

The Sabbath Recorder

"Coming of the King," Dr. Ellis C. Johanson directing and Mrs. R. T. Fetherston at the organ. Soloists were Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, Mrs. George Parrish, Mrs. Arnold Davis, Miss Ruth Johanson, Dr. B. F. Johanson, Arthur Millar, Dr. DeLand, and Wendell Thorngate. Included also were trio and men's and women's voice numbers. The annual pageant was directed by Mrs. DeLand, the title being "Christmas Is a Miracle" — the story of how a "dead" church was brought back to life as a result of the faithful care of the janitor and the Christmas dream of a crippled boy. Christmas music was broadcast over the outdoor speaker Dec. 19 through 26 as a project of the Pro-Con group. This group had their season's party at the home of the Parrishes, Sunday, Dec. 27. The children's division party was at the church, Sunday, Dec. 13. The Mothers' Council had theirs at Mrs. Claire Merchant's, Thursday, Dec. 10. Baskets were sent to shut-ins by Sabbath school classes. The C.E. members went caroling on Christmas Eve, and afterwards enjoyed a chili supper at the farm home of Russell Maxson. On Christmas Day there was special music by the choir and the boys' quartet, and in the evening we were told the story of the "Other Wise Man" in pictures.

On New Year's Eve the young people had a watch-night party. The annual candlelight Communion service was Friday, Jan. 8, with our new pastor in charge, assisted by Pastor Coltrin. It was beautiful and impressive. So begins 1954, which we hope will be a blessed and prosperous year for all our people. — E. M., Correspondent.

BERLIN, N. Y. — We are starting the new year with gratitude for the improvement in the health of our pastor who was obliged to drop everything and rest for six weeks. It was voted that the laymen would take over the Sabbath morning service, but it has fallen largely on the laywomen. One service was in charge of Victor Burdick who has been studying medicine in Albany and attends the Schenectady Mission. The Schenectady congregation came with him and we all had dinner together after the service.

On account of sickness and inclement weather which prevented rehearsals, our Sabbath school used a new method for its Christmas program. Each family having

children prepared something for the children to do. Recitations, instrumental and vocal music, Bible readings, and distribution of gifts made a very good program.

On the first Sunday of the new year our annual church meeting was held with dinner at the church. The following officers were elected: moderator, Carlton Greene; clerk, Arlie Greene; chorister, Matie Bullock, assistant, Frances Ellis; organist, Matie Bullock, assistant, Eunice Maxson; advisory board, Arlie Bentley and Elmer Stuart; trustees for three years, William Bentley and Roy Wright; treasurer, Robert Bentley; ushers, Eunice Bentley, Ruth Ellis, Howard Ellis, Robert Ellis; Recorder correspondent, Mildred Greene; superintendent of the cemetery, William Bentley. Our pastor was given a call for another year.

We have in our congregation a family (Carlton Greene's) with four generations living in one house.

We are looking forward with anticipation to the Eastern Association and the yearly meeting to be held with us this year, and preparation has already been started. — A. Mildred Greene.

Births

Bennett. — A daughter, Marilyn Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bennett of Battle Creek, Mich., on Jan. 18, 1954.

Obituaries

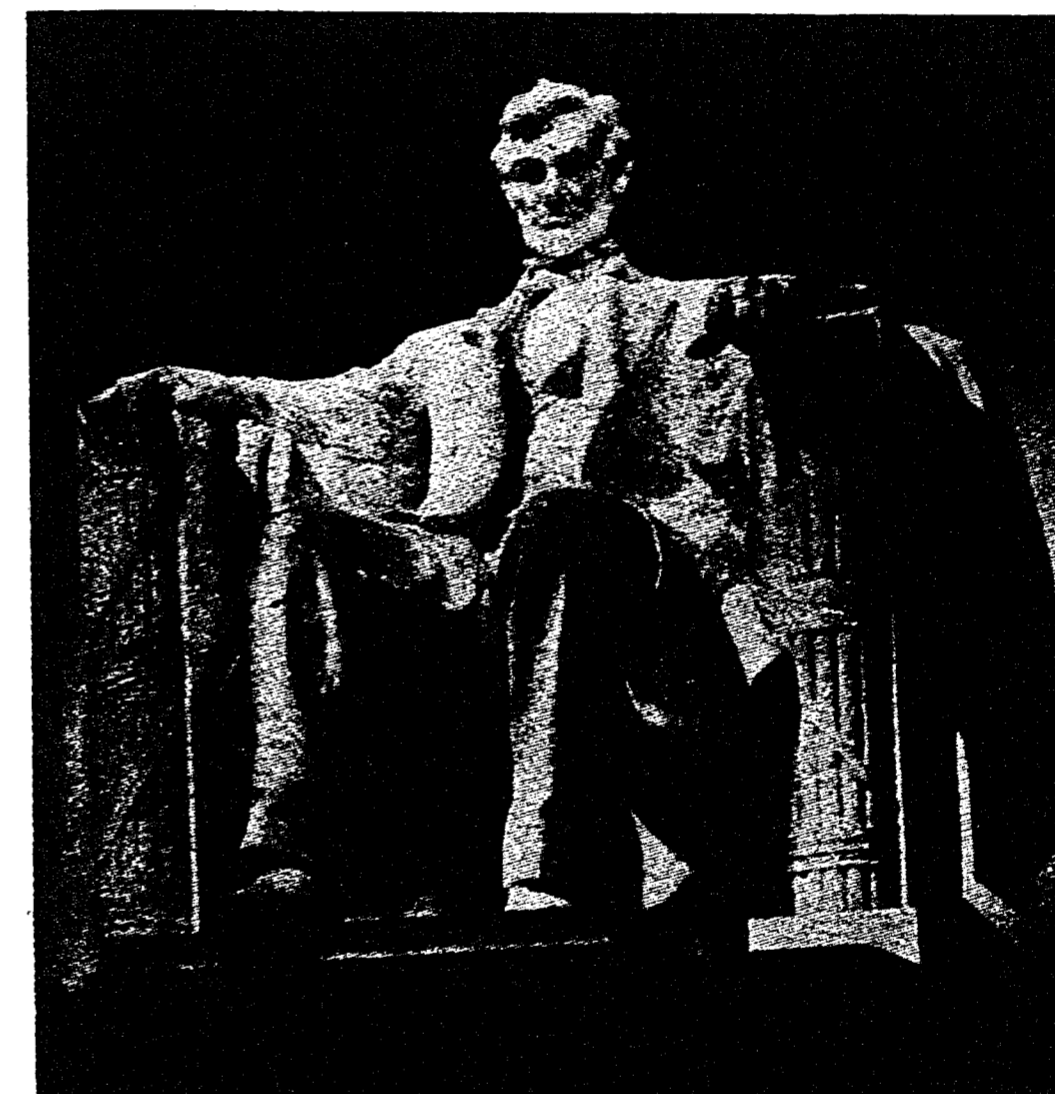
Johanson. — Martha, was born in Denmark and came to America when she was fourteen years old. She died in Pierre, S. D., Jan. 1, 1954, at the age of ninety-seven.

She was married to Soren M. Johanson in 1880. She had become a Christian at an early age but accepted the Sabbath after her marriage, and worshiped with a small Seventh Day Baptist church in Moody County. In 1897 she moved to Milton, Wis., in order that her children might have better educational facilities. She joined the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church shortly thereafter, where her membership remained until her death. In 1911 she moved back to South Dakota.

Surviving her are two sons, John William of Harrold, S. D., and Dr. Benjamin F. of Battle Creek, Mich., seven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Her daughter, Mary Lenora Babcock, died in 1908.

Burial was in Riverview Cemetery in Moody County, South Dakota, beside her husband who had preceded her in death by more than 63 years.

B. F. J.



Lincoln was religious. "I know," he once said, "that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."

When Lincoln spoke of the people, he meant all the people: white and black; Protestant, Catholic, and Jew; native- and foreign-born. In this great heart, there was no room for shabby prejudice or petty bigotry. Race and creed he saw as natural differences, in no way setting limits to a man's capacities or his human rights.

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Prayer Thought

"Prayer without works is better than no prayer at all, but prayer with works is like payment in earnest — you and the Lord both know you mean it. . . . One form of prayer-in-action is tithing." — "What Prayer Can Do" — by the editors of Guideposts.

MISSIONARY BOARD GLIMPSES

The editor is primarily concerned with printing a steady flow of Christian news and timely articles for the encouragement, stimulation, and edification of our readers, most of whom are more or less connected with Seventh Day Baptist churches. It is also his happy responsibility to handle the world-wide correspondence of the American Sabbath Tract Society and to supervise the shipping of all tracts and audio-visual aids requested.

Membership on the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society and its Committee on African Interests is another thing that brings happy responsibilities and broader viewpoints. The literature work and missionary work of any people, and particularly a people with a peculiar truth, are bound to be coextensive and closely related.

The quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board was held Sunday, January 24, in Westerly, R. I., with about two thirds of the managers present. In the weeks prior to the meeting, standing committees and some with special assignments had been considering the encouragements and problems of the far-flung fields in order to bring in reports and recommendations. Only thus could the board in one short afternoon give consideration to the many things demanding attention.

Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary for both home and foreign work, may be considered the key figure back of the success of these meetings. Conferring with president and treasurer, counseling with committees, and co-ordinating the work keeps him busy indeed. The encouraging, challenging missionary items in the pages of the Recorder are largely the work of his hand.

A full statistical report of the January meeting is scheduled to appear soon in a printed paper, "The Missionary Reporter," which will be sent in limited quantities to all churches and ministers. At this time we give only a glimpse of the reports given and action taken.

The Missionary Evangelistic Committee and the secretary gave details of work planned or already carried out on the home field. Some of this has already appeared in these pages. As fast as the stories break about evangelistic and revival programs they will also appear in the

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Recorder. Plans were announced for a summer Gospel team with a quartet of pre-seminary students headed by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley. It is expected that the month of June will be the principal time for this activity.

Karl Stillman reported on several matters related to the finances of the board. The financial condition seems to be showing improvement within the past month both by larger contributions and careful investment procedures. Note was made of a bequest from Dr. Rosa Palmberg of over \$1,000 which must be used within a limited time and must not become a trust fund. It was recommended by a special committee on ministerial retirement to hold up further action pending social security legislation which proposes to extend the benefits to ministers.

The Committee on African Interests which was created at the fall meeting of the board gave its first report. Major attention of this committee had been focused on the by-laws for the Nyasaland Seventh Day Baptist Mission as drawn up by Clarence Rogers at the request of the General Conference. The board, upon recommendation of the committee, expressed approval of the legal document when it is altered to include a requirement for an annual audited report to the General Conference. It appears that this action puts the board strongly behind the action taken at the Battle Creek Conference last August.

There was discussion also of the new Seventh Day Baptist work in Nigeria. The recommendation adopted recognized that we are still feeling our way in relation to this newly organized native work. Further details may soon be available for publication. Material help has recently been sent from New Zealand to this field. We can pray that such funds, wisely administered, will give the native leaders greater courage to do the work that the Lord has laid upon them.

The editor hopes for a story soon about the Seventh Day Baptist work of Rev. W. L. Rodriguez in the Philippines and the part that the Missionary Board is playing in that work. It is possible also that a story may come from Johannesburg, South Africa. These additions to our family

BIRTH OF A CHURCH

While most of us were shivering at the mere thought of the low temperatures reported in upper Minnesota and Wisconsin, two of our northernmost churches were laying the foundations for a new Seventh Day Baptist church organization. Pastor David Clarke of New Auburn, Wis., and Pastor Kenneth Van Horn of Dodge Center, Minn., with local and college help, undertook tract distribution and evangelistic meetings in the dead of winter in the Minneapolis - St. Paul area, commonly known as the Twin Cities.

The results of this labor of love appear on another page of this issue. The Twin Cities Seventh Day Baptist Church has been organized to serve this metropolitan area of well over three quarters of a million souls. More of the story will be told in a later issue.

Churches are not born without agonizing prayer. On December 20 one of these young pastors wrote asking for "constant, sincere, effective, fervent prayer that God's will may be done in earth as it is in heaven. Prayer has been our first method, and it seems that we are being led to continue on."

At the conclusion of the letter is this paragraph:

"Somehow . . . I have a feeling that something is going to happen. What it is, I do not know. My only recourse again is prayer and faith in God in His infinite wisdom to lead us in the path of service He has selected for us."

A telephone call to Dodge Center on Friday, January 29, revealed that the pastors were presenting the next day three possible plans for the future of the group. Their faith was rewarded. A church was born.

When a man leaves God, things start happening to him. When he comes back to God, things start happening for him. — Selected.

should in no way decrease our love for the older children in America, Europe, Asia, or the islands. Our love (if it is true love) can stretch well beyond the present limits of our purse.

President's Column

Here's The Reason!

Some have inquired why the missionaries did not get their salaries on time in November. One asked why the treasurer didn't send the checks by air mail so they would arrive sooner. Others wondered if, for some reason, when the money came in it was held back or used for other purposes. All wrong! The money is not held back, nor used for other purposes. Checks are sent by air mail. The simple reason is that the money does not come in.

Here is the way the Missionary Board handles it: The first of the month, checks are written for the salaries. If there is not enough money in the bank to cover them, they cannot be sent. If you have seen the treasurer's monthly reports, you have noticed an item "overdraft." That is the amount the fund is short. If the checks were mailed without funds in the bank, they would bounce, and there would be embarrassment not only to the treasurer, but to the recipients as well.

There is just one way for the missionaries to get their salary checks on time. That is for each Seventh Day Baptist to pay his Denominational Budget pledge regularly, so that the church treasurer can remit to the denominational treasurer regularly, so that he can send the money to the various boards regularly, so that the funds will be in hand to pay the bills and back up the checks. That means, too, that we will have to raise the budget, not spasmodically, by special offerings, by contributions at Conference, and other ways, but by regular, systematic, generous giving — every week or month. Church treasurers should remit to the denominational treasurer **monthly**, because the bills come in monthly.

Do you realize that in October only 3.81% of the budget was raised, and in November only 2.47%, when 8.33% should have been paid in each month? That is 6.28% instead of 16.67% — less than half what the budget called for. Do you still wonder why the workers did not get their salaries on time? Ponder this, too — December 31st 1/4 of the budget was due, and only 12.6% had been

FATHER DIVINE AND FAITH

In the November 11 issue of Christian Century, W. E. Garrison has a two-thousand-word review of a new book by Sara Harris, "Father Divine, Holy Husband." Many thoughtful people have long wondered how this little black man could in thirty years gather to his organization such untold wealth and to himself the worship of half a million Americans. His followers regard him not as a prophet but as Almighty God. Some answers to the question, "How can these things be?" are given in the review. We quote:

"First, when people are getting satisfaction for their most poignantly felt needs, they can believe anything that must be believed in order to keep the source of their satisfaction functioning. . . . Second, if belief is to be based on authority rather than on reason, then the more completely unreasonable the proposition is that is presented for belief the more likely it is to be believed. . . . In the area of arrogant and dogmatic authoritarianism, nothing succeeds like excess."

Furthermore, Father Divine has no financial worries. He never has to wonder if his new believers will give a tithe or his older followers be financially faithful to him. He expects and receives, not tithe contributions, but total contributions. In return he gives his people a sense of security. The reviewer remarks that the movement bears close resemblances to the great monastic orders.

How easily people follow a strong delusion! How avidly they swallow blasphemous lies! How wantonly they pour all their treasures at the feet of an imposter! How weak-kneed by comparison are the beliefs and benevolences of many of those who claim to grasp the true Gospel!

paid in. That's just half the quarter's budget raised. Not a very bright outlook for our denominational workers, is it? Remember, if YOU do not pay your share, our workers suffer, and our work is crippled. The things we proposed will not be accomplished, and we will have to retrench next year instead of extending our work according to the needs and the calls that are coming.

L. G. O.

New Church Organized in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

The Twin City Seventh Day Baptist Church was voted into being on Sabbath Day, January 30. Ten members were present to make this important decision, and other absent ones who had made known their wishes will join as charter members of the new church.

Following the worship service conducted by Rev. Kenneth Van Horn a business meeting was called with Stanley W. Rasmussen as moderator and Sarah Moore as clerk. After the vote which instituted the church, it was agreed that a business meeting will be held February 13 to elect officers and adopt a constitution and covenant.

As the meeting concluded the members of the new church joined hands in a circle for the benediction, then, together with the 25 guests who were present, sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

This solemn resolution by the Twin City group to form a new church is taken in faith that we are being led by the Holy Spirit, and that with God's help we will grow and prosper as a church. We believe that by this action we move forward in faith together.

We are very grateful for the help given by the semiannual meeting. We cannot sufficiently thank Rev. David Clarke of New Auburn, Wis., and Rev. Kenneth Van Horn of Dodge Center, Minn., for their constant help and encouragement and for the intensive evangelistic efforts in our community that led us to this step. We are deeply indebted to all the others who have helped with time, money, and prayers.

We request prayer help. We will soon need a more suitable location for a church home. [We believe the present place of meeting is Woodruff Hall, Prior and St. Anthony Avenues, St. Paul. Ed.]

Theona Rasmussen, clerk, pro tem.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 20, 1954

Sight for Man's Blindness
Basic Scripture: John 9.

MEMORY TEXT

Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee. Jeremiah 32: 17.

DEATH OF REV. P. TAEKEMA

A telegram from G. Zylstra, secretary of the conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Holland, brings the sad news that Pastor P. Taekema departed this life on Sunday, January 31, 1954. This leaves the Dutch churches without an ordained minister. We are thankful for the speedy transmission of the news so that we on this side of the Atlantic may help to bear up the family and churches in prayer.

We trust that a story of the life of Brother Taekema may be available soon. The following paragraph from the 1953 report of Secretary E. T. Harris gives a little glimpse of his year's work, which was only slightly less rigorous than the year before. We quote:

"Rev. P. Taekema continues to serve as pastor of Seventh Day Baptist churches in The Netherlands. He reports a total of 765 visits and conversations among members and nonmembers during the year, preaching every Sabbath except three. He writes, 'I have the regular pastoral care of Haarlem and The Hague (churches) and besides I am at fixed times in Amsterdam and Leeuwarden for preaching, celebration of the Lord's Supper, and pastoral visits . . . with my seventy-two years I feel that strength is decreasing but the work is yet always a delight for me. Many thanks to the God of my life.'"

When missionaries come home, one of the things our members want to know is not whether they "influenced a few," but whether their influence was sufficient to win some. Many a Christian is willing to give sacrificially for the evangelizing of the world, who will give little or nothing at all to a movement that is only vaguely Christian, though wholly good. — Cecil G. Osborne in Missions.

LITERACY UNLOCKS THE BIBLE

(In the Recorder for January 11 we quoted part of a tape-recorded message of Dr. Frank Laubach showing how he prepares reading lessons in 169 languages to help some of the world's 1 billion, 200 million illiterates to read — to read the Bible. In this second article we quote statements that show how people learning to read can be taught to love Christ.)

We are trying to introduce the Bible to the whole wide world. Now we have discovered, while we were doing this, another thing that's quite wonderful. It is that when you sit down beside a man and teach him to read, if you love him properly, it's a wonderful way to win friendship and win him to Jesus Christ. We didn't know that when we started. It wasn't our purpose. We were just going to teach the Christians to read the Bible. But now we've discovered that all over this area where I work there are as many as 1200 million who can't read at all and about 300 million more who can't read very much. They are mad to learn to read — not only the Christians but the non-Christians. The non-Christians of the world are hungry.

Everybody in my school of 1200 million people — everybody has the same disease. It's amoebic or bacillary dysentery. A great many of them also have other diseases. Then they are also sick of mind as well as sick of body. They are in debt. They have been swindled. There are men above them who are fooling them. They have to borrow money. They borrow 40 rupies and find that they have signed for 400 or 4,000 rupies. I heard about a fellow the other day who was asked by one of these educated scholars to rent his house. So he rented it. But he found out that not knowing how to write, he had put his thumb mark on a paper that sold his house for the price of one month's rent. That's the kind of thing; and they hate it! They're terribly unhappy and very anxious to better their condition. And when you ask them what they'd like to have, the thing that they ask for most of all is to learn to read. They think that you are where you are because you can read. You can have exact knowledge and you can progress; and they are where

they are because they are ignorant. That's what they think. Are they right? I think so. I don't think there is any dividing line between barbarism, hunger, and misery which is so clear-cut as the dividing line of the ability to read. So they are crazy to learn to read.

Now we have a wonderful breakthrough because of this. Let me tell you another thing. It wasn't always here. It wasn't so many decades ago that they were in a state of despair. The missionaries would go to them and preach this good news and they wouldn't believe it. It was too good to be true. What Jesus said they wouldn't believe. But they changed their minds. This, friends, is the greatest fact on earth today. The 1200 million illiterate have changed from a state of sullen despair to grim determination.

So Christianity began to take this vast, sleeping, despairing multitude from despair to hope. And then came our inventions: the airplane; the radio; the motion pictures; the war, sending the soldiers around the world. They've seen us now. They have heard our "Voice of America" which keeps shouting that America believes that every man — every man, not only a few at the top — has the right to life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Every man has the possibility to do the best that's in him. Now that's new: that's democracy! Democracy came from the Bible. Our public schools came from the Bible. It is the most upsetting doctrine given to the world. It changes the whole pattern. . . . That's the reason why these multitudes have now awakened and have changed from despair to hope. That gives us a wonderful opportunity. I'm tingling with it.

I'm just back from Asia. I want to tell America good news. If you knew what was going on now you could make these 1500 million people Christians just about as easily as you could make them literate. And it is very easy to do that. This isn't theory with me; I've done it time after time. And the other missionaries abroad now — there are all too few of them, especially who know how to do this — have had the same experiences I have.

We sit down beside an illiterate. While you are teaching him you pray for him and you love him. Because of that you

never scold him. You never frown. You never ask him a question he can't answer. You never say no to him because grownup people don't like to be contradicted. You just pat him on the back and look surprised at him and tell him how bright he is, because he learns so easily. He wants you to appreciate it. Don't tell him the lessons are easy. Just tell him how bright he is. Pretty soon he begins to love you, because nobody ever praised this man before. Remember he was a nobody down at the bottom in despair. His hand was groping up but nobody had ever taken it before. But now you are saying, "You are beginning to read. It's wonderful! You really ought to be a teacher." That brings tears to his heart. Twenty minutes or an hour ago he was nobody. Now you are going to make a professor of him. The women often cry when you tell them that. I like to see people when they are that way. It is a wonderful thing to see the change in these people, seemingly in a few minutes. I have more fun than anybody who ever lived, I believe. I have nostalgia to be back with my illiterates. That's where I want to be, sitting beside an illiterate and seeing the change.

Then you tell them, "You know why I'm teaching you?"

"No!"

"I learned it from Jesus. I'm His follower. Every minute of His day He spent helping people. He would walk down the road looking from right to left for a chance to heal them if they were sick; or to feed them if they were hungry; or to open their closed eyes if they were blind. You were blind. But your eyes are being opened. The greatest secrets of the world are in books. And now your eyes are being opened. And this is the greatest book of all. Jesus sees in you great possibilities. This is the beginning for you, brother. If you get a light in your eyes as I did into mine it will change the whole thing. I couldn't thank Him for what He has done for me. Let Him in! You and your children and your grandchildren will never be the same again. When you die you won't become a worm, nor even a parrot. He is waiting to make you His son in heaven."

Well, it's as easy to make them Christian as to make them literate.

FELLOW WORKMEN FOR GOD

Rev. E. A. Coltrin

The church at Corinth did not understand that they were to work together for Christ. It is not always easy to work together. Many times we have not worked together because we did not understand each other or understand God's purpose in our lives.

Paul explained to the Corinthians that God divides men into three groups. Two of these groups are undesirable to Him.

The **natural**, unspiritual, or material man may be learned, gentle, eloquent, and fascinating or the opposite. He rejects spiritual truth. It is foolishness to him. Read 1 Corinthians 2: 14.

The **spiritual** man walks in the Spirit in communion with God. He may not always be understood. He tries to please God. Read 1 Corinthians 2: 15.

The **carnal** man is a babe in Christ but still worldly. He has not grown in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Read 1 Corinthians 3: 3.

The carnal or worldly man loves the world and the things of the world. Read 1 John 2: 15. He may express that love in many ways. The carnal Corinthians expressing it in envy, strife, and division. They were saying, "I am of Paul or Apollos." They were branding themselves with names. They had forgotten that they were to be "laborers together with God."

We are building together on the foundation of Jesus Christ. What kind of structure are we building? God will give the increase to individuals, churches, and our denomination. Read 1 Corinthians 3: 6.

"For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." (1 Cor. 3: 9, 10.) — Battle Creek Bulletin, January 2, 1954.

Apply thyself wholly to the Scriptures, and the Scriptures wholly to thyself. — Cream Book.

Missions

Report from British Guiana

Word comes from Pastor Ben Berry that it is hoped that there will be baptismal services held soon at Vergenoegen and also at Wakenaam. He writes, "We brought off a joint rally to raise funds and were able to raise seventy dollars. The church at Wakenaam needed a new bridge across the trench (brook) so we have erected a strong bridge there. We are now concentrating on new pews."

Pastor and Mrs. Joseph Tyrrell reported from Parika that work had been done on the church grounds and building, also painting of the rostrum at the Peters Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church. They expressed thanks for help given and closed with these words, "trusting that the Lord may help us to launch further out in the deep to win souls for the Master's Kingdom."

Pastor Alexander Trotman writes from Henrietta on the Essequibo Coast that he is "very much in need of an out-board engine. We can supply very easily a boat if we be assisted with an engine." The Pomerion Church is a "river district."

A letter of appreciation tells that Mrs. Trotman's sight is gradually returning, which news brings much joy to all those who have been carrying this matter in their prayers.

Through the special gifts of the Marlboro Sabbath School and the Philadelphia Fellowship a portable organ is being supplied for the Essequibo mission area and a kerosene-powered slide projector is to be donated to the British Guiana Council of Churches for the use of Supervisor Wardner Fitzrandolph while visiting on the field and such other uses as the council may decide. Plans are now under way for Brother Fitzrandolph to make his next supervisory visit early in March, 1954.

Pastor Charles Belgrave reports: "My house-to-house work continues in which 27 Bible studies were given this quarter with good interest shown. The preaching service continues at the almshouse with an average of 10 present every Sabbath. Aside from this, individual visits are made. I am pleased to close the last quarter of the year with one more addition to our group."

Associational Missions

Several associational committees are promoting vigorously the work of evangelism and missions among the churches of their association. From the secretary of the Co-ordinating Council of the Southeastern Association, Miss Greta Randolph, comes word of some of the activities of that council which has carried forward this work for several years. She writes, "Soon after the Co-ordinating Council was organized the needs of the smaller churches were considered. Ways whereby the stronger churches could assist were suggested." Under the direction of this council a ministerial student, David Beebe, served as pastor at Middle Island during the summers of 1952 and 1953, and during the 1952-53 school year. Also Rev. Ralph Coon supplied the pulpit at Berea until Pastor David Pearson arrived in early November, 1953. During the past summer Rev. Clifford Hansen supplied the Berea pulpit while Pastor Coon was assisting the Los Angeles Church.

One of the foreign mission projects of the association was to assist in sending Pastor McGeachy of London to the Gentofte, Denmark, meeting of Sabbath-keeping Christians of the Scandinavian countries held last July. The Missionary Board's representative at that meeting was Mr. G. Zijlstra of Holland.

More recently the council has considered correspondence with those who adhere to our faith in Nigeria. The council secretary writes, "The needs in Nigeria are many and often the problems too large for the council. We have tried to direct specific problems to organizations with power to act." It will be remembered that the General Conference at Battle Creek voted as follows: "Commission recommends to Conference that a letter of Christian greeting be sent to the Nigeria Seventh Day Baptist Church and that the Salem Church be encouraged to continue to keep open the line of communication with this group." [See Recorder of Sept. 14 for the added amendment. Ed.]

The churches in the Southeastern Association have taken as their slogan "100 more in '54" and are arranging some financial aid for the evangelistic advance in which they are co-operating. "A com-

mittee has been appointed to prepare a sample recording for radio use and to investigate the possibility of radio time" to present our truths in this area.

Jamaica News

Missionary Wardner Fitzrandolph's report to the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church gives an idea of some of his varied activities. He writes in that report:

"First I want to thank all the ministers, deacons, leaders, and laymen of this church who have shouldered so much responsibility and worked so faithfully carrying on the various activities of this church. All the regular services of the church have been conducted.

"Your pastor has led seven prayer meetings in Kingston Church, preached in Kingston Church four times, preached in country churches or acted as chairman to rallies thirteen times, baptized six people, three of them in Kingston Church.

"Communion services were held in Bath, Sunning Hill, Orange Bay, and Kingston; one funeral was conducted, babies blessed, weddings, and other activities too numerous to mention."

In reviewing the work of the field before the Jamaica Conference assembled at board meeting on January 5, 1954, of which he is corresponding secretary, Mr. Fitzrandolph reports as follows:

"There has been distinct progress made in church building. Wakefield has been completed, and Higgintown, Blue Mountain, Bath, Lemon Hall, and Orange Bay. Waterford and Bowensville are making long strides toward completion.

"New church buildings have started to be raised in the past year: Albion Mountain, Post Road, Accompong, Belle Castle, and Davyton. Albion Mountain and Post Road are already worshiping in their new structures. Belle Castle is roofed.

"Church membership is also increasing although I do not have reports from all the churches to make proper comparisons. But the work is spreading. Nine years ago we had no groups worshiping in Jacksontown, Orange Bay, Comfort, Davyton, or Accompong, and the calls are coming faster than we can answer the appeals.

"Progress is indicated by the increase

of paid field workers and the increase in their pay. Our workers are not paid enough, however, and it is my hope that means can be found to increase their emolument, at this board meeting.

"Progress is also seen in Crandall High School. What a morale builder it has been. God has certainly blessed us in our efforts in this branch of our activities. We still have one step forward which many of us would like to make — our country school. But let us not be discouraged. Think how long we labored and waited for Crandall High School."

Pastor Socrates Thompson serves the Luna Church and teaches in Crandall High School. Principal O. B. Bond has written of the excellent work being done by Socrates both as teacher and as his assistant.

A recent letter from Pastor Thompson states, "Kindly note that our permanent address is now 47 Oakland Road, Whitfield Town P.O., and not 1 Slipe Pen Road. This and 29 Charles St., are about the only addresses for us at present." Dr. O. B. Bond had written of assisting in a dedication service held in the new home of Pastor and Mrs. Thompson.

E. T. H.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

During the next few weeks many Christians will be working out their income taxes. Perhaps in that process the opportunity will come to rethink your budget for the past year. Were you trying to live above your income? Was "keeping up with the Joneses" part of your difficulty? How did the section on For Church and Charities appear? The tithe is a practical way to give when it comes to figuring income taxes. These may seem like secondary matters, but when you seek first the Kingdom of God other things will fall into proper place. — Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., church bulletin.

The number of U. S. Protestant missionaries serving overseas increased from nearly 15,000 to more than 18,000 between 1950 and 1952. — Missionary Research Library.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday, March 5, 1954

Theme: That They May Have Life.

We would call your attention to the third section of our goals for this year. This section begins thus: "I will strive to attend World Day of Prayer services." If there is no public service in your community won't you make it a day of prayer at home. Perhaps the family would be interested in participating in this literally around-the-world worship service.

Thousands of Christians in the United States and 118 countries will be united in prayer on that day. For centuries women have prayed for a better world. This regular observance began in 1887. The purpose of the day is to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer.

The Christian Culture Committee has ordered 83 World Day of Prayer services. These have been sent to the keyworkers in each society as well as to our ministers in New Zealand, Jamaica, British Guiana, Nyasaland, Netherlands, England, Germany, and Denmark.

Order the basic packet at 40c from: National Council of Churches, Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

PARAGRAPHS

From the Women's Board

Two refrigerators for the missionary families in Jamaica seem assured. At the January meeting of the Women's Board it was voted to supply whatever amount was still needed to purchase this much-needed equipment. We do not at this writing know just how much that will be. We understand that some gifts from groups and individuals have been received along with \$200 previously sent by this board. Approximately \$200 more will be needed. Further announcement will be made at a later date. We feel the women in our churches would want to help in this way. We appreciate more and more the sacrifices and hardships our missionaries take upon themselves for His cause.

Word has come from Rev. Kenneth Van Horn and Rev. David Clarke that projected plans for tract distribution and

special meetings in the Minneapolis - St. Paul area are going forward. By the time you read this the meetings will have closed. This board is glad to have had a small part in that work by helping with the traveling expenses of two young men from Wisconsin, Edwin Green and Justin Camenga. The sum of \$50 was forwarded, some of which has been returned. Many Seventh Day Baptists in and near the Twin Cities have worked and prayed for the success in this undertaking, and we join our prayers with theirs and with those of people all over our denomination that their work may be blessed.

The committee at work on preparation of the Jamaican booklet reports that through the assistance of Miss Evalois St. John considerable material has been received from the files of the Historical Society. A lengthy letter has also been received from Rev. O. B. Bond on the present conditions and needs in the school. The committee is now undertaking to compile and arrange this material — a considerable task.

Elder Clifford Beebe writes that Rev. John McKay will assist in a series of special meetings at the Carraway Church, Putnam County, Fla., in late January or early February. Mr. Beebe has been planning and hoping for such evangelistic meetings for some months and this board has been standing ready to help with the expenses when arrangements could be made. An item of \$100 was placed in our budget for this purpose and is now being used. We are praying that these meetings will reach and bless many. Will you not also keep them in your thought and prayer?

We are enthusiastic about a new tape recording that will be ready for use after February 1. Rev. Leon Lawton of Los Angeles recorded on tape many hours of the 1953 Conference program. He has put the highlights of the full week's program on a tape that runs for 95 minutes. All who have heard it feel that it gives an inspiring glimpse of Conference. Those who were at Conference will be happy to have recalled to their minds the program, and those who were not there can in this

way share some of the inspiration. Perhaps it could be used at some program of your Woman's Society or at some meeting of the whole church. Send requests for its use to Mrs. Ernest Thorngate, 51 Blanch, Battle Creek, Mich. She will want to know first and second choice of dates. We will pay postage and insurance for mailing to you. We will expect you to pay return postage and insurance and to return the tape promptly. This is a 3³/₄ speed tape.

Correction: The author of the poem "Commonplace Things — and God" on the Women's Page for January 25 was Mrs. Walter Wilkinson. Sorry we failed to give her credit. Ed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Appraising the public attitude toward the liquor question, the American Business Men's Research Foundation suggested that, "The one basic foundation upon which the solution of the alcohol problem can be successfully dealt with is an efficient, comprehensive knowledge of the facts, namely: How beverage alcohol affects longevity, society, crime, divorce, production, prosperity, and individual happiness.

"Only dispassionate weighing of the whole truth of the alcohol problem, and continued uninterrupted dissemination of the facts will greatly hasten immediate solution of the problem," concludes the Foundation.

We need to remember that in China the per capita yearly income is \$23; in India it is \$43; in Indochina, \$35. Against this we should contrast the per capita income of Great Britain — \$660, and still further, consider the income in the United States — \$1,269.

Only one pardon for hunger theft says the Mexican Supreme Court. A man who stole a calf claimed innocence because he was hungry. The court found he had done the same thing before and had been allowed to go free. It was ruled that Mexican law could not be stretched to pardon a second offense on the basis of hunger.

Report of Executive Secretary of Board of Christian Education Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1953

I must first express my appreciation for the neat and orderly condition in which I found the files of records, materials, and correspondence of the board. I am not promising that they will always remain in that condition. I am grateful, too, for the cordial welcome and friendly assistance extended to me and my family upon our arrival in Alfred and since.

Much of my time, especially at first, was spent in reading for orientation in the field and its literature. Correspondence has been rather light particularly with our own churches. A request from a director of religious education in a church in Oregon for samples of our literature for young people was honored and an appreciative acknowledgment was received. Approximately \$5.40 has been spent for postage.

I have met with the Committee on Church Schools, the Finance Committee, and the Executive Committee, and have counseled with President Rogers, Dr. Ben Crandall, Marion Carpenter, Melvin Nida, and others. Articles for the Sabbath Recorder have been supplied at frequent intervals.

Following the General Conference I visited the White Cloud, New Auburn, Milton, Milton Junction, and Albion Churches giving talks and showing slides of Jamaica.

In company with Secretary Crofoot I attended the North Central Association at Dodge Center, October 2 to 4, speaking once on Jamaica and once on religious education as it applies to Seventh Day Baptists in the coming year. En route to and from Dodge Center there were opportunities at Battle Creek and Milton for private conversations on our work and problems.

From October 23 to 27 I accompanied Secretary Crofoot to Rhode Island where I spoke on Jamaica at the First Hopkinton Church and attended the Missionary Board meeting and a meeting of our denominational secretaries.

The first of December, 82 letters were sent out to pastors or leaders and superintendents calling attention to Youth Week

and Race Relations Sabbath, and offering to visit churches in January, April, or June to stimulate the people, discuss with teachers their work, and perhaps teach a course in Leadership Training. A packet of material for Race Relations Sabbath was enclosed with each letter. Requests have already come for me to visit three churches.

There is a wealth of splendid literature full of inspiration and valuable instruction for leaders and teachers. The problem is to get people to want it, to read it, and to pay for it. The great task of our board, as I see it, is to impress people that the leadership of boys and girls and young people is a divine calling and tremendously important to every church. I believe we should give more attention to our young people to inspire, train, and put them to work. They have the necessary enthusiasm and courage which the older generation seems largely to have lost.

I believe a careful study of all our publications should be made with a view to possible improvement of content, organization, and methods of production and circulation.

Neal D. Mills,
Executive Secretary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

What Christian education means to American Protestant homes and churches will receive full treatment when more than 1600 lay and church leaders meet in Cincinnati February 6-13. The occasion will be the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. Represented will be 39 co-operating denominations, meeting for professional counsel, inspiration, and common planning.

All present will be representatives of the entire organized co-operative Christian education movement in 34 states and Canada in which there are organized state and city councils of churches and religious education.

Associated together in this professional and lay meeting, unique in American Protestantism, will be church educational leaders of all age groups. Current and future religious education needs of the

family, local churches, colleges and universities, and the armed forces will be considered. More than fifty talks and addresses are scheduled during the week-long departmental, committee, and public meetings which will have as a theme, "Christ Our Unity; Teaching Our Mission."

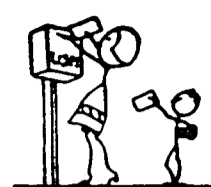
"Pressures and tensions in today's world," says Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, executive secretary of the division, "make all the more necessary a full expression of essential oneness in Jesus Christ. Christian educators take seriously the command of our Lord to 'go and teach.' They will gather in a central Christian unity and at the same time strive to perfect their skills and understanding of the teaching task, to help them in their ministry."

Seventh Day Baptists will be represented at this meeting by Rev. Neal D. Mills.

IMPROVED RACE RELATIONS

As American citizens, we may take satisfaction in the progress being made toward improved relations among racial groups within our nation. The sweeping indictments of American life which were justifiable twenty or even ten years ago must be qualified and limited when they are made today. It is becoming easier for a man to get and hold a job regardless of his ancestry. Travel in public conveyances is more congenial for Negroes than it was. In some cities it is less difficult for a member of a minority group to rent or buy or build a home in an attractive neighborhood. The franchise is denied to fewer persons and the political effectiveness of members of racial groups is gradually becoming what it should be — their effectiveness as individual citizens, regardless of group identity. A long series of court decisions is gradually opening up the universities of the nation to all persons solely on the basis of individual merit, and it is not unreasonable to hope that segregation in education at all levels will end. Sporadic expressions of violence still mar the record; but lynchings are so rare that we may soon be able to say that they no longer take place in the United States.

Race Relations message, N.C.C.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I read that you haven't been getting many letters, so I decided to write. I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade. I like seventh grade a lot better than any of the other grades.

I am a Girl Scout in Troop 33 here in Adams Center. I have earned 16 badges. I am a First Class Scout and am working on Curved Bar, the highest rank a Girl Scout can be.

I went to church camp for the first time this summer. It was the first camp we've had here in the Central Association for a few years. We rented the 4-H Camp. We named it Camp Harmony. I am looking forward to going again next year.

School started Monday, January 4. I was glad to get back. I play the French horn in the senior band and am in the junior chorus. I am also representative to the Student Council for our grade.

Your friend,
Barbara Cruzan.

Adams Center, N. Y.

Dear Barbara:

I was sorry to have to be so late in getting your interesting letter into the Recorder, but as you probably noticed there were three letters dated ahead of yours and Nancy's. You certainly are a very busy girl both in school and on vacation. We are happier, are we not, when we are busy? I know I am.

I noticed last week that the Girl Scouts in Andover are now meeting in what was our Andover Church. Because our membership has grown so small we sold it to the Episcopalians. My son is buying the parsonage for me. It surely is home for I have lived here over twenty-seven years.

Yours with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

There is nothing else to do so I will write you a letter. I am seven years old and in the second grade.

I have two cats that like to play.

I had a nice Christmas and hope you had one, too.
I can't think of anything more to write so will close now.

Your friend,
Nancy Cruzan.

Dear Nancy:

I was happy to receive your letter and do hope you will write often.

The children next door to me have both a cat and a dog. The cat is hardly a year old, but the dog is very old for a dog, nearly fourteen years. The cat tries to tease the dog but he is good-natured and friendly so they get along without any real trouble. There are three children in the family: Nancy, aged nine; Donald, seven; and Christine, two years old. Christine especially comes in often to see me. She will knock at the door and say, "Mrs. Geene, can I come in for a little while?"

Yes, I, too, had a nice Christmas. I spent it with my daughter and family in Wellsville.

Yours with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I like school. I am in second grade. We are making a model farm. It is nice with all the buildings, silo, fences, horses, cows, chickens, and men. My daddy made me a tiny wagon for me to take. I also took dirt to plant seeds in. We made Christmas decorations, a hot-dish pad, etc., for our mothers.

We had a wonderful Christmas at home with tree and decorations, and we hung up our stockings. My best present was a microscope, and we are using it on bugs and plants, a drop of blood, etc.

I hope you had a Happy New Year.

Your friend,
Kendall Herbert Wellman.
North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in kindergarten this year. I like it. I like to go to school on the bus. There are twenty-five kindergarteners on our short street and we have a bus just for us. We are making pretty things. I made a table decoration for my mommie and daddy.

We are going tomorrow to Rochester for a weekend with my grandparents and

INTRODUCTION TO ST. LUKE

Our churches on the West Coast report growing interest in their Bible Reading Fellowship. Those who enroll are reading the New Testament through between January and June. We print below a portion of the outline of Luke sent out to the readers. Mimeographed outlines like this will be available from week to week by applying to the Riverside or Los Angeles Churches.

Author

Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4: 14). He is also the reputed author of Acts, both books being addressed to the same person. Luke was a close friend and traveling companion of Paul. Though not an eyewitness to the facts he records, he carefully collected this information from eyewitnesses and as a "historian" he "traced the course of all things accurately from the first." It is probable that he obtained the account of Christ's birth from His mother, Mary. Date uncertain.

Distinctive Features

1. Our Lord specially presented as "the friend of publicans and sinners" — the outcasts of society (Luke 5: 29; 7: 29, 34, etc.); manifesting tenderness, compassion, and sympathy (13: 1; 19: 41, etc.) which went beyond the limits of national prejudice (6: 6; 14: 1; 17: 11, etc.). Hence Luke alone gives parable of the Good Samaritan and notes that the one leper who gave thanks to God was a Samaritan (17: 16, 18).

2. Many references to women: Elizabeth; Anna; the widow of Nain (7: 11-15); penitent woman (7: 37); ministering women (8: 2); the daughters of Jerusalem (23: 27); Martha and Mary of Bethany (10: 38-41); Mary Magdalene (24: 10).

uncle's family. We have to take our dog and cat with us.

I hope you had a nice Christmas. I got a nice wagon, minni bricks, and lots of other things.

Your friend,

David Thomas Wellman.

North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear David and Kendall:

I must wait until next time to answer your letters. M. S. G.

3. Four hymns: a. Mary's — 1: 46-55; b. Zacharias' — 1: 68-79; c. Simeon's — 2: 29-32; d. The Angels' — 2: 14.

4. Six miracles peculiar to Luke:
a. Draught of Fishes 5: 4-11
b. Raising of the Widow's Son 7: 11-18
c. Woman with a Spirit of Infirmity 13: 11-17

d. Man with the Dropsy 14: 1-6
e. Ten Lepers 17: 11-19
f. Healing of Malchus 22: 50, 51

5. Eleven parables peculiar to Luke:
a. Two Debtors 7: 41-43
b. Good Samaritan 10: 30-37
c. Importunate Friend 11: 5-8
d. Rich Fool 12: 16-21
e. Barren Fig Tree 13: 6-9
f. Lost Piece of Silver 15: 8-10
g. Lost Son 15: 11-32
h. Unjust Steward 16: 1-12
i. Rich Man and Lazarus 16: 19-31
j. Unjust Judge and Importunate Widow 18: 1-8
k. Pharisee and Publican 18: 9-14

6. The biography of Christ is more complete in Luke than in other Gospels. About one half of the material in Luke is not in the others.

7. A devotional Gospel, especially emphasizing prayer. Note parables on prayer and the recorded prayers of Christ.

Brief Outline

1. The introduction and early life 1: 1 — 4: 13
2. Beginning of public ministry (mainly in Galilee) 4: 14 — 9: 50
3. The journey toward Jerusalem (Samaria and Perea) 9: 51 — 19: 28
4. The last days with events of Passion Week 19: 29 — 23: 55
5. Resurrection and the Ascension 24: 1-51

REMEMBER, all that Jesus was, and did, and is doing is utterly vain unless YOU know Him and have Him as your own Saviour and Master.

One of the ministries of the American Bible Society is the greeting of immigrants with the Scriptures. In recent years 400,000 Puerto Ricans have settled in New York. Now one out of twenty New Yorkers is a Puerto Rican, a great field for evangelism!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J. — The annual church meeting was held January 3. Pastor Lippincott was asked to serve us again this year. Moderator B. B. Sheppard was also re-elected. Many committee reports were given, and a successful year was revealed by reviewing the accomplishments mentioned in the reports.

Dinner was served in the dining room to those who were able to attend for the day.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held the January meeting in the church basement. A soup and pie luncheon was served and very well attended.

On January 16 in the weekly church bulletin the following announcement was found: "In Memoriam — The Schaible family is presenting to the church a tape recorder in memory of their parents, George and Jennie Schaible. It is the wish of the family that this recorder be used to bring cheer to the shut-ins. A brief dedication ceremony was a part of the morning service. This tape recorder will have a vital place in the work of the church."

The six weekly meetings of the West District Bible Conference are now in progress, Jan. 18 to Feb. 22 inclusive. Dr. William Powers of Eastern Baptist Seminary is the leader in the study of "Great Bible Doctrines." The meetings are being held in Greenwich this year.

The C. E. Banquet for Salem and Cumberland Counties was held in the Shiloh Church, January 26. Christian Endeavor Day will be observed February 6. The three speakers will be Elsa Nimitzek, Edith Nieukirk, and Arah Mae Davis. The theme for the service is "So Send I You." — Mrs. Percy C. Davis.

DENVER, COLO. — An interesting and helpful movie, "The Beginning of the Rainbow," was shown by Pastor Dickinson Friday evening, Nov. 27, 1953.

Because of weather conditions and scattered membership, cottage prayer meetings have been held this winter.

Co-operating with the United Church Women of Denver, the Ladies' Aid served supper for the servicemen at the YMCA on Sunday, Oct. 25, followed by an hour

of singing with Ted Hansen at the piano. Pastor and Mrs. Dickinson acted as sponsors. Ted left the next morning for San Diego to begin a four-year term in the Navy.

We enjoyed having our Salem College girls, Katherine Davis and Jeanette Haling, with us through the holidays. For our Christmas celebration this year, Mrs. Robert McLachlan portrayed the Christmas story by flannelgraph. By using five boards with beautiful pictures and scenery on each, she told the old, old story in a moving way.

The Sabbath school's regular missionary program and special collection this last quarter were devoted to Jamaica. The offering amounted to \$27.10.

The annual church business meeting was held Dec. 27, and resulted in the following officers: moderator, Richard Shepard; clerk, Mrs. Grant Burdick; treasurer, Luther Hansen; trustee, Ralph Wear; auditor, Bernard Benner; financial agent, Mrs. Elmo Stanton; music director, Mrs. Jerome Van Dyke.

Our budget for 1953 of \$4,633 was met in full. The budget adopted for 1954 is \$4,692. — Susa Patterson, Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Our church began the new year by receiving two new members after a somewhat unusual procedure.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berger of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, a place 230 miles south of here, had seen Salem College listed as a Seventh Day Baptist school, and had written to President Hurley asking the location of the Seventh Day Baptist church nearest to their home.

Learning from him that this church is nearest, they addressed a letter of inquiry to "Pastor, Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church." Indirectly it reached the hands of Dr. Crofoot. By correspondence it was learned that Mrs. Berger had been a Seventh Day Adventist and that Mr. Berger had left the Catholic Church several years ago. Recently they had been attending both the Adventist and Presbyterian churches, but their own study of the Bible had convinced them that neither was the place for them. So they desired baptism by one of our ministers and admission to membership in our church.

The Sabbath Recorder

On Friday, January 1, they drove here for a church meeting at 4 p.m. They are earnest young people and made a favorable impression on us all. After hearing their testimony it was voted to receive them after baptism.

Clifford Beebe came from Pomona Park to administer the baptism since both Dr. Crofoot and Rev. Elizabeth Randolph by reason of ill health were unable to administer the rite.

Mr. and Mrs. Berger stayed overnight at Miss Randolph's and were received as members before the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Sabbath day.

At the annual business meeting of the church on January 10, 5 officers were re-elected: J. N. Norwood, president; Dr. Ruth T. Rogers, vice-president; L. Emile Babcock, clerk; W. A. Titsworth, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Rogers, pianist.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed for the fine piano recently given to the church as a memorial to Clarence M. Rogers by his wife and family.

J. W. Crofoot was appointed chairman of a committee on pulpit supply, a position held during the fall by W. A. Titsworth. Among those preaching during the last three months have been Clifford Beebe and his son, David, Nathan Branch, and Mr. Crofoot of our own number, and two of the retired ministers now living in Olds Hall, a local home for retired ministers of all Protestant denominations.

J. W. C.

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The Army is not a reform school, but if your son or mine has been given basic home and church training, the Army will send him home as decent as, or better than he was, when he went away. — Daniel A. Poling.

Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

Baptism:

Floyd Merrill

Elena Merrill

Letter:

Bertha Becker

Stella Carpenter

Testimony:

Art Westerman

Kay Westerman

Lyle Crandall

Carrie Crandall

Rachel Hughes

Eithella Bauersfeld

Births

Cady. — A daughter, Cindy Lou, to David and Loretta Cady, 7506 Garvalia Rd., South San Gabriel, Calif., October 1, 1953.

Cole. — A son, David Addison, to Bob and Dorothy (Hartman) Cole, 19514 Cienega Ave., Covina, Calif., December 14, 1953.

Langworthy. — A son, Roy Sherwin, to Robert and Wilma Welch Langworthy of Sauquoit, N. Y., on Nov. 3, 1953.

Merrill. — A son, Brian Thomas, to Thomas and Reta William Merrill of Brookfield, N. Y., on Dec. 20, 1953.

Morgan. — A son, Brian Marion, to Sewell and Ada Dillman Morgan of West Winfield, N. Y., on Jan. 17, 1954.

Obituaries

Saunders. — Ethelwyn, daughter of Irving and Katharine Davis Saunders, was born in Alfred, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1877, and passed away at Green Gables Rest Home in Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1953.

While young, she moved with her family to Rochester, where her father, a well-known and successful Seventh Day Baptist photographer, continued his professional work. There she studied to be a kindergarten teacher, later teaching for many years in the Rochester public schools. Miss Saunders was a member of First Church Scientist of Rochester.

She is survived by her sister Miriam (Mrs. Waldo A. Titsworth), a niece, and two nephews.

Farewell services were held in the Robert J. Poole Funeral Home, Rochester, Sept. 7, followed by cremation. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery where a committal service was conducted Sept. 16 by Rev. Hurley S. Warren.

H. S. W.

Woodruff. — Infant daughter of Dale and Pearl Lewis Woodruff was born December 20, 1953, at the Soldiers and Sailors Hospital, Wellsboro, Pa., and died the same day.

In the absence of Rev. Albert N. Rogers, the parents' pastor, a brief service was conducted the next day by Rev. Hurley S. Warren at Alfred Rural Cemetery, where burial was made.

H. S. W.



George Washington prayed —
for his soldiers in desperate need;
for his country and his countrymen:

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally, that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine Author of our blessed religion, without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.