

**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**  
Statement of the Treasurer, March 31, 1955

Receipts		
	March	6 months
Balance, March 1	\$ 87.17	
Adams Center		269.00
Albion	33.67	231.44
Alfred, First	380.80	1,867.60
Alfred, Second	121.45	363.95
Associations and groups		105.66
Battle Creek	568.06	2,453.10
Berlin		204.00
Boulder	49.90	209.63
Brookfield, First	20.00	83.00
Brookfield, Second		43.35
Buffalo		75.00
Chicago	40.00	625.00
Daytona Beach	72.60	341.30
Denver	65.00	316.54
De Ruyter	99.00	862.13
Dodge Center	105.35	352.00
Edinburg		41.36
Farina	15.00	110.00
Fouke	136.94	141.94
Friendship		17.00
Hammond	55.00	55.00
Hebron, First		50.09
Hopkinton, First	69.80	467.30
Hopkinton, Second		50.00
Independence	37.00	334.00
Indianapolis		54.95
Individuals		2,088.11
Irvington	100.00	300.00
Little Genesee		241.73
Los Angeles	25.00	549.80
Los Angeles, Christ's		35.00
Lost Creek	198.18	700.05
Marlboro	140.40	1,102.24
Middle Island	15.00	77.38
Milton	352.70	2,357.84
Milton Junction	109.90	715.69
New Auburn		61.37
New York		35.00
North Loup	230.72	353.24
Nortonville	56.00	282.50
Pawcatuck	719.47	2,218.07
Philadelphia		63.00
Piscataway		81.50
Plainfield	308.30	2,441.87
Putnam County	25.00	66.00
Richburg	13.00	91.50
Ritchie		30.00
Riverside		1,114.83
Roanoke	20.00	76.00
Rockville		81.90
Salem		510.00
Salemville		245.63
Schenectady	20.00	360.00
Shiloh	882.50	1,715.64
Stone Fort	50.00	50.00
Syracuse		50.00
Twin Cities	15.00	26.00
Verona	123.00	408.42
Walworth		45.00
Washington		75.00
Waterford	24.30	195.59
White Cloud	67.78	305.28
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,452.99</b>	<b>\$28,875.52</b>

**Disbursements**

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$2,006.00	\$ 58.70
Tract Society	442.25	
Board of Christian Education	379.80	
School of Theology	416.25	
Women's Society	207.55	
Historical Society	72.45	
Ministerial Retirement	560.70	365.77
S. D. B. Building	77.85	
General Conference	631.35	53.55
World Fellowship and Service	15.75	
S D B. Memorial Fund		100.00
Balance, March 31	65.02	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,874.97</b>	<b>\$ 578.02</b>

**Comparative Figures**

	1955	1954
Receipts in March:		
Budget	\$4,737.80	\$4,212.66
Specials	578.02	966.49
Receipts in 6 months:		
Budget	26,411.41	20,120.60
Specials	2,414.11	5,381.31
Current Budget	70,750.00	63,121.22
Percentage of budget raised to date	37.4%	31.9%

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

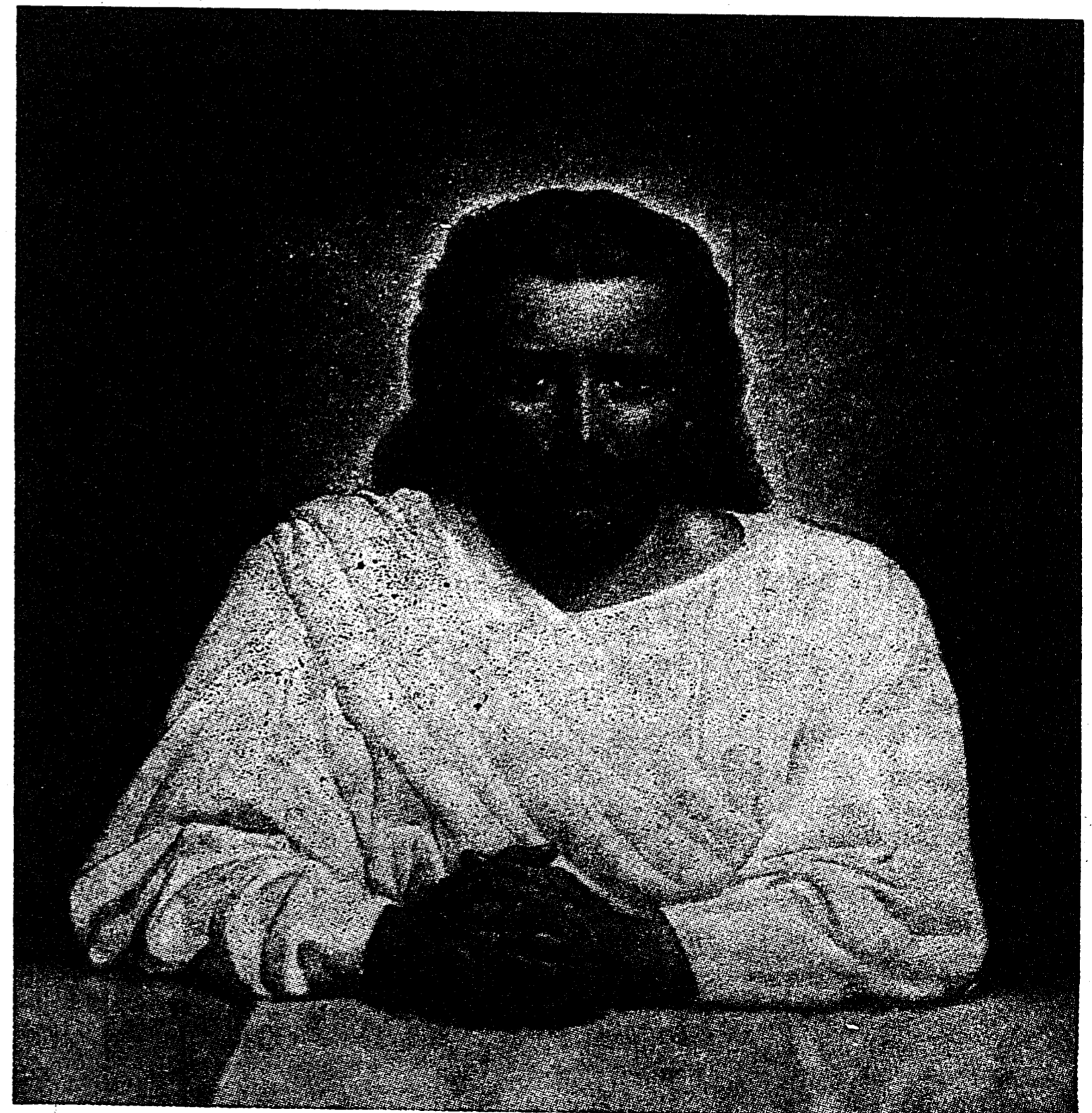
**F.B.I. Director Urges Family Altar**

"Today, more than ever before, we need to bring young people closer to the Bible and the eternal lessons it teaches," says F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover. "The worship of God, as the divine creator and helper, is an integral part of our history. The picture of the family circle — the father, mother, and children, sitting together reading the Bible — is a scene of inspiring beauty. There the Word of God is at work — molding character, lighting the path of good, inspiring deeds of service. Religion has a vital meaning, touching every aspect of life. Unfortunately, too many of the peoples of the world have lost touch with religion. They have found numerous substitutes for the ageless truths of the divine Word. The revival of a firm belief in the magnificence of the supreme creator is a vital need. The Bible must be brought back into the family circle." — W. W. Reid.

**SABBATH RALLY DAY**  
May 21, 1955  
**Make Plans to Observe It.**

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## Our Cover

This new painting, lithographed in full color, is now available at reasonable rates at religious bookstores. We believe it is a valuable character study of the Saviour, striking in its intensity.

## THE ARSENAL OF THE EMOTIONS

It was in an editorial in a recent Review and Herald that we caught the expression, "the arsenal of the emotions." It matters not so much that the editor was trying to take middle ground on vegetarianism. What is more important is the truth of the observation that on this and many other questions strong-minded people on both sides try to win the argument by appealing to "authorities" and when the authorities seem unable to carry the day, some, as the editor says, "readily fall back on the arsenal of the emotions." A great arsenal indeed!

Just to glean one more expression from the article in question, "As to whether meat eating raises blood pressure, we do not know; but we do know that the discussion of it often does." A discussion on vegetarianism does not have the same effect upon our readers as it would in a Seventh Day Adventist gathering. Not many months ago we published a contributed article on the subject without stirring up any comment that came back to the editor.

If we do not draw on the arsenal of the emotions in discussing this question we have no occasion to strut or assume a holier-than-thou attitude. There are plenty of problems facing us in our local church meetings or in our denominational gatherings where some of us possibly, on occasion, try to influence the decision of the group by an emotional display. Granted, there are times when emotion breaks through without any previous intent on our part. Many a pastor, tender and touched by the needs of his people or by the marvel of God's goodness, loses control of his voice in the middle of a sermon. That ought to be excused. But if he loses control of himself in a business meeting where the issue is clearly debatable, that is less excusable.

We would not draw a double standard for ministers and laymen in such matters. The Ten Commandments, the Golden Rule, and the Sermon on the Mount are for all Christians to live up to, not just for preachers. The emotions are God-given, they serve a purpose when they are under the control of Christ. Emotion cannot be absent from any committal of one's life to Christ. Emotion in religious

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meetings should not be barricaded behind the cold-sweating iron bars of scholastic intellectualism. But the rule for discussion of church matters whether on the local or denominational level ought to be, "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Cor. 14:40. Let all of our conferences be disarmament conferences until we have learned not to resort to "the arsenal of the emotions" in battles of words. In contending for the truth may we always use legal weapons.

## RENEWED INTEREST IN BIBLE READING

A number of pastors throughout our denomination are leading their churches in well-planned programs of Bible reading and book-by-book home Bible study. In some cases the chapters read during the week are summarized by the pastor at the Sabbath eve Bible study and prayer service. This announcement sounds very commonplace. One might ask if there are any pastors among us who are not attempting to lead their people into greater experiences of Bible reading and study. Probably not.

Well-planned Bible reading campaigns do deserve mention. Enlisting a large percentage of a congregation in concerted Bible study takes considerable promotion. Preparing, mimeographing, and mailing Bible-book outlines and review questions week by week and month by month make large demands upon a busy pastor's time and challenge his ability. In cases where there is no item in the budget for extra mimeograph expense it can be a drain also on his pocketbook.

There is no reason why there should be a difference between East and West in the desire to render this extra service to church members and friends. On the basis of literature received at the editor's desk it does appear, however, that more of the pastors west of the Mississippi than east of it are pushing such programs. Perhaps it is partly because the parishes are so much larger out there and there is a greater need for the ministry of mail and mimeograph. Whatever the reason, the results are sure to be beneficial.

We cannot drop this subject without mentioning again the self-supported

"Chapter-A-Day" program of Bible meditations of O. A. Davis of 1046 W. Taylor St., Phoenix, Ariz. The same mail that brought helpful outlines from Denver, Colo., on Ephesians and 1 and 2 Corinthians brought also the 4-page reading schedule and meditations from Mr. Davis for April, May, and June. It calls for the reading of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, and Job and the beginning of Matthew. It will be recalled that Mr. Davis has been rendering this service to lone Sabbathkeepers and interested resident church members for a number of years. From time to time the Sabbath Recorder has reproduced his current suggestions for home Bible reading. We urge interested people, particularly those who do not have a well-formulated Bible study plan in their local church, to write to Mr. Davis for his free literature.

Archie Davis, who went to Phoenix for his health, has in recent years spent much time in directed study of the English Bible. He has served as assistant pastor of the Riverside and of the Los Angeles, Calif., Churches several summers. His work and that of his wife in camp and Vacation Bible School projects have been outstanding. Raised in the Milton, Wis., Church, he is a nephew of the late Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn. During the current year he and his family have personally distributed thousands of tracts from the American Sabbath Tract Society with some observable results. He has sought out and contacted many lone Sabbathkeepers in a wide area where there is as yet no Seventh Day Baptist church.

## RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF BOOKS

The Library of Congress is full of books, some of them precious books. It was to see one of those priceless books fifteen centuries old, the Yonan Codex of the New Testament, for which we waited at the door on April 15. In a few minutes the doors would open to the public. There was a thrill, an expectancy on the part of the editor. Just a few years ago by special permission it had been possible for him to have in his home over the weekend, a bound photostatic copy of the now famous Dead Sea Scroll of Isaiah. Now, to see the actual, hand-printed vellum of one

of the oldest Syriac manuscripts of the New Testament!

In those few minutes of waiting many library staff members entered the building, intent, we suppose, on the service they were to render during the day. Among them came a 14-year-old boy looking neither to the right nor to the left, in his hands a book. He was carrying another book into a library that already had 10,000,000 and his eyes were fixed upon the book, which he was reading as he walked. The book? Its title doesn't matter; it was a 10-cent comic book!

"This boy," explained the guard, "is one of about 80 who are being trained here to become page boys." Boys are still boys, and we can't expect them to be men just yet, even though they are going to school in the greatest library. We are a bit distressed, nevertheless, when we consider what a poor job we may have done in showing our boys by our example and instruction the relative importance of books.

There were 125 editors of Protestant journals holding a meeting almost next door to the Library of Congress. One item for consideration was how to create reader interest. The above observation makes us more aware that there is great opportunity for improvement as far as youth is concerned.

### BUMPER CROP

The world's largest plating facility, three times the size of a football field, is now prepared to turn out a bumper crop of (just as one would expect) bumpers — one completed automobile bumper every three seconds. In this ultramodern plant each piece goes through a 31-step process in two and a half hours, according to the Automobile Manufacturers Association, which announces a record of one million new cars produced in the first two months of 1955.

Those new cars must have bumpers to protect their bodies and motors and the bodies of the people who venture forth into the traffic lanes in those cars. We are well aware that it does not take three seconds for one careless driver to strip off two or three new bumpers or to crumple the flesh-and-bone bodies of a whole

### MEMORY TEXT

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6: 28-29.

family riding securely behind the bumpers.

What great interest there is in the mass production of these protective pieces of chrome and nicked steel. We have almost forgotten that less than 9 years ago many buyers of new cars had to wait for the bumpers long after the cars were delivered.

The world waited long for a Saviour, but now for 19 centuries and more God's provision of eternal protection has been made and made known. None of us needs to venture forth into the hazards of life's highway without the personal, protective presence of Christ. We sometimes symbolize His power by a burnished silver cross, but it is only a symbol of the wooden instrument of death on which redemption was wrought and forgiveness made possible. Let us proclaim it and put it in print. Let us carry to the ends of the earth the message that Jesus saves for time and for eternity.

"I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Timothy 1: 12.

### Fast Colors

"The social fabric is no longer processed in the vat of permanent dyes. It is being dipped in the instant Rit of expediency.

"Gambling is illegal but we dip it — and lo, it becomes silver-hued charity. We dip the liquor traffic, red with the blood of thousands of men, women, and children, and it turns to a golden sheen, as government taxes.

"But these colors fade in the sunlight of God's truth, and the fabrics become threadbare when washed in the cleansing suds of honesty. Dipping can never give the desired results; the social fabric demands fast colors. White is still white, and black will be forever black." — From the Union Signal.

### MINISTERS CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Rev. L. M. Maltby, chairman

When a large percentage of the ministers of the Seventh Day Baptist Church assemble in the little community of Salemville, Pa., for their annual retreat-conference an interesting program will await them.

Upon arrival Monday afternoon, May 9, the first scheduled event will be a supper at the parsonage prepared as only the ladies of that farming area know how. Dinners and suppers for the three days will all be served at the same place. Breakfasts will be served in the entertaining homes by the hostesses.

Each evening there will be an evangelistic service in order to show some gratitude to the entertaining community and in order to make practical in some measure the theme of the conference, "World-wide Evangelism for Seventh Day Baptists Now." It is expected that Rev. Charles Bond will conduct the evening meetings with Rev. Wille Babcock directing the men's chorus and others assisting as needed. The evening evangelistic speakers scheduled are Rev. Rex Burdick, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, and Rev. Harmon Dickinson. They will emphasize "Acceptance of Christ," "Growing into Christ," and "Facing the Sabbath Question."

Solid, challenging, thought-provoking messages will follow the 9 o'clock devotional hour each morning. Since the Sabbath is the distinctive message of our people it will take first place on the program. Miss Evalois St. John has consented to speak on "Lessons in Sabbath Promotion from our History." Her outline sounds intensely interesting. The philosophy of Sabbathkeeping under the title of "Spiritual Sabbathism" is expected to be a foretaste of what Professor Melvin Nida will present at summer school. Rev. Paul Osborn has been asked to continue with "Our Authority for Sabbathkeeping."

Discussion will follow each message with more at the end. The same pattern will be followed Wednesday and Thursday mornings when the subjects relate to world-wide missions and evangelism. Speakers have been selected carefully for the greatest

contribution to the subject at hand. All the morning messages are expected to be inspiring and stimulating.

After the heavier morning schedule there will be a brief recess at 11 o'clock. In the remaining period before lunch, various informational items will be presented, about two each morning. Among them will be a presentation of our ministerial retirement program in relation to Social Security, the plans of our Conference president, home missions achievements, etc.

On Tuesday afternoon there will be a panel discussion of Sabbath problems, some of which may challenge us to re-think some of our positions. The same will be true of our Wednesday afternoon missions discussion which may be held on the top of a nearby mountain where the wide vista may contribute toward enlarged missionary horizons.

Throughout the three-day conference, and the extra time of driving to and from the chosen secluded spot, it is hoped that there can be achieved the proper balance between physical refreshment, spiritual enlightenment, mental stimulation, and Christian service which will be of real benefit to all who participate.

### Ministers' Book Swap

Do you have any "white elephant" books? It has been suggested that each pastor probably has some books that another minister would treasure more. If you are anxious to secure some good books without cost why not bring along to the ministers conference as many as you would like to trade? Such a book swap might prove quite interesting if an agreement can be reached on relative values.

India has won a double freedom. It is free from British rule and free from legalized drink which the British regarded as a good source of revenue for building schools, and which Ghandi condemned in these words: "I would rather have India reduced to a state of pauperism than have thousands of drunkards in our midst. I would rather have India without education if that is the price for making it dry."

## IMPERATIVES FOR A SPIRITUAL OFFENSIVE

Address by Governor Frank G. Clement of Tennessee before the International Council for Christian Leadership, Washington, D. C., on February 3, 1955.

(This 34-year-old attorney from Dickson, Tenn., is a member of the Methodist Church.)

(Continued from last issue)

The humanists and the liberal materialists were highly moral men and I suppose they still are, if there are any of them left. For a century they comprised the elite of our thinkers in economics and political philosophy, as well as in the exact sciences. Many of our political and industrial leaders were liberal materialists. Indeed, these men set the pace of their day, created the styles, it might be said, in social morals — only, as you may remember, they abolished the word moral! That old word became taboo, and enlightened people said "social" or "anti-social."

### How Peaceful Men Came to Atom Warfare

And they were all peaceful men — indeed, they made a fetish of peace: peace societies, peace conferences, peace alliances.

Then how is it that these archpriests of the cause of peace come up with the atom bomb and ABC warfare?

Let us look back for a moment upon that now dim and complacently secure nineteenth century. . . . Despite the dark ages of colonialism, this period was generally recognized as the noonday of enlightenment, when sentiments were fine and high-flown and mankind — at least in Europe and the United States — had become far too civilized to ever again engage in the barbarous practice of warfare.

The magnificent vessel of Victorian materialism steaming over the high seas of "human perfection" at an unprecedented speed, bands playing, waltzing on the promenade deck, too big and too soundly put together to fear anything in the ocean, like that great ship, Titanic, hit the submerged iceberg, the hidden catastrophe of a world war. Great was

the crash thereof, paralyzing was the shock thereof, and gigantic was the wreckage. That, my friends, was World War I.

But we recovered from our shock. We repaired our renowned ship. Materialism — streamlined her political hull, modernized her ethical superstructure, and increased her economic speed, and steamed on — headed for World War II.

Yes, Materialistic Humanism! Economic man for whom Communism was going to provide a heaven-on-earth in the form of a classless society! Communism, the logical end of godless materialism! Communism, the social cancer on our body politic!

Where do we go from here? World War III? the hydrogen bomb? ABC warfare? And what will God say, after our next war? What will God say about us? Will He say in the words of a sorrowful Father, will He say, in paraphrase of old David's words, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! I died for you and yet did not save you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

### Our Morals Must Be Improved

So, in the shadow of his own self-destruction, man perhaps may find his way back to God — God, the meaning of his life, the meaning of his moral world. That is our hope. . . . So the problem of peace in the world is ultimately a moral problem, and more specifically our morals — our morals, as leaders of the free world against dictatorship; our morals, as the democratic bulwark against Communism; our morals, as the Christian power, if you please, against the anti-Christ. . . .

For an atomic age, I propose an atomic ideal — atomic both in size and power — an infinitesimal alteration at the core of our hearts that is capable of an all-powerful explosion in the world. It is this: Let each and every man try to keep a clear head and a clean heart to distinguish between the means and the ends of his life. . . .

### Achieving Our Religious End

We, you and I and every other American, in political office or out, must remember that the dollars we send to

other nations of the world who want to be free or remain free, are not an end in themselves, either as our investment in their economic future, or our investment in our own defense. If these dollars are to mean anything more than "rice down a rat hole," they must be a token of our love to our fellow men for the love of God. And every dollar we send out of sentimental altruism, or vainglory, or fear, or stupidity stands against us. . . .

Finally, you and I can remember that the politics of any situation we get into is only the means by which we should seek to achieve the religious ends for which we are put here upon this earth, for those ends encompass every man's salvation — for which a Christ converted a crown of thorns and a robe of scorn, converted the very contradiction of the cross itself: the ultimate end of human freedom and peace. . . .

I said Communism was a social cancer — a social cancer that has ravaged the world to great extent, whose riotous cells are too widespread and deeply rooted for us, at this late date, to attempt surgery. Keeping ourselves in moral health, we must rather rely upon X-ray treatment — a supernatural X-ray. That X-ray is faith in God.

And let us know, let us never forget that we cannot deserve faith. It is God's gift to us. We receive it by His grace, and the divine virtues of hope and charity that follow it. We cannot deserve faith, but we can ask it, through our clear consciousness of human proneness to folly and our own humanity. We can ask it, in cold reflection on man's vanity that continually leads him to think himself better than his neighbor. We can ask it, in the bitter knowledge of our past mistakes of passion against our fellow men. . . .

We can ask it, when we have been humbled by the ruthlessness of our own ego. . . . We can ask it through the anguish of mind wherewith that Saviour of mankind was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet, when He besought His Eternal Father to remove from Him, if possible, the bitter chalice of His future passion. . . .

We can ask it through His mercy ex-

## LET'S THINK IT OVER

### Conversion or Coercion

At the annual meeting of the Committee on Religion in American Life at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York the principal speaker, Admiral Ben Moreell, Pittsburgh industrialist, called upon laymen to help check the growing secularism that includes church life by freeing clergymen to minister to the souls of men. He further declared: "Society is locked in a death struggle between conversion and coercion which will determine whether man can learn to obey God's laws in time to avoid destruction. In this situation, men are yearning for the things which only a dynamic, militant, creative church can give them."

### Report on Billy Graham

It is hardly possible to pick up a daily paper during these days of Billy Graham's evangelistic crusade in Scotland without finding considerable space given to some phase of his work. For that reason it is almost superfluous for a religious weekly to try to give information about the success of his efforts. It is not amiss to keep reminding our readers that God is moving the hearts of men in the British Isles through the ministry of this man of God.

It appears from reports that the press in Scotland is being won over the same as in England last year. It is no longer hostile or critical of the evangelist's work. In fact, something quite unheard of has happened. We are told that the British Broadcasting Co. has made arrangements to broadcast and televise all of Dr. Graham's major evangelistic services. That means that it will be possible for a million and a quarter of the people of the British Isles to see and hear him every night. What untold possibilities there are in that expansion of his revival ministry!

tended to the good thief and through His recommending His precious soul and spirit into the hands of His Eternal Father before He expired, saying, "It is consummated." . . .

For only faith will save us — faith, in God on earth, as in heaven.

## Missions

### British Guiana Council Meeting

An outstanding event in the recent visit of Secretary Harris among the British Guiana Seventh Day Baptists was the opportunity to attend the all-day meeting of their General Conference held with the Parika Seventh Day Baptist Church on Thursday, March 24. He was accompanied by Supervisor Wardner FitzRandolph.

The minutes of this meeting will be published at a later date but it seems well to note here that it was an orderly, well-planned, and well-executed meeting.



Rev. Alexander B. Trotman and his wife with Secretary Harris. Pastor Trotman's picture was not available when other leaders were featured on the cover March 28. — Ed.

During the first part of the meeting Pastor Benjamin O. Berry, chairman of the Conference, led a devotional service and closed with an inspiring sermon. Secretary Harris and Supervisor FitzRandolph were each given an opportunity to bring a message to the meeting.

In the business session that followed there was a discussion of the minutes of the previous meeting which minutes had not yet been approved. It was decided that hereafter the minutes of each business

session would be approved before the close of such meeting.

As the election of officers took place Pastor Berry left the chair and asked that the group choose one to act pro tempore. Mr. Joseph Small was chosen and served acceptably. Pastor Alexander Trotman was elected president; Pastor Berry was elected corresponding secretary; Mr. Joseph Small, recording secretary; and Mrs. Joseph Tyrell, treasurer.

As Pastor Trotman took over the chairmanship of the meeting it was decided that the next Executive Committee meeting of the British Guiana Council would be held with the Wakenaam S.D.B. Church in July. The meeting was closed with a heart-warming prayer by the new president, and the group went outside and stood on the steps of the Parika Church while pictures were taken.

There were delegates in attendance from Bona Ventura, Dartmouth, Henrietta, Georgetown, Parika, Uitvlugt, Vergenoe-gen, and Wakenaam Seventh Day Baptist groups.

### Address of Secretary E. T. Harris to British Guiana S.D.B. Council Meeting Held at Parika, March 24, 1955

As secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society it is my privilege and joy to attend this meeting of the British Guiana Seventh Day Baptist Council today and to address you at this time.

It has been my good fortune to visit the leaders, church members, and friends of most of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of British Guiana since my arrival on Wednesday evening, March 2, accompanied by Supervisor Wardner FitzRandolph. Since it is the plan to return to my homeland on Tuesday, March 29, my stay will have been four weeks in duration, the same as my stay in Jamaica.

I wish to begin by expressing my deep and sincere appreciation for the cordial welcome which has been accorded in every church visited. Most especially my gratitude is expressed to Pastor and Mrs. Benjamin Berry, to Pastor and Mrs. Charles Tyrrell, and to Pastor and Mrs. Alexander Trotman for my hospitable treatment in turn as I have had the privilege of enter-

tainment in each of your homes. Supervisor FitzRandolph and I have had the best of care and provision made for our every need and comfort. Thank you.

Although the incessant rains have hampered our visit to some extent and caused some inconvenience and discomfort, still it has provided me with a knowledge of the difficulties under which our leaders must constantly work which I could have gained in no better way than to experience them myself. And so I have no complaints.

It has been my hope and purpose in coming to visit you to gain a better knowledge of these very difficulties. It has also been my hope that my coming would bring to you some encouragement, some strengthening of your faith, and some added determination to continue serving our Lord and Saviour. Perhaps you seem to serve in some humble station, yet surely a service as unto the Lord of life is never lost nor counted as insignificant. It has been my hope that my coming would bring some clear evidence of the love and concern of the Seventh Day Baptist brethren of the United States for you who are in British Guiana and a clear proof that we do not count this work as insignificant.

Again, another hope and purpose of my coming has been to consult with Supervisor FitzRandolph and with this Council as to how the work of Christ might go forward with greater unity, zeal, and effectiveness. I would hope to be able to return to America and report that the prospects are now favorable for a more zealous work for the Lord in the months and years ahead. I have come to observe, to listen, and when asked, to express an opinion. It has not been my purpose in coming here to override the work of the supervisor or of the Council nor to be officious in any way. I have been given no instructions before coming except to observe and bring back recommendations. As to what my recommendations will be I do not at this point know. I only ask the leading of the Holy Spirit to help me know what is best for the progress of the work here. I am deeply aware of the responsibility involved in this position and feel humbled by that awareness. I can assure you that the Missionary Board and

the leaders of General Conference to whom I must make a report are fair-minded people and they will accept no unreasonable recommendations from me. Our Heavenly Father says, "Come now, let us reason together" and I pray that His Spirit may guide us as we seek today for a reasonable solution of our difficulties in a spirit of love and consideration for each other.

Let us pray that old prejudices and misunderstandings may be put behind us and that from this meeting today there may come a new spirit of zeal for the saving of souls and the progress of the Kingdom of our Lord in this country of British Guiana in a day which seems to have such bright promise for the future.

### Jamaica Mission Activities

(Report of Rev. Wardner T. FitzRandolph, corresponding secretary of the Jamaica S. D. B. Conference. This report was given to Conference Advisory Board assembled April 6, 1955, at Kingston.)

Greetings in the name of our precious Redeemer.

The past quarter has been a busy one for your corresponding secretary and one which will long be remembered. Two months of the quarter were spent with Secretary Harris of the Missionary Society visiting the work both here and in British Guiana.

The month in Jamaica was especially busy for there were so many churches we wished to visit and so many things to do. Our plans were carefully made and I think that you will all agree that Secretary Harris saw as many churches and met with as many Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica as could be expected and that he is in a better position to know the problems of Jamaica and to sympathize with our difficulties.

We visited 22 of the churches and groups. Secretary Harris preached 26 times, we traveled more than 1,100 miles and spoke to 1,750 people, most of whom were Seventh Day Baptists.

We found everywhere a spirit of unity and an enthusiasm which was remarkable.

The determination to push ahead with the work and make real progress was evident everywhere. The climax to this enthusiasm was manifested at Maiden Hall on February 23 when we gathered from all parts of Jamaica to bid Secretary Harris God-speed.

We found many of the churches building or repairing their buildings. These included Luna, Waterford, Bowensville, Albion Mt., Post Road, Cottage, Tydixon. All these are to be highly commended and urged to finish the work quickly. Other groups are planning and working in earlier stages of building. These include Font Hill, Labyrinth, Comfort, Beth Salem, Accompong. These and others need encouragement and assistance if it is possible that they have a place of worship that is suitable.

I would highly commend the spirit of evangelism found among the churches of Jamaica and urge that more outdoor evangelism be carried on. You are blessed in being able to carry on in this way. In British Guiana it is impossible to hold outdoor meetings.

Crandall High School has been carrying on as usual. There has been no great growth in the school on account of the policy of the school to admit only those pupils whose training and background give promise of their doing the necessary work and making the progress which we require at Crandall High. This period of consolidating our gains will be followed by one of rapid growth as people come to realize more fully what we are attempting to do.

The Maiden Hall project is moving along nicely. The funds for planting and cultivating there are being used wisely and economically, and much more is being done than would seem possible with our limited capital. Pastor Smellie is putting all his knowledge of agriculture and his physical strength into the project. I think that the time has come that conference should employ Pastor Smellie to manage Maiden Hall and to build up the work of Seventh Day Baptists in that part of St. Mary.

Dr. and Mrs. Bond are leaving Jamaica in July. We all regret their departure.

They have done an excellent job in their too short stay with us. They have built up the standards of the school both educationally and in its discipline. They have fostered a school spirit among both students and faculty that has resulted in a spirit of friendly co-operation in the faculty and between the faculty and the student body. They have established a finer relationship between the school and the Department of Education. In every way they have advanced the cause of education in Jamaica and among our people. Our love and our prayers will go with them wherever they may go.

The work before us is great. There is much to do. The prospects are as bright as the promises of God.

Then: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

### Superstition Continues

A Methodist missionary, William M. Pickard, working in the Philippines describes the need of those people in an article appearing in the Alabama Christian Advocate. The religious superstition even in such a relatively modern city as Manila is appalling.

In a 2-million-dollar church (still under construction) which seats 5,000 people he saw large numbers of devout Catholics at the writing desks in the central part of the church writing "letters to God." A handbook instructed the worshipers in how to address the letters and where to drop them. Each letter must contain some money for "postage." Mr. Pickard was informed that this was the primary means for financing the construction of the building. Letters were to be addressed "Our Lady of Perpetual Help" — another statue or idol of the Virgin Mary. The missionary was reminded of how the Apostle Paul commended the Athenians for being religious but he felt that in their search for food these were being given a stone instead of bread.

## WOMEN'S WORSHIP THOUGHT FOR MAY

Mrs. John H. McKay, Nady, Ark.

Theme: Our Family

Scripture: Deut. 6: 5-7; Prov. 4: 1-10.

Leader's Comments: With Family Week upon us, it makes us take thought of our own family, wondering if, as mothers and fathers, we have done our best to make it a happy one. If we have fellowship with Christ this should not be hard to do, for happy is the home when God is there.

Spurgeon once said, "Show me a loving husband, a worthy wife, and good children, and no pair of horses that ever flew along the road could take me in a year where I could see a more pleasing sight."

If each of us will do our part part to our family and God, then we shall receive the promise found in Psalm 128: 1-3. The family that prays together stays together.

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Prayer: Lord, we thank Thee for the blessing of Christian homes. Teach us to pray together and live together. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Spare to us our friends and soften to us our enemies. May we be loyal and loving one to another throughout our lives. Amen.

### CLOTHING FOR NYASALAND

A letter received from Joan and Beth at last Conference time suggested that used clothing would help a great deal at the mission station in Nyasaland. The Women's Board appointed a committee to arrange for a central shipping point and to publicize the project.

The Plainfield ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Leon Maltby, took over the task and shipped 1270 pounds of clothing by freight the last of February. The California churches found it more economical to ship their 300 pounds directly from the West Coast.

The nurses say that they could use an unlimited supply and that when they have

distributed all that is sent there will still be need for more. We understand that they make a charge of just a few pennies for each garment. That covers the amount of duty that they have to pay, and more important, gives those receiving the clothes an opportunity of selecting what they want. It also avoids criticism of those giving the clothes out — this way they are not accused of playing favorites.

We hope each church has had a share in filling the above need.

**FLASH!** In a letter dated March 12 and received in Battle Creek, April 4, from Joan and Beth, they say, "Just received word from Plainfield about the 1,200 pounds of clothing. This will be quite sufficient for the present till we see how readily we can dispose of it. We are so grateful for it."

### NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK MAY 1-8

Theme — Open Your Home to God

The following worship program was developed by the Junior Department, ages 9-11, in Battle Creek, Mich. The teacher is Mrs. Ernest Thorngate. The Juniors chose the Scripture and selected the hymns after careful reading to see which selections best fitted their topic. They contributed individually to the meditation and the prayer. Their thought was to plan a program that our families could use when they come together for worship some time during each day. They hope others will like it and want to use it.

#### A HAPPY HOME

Suggested Hymns: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell," "May Jesus Christ Be Praised," and "For the Beauty of the Earth."

Worship Center: A plaque with an appropriate motto such as, "God Bless Our Home" or a picture of a happy family, an open Bible, and a vase of spring flowers.

Call to Worship: Dear Lord, we thank Thee for our homes. Help us to worship Thee together here today and every day. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 103: 1-13

Meditation:

What makes a happy home?

Mothers who love us,

Who are kind and gentle,

Who are honest,

Who are good to everyone,

Who go to church,

Who pray everyday —

Mothers like these make homes happy.

What makes a happy home?

Fathers who are strong and helpful,

Who are thoughtful of others,

Who go to church,

Who read the Bible every day,

Who try to live like Jesus lived —

Fathers like these make homes happy.

What makes a happy home?

Children who are willing to share with others,

Who are cheerful at their work,

Who are obedient to parents and teachers,

Who play nicely with their friends,

Who help others,

Who do not talk back —

Children like these make homes happy.

What makes our home a happy place?

God's love shining in each face,

Kind deeds we do, and words we say

Makes home a happy place today and every day.

Prayer: Dear God, we thank Thee for our sisters and brothers, for our mothers and fathers who help us learn to do good to others. For the beauty of the flowers and trees, for the song of the birds and the hum of the bees, for all this and more we thank Thee, O God. For the sunshine and rain, for the houses in which we live together as families, for our churches and schools, for the right to choose the way we want to live, we thank Thee, O God. Help us to choose the right way always.

Amen.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 7, 1955

Joash and the Offering Chest

Lesson Scripture: 2 Chron. 24: 4, 8-14.

### Second Workshop of Western Association

The second workshop in the Western Association was held on March 5, 12, and 19 at Alfred Station, Richburg, and Little Genesee. It was a study of materials and methods for Sabbath schools. It was planned by a committee of the association with Rev. Don Sanford as chairman, and a sub-committee of the Board of Christian Education with Mrs. Madge Sutton as chairman.

The workshop was organized to meet the requirements of a Standard Leadership Training School. Neal Mills acted as dean of the school and the five sections were led as follows: Adult, Rev. Don Sanford; Young Adult, Rev. Melvin Nida; Young People, Mrs. Donald Pierce; Junior, Pastor Delmer Van Horn; and Primary-Beginners, Miss Rubie Clarke. The official texts on methods for the various age groups were used, and also church school helps from various denominational and commercial publishers were examined and compared.

In the opening assembly of the Alfred Station meeting a demonstration primary worship service was conducted by Mrs. L. Ray Polan. At Richburg, a junior worship service was led by Mrs. Neal D. Mills. At Little Genesee, a young people's worship service was led by a group of intermediates from the First Alfred Church under the supervision of Mrs. Harold O. Burdick. There were also short talks by the dean of the workshop.

Attendance was over fifty at each session and interest seemed to increase to the last. More than thirty will receive credit for the course. The leaders and representatives of the sections met at the Gothic in Alfred on March 27 to evaluate the project. It was judged to be a very profitable experience although some shortcomings were pointed out. One mistake was that we attempted more than could be accomplished in the available time.

A similar workshop is being considered for the Central Association when it meets in June, and it is hoped that other associations will make similar plans and use the materials which may be borrowed from the Board of Christian Education.

N. D. M.

## Children's Page

### The Unselfish Sister

[As I remember a story told me by my father when I was about ten years old.]

"Oh, Aunt Polly, please tell me again about the cunning little dog Aunt Elizabeth brought home with her after she had been visiting a friend many, many miles away," begged little Daisy.

"I'll be glad too for I loved that cunning little dog whose name was Flossy. I do believe I can remember just how Flossy looked and what a beautiful little dog she was. Elizabeth loved to teach Flossy tricks and I was never tired of watching and admiring the cute little dog. I truly loved the beautiful little dog. I'm sure Elizabeth taught Flossy to play as much for my amusement as for her own.

"She taught her to jump through a hoop and over her arm; to beg, standing on her hind legs; to lie on her back, and pretend to be asleep; and was always ready to coax her to perform when I was cross and fretful.

"One day when my mother was visiting a sick neighbor, I stayed out in the garden much too late and sat on the grass for a long time after the dew began to fall. That night I caught a bad cold and had the croup. Mother sent for the doctor who gave me medicine. I coughed and coughed and cried with pain. In the morning I felt pretty good and cried because I had to stay in bed instead of getting up and going outdoors to play.

"Elizabeth came and told me stories and tried hard to comfort me but I was naughty and nothing she did pleased me. So I kept on crying.

"At last my mother said, 'If you keep on fretting and crying so, you will surely make yourself sick again.'

"And then dear sister Elizabeth stooped down and whispered in my ear, 'Please, dear little sister, don't cry any more. Be patient and good and then when you are all well Flossy will be your very own dog. I'll be very happy to give my little dog to you. Then we'll have fun teaching her tricks together.'

"I was so surprised and pleased that I stopped crying at once, and said, 'Do you really and truly mean it?'

"And she said with a bright smile, though I thought there were tears in her eyes, 'Yes, darling sister, I really and truly mean it.'"

"Did anyone ever hear of a better, kinder sister?" cried Daisy.

"No, we never, never did," cried Sister Susy.

But Tom and Harry, who had been quarreling over some marbles when Aunt Polly began her story, looked very much ashamed. And Belle, who had been teasing Mary about a doll's dress, hung her head for a minute, and then gave baby Mary a kiss, and said softly to Aunt Polly, "I will try to be more like Elizabeth."

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I hate to seem a beggar,  
But I will have to be,  
For not a single letter  
Has come from you to me.

I'm not the only reader  
As you must realize,  
Of your most welcome letters  
Which come to greet my eyes.

And do you know, dear children,  
That many say to me,  
'I read the Children's Page  
The first one that I see.'

So sit right down, dear children,  
This very day and write  
One of your welcome letters,  
Don't wait until tonight.

Over in Korea a young man attending a mission school once said to me, "I never really appreciated religion until I lost my home, and my parents were shot before my eyes. When I realized I was all alone, with no place to turn for help, I did some serious thinking. I never expected these things would come to me; but when they did, the Lord drew near."

That's when God comes closest, my friend, when "everything" strikes. —Wm. H. Bergherm. — Signs of the Times.

## ONE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

A talk given on C. E. Day  
at the Shiloh, N. J., Church, Feb. 5, 1955

### The Fellowship Is Characterized by Its Work.

by Virginia Davis, a second-  
year high school student

Work is not a pleasant subject for conversation. Most of us would rather not talk about it at all, as it is not many people's idea of perfect bliss to have work to do. But on the other hand idleness is not desirable. History has proved man cannot live without labor. The American pioneers of the past had to work for everything they had. America became great, not because our soldiers outfought other soldiers but because our ancestors worked harder for their aim, freedom of religion for themselves and succeeding generations. Peter and Paul and all the other apostles were hard workers, also, but Jesus was the mightiest worker and all His works were great.

In any kind of job, working together is the most important factor for it accomplishes greater results, lightens the burden, and makes happier workers. Ask any average teen-ager about the points he would consider in choosing a job and these would probably be among his answers: "I want an easy job," "I want to travel," "I want a job that pays the most money for the least amount of work," or "I want to work in pleasant surroundings." There is nothing wrong with these ideas except that the person is thinking only of himself. No one can be truly happy who lives and works only for himself, for the happiest people are those who work together to render some useful service for someone else. In 1 Corinthians 3: 9a Paul says, "For we are labourers together with God." Nehemiah 3 tells of the Jews building the wall of Jerusalem, each one having a certain job to do and all working together to complete the great task.

Dr. Grenfell once said, "Any one who thinks service to others is all work and no reward will learn his mistake by studying the lives of great Christian leaders of the past, beginning with Jesus and His apostles. They prove that giving, not

getting, brings real happiness." Peter summed up the life of Jesus in just five words, "He went about doing good." If we follow the Master's example we must aim to serve or work for others as well as ourselves. Remember Benjamin Franklin's advice, "The noblest question in the world is, 'What good can I do in it?'" It is not the job of the Christian leaders alone to tell others of Christ, but it is also our job. A good Christian salesman may prepare himself by studying his Bible constantly, praying for daily guidance and assistance, and by associating with other Christians in church activities. For if the word of Christ is dwelling richly in the body of believers they will be able to instruct and guide one another. But since only practice makes perfect we must get out and work at it in order to be good salesmen. Christianity has never been a sitting-down religion and it is our duty and privilege as Christians to see that it does not become one.

A church member once asked Dwight L. Moody if he did not think that the world was growing worse. Replied the evangelist, "Madam, if it is, I am determined it shall be in spite of me." That's the kind of spirit we need if we are to be workers for Christ. On the last judgment day if Christ looks at our hands and finds them soft and tender from idleness, we will have quite a lot of explaining to do.

"Christ has no hands but our hands  
To do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet  
To lead men in His way;  
He has no tongues but our tongues  
To tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help  
To bring them to His side."

Jesus said in Matthew 25: 40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." By serving our fellow man we are serving the Lord and helping in His work. It is His desire that this world be a fit place for Christians to live. Do we not benefit from the better world which our ministers and missionaries make for us? Would we want to live in a community in which there were no churches, Sabbath schools, or religious organizations of any

kind? We would not, and we don't have to because of the men and women who give their lives to do the Lord's work. But His work cannot be done by a few. Each of us can volunteer to help wherever and whenever extra help is needed. Even the lowliest of services done according to the Lord's will helps advance the business of saving souls, which is the most important work in this world, the work that the fellowship of believers should be constantly carrying on.

## YOUTH NEWS

Is it a sign of approaching middle age to express amazement at the endurance of youth? Perhaps so. Be that as it may, two theological students from Alfred set themselves a hard pace when they recently took part of their spring vacation to visit the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J.

Mynor and Marian (Coon) Soper brought their baby and another young couple, John and Eva Beeson (Free Methodists from Hornell, N. Y.), on the trip. They could not leave Hornell until after the Sunday-night service. After driving all night they spent all day Monday visiting the denominational building, print shop, and historical rooms. Driving on to Philadelphia in the evening, they visited Marian's brother, Lloyd Coon. After seeing the sights of Philadelphia and New York they arrived home at 6 a.m. Thursday following another all-night drive. They were still able to write a thank-you note the same day.

Probably the experiences of those jam-packed days will find some place in the future ministry of these two young ministers. Thinking back, students seem to develop endurance from the long assignments handed out by seminary professors. After a period of such sleep-denying conditioning, four students of 25 years ago drove home to California from Philadelphia to spend the Christmas holidays. Ed.

A church college stands in high treason to its own intelligence if it does not keep its beliefs at center. — President Howard Lowry, Wooster College, at first quadrennial convention of Christian colleges.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — March has come and gone with the mildness of May. March 5 and 12 saw the culmination of the series of sermons, "The Perfect Seven." In these, Pastor Wheeler deepened the significance of our personal relationship to Christ's message. The children are being carried on a high tide of enthusiasm with sermonets involving numbers, in which they are given an opportunity to participate.

On Sunday afternoon, March 6, the Anthem Festival was presented at the Redlands University Memorial Chapel. Our choir, under the direction of Mrs. Gleason M. Curtis, was among the choirs participating from Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The event was well attended, highly devotional, and inspiring.

Interest in the Bible reading in the Sabbath eve prayer services has kept up well. We have now dipped into the Book of the Judges. In the situations of those turbulent times we saw some of our own psychological problems mirrored, as well as the divine solution.

The Sabbath morning service on March 26 was ably conducted by members of the newly organized Junior C.E. Due to illness, Boyd Maddox, president, was unable to serve, but others in his age group carried through in a way which made us proud and happy. Prayer, Scripture reading, special music, and receiving of the offering were among their appointments. Pastor Wheeler presented the timely message, "Forward with Christ." The day following the church was busily at work preparing the ever-increasing quantity of Mission Notes for mailing. Pastor Lawton, of the Los Angeles Church was here helping to make light work of it.

Sociability among the ladies of the church is being fostered by the round of Silver Teas which have marked this spring season. These teas accomplish another purpose — that of raising funds for the Dorcas Society. — Correspondent.

COUDERSPORT, PA. — I will try to give a brief summary of the past year's events and work of the First Hebron Church. Since our pastor was attending



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summer school in Alfred last June we conducted our own Vacation Church School with an average attendance of 32.

Our Lord's Acre project has developed from a community potato plot and individual projects into raising grain on small near-by plots in the woods to feed wild life for the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Members of the church and community help to prepare ground, plant, and cultivate. The Game Commission and wild life do the harvesting. The money earned is put into a parsonage fund.

Right now our parsonage is empty; Darrell Barber resigned the first of January and is now serving the Schenectady Church.

Last fall we held a bazaar in connection with the community Ladies' Aid harvest supper.

One week before Christmas, on the day of the Community Christmas program, a gas failure resulted in the whole church becoming completely covered with soot. We had redecorated four years previously. Through the co-operative effort of the community the whole building was washed down and repainted. A new furnace was installed, drapes were washed, floors sanded and refinished, and a new carpet laid. There was much rejoicing when we held our first service at the church again on a beautiful Easter Sabbath with two choirs in their fresh white surplices, and with Mynor Soper, a student at Alfred Theological Seminary, to bring the message. We feel fortunate to have the community building in which to hold the Christmas program, our Sabbath school classes each week, and church services twice a month with Mr. Soper preaching. Since he will be leaving for California the first of June we are without definite plans for the summer and coming year. Our annual oyster dinner and business meeting was well attended in January.

A small group of church women has been formed this past year to try and carry out activities of the Women's Board and other church interests. The church co-operates with the Coudersport Council of Church Women, the president being one of our church ladies.

Because we are the only church in the immediate vicinity, we try to serve community needs. We reach many children of

non-church families and our church is open to the migrant crop workers each summer. — Correspondent.

SHILOH, N. J. — A Mother and Daughter banquet was held in the church dining room March 29, sponsored by the Ladies' Benevolent Society. The food was prepared by the society but the men of the church served the meal. The tables were beautifully set with African violets in the center. One family was outstanding, having four generations present.

Shiloh Bible School is again responsible for a Jamaica scholarship for the new term beginning in April.

Easter Sabbath was observed with anthems and script by the choir. The pastor's message was, "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth."

Carlton Wilson and daughter, Miss Ethel Wilson, were chosen as delegates to represent our church at the dedication services in Westerly for the Brisseys, the newly appointed missionaries to Jamaica. — Correspondent.

"The cost of taking care of the damage caused by alcohol is three times the amount the State of Washington receives from liquor." — Judge Mathew W. Hill, Justice of the Supreme Court, State of Washington.

## Accessions

New Auburn, Wis.

Testimony:

Mrs. Perry McHenry

## Births

North. — A son, Tony Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren North of New Auburn, Wis., on April 5, 1955.

## Obituaries

Allen. — George A., was born March 13, 1877, at Marlboro, N. J., and died Feb. 12, 1955, at the home of his daughter where he had made his home for the last few years.

He married Louisa Harris of Shiloh, October, 1916, who preceded him in death. He was a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church. He is survived by one son and two daughters: Morton D., Mrs. Ruth Cruzan, and Mrs. Marian Peterson, and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul Osborn. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

P. B. O.

