise in my mind as to who had the most influence for good on my life. To me the important thing is that each one had a contribution to make. The lesson learned and the impression gained from each was unique; no one could have taken the place of the other. The part that each played was determined by circumstances, place, personality — and committal to the Lord for service.

Praying that we may be faithful to the trust placed in us, I endeavor to present a statement of my beliefs which will give a true picture of my convictions on the basic tenets of the Christian faith.

Statement of Belief

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God." Psalm 90: 2.

I believe in God. I believe that He is Spirit (John 4: 24), yet a real personality, eternal, omnipotent, unchanging, perfect

in righteousness and justice. I believe that Almighty God, too immense to be fathomed by man, has graciously expressed Himself before men through three manifestations which have commonly been called the Trinity. It is through this Trinity (I believe triunity is more accurate) that God expresses His true character, presence, and power in a measure and manner which man may grasp and which will meet man's spiritual needs.

I would emphasize the unity of the Godhead. The three Persons or manifestations are complementary to each other, and each pictures another aspect of the Godhead, thus giving a well-rounded picture of God. The following borrowed illustration may help.

We stand on the shores of the boundless ocean and gaze out across the water which extends far beyond the range of our vision. The ocean is there, and yet it is so immense that we can get no true picture of its character — its size, shape, and breadth. This we might liken to God, the Creator and Sustainer of the world. We know that He is, and that His presence is everywhere. But our imagination is staggered by the magnitude of His works, by His infinity, His majesty, and power.

We may then look across a bay. It contains the same water as the ocean with the same elements, but here we can see across to the other side and, on a scale that we can visualize, get a picture of what the ocean is like. We see something of its shape and content. Through the Incarnation God appeared among men in the Person of Jesus Christ, walking among men in the flesh; thus He revealed His true character in a manner and measure that they could comprehend.

We may then take a cup of water from the bay. This, again, is the same water with the same elements as the ocean, but it has become our own personal possession. So the Holy Spirit is truly God, but He is our own "little cup of God." He is God entering into our personal experience, to become the Source of godly character, righteousness, power, and enlightenment. Thus through the triune expression of Himself, God has made Himself real and vital to every area of human experience.

(To be continued)

FAITHFULNESS IN LITTLE THINGS

Rev. Leon R. Lawton

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." Luke 16: 10.

There is an erroneous view that the spiritual life is entirely separated from the day by day walk in the world, as if only that is religious which is related to Bible reading, prayer, meditation, and attending church services, whereas all else that pertains to the common, prosaic duties of every day are purely secular and thus of no real value in the sight of God.

But this is not so. While it is service for Christ, service of the highest kind, to lead souls to a knowledge of Him through the Word, and to teach the Bible, there are lowlier opportunities of ministry to Him that are open to every one of us. The danger is that we are too frequently looking for some great things to do when, generally speaking, it is our task to be "faithful in that which is least." After all, the vast majority of Christian people are occupied, during most of their waking hours, in the duties of the office, or school, or factory, or home, or farm, or in some other bread-winning job.

If we cannot serve the Lord in these places, we cannot serve Him at all. We should not despise the opportunities to witness to the Lord, however humbly, for it is equally as important that the secret and minor acts of service be fulfilled with fidelity as it is for the "big" ministry. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. . . ." — Los Angeles Bulletin.

Long Beach Sabbath Fellowship

The first definite word about a Long Beach Sabbath Fellowship group comes by way of the Los Angeles Church bulletin. It carries the information that on Sabbath afternoon, March 20, Brother Frank Smart, leader of the group, baptized five candidates in the Los Angeles Church located at 4976 N. Figueroa St. Until further information is available inquiries may well be sent to Pastor Lawton. There once was a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Long Beach. New interest is known to exist in a number of communities closer to Long Beach than to Los Angeles. Ed.

Missions

Regarding Purchasing Nyasaland Mission Property

A Sabbath Recorder editorial of April 5 (relative to purchasing the Nyasaland Mission property) states, "We hear that the property transfer may be assured by a generous individual contribution and we hope this will soon be confirmed." This gives a wrong impression. No such assurance has come to the Missionary Society.

The situation seems to be as follows: The majority of the members of the Commission have consented after being canvassed on the matter to permit the need for funds to purchase the property to be presented to the people of our denomination. Some members were opposed on the grounds that this would constitute a special appeal and might jeopardize the raising of the Denominational Budget. However, since the matter of purchasing this property at the price set by the owner, Rev. Ronald Barrar, seemed a primary consideration, a re-canvass of the opinion of the Commission seemed necessary. At a recent meeting of the secretaries at Alfred with Secretary A. B. Crofoot, it was finally decided that since a majority of Commission members favored it, the necessity to receive funds for the purchase of the Nyasaland property might now be called to the attention of our people.

A total of 1,150 pounds, or \$3,220.00, is needed. Mr. Barrar has agreed to turn over the property to the Missionary Society for a payment of 500 pounds, or \$1,400 and "the balance after Conference this year." He further states, "I could arrange to have a mortgage made out for the balance so the deed could be made over to the Missionary Society right away. . . . All equipment belongs to the station except my own furniture."

Thus far no one has offered to pay one penny of the needed amount to purchase this property. Until there is some assurance that the money is forthcoming, the secretary of the society to which the matter was referred does not feel warranted in going all-out to urge someone to replace Mr. Barrar as director

of the field. Several contacts with interested parties have been made but the matter awaits clarification as to the securing of funds. Are the people going to respond to this need? Now that the majority of the Commission have given approval, the need is at last being presented to the people. It was impossible to act before this. Actions prove louder than words. Let some of the folks who have been urging speed now show some of it.

E. T. H.

Letter From Nyasaland

A letter received from Nurses Joan Clement and Beth Severe of Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland will be of interest to Recorder readers, for whom it was intended. The letter follows.

19th March, 1954

Dear Pastor Harris:

This is still the rainy season here, but we trust that it will not last too much longer. It is now almost the end of March. The schoolboys have for the most part returned, following an interval of three weeks between semesters. Those who did not return yesterday will arrive today so that all will be gathered back here again before the beginning of Sabbath this evening. Regular classes will resume on Sunday, and before we know it the school year will be completed, for the time passes even more quickly here than at home, if you can imagine such a thing.

In a few days the schoolboys will begin to harvest the maize which they have planted and worked so hard to care for. We hope that you will all be able to look in on the boys here by way of tape and slides at General Conference this fall. When the work of the gardens is finished then will be the time to begin to make bricks in order that new buildings for the school will be ready for use at the beginning of the next school year.

One of the greatest joys in our work here on the mission is our contact with the boys in the boarding school, and during their holiday time we received some very nice letters from them telling us of their journeys to their homes. We thought perhaps you of the Recorder family would enjoy some of these letters as much as we have. We remember how much we

enjoyed the letters from the students of Crandall High School which appeared in the Recorder from time to time; so we shall share with you some of the thoughts of our students of Makapwa Mission School, for they give you a little peek into the personalities of some of our boys. We say boys, always, for there are but a very few girls in the school. Girls do not attend school in Nyasaland for the most part. There are several very young girls living on the mission but of course they are not part of the regular school boarding department. So much for this — on to the letters. The English which the students write is a direct translation from the native language, Nyanja. The idioms and expressions are good Nyanja translated literally into English and do not indicate poor knowledge of English, for in the classroom there is no difficulty at all with good English usage.

"Dear loving Teacher and Doctor,

"I am going to announce to you that I arrived safely indeed, and now I am too much occupied helping parents, but I don't know about you, how you are nowadays, both Doctor. Please, thank you very much for your favour. Doctor, when I am sick you care for me very much. When I am going astray with my lessons, you are able to let me know how I should do. When I was coming you loaned me money. Then thanks for all these things, that God may bless you all for ever with your kindness.

"Please Teacher both Doctor, will you reply me that I can be able to know how you are, before this holiday, please let me know.

"In this meantime I am in good condition except my Elder Brother is sick from eyes ache.

"I shall much appreciate it if my poor note will meet with you and reply me as soon as possible according to my request.

"Thank you very much,
"D. A. M."

"Dear Madam,

"Today I am having a good time of writing you this letter to inform you about my health, and how I reached home on that day. Regarding condition of my health, I say that I am well while I am writing this letter but I don't know what

will happen after this poor letter. Also my parents are all well.

"How are you both for the time being, I shall have much pleasure that you are well, thank you.

"Therefore I am not going to converse with you, I just close with best greetings to you all.

"Your student,
"P. L."

Perhaps you can see why we love the students so very much. Since the school is the life of the mission we shall try to keep you well informed concerning it.

Yours to make Christ known,
Joan and Beth.

Holland

A Letter

Dear Brother Harris:

Thank you for your letter of the 10th. Last Sabbath the Haarlem and Amsterdam Churches held their yearly meeting in our lovely chapel at Haarlem. It was an extraordinary Sabbath, for on Sabbath evening Brother H. Visser was ordained as the elder of the Haarlem Church by the Rev. Johannes Hansen, pastor of the Copenhagen Seventh Day Baptist Church. It was a solemn duty. On Sabbath morning the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Brother Visser officiating.

On Sabbath afternoon Pastor Hansen told an attentive audience of his experiences in the slum-mission at home and of his evangelizing work, stressing the urgent need of faith and prayer. He told of wonderful hearing of his prayer many times.

Pastor Hansen was already in Holland the Sabbath before and originally he intended to leave Holland shortly after the Sabbath, but upon our urgent request he stayed here the whole week, visiting many members of the different churches. He brought a rich blessing and won our hearts. We hope to see him again at our conference on the last Sabbath of June.

Pastor Bahlke of Hamburg was also with us and the Rev. H. Vanderveen from France, who was interested to make our acquaintance.

Ten days before it seemed that only Pastor Bahlke would attend this meeting, but God led things in such a way that all three brethren were present.

This meeting was not a meeting as usual; it was a feast. We much enjoyed the communion of the brethren of three foreign countries.

God bless our brethren on the other side of the ocean.

With fraternal greetings, I remain as ever,

Yours sincerely,
G. Zijlstra.

Editor's Note: We received via the Missionary Society for this page an obituary of Rev. P. Taekema written by Brother G. Zijlstra. Since the more informational article by Miss St. John was already set in type we have omitted the one from Holland.

Alfred Meeting of Secretaries

The spring meeting of the four paid secretaries of the denomination (missionary, tract, education, and executive) was held at the Gothic in Alfred, N. Y., on April 7, under the chairmanship of A. Burdet Crofoot, executive secretary of the General Conference. Rev. Everett Harris of the Missionary Society sandwiched in the meeting between his midwestern revival meetings and a similar meeting at Little Genesee, N. Y. The editor-secretary of the Tract Society came by train from Plainfield. The other two secretaries reside in Alfred.

This meeting of secretaries comprising the Co-ordinating Committee was in session from about 11 a.m. until after 11 p.m. with time out for meals, one of which was a church fellowship supper sponsored by the Ladies' Aid. There was discussion of a number of important topics relating to the three major boards — discussion designed to be mutually helpful to all the secretaries. It was left pretty much to the executive secretary to establish the broad lines of demarcation between functions and areas of work of the various boards. Budget problems claimed some attention, and missionary matters of interest were rather thoroughly shared. It is our belief that some of the understandings reached were of considerable significance and will more than justify the expense of the gathering. L. M. M.

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR MAY

By Mrs. Rex Ayars, Shiloh, N. J.

Theme: Serving God in the Home

Scripture: Prov. 22: 6; Deut. 6: 5-7

Hymn: "O Happy Home, Where Thou Art Loved"

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for our homes, our children, and the companionship of loved ones. We thank Thee for the freedom of the land in which we live. We do sincerely pray for wisdom to maintain homes where Christ reigns in our hearts. We pray, too, that our way of living, our manner of speech, and our daily deeds may be a witness to others of our love for our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Special Music: Duet, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Serving God in the Home

When we think of home, our thoughts center around father, mother, and children. The Bible teaches that children are the gift of God. Granting that, we must "train up a child in the way he should go," we have to love and shepherd these children. If we are to serve God in the home, we must teach them principles of living.

If we are to teach these principles with lasting effectiveness we must maintain an atmosphere of love and patience. Just as we teach our children to walk by leading them by the hand rather than pushing, so we lead them in the Christian walk of life. The atmosphere of the home makes more impression upon a child than formal teaching. Just as the child learns more about love from the relationship between his parents and from their response to his desire for affection than from an explanation of the meaning of love, so he discovers the values of religion more from experiences in the home.

To present the claims of Christ to our children we must first know our own beliefs on the subject. If we are shaky, or if we are careless in our own living, we cannot effectively teach or witness. If we know the claims of Christ, if we believe in our hearts these claims, and if we live each day according to our belief, we should be able to discuss these things

with our children as easily as we discuss our secular activities. In our so-called modern days we emphasize visual aids. A head bowed in prayer or a parent found in Bible study will make a greater witness than mere words.

Assuming now that we have been teaching and leading our children in an atmosphere of Christian living and that we have presented the claims of Christ to them through their growing years, are we parents willing for them to give full-time service to the Lord? Are we going to make the necessary sacrifices that it will involve for them and for us? Abraham was willing to give his son as the sacrifice because he truly loved God. If our children come to the point where they wish to serve full time, surely we should say, "Thy will be done."

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." From our home oftentimes goes help to those in need. This may be material help, but more often, perhaps, there is need for a close friendship or for time spent in prayer for their comfort or for a compassion like that of God.

Service for God in the home would surely improve our church work: that part of it which involves being regular attendants at the worship services as a family, of co-operating with the working element of the church and taking on such duties, and that part of our work that means supplying the church needs with our money.

In our efforts to serve God in the home we must be constantly alert to the opportunities close at hand for witnessing for our Saviour. From our actions, from our spoken word, from our very attitude toward life, those about us, yes, even children who visit in our home, should know that we are Christians. Our constant aim should be to put and to keep Christ as head of the house.

Hymn: "Mid Pleasures and Palaces"

(This talk was given by Mrs. Ayars (Earline Main) at the Yearly Meeting at Marlboro, N. J., and is included in this program at the request of the editor of the Women's Page.)

A TROUBLED WORLD

Needs

Christian Families

National Family Week, May 2-9

SEE Recorder of April 5 for suggested activities for home, church, and community. WRITE at once to National Council for these:

Family Week in Your Home,
Family Week in the Churches,
The Family Bible Lives Anew — devotions for the whole family. (Part 1, Old Testament; Part 2, New Testament.) All of the above 5c each.

Poster, 10c, 11 x 17, 2 colors.

Address Dept. of Publications, National Council of Churches, 79 East Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill. M. M.

EDUCATION SECRETARY VISITS CHURCHES

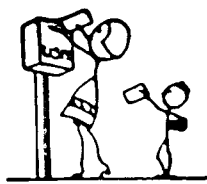
A number of eastern and southern churches have invited Secretary Neal D. Mills of the Board of Christian Education to visit them to preach on Sabbath days and to meet with their leaders and teachers. It is hoped that by studying together the problems and opportunities of teachers, they may be better prepared to serve with credit and success. Not only the numerical strength but the spiritual level of our future churches depends upon the Sabbath schools and teachers of today.

Some invitations are being held in abeyance until they can be fitted into an itinerary including others in the same area. No very long trips can be taken this year on account of expense.

The secretary's spring itinerary is as follows:

April 9 - 10, Marlboro, N. J., with Shiloh participating;
April 16 - 17, Alfred, N. Y., assisting in baptism and Communion service;
April 23 - 30, Westerly, Ashaway, Hopkinton City, R. I., with others;
May 1, Waterford, Conn.;

May 3-6, Ministers Conference, Farina, Ill.
Slides and filmstrips will be used, and materials for pupils, teachers, and parents will be on display for examination.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I go to C.E. and I like it. I take piano lessons and I have about nine pages in my piano book. I am ten years old. Next Feb. 17, I will be eleven years old. I take tap dancing and square dancing. I like them both. I have a TV set. We got some new chairs, three of them, and only two lamp tables.

My name is Gracie Keelan. I live at 38 Fox St., Denver, Colo. I am in the fifth grade. My room teachers are Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Lort, Mr. Jacobi, and Mrs. Farrel. I have one sister and two brothers. My sister's name is Candice. She is eight years old. Tommy, my younger brother, is six years old. My other brother is eleven years old.

Well that's all I've got to tell you.
Gracie Keelan.

38 Fox St.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am six years old and my sister is writing to you so I wanted to write, too. I am in first grade and my teacher is Miss Beryl.

I take tap dancing and like it. I like to watch Roy Rogers and Superman on TV.
Thomas Keelan.

38 Fox St.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I thought I would write to you again. Every morning when I go to school I take a paper to a lady on Main Street from a neighbor's house. At noon I bring the neighbor lady's mail. I do that every day (except Sunday) and on Friday I get paid.

We have some pets: one dog named "Sky Bow," "Sky" for short, and some snails and fish. Sky is a wonderful and smart dog. He also is cute. Sky is a beagle hound and Daddy and Peter go hunting. Robert, David, and I go, but not as often as Peter who is fourteen years old. Peter will be fifteen, David will be

thirteen, Robert will be seven, and I will be twelve this year.

Sincerely,
Judy Van Horn.
Milton, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am eleven years old. I go to Fairmont School and am in sixth grade. I live next door to the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church. I am the president of the Junior Christian Endeavor.

We are going to have a dedication of our new hymnals next Sabbath eve.

I am a cousin of Phillip and Shiela Davis who write to the Sabbath Recorder quite often.

Sincerely,
Patricia Kay Davis.

40 Kalamath St.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am treasurer of the Junior C.E. of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. I belong to a Camp Fire group. I go every Tuesday. Today we had a birthday party for the girls whose birthdays are in March, and we had some games.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Toy.

323 Acoma St.,
Denver 19, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I read in the Sabbath Recorder that you would like a copy of my kitty song. So I am sending it to you. You will find it on the back of this letter.

Our spring flowers are beginning to peek through the ground.

I am learning to sew.

I have not been absent from Sabbath school since Christmas. Nellie Barbur is my Sabbath school teacher.

Your friend,
Nancy Cruzan.

Adams Center, N. Y.

Dear Gracie, Thomas, Judy,
Patricia, Barbara, and Nancy:

I have so many children's letters to date that I'm sending all I have room for this week and have little room to answer you singly. I have enjoyed all your letters and thank you for one and all. Do write often, and the next time you write I'll be sure to send a real answer. Yes, and try to answer each of these letters.

In Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

SHILOH SCORES AGAIN

It comes as no surprise to those who know of the village's ancient and honorable background that Shiloh has scored again.

Shiloh has scored again in the person of Miss Florence Bowden, the latest of a long line of Shiloh sons and daughters who have given light to the world through scholastic and religious leadership.

Miss Bowden, a state helping teacher with a special flare for English, is now an author in her own right with two textbooks to her credit. Her sponsorship by the Macmillan Company is sufficient evidence of the worth of her endeavors and a definite guarantee of the widest possible acceptance of her work by the educators of America.

The Bridgeton Area, which includes Elder Davis' village of Shiloh, was for generations an oasis of learning in a region which was not otherwise notable for its attention to matters of formal education. The Shiloh Academy and the Shiloh Library did more than their share and it affords all of us a great deal of satisfaction to see the old tradition carried on so splendidly. — Editorial, Feb. 5, 1954, **Bridgeton (N. J.) Evening News**.

[Florence Bowden is an active member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, the only church in the borough, which has a population of 387.]

Mynor Soper Awarded Scholarship

President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College has announced that Mynor Soper, a senior from New York, has been awarded the scholarship made available by the churches of the Southeastern Association of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. It will be effective for this semester.

The scholarship originated at the annual meeting of the association in June, 1953, and was designed to help young qualified people attend college. Soper will attend theology school following his graduation from Salem; preference may be given in awarding these scholarships to students who plan to prepare for full or part-time religious service.

READ, THEN WRITE

Susa S. Patterson

That we are rapidly being overcome by the evils of beverage alcohol was recently made painfully evident by the startling statements of the legal director of the Brewers Foundation, F. P. Hurley of New York. He quoted a survey as showing that beer was served in two out of three American homes, primarily as a mealtime beverage, and that it was gaining in popularity, with a per capita consumption of 17 to 18 gallons, and he added, "that (popularity) includes women, too. More and more women are coming to like beer and appreciate it as the beverage of moderation."

Far from being the harmless, moderate drink the brewers would have us believe, a bottle of beer contains very little less alcohol than a shot of whiskey. The alcohol used in all alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, gin, whiskey) is ethyl alcohol (scientists tell us), a habit-forming narcotic, and few stop after just one drink.

This alarming increase in beer drinking, from 40 million barrels in 1930 to 86 million barrels last year, has come about by sending untruthful, glamorized liquor advertising directly into our homes by radio, TV, newspapers, and magazines. We can turn other objectionable salesmen away at our door, yet the death-dealing liquor salesman is forced upon us hourly day and night.

If every senator and representative from the 48 states received a 2-cent post card protesting this daily violation in our homes and asking them to pass the Bryson Bill (H.R. 1227) to stop it, we believe the pressure from their constituents would force them into action. Drop a card now.

A word about the author. There is a tendency to accuse temperance writers of being one-string fiddlers. We know Mrs. Patterson to be the type of church worker who is a joy to a pastor's heart. She has boundless enthusiasm for adult and children's evangelism. A recent letter to the editor expressed a wish that we could have an evangelistic sermon in every Recorder. Ed.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 1, 1954

Judgment on Jeroboam

Basic Scripture:

1 Kings 12: 25-33; 14: 1-20.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A quarter of a million Gospels of John in the Korean language were distributed to Republic of Korea soldiers in a front-line invasion by two Pocket Testament League Gospel teams in November.

Driving Gospel-laden PTL sound trucks over rugged mountain terrain, the teams visited every accessible ROK unit, distributing Gospels to the soldiers and holding as many as 12 evangelistic meetings in one day. The teams often preached to outdoor assemblies of 2,000 to 2,500 soldiers.

Virtually every ROK soldier on the front lines received a Gospel of John, with the exception of isolated outposts inaccessible to the PTL trucks. Gospels for these outposts were left with ROK chaplains who made personal distribution.

Jack Wyrzten, now back in New York City, reports the tremendous response to this Gospel invasion in these words: "Multitudes of men indicated their acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Thousands asked to be enrolled in the follow-up correspondence course. Eternity alone will reveal the full impact of this mighty Gospel invasion."

C.W.S. was on the job in Hong Kong. On Christmas night, a devastating fire swept the crowded city of Hong Kong, leaving 70,000 Chinese refugees destitute and homeless. In swift response to a cabled plea for aid, U.S. Protestant churches made available through Church World Service \$10,000 in emergency funds and 320,000 pounds of food and clothing for immediate aid to the disaster victims. Supplies ready for immediate distribution are in excess of 70,000 pounds of clothing and 140,000 pounds of foodstuffs on hand in Hong Kong warehouses, as well as 50,000 pounds of clothing and 62,000 pounds of dried milk powder shipped to Hong Kong recently and due to arrive there in the next few days.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower appealed to the nation over major TV and radio hook-ups, Sunday, February 7, to join in the American Legion sponsored "Back to God" movement, which urges

the peoples of America and of the world to seek divine guidance in their everyday activities by regular church attendance, daily family prayer, and religious training of youth.

The American Legion "Back to God" movement, created by a mandate of the 1951 National Convention in Miami, has gained tremendous national importance since that time. American Legion.

"A new mission field — the microwave highways of the air — is being explored intensively by ministers and lay men and women in workshops and institutes held across the country," said the Rev. Charles H. Schmitz of the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission.

"Churchmen learn the limitations and possibilities of radio and television in these workshops," says Mr. Schmitz. "Should they ever have an opportunity to produce a religious broadcast, they will do so wisely and well."

Workshops during 1954 which deal with radio will be held as follows:

April 26-30 — Altoona, Pa.

Radio-TV

May 10-14 — Oklahoma City, Okla.

Radio-TV

July 26 - Aug. 6 — New York, N. Y.

Radio-TV

Marvin Cruzan writes from England where he is stationed that he has attended some of the Billy Graham meetings in London. He told of a 2,000-voice choir and 17,000 persons attending with 20,000 more waiting on the outside for the next meeting. Three meetings were being held each evening. — White Cloud, Mich., Bulletin.

Government departments have developed fantastic "waste-lines" during the past 20 years. We can trust Mr. Eisenhower to slim them into shape. — Brookfield Courier.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED STATION, N. Y. — Beginning January 1 the Western Association has been sponsoring two 15-minute programs, "Broadcast of Faith," heard over stations WFRM, Coudersport, Pa., and WWHG, Hornell, N. Y., Sabbath mornings at 7:30

and 9:30 respectively. They will be continued through the month of April.

We trust that many people not familiar with the Seventh Day Baptists as well as our own members have received much good from the fine addresses given by our pastors and all who have taken part.

We were very proud of our junior choir when they sang two hymns during the broadcast on March 13. Mrs. Robert Lewis is their director. Pastor Rogers conducted a service in the chapel at the Angelica County Home one Sunday in January and again the junior choir furnished the music.

On February 6 twenty-five young people enjoyed breakfast in the church basement with their advisers, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Palmiter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce. Later they had charge of the morning worship service, with David Beebe from the seminary preaching a fine sermon.

The World Day of Prayer service held in our church was a union service with the First Alfred and the University Church. About 70 ladies attended and an offering of \$41.50 was received.

For a few weeks prior to Easter a series of Lenten Christian Life Forums are being held on Sabbath afternoons in our church.

On April 9, 10, and 11 Rev. Paul Osborn will conduct a preaching mission.

Several people are helping with a community religious census while others are working on our annual church canvass.

The Ladies' Aid held a Family Night Valentine Party in the church basement which was well attended. — Bertha Burdick, Correspondent.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — Early in the month there came another gap in our ranks when Glen Curtis was called to the service. He is now stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. We are reminded also that Clyde Sloan is serving in the Navy, while Phil Henry advances in the Air Force at Hondo Air Base, Texas. May God keep these young men.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Fetherston of Battle Creek, Mich., were in attendance at our church for three consecutive Sabbaths. During their visit here they were entertained by Pastor and Mrs. Alton L. Wheeler. It was a special delight on

Sabbath, March 13, to have Mrs. Fetherston preside at the organ. As president of the denominational Women's Board, she addressed the Dorcas Society, Mar. 16. Two were present from the Los Angeles group. The Riverside Daily Press sent a photographer (in a terrific downpour of much appreciated rain) to take a picture of Mrs. Fetherston with our local Dorcas president, Mrs. Florence Garrett, and Mrs. Rex Brewer, program chairman. Together with story, it made a nice showing in the paper the next day.

On Sunday afternoon, March 14, our church was host to the County Christian Endeavor Union. Pastor Wheeler gave the address to about fifty attentive young people.

We welcome Nelson and Patricia Keyser back from two years in Tripoli. God has been gracious in giving him an assignment at March Air Force Base. Their three little girls are a sparkling addition to the Sabbath school. In an evening meeting in the social room of the church we learned a great deal more about Tripoli as both Nelson and Pat "ad-libbed" while they showed us a fascinating group of colored slides taken in that country.

It was a joy to witness a baptism in our church on Sabbath; March 27. — Mrs. Arthur Ritz, Correspondent.

HEBRON, PA. — A series of evangelistic services were held in the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church the weekend of March 12-14. Rev. Loyal F. Hurley was the guest speaker. Services were held Friday night and Sabbath morning at the regular worship hour and on the night after the Sabbath and Sunday night. Dr. Hurley spoke on the following subjects: Why Do Men Need God, Anyway?, What and Where Is God?, How Does God Deal With Us?, and Certainty of Salvation. Average attendance was 41. Our largest was Sabbath morning with 54. Preceding the three evening services, a prayer season was held. All felt a great blessing from these services, and three decisions for Christ was reached.

The pastor is planning a course in membership, and we hope that others will enroll in this course. We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to work among us. — Correspondent.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, March 31, 1954

Receipts		Disbursements		
March	6 months	Budget	Specials	
Balance, March 1	\$ 4.94	Missionary Society	\$1,647.66	\$ 395.31
Adams Center	80.00	Tract Society	382.62	7.25
Albion	65.76	Board of		
Alfred, First	154.70	Christian Education	725.34	41.25
Alfred, Second	178.00	Women's Society	232.68	65.00
Associations and groups	28.40	Historical Society	99.96	
Battle Creek	531.45	Ministerial Retirement	407.40	274.35
Berlin	26.00	S. D. B. Building	113.82	
Boulder	32.92	World Fellowship		
Brookfield, First	35.00	and Service	16.80	32.33
Brookfield, Second		General Conference	573.72	
Chicago	99.00	American Bible Society		1.00
Daytona Beach	34.80	S.D.B. Memorial Fund		150.00
Denver	77.44	Balance, March 31	17.60	
De Ruyter	207.50	Totals	\$4,217.60	\$ 966.49
Dodge Center				
Edinburg				
Farina	15.00			
Fouke	21.59			
Hammond				
Hebron, First	17.44			
Hopkinton, First				
Independence	79.00			
Indianapolis	10.00			
Individuals	49.75			
Irvington				
Jackson Center				
Little Genesee	151.89			
Los Angeles				
Lost Creek	141.31			
Marlboro	179.50			
Middle Island	13.35			
Milton	419.70			
Milton Junction	91.44			
New Auburn				
New York	77.72			
North Loup	151.78			
Nortonville	29.50			
Pawcatuck	873.33			
Philadelphia	20.25			
Piscataway				
Plainfield	192.00			
Putnam County				
Richburg	35.25			
Ritchie				
Riverside	497.82			
Roanoke	10.00			
Rockville	26.30			
Salem	120.00			
Salemville				
Shiloh	243.14			
Stone Fort				
Syracuse				
Verona	76.00			
Walworth				
Waterford	18.86			
White Cloud	66.26			
Wilkes-Barre				
Totals	\$5,184.09	\$25,501.91		

Comparative Figures	
1954	1953
Receipts in March	
Budget	\$4,212.66
Specials	\$ 2,643.55
Receipts in 6 months	
Budget	20,120.60
Specials	5,381.31
Annual Budget	63,121.22
Percentage of budget raised to date	31.9%

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

Thoughts About Church Attendance

During attendance emphasis month, it might be well to think through a few things.

The worship service is the biggest soul-winning opportunity of the church. Bring someone with you.

Attendance witnesses for or against the winning of the lost. Be regular.

Your attitude toward the services determines your neighbors' estimate of their value.

You can do a lot of things by proxy — but church attendance is not one of them. It calls for personal participation.

Participation means taking part. There is no one who can take part for you in worship, inspiration, fellowship, prayer, but yourself!

So make sure to be present at service every week. Receive a blessing yourself, and help someone else to receive one, too.

— Ashaway Church Bulletin.

The Sabbath Recorder



"And Paul as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ." Acts 17: 2, 3.

The figures in bold are in excess of the target based on last year's giving.

A good conscience is the best bedfellow.
— F. B. Meyer.