

# The Sabbath Recorder

because her time is short and her love for the denomination is great.

If we have not tithed our incomes we should feel uncomfortable in the presence of such Christians as Elizabeth Fisher Davis. More than that, we are likely to someday have our joy in heaven dimmed when we stand in the presence of the Son of Man who gave His all for us.

## SALEM COLLEGE LIBRARY

Salem College President K. Duane Hurley recently announced that the college has received a \$5,000 gift from a board member to underwrite the beginning phase of a library extension program, previously announced.

The board member, Miss L. V. Miles, well-known garment manufacturer of New York City, made the gift to the college to initiate the library building program, which was voted at the May 31 meeting of the board of directors.

Following recommendation of its buildings and grounds committee, the executive committee of the Salem College board of directors has ordered construction to begin on an extensive library expansion. They voted to proceed with a plan to build an addition onto the rear of the Administration Building which houses the present library.

The 35 x 75 contemplated addition will provide space for storing 30,000 volumes, adequate reading rooms, an additional class room and other storage rooms for documents and library possessions.

The new addition will be constructed of building blocks with brick veneer.

President Hurley stated that the college expects the major part of the construction to be completed and ready for use sometime during the first semester of the coming school year.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS. — A publicity release from Milton College announcing its completed faculty for the year about to begin calls attention to the fact that 15 of the faculty members regularly attend Seventh Day Baptist services, most of them supposedly being members of the Milton Church. The names checked are: L. M. Van Horn, L. W. Hulett, Ivan Fitz Randolph, Arthur Lamberg, Zea Zinn, Leland Shaw, Mabel Maxson, John N. Daland, A. P. Loomer, J. Leland Skaggs,

Gladys Randolph, Kenneth Babcock, E. J. Rood, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, Herbert Crouch.

## Marriages

Norwood - Degen. — At the home of Rev. A. J. C. Bond, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath Day, Aug 28, 1954, J. Nelson Norwood and Dora Kenyon Degen were united in marriage, Rev. A. J. C. Bond officiating. Both the bride and groom, well known in educational circles, are residents of Alfred.

## Births

Wheeler. — A son, Leon Ashby, to Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler of DeRuyter, N. Y., on August 15, 1954.

## Obituaries

Ling. — Martin, son of Andrew and Caroline Ling, was born March 2, 1872, in Jamestown, N. Y., and died May 28, 1954, in Battle Creek, Mich.

On November 29, 1898, he married Coral Tappan in Dodge Center, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Ling came to Battle Creek in 1925 from New Auburn, Wis. He retired in 1949 after nearly 25 years with the Battle Creek Food Company. He was a faithful and active member in the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Gladys M. Hanke, Battle Creek; four sons: Fred E. of South Bend, Ind., Everett E., Dayln, and Lloyd, all of Battle Creek; two brothers, Joe E. of Salem, W. Va., and Philip B. of New Auburn, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were held at Farley's Funeral Home on June 1, 1954, with Rev. Leland E. Davis officiating. Burial was in the Hicks Cemetery. L. E. D.

Burdick. — Carroll R., son of George W. and Eleanor Clarke Burdick, was born at Verona, N. Y., July 21, 1889, and passed away at DeRuyter, N. Y., on Aug. 11, 1954.

He married Isabel Smith on March 29, 1911. Except for five years during which they lived at Boulder, Colo., he spent most of his life in or near DeRuyter. He was a farmer until the last few years when he moved into the village and worked for the Textile Manufacturing Co.

He was a member of the local Seventh Day Baptist Church having joined in 1904.

Survivors are his wife; six sons: Wendell and Willard of DeRuyter; Rev. Rex Burdick of Marlboro, N. J.; Wayne of Syracuse, N. Y.; Eugene of New Woodstock, N. Y.; and Gordon of the U.S. Navy, stationed at Norfolk, Va.; and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath, Aug. 14, with his pastor, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery, DeRuyter. E. F. W.



Rev. David C. Pearson and his wife, Bettie Butler Pearson, newly appointed Seventh Day Baptist missionaries to Nyasaland who fly from New York to their new field of labor September 21. Pray for these new representatives.

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### Free Book

**Blood, Sweat, and Prayers**, a compilation of fifteen stories by medical missionaries, has just been published by the Christian Medical Society. The stories are about actual people and experiences on twelve mission fields.

Although CMS has been publishing tracts and pamphlets for several years, **Blood, Sweat, and Prayers** is its first book. More books of a Christian-medical nature are in the future plans of the society.

Editor's Note: We have found these stories very helpful and suggest that our readers order free copies from 108 North Dearborn St., Chicago 2, Ill.

## SPEAKING OF MINORITIES

Whenever a democratic body reaches decisions in a representative assembly on the basis of unlimited discussion and secret ballot, it should be assumed that the final vote represents the will of the whole body. Unless the issue is one that quite clearly involves the individual conscience and the action would compel people to violate their conception of eternal truth, then the minority should submit to the will of the majority with Christian grace — if it is a Christian organization.

The General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists has recently met at Milton, Wis. There were negative votes on a number of issues. To the best of our recollection, no one ever seriously challenged the decision of the president on a voice-vote. Several times, however, he called for a standing vote when the "ayes" and the "nos" were of somewhere near equal volume. On one issue the vote was by ballot. It was an issue which involved progressive increases in the Denominational Budget. It contained also to some extent a theological issue, at least in the minds of some. The majority of those who voted for the expansion of our theological school were not, in our opinion, strongly influenced either by financial or theological considerations. We believe that many of them argued, applauded, and voted on the basis of a non-theological loyalty to the past. Your editor pleaded in these columns for decisions not based on sentiment, but he apparently was pleading in vain. If the question of the denominational building had been brought to vote, it is likely that the decision there would also have been based more on sentiment than sound argument, though the parallel between the two issues is not complete. In our opinion, the supporters of the building would have won by a greater majority.

We are not concerned at this moment with the merits of any of the issues brought to the Conference floor or kept from the floor. We are deeply concerned about majorities and minorities. Our churches through their representatives made far-reaching decisions at Milton. These in some cases were contrary to the better judgment of some individuals and some churches which had instructed their delegates. What will be the attitude of those churches as expressed in financial contributions to the Denominational Budget?

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We cannot be sure, for we do not know exactly how democratic or how Christian the ordained and lay leaders will prove themselves to be.

It has been known to happen in some churches that a minority of the members voting at the annual business meeting of the church wanted to oust the pastor. Finding themselves in the minority they secretly determine for a time to force their will upon the whole church by withholding support from the church budget. The temptation to do that sort of thing with a Denominational Budget containing items we do not approve is an ever-present temptation. To yield to that temptation may starve the missionary and tract work which we all profess to love. It will also starve the souls of those who go against the very procedures which give them the right to discuss and vote. It is always the privilege of the minority in a just cause to campaign until it becomes a majority, but it is the duty of the minority to accept and support the will of the majority. We hope not to hear of any churches refusing to do their best to support the work we have voted to maintain. Remember, there was no voice raised or vote cast against the largest budget in our denominational history.

## MANY CHURCHES DOING WELL

Last week's Sabbath Recorder carried an article, "Marlboro Church Makes a Name." It was an emphasis on tithing which told how well that rural church in South Jersey was giving to denominational work. It is all true. The figures on the back page of this Recorder prove it.

We must hasten to say after comparing the figures for all the churches with the 1953 Year Book that many other churches have made names for themselves in larger giving. Perhaps some of them will wish to share the story of how it was done. It is rather amazing to see that many churches have given much more in 11 months of this budget year than in the previous 12 months. Just a glance will show that 3 churches are above \$4,000. Two of these topped \$5,000 in budget and special gifts last year. Battle Creek is now in the \$4,000 class, already nearly \$1,400 above last year's total. Chicago gave \$618 in 1953 and is now above \$1,000. It is not

our place to make comparisons all down the line. Some of them would not be encouraging. We suggest that each church member compare the back page of this Recorder with page 10 of the 1953 Year Book. Perhaps your church is still \$1,000 below its goal and is waiting for your tithes and offerings.

As we look at the comparative figures on the back page we wonder whether Seventh Day Baptists will ever limit their giving entirely to budgeted items. A year ago we tried to put most of the projects previously supported by special gifts into an inclusive budget. We observe that in spite of that fact specials are \$1,400 higher than at the same time last year. We are not among those who would say that this is bad. The abbreviated figures do not tell us what the specials were, but we assume that they were largely missionary causes which all of us hold dear. Many of which are actually within the total budget, we are told.

The measure of success toward meeting our enlarged budget which we see in some churches is partly due to the consistent efforts of our new executive secretary and partly due to local leadership. Does your minister consistently lay before you the responsibility of giving to missions and the whole outreach of our cause? If not, speak to him about it. And, while he is preaching to you about helping others, you will want to hold up his hands in the local work of the church.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND ATHEISM

Christian Education Week (Sept. 25 - Oct. 2) is a time to remind ourselves of our failure to take full advantage of the freedom that is still ours to educate our children in matters of Christian faith. In Russia the ban on religious education has been lifted during the past ten years to the extent that parents have been allowed to give religious instruction to their children in their homes — not in Bible schools. Churches are tolerated and child baptisms are allowed. Now that Communism feels more secure in its homeland antireligious education is being stepped up under such slogans as "Religion is poison — keep your children away."

We need to thank God that such is not the attitude of the administration in our land. We are given full liberty not only to teach religion in the home but also in the church. Are we side-stepping home training because the church does a little of it? Church training of an hour or two a week cannot possibly overcome the pressure of parental indifference which is exerted seven days a week.

The ever-increasing percentage of top scientists in our country who are agnostics or atheists seems to point to the fact that we have inadvertently gotten off balance in the attitude of public education toward religious faith. Is it not true that institutions of learning have much greater freedom to teach antireligious doctrines than religious doctrines? We cannot expect or allow tax-supported schools to teach denominational beliefs. By the same token we can insist that they refrain from teaching agnosticism or atheism. The problem is how to enforce that insistence. Perhaps our best recourse is to more consistent home training and the wise choice of schools of higher education.

Since God is true and His Word is truth it follows that science, after temporary excursions into the realms of unbelief, will have to come back to truth as revealed by the Creator of all those things with which science has to do. It follows also that if Christ is the supreme revelation of God, then Christianity must ultimately be recognized as being just as true as any natural science. By the same token the Sabbath of Creation and of Christ, being revealed in both, is truth which ought to be proclaimed with vigor and the best of scholarship.

### No Church News?

If no church news is found in an issue of the Recorder it is usually because none was received. If your church is seldom featured you might remind your local correspondent of the news which would be of interest to readers in other places. Church news is always happening but is not always reported. If your news items are short and frequent they stand a better chance of being fresh when they appear. Long reports sometimes have to be held over for a later issue.

### MEMORY TEXT

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19. 7.

### Notice

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held in The Gothic, Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday the 10th of October, 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before it. All delegates to the last session of the General Conference are entitled to vote at this meeting.

Neal D. Mills,  
Executive Secretary.

### CORRECTION PLEASE

In our report of the recommendations of Commission (last week's issue, page 112) we failed to note that the Committee on Reference and Counsel offered a substitute recommendation for the original No. 3 which had proposed biennial sessions of Conference. The substitute was adopted, reading as follows:

"We recommend to the Conference that the Commission with the various denominational agencies prepare for study by churches, associations, and the 1955 Conference a "package" program interrelating biennial Conference sessions, enlarged association sessions and/or regional workshops, Pre-Con Retreat, and denominational society meetings."

This brings the total number of recommendations back to 10. Readers should note this change of numbering.

Please note further that the Conference minutes record the following addition to the recommendation about the "growing number of publications": "At least one of the members shall be a member of the Tract Society."

To keep the record straight, the following explanatory sentence was also added by committee to recommendation No. 2: "With the understanding that such a committee would supplement the work of the denominational Vocational Committee."

### CONFERENCE COURTESIES AND RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms,  
Chairman of Committee

#### Personal Greetings Received

Christian greetings have been received from Socrates Thompson of Jamaica, B. W. I.; Miss Rosemary Hare of New Zealand; Mrs. A. S. Burdick of Chicago; Rev. Harley Sutton of Alfred Station, N. Y.; Pastor Oyibo N. Imegi of Nigeria; Rev. E. J. P. Hansen of Denmark; Rev. John Schmid and Frank Schober for the Irvington, N. J., Church; Rev. James McGeachy of the Mill Yard Church, London, England; Marvin Juhl of Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. E. A. Coltrin, Boulder, Colo.; Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Rockville, R. I.; Rev. Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y.; and, Rev. Edward F. Barrar of New Zealand. We recommend that appropriate replies be made by the executive secretary. We suggest that the executive secretary send the greetings of Conference with programs and newsheets, if available, to retired ministers and others who he thinks would be interested.

#### Objectionable Reading Matter

Whereas our young people are constantly being subjected to the lure of so-called comic and pulp magazines; therefore be it

Resolved (a) that our people be urged to scrutinize the reading of their children and eliminate from our homes the undesirable reading material; and (b) that our people consult with the vendors of such literature and advise them in the choice of what they offer for sale to our children.

#### Protestant Persecution in Colombia

Whereas the annual Conference of Seventh Day Baptists wishes to record protest at the persecution of Protestants and other non-Catholics of Colombia; therefore be it

Resolved that we respectfully request that every possible effort be made to persuade the Government of Colombia to establish freedom of worship for all; therefore, be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the chairman and members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Congress of the United States of America.

#### Resolution of Appreciation

Resolved that the sincere appreciation of the Conference be expressed to the churches of this area who have made us so welcome and comfortable during our stay here. We especially appreciate the excellent work of the local committees whose chairmen are listed below: General Chairman, Herbert L. Crouch; Information, Registration, and Entertainment, Miss Marjorie J. Burdick; Publicity, Edward J. Rood; Ushers and Physical Arrangements, Kenneth Ochs; Meals, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Burdick; Youth Activities, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gray; Transportation, Clark Todd; Decoration, Mrs. Walter Sayre; Health, Drs. Crosley, Davis, and Burdick; Nursery, Mrs. Irwin Fitz Randolph; Lounges, Mrs. Theron Ochs.

We recommend that Conference, through the executive secretary, express our thanks to the following: Milton College for the use of its facilities; the Grange for its services to the Women's Society; the Albion Church for entertaining Commission; the Boy Scouts of America, Indian Trails Council, for the use of its camp; the Janesville Gazette and Milton and Milton Junction Courier for their excellent publicity; and to Conference President Lester G. Osborn, and Conference organist, Miss Elizabeth Daland.

#### Beverage Alcohol

In view of the great increase in the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, the increase of crime and mounting expense involved in law enforcement; therefore be it

Resolved (a) that we go on record as opposing the manufacture and sale of beverage alcohol; and (b) that we as individuals do all in our power — on local as well as state and federal levels — by written or oral protests to the agencies involved, to eliminate the advertising of beverage alcohol on radio, television, and through the printed word.

#### Atomic Weapons

In view of the awful possibilities latent in the atomic bomb and other methods of waging warfare, and believing that the teaching of Christ is opposed to such violence; therefore be it

Resolved that we commend our President and his advisers for such acts as the

offer to pool all knowledge of atomic power for the constructive use of all nations; be it further

Resolved that in accord with the wishes of our President as expressed at Evanston that we earnestly call upon all nations, particularly our own, to seek, under some form of international guarantee, the reduction and final elimination of the weapons of mass destruction.

### FORWARD STEPS IN MAKING HIM KNOWN

Secretary Neal D. Mills

(Continued from last issue, page 118)

Step 5. Evaluate attainments periodically, probably every three months. Indicate on the chart those projects which have been successfully carried out, using gold stars if desired. Report to the church fully on the progress being made. Add new projects on the chart for the next period, but do not let previously undertaken projects dwindle out. At the end of the year evaluate again the entire program of the church, preferably using an evaluation scale. This should be done by a large committee of officers and leaders or perhaps the entire membership should have a part in it. If a self-rating scale was used by the members at the beginning of the year they might well use it again to check on their own personal progress. Plan a new year's program of service based on the experience of the past year.

The program chart will be sent from this office as long as the supply lasts for \$.10 each plus postage. The Enlistment sheet or card, the Self-Rating Scale for individuals, and the Self-Evaluation Scale for churches are available at nominal prices. The program may be carried on using the program chart only, but the other materials are a very definite help. In closing let me hasten to say that this Project Program of Progress will not work — unless we in our churches are determined to make it work. If there are in a church too many members of the driftwood type, with no sense of mission, failing to share responsibility for leadership, always making excuses, unwilling to receive training, and failing to function

when given a job, that church is likely to fail in any program attempted. But if there are enough members of the dynamite type, with a deep sense of mission, willing to share responsibilities, avoiding the temptation to make excuses, anxious for more training, and conscientiously working at their assigned tasks, that church will succeed. Are you a stick of driftwood or a stick of dynamite? Let's gather up enough dynamite in each of our churches to blow our complacencies and timidities "to kingdom come." Let's give the Project Program a try!

### Tract-a-Month Club

By contributing one dollar a year to the American Sabbath Tract Society you can become a member of the Tract-a-Month Club. A mutual agreement is required. The Tract Society agrees to send you in a separate envelope each month a tract selected by the secretary. The club member agrees to personally hand out that tract during the month.

To some who distribute large quantities of tracts this may seem a small thing — as indeed it is. However, it is more than probable that many church members do not prayerfully hand out even one tract per month. While some churches are strongly emphasizing tract distribution, others, we believe, are neglecting this ministry. The membership of the Tract-a-Month Club has fallen off considerably and new members have not been recruited. Have you personally considered the matter? It might lead to great things in your life and the lives of those who receive the tracts. It will also provide extra money for the printing of new tracts. You may have noticed that the new Denominational Budget allows only \$680 for printing and distribution of literature. The Tract Society planned to spend \$1,500 for this work.

### News Flash

Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson will fly to Nyasaland, Africa, leaving Idlewild Airport, New York, for London, England, on September 21 at one o'clock. Friends who want to see them off will be welcome.

### GREATEST FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM IN HISTORY

The greatest world-wide food relief program in the history of the American churches — to at least quadruple the numbers of overseas hungry and undernourished currently being aided — has been launched by the communions cooperating in Church World Service, the interdenominational relief arm of Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches.

The undertaking is the immediate answer of the churches to the challenge and opportunity for greater service made possible by national legislation this summer, making largely increased amounts of government surplus foodstuffs available to the world-wide relief agencies of the churches for free distribution in response to the cry of need abroad.

Through the "Share Our Surplus" program, a minimum of 500,000,000 lbs. of government surplus foods and commodities — wheat, cotton, cottonseed oil, corn and corn products, butter, cheese, and powdered milk valued at more than \$150,000,000 at wholesale market prices here — is projected for free distribution during the next three years.

During the twelve months May, 1953 to May, 1954, overseas shipments of surplus foodstuffs through CWS totaled slightly in excess of 24½ million pounds with approximate value of \$7,000,000. In the same period, Lutheran World Relief — also affiliated with CWS — shipped an additional 18 million pounds valued at \$5,250,000.

The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, recently passed by the Congress and signed by President Eisenhower, contemplates enabling the voluntary agencies to plan their programs for more than a year at a time, and a three-year limit placed on part of the legislation was the factor determining an initial three-year period of programing and appeal for funds to implement the distribution of surplus foods.

The only thing asked of our people in moving these health-giving supplies to the homeless and hungry is the actual cost of administration and of the distribution in the areas of distress. A free

gift of the American people to the needy overseas, most of the inland and overseas transportation is provided through government resources.

Careful estimates of all the factors concerned in this vast undertaking indicate a total cost to CWS of not more than 5% of the values of the commodities.

The initial Church World Service Surplus Commodity Appeal for the three-year \$7,500,000 "Share Our Surplus" program will be focused at the Thanksgiving period this fall with special "Share Our Surplus" services in individual churches during Thanksgiving week and at special denominational and community Thanksgiving observances.

The Southern Baptists are gaining ground. Christian Herald points out that with their annual rate of growth (4.2%) they should pass the Methodist Church (1.15%) in 1959.

### Tape Recordings of Conference

Two tape recorders were in use during most of the sessions of General Conference and a third one part of the time. The editor's machine picked up most of the business discussions, some of the music, and some of the messages which did not appear to be in written form. The Sabbath morning service, shortened to a one-hour tape but including all of the sermon by Rev. Rex Burdick, should make a good program for use in any of our churches and will be sent upon request. Other parts of Conference which are of special interest to any group can be transcribed and loaned if desired.

Clarence Rogers, the new president, recorded some of the Conference. Rev. Leon Lawton of Los Angeles may have more of the program on tape than the editor. He would probably be glad to share his recordings with others. The quality of the recordings is fairly good due to the fact that the machines were plugged into the hearing aid equipment of the Milton Church.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for October 9, 1954

God's Answer to Job's Perplexity  
Lesson Scripture: Job 38—42.

# The Sabbath Recorder



Outdoor Communion Service at a Christian work camp somewhere in Greece.

See story inside.

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, August 31, 1954

	Receipts	
	August	11 months
Balance August 1	\$ 26.25	
Adams Center	45.00	495.65
Albion	48.09	463.70
Andover	18.00	18.00
Alfred, First	340.10	2,689.74
Alfred, Second	147.40	798.20
Associations and groups	1,011.03	1,331.78
Battle Creek	314.05	4,473.23
Berlin	37.10	466.91
Boulder	33.53	359.85
Brookfield, First	40.00	191.50
Brookfield, Second		226.55
Buffalo Fellowship	11.00	111.00
Chicago	128.00	1,039.00
Daytona Beach	34.50	365.15
Denver	156.84	785.84
De Ruyter	65.00	473.50
Dodge Center		225.85
Edinburg		199.25
Farina	63.55	238.55
Fouke		164.72
Friendship	6.00	46.00
Hammond	25.70	111.70
Hebron, First	10.97	94.13
Hopkinton, First	320.90	1,291.40
Hopkinton, Second	15.00	20.00
Independence	45.00	477.00
Indianapolis	25.78	86.88
Individuals	45.00	322.25
Irvington	25.00	325.00
Jackson Center	14.25	49.25
Little Genesee	144.56	547.92
Los Angeles	80.50	746.93
Los Angeles, Christ's	15.00	40.00
Lost Creek	39.37	800.89
Marlboro	59.00	2,152.07
Middle Island	12.87	122.30
Milton		4,321.16
Milton Junction	224.42	1,705.67
New Auburn	38.52	97.29
New York		297.44
North Loup	123.11	844.46
Nortonville	137.25	659.85
Pawcatuck	59.61	3,830.41
Philadelphia		173.25
Piscataway		175.00
Plainfield	167.21	4,061.62
Putnam County		30.00
Reedley-Dinuba		100.00

Richburg	35.50	409.40
Ritchie	25.00	155.00
Riverside	349.80	2,374.07
Roanoke	9.00	60.00
Rockville	21.06	100.08
Salem	120.00	930.50
Salemville	58.80	149.21
Shiloh		2,423.27
Stone Fort		65.00
Syracuse	5.00	55.00
Twin Cities	106.61	106.61
Verona	107.00	784.55
Walworth	10.00	115.00
Washington	11.00	86.00
Washington, People's	11.00	11.00
Waterford	48.54	274.22
White Cloud		711.46
Wilkes-Barre		25.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,072.77</b>	<b>\$47,483.21</b>

### Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,826.66	\$ 223.19
Tract Society	424.12	9.00
Board of Christian Education	747.50	20.00
Women's Society	258.52	12.50
Historical Society	110.86	
Ministerial Retirement	452.18	183.47
S. D. B. Building	125.12	
World Fellowship and Service	18.40	
General Conference	636.64	
Balance, August 31	24.61	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,624.61</b>	<b>\$ 448.16</b>

### Comparative Figures

	1954	1953
Receipts in August:		
Budget	\$4,598.36	\$3,535.36
Specials	448.16	488.39
Receipts in 11 months:		
Budget	38,031.82	34,168.90
Specials	9,451.39	8,050.25
Annual Budget	63,121.22	46,635.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	60.2%	73.3%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

## Best Seller in Japan

It is encouraging to learn that in Japan where still less than 1% of the population are Christians the Bible is by far the best seller every year. It is also significant that Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, Methodist Girl's School principal who was severely burned in the Hiroshima atom bomb explosion, is one of the translators of the New Testament into colloquial Japanese.

## Eschatology — The Study of Last Things

Two world wars, and particularly the atomic bombs, were needed to blast this dusty term from the theological dictionary out into the World Council Assembly and from there into our current speech. If the World Council had been formed even as short a time back as the 1920's, it would certainly not have concerned itself with this strange-sounding word. — Review and Herald.