

**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**  
Statement of the Treasurer, December 31, 1954

Receipts		December	3 months
Balance, Dec. 1		\$ 50.69	
Adams Center	101.50		101.50
Albion	41.67		79.01
Alfred, First	580.55		933.90
Associations and groups	69.53		105.66
Battle Creek	502.57		931.45
Berlin	16.00		62.00
Boulder	32.30		106.24
Brookfield, First	53.00		63.00
Buffalo	25.00		25.00
Chicago	45.00		205.00
Daytona Beach			81.80
Denver	76.77		148.75
De Ruyter			613.63
Dodge Center	17.50		121.30
Edinburg			10.86
Farina	15.00		45.00
Fouke	5.00		5.00
Friendship	17.00		17.00
Hebron, First	7.85		32.53
Hopkinton, First	35.00		140.05
Independence	82.00		126.00
Indianapolis	10.35		31.25
Individuals			1,953.11
Irvington			200.00
Little Genesee			64.29
Los Angeles	25.00		151.50
Marlboro			610.82
Middle Island	10.00		26.13
Milton	439.39		1,075.79
Milton Junction	147.70		339.14
New Auburn	15.00		33.72
New York	35.00		35.00
North Loup	122.52		122.52
Nortonville	49.00		105.50
Pawcatuck	1,020.80		1,020.80
Philadelphia	16.00		56.00
Piscataway	31.00		64.00
Plainfield	969.30		1,336.55
Putnam County	5.00		21.00
Richburg			65.50
Ritchie			30.00
Riverside	231.78		728.44
Roanoke			25.00

Rockville	15.33	26.33
Salem	125.00	260.00
Salemville	123.00	191.00
Schenectady	100.00	215.00
Shiloh		580.00
Verona	72.90	127.90
Walworth		25.00
Waterford	36.02	107.56
White Cloud	54.26	85.85
Totals	\$5,428.28	\$13,669.38

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,945.49	\$345.02
Tract Society	380.10	
Board of		
Christian Education	751.14	90.00
Women's Society	184.38	
Historical Society	67.62	
Ministerial Retirement	523.32	430.28
S. D. B. Building	72.66	
General Conference	589.26	
World Fellowship and Service	14.70	
S. D. B. Memorial Fund		5.00
American Bible Society		9.74
Bank of Milton, service charge	1.15	
Balance, Dec. 31	18.42	
Totals	\$4,548.24	\$880.04

Comparative Figures		
	1954	1953
Receipts in December:		
Budget	\$4,529.82	\$3,966.14
Specials	880.04	1,336.71
Receipts in 3 months:		
Budget	10,548.24	7,932.33
Specials	3,121.14	2,141.00
Annual Budget	70,750.00	63,121.22
Percentage of budget raised to date	14.9%	12.6%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Milton, Wis.,  
January 4, 1955.  
Treasurer.

**Quarterly Meetings of Boards and Agencies**

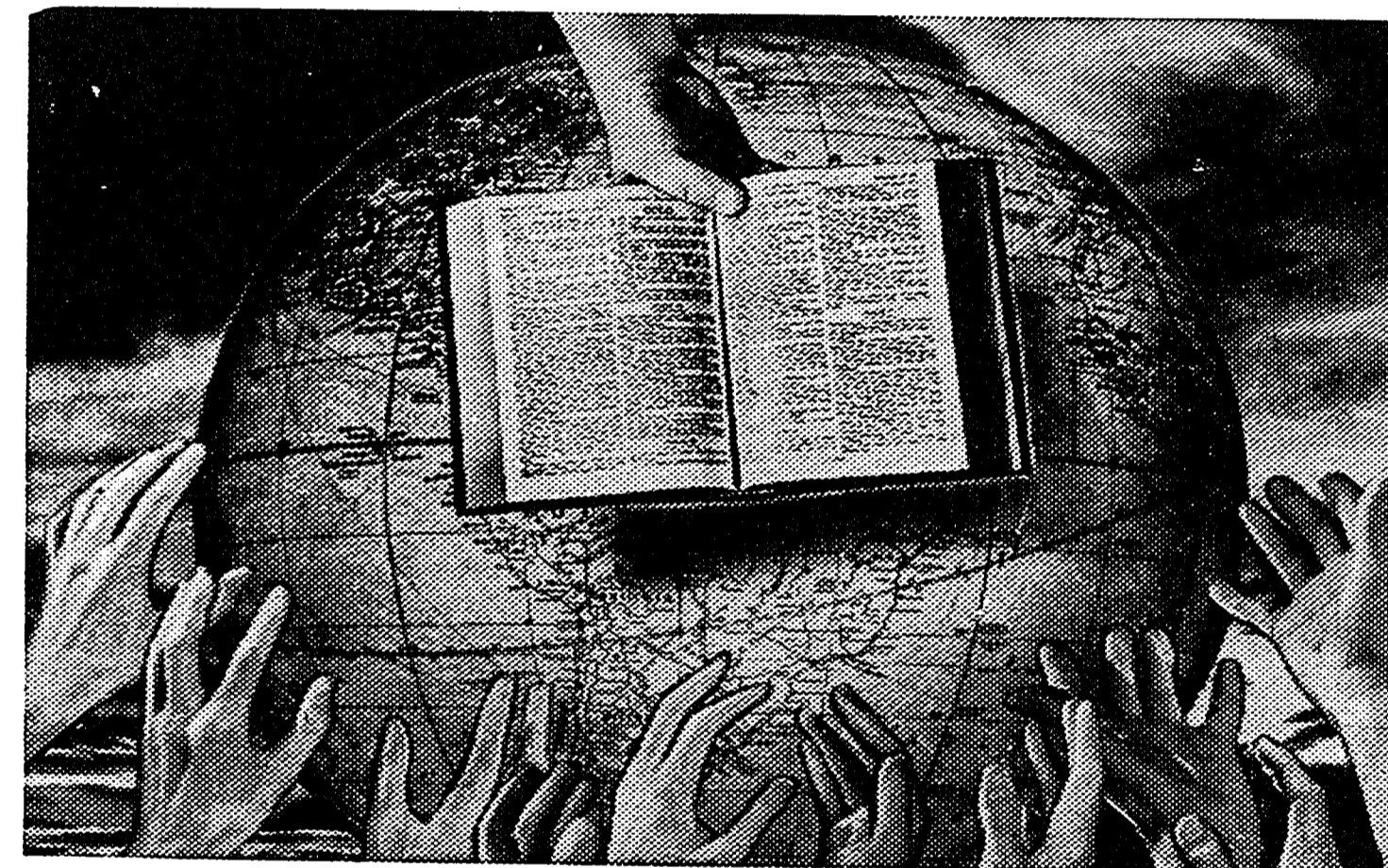
The Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will hold their regular quarterly meeting in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., Sunday, Jan. 23, 1955, at 2 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., Sunday morning, Jan. 9. Karl G. Stillman of Westerly,

R. I., who is not always able to attend, was among those present. L. Meredith Maxson of Bronxville, N. Y., was absent on account of the death of his mother. The problems relating to our largest denominational investment fund were freely discussed and action was taken where necessary. The 1954 Year Book gives detailed information for those who are interested in examining the nature and scope of the operation of the fund. The next quarterly meeting will be held April 3.

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# The Sabbath Recorder



**THE WORLD REACHES FOR THE WORD**

In days of long ago a vision came to the Lord's chief apostle, Paul, with a Macedonian call. People in another part of the world were reaching for the Word. In that missionary party were one or two young men who must have been thrilled when they found in one place those who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so." As Youth Week approaches we rejoice that among those who receive a vision of the world reaching for the Word there are still today many of our youth willing to respond to the call.

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## Coming Articles in the Recorder

The report of the midyear meeting of the Commission of General Conference was received in time for this issue but we failed to get it in. Look for it next week.

More articles on the editor's impressions of Jamaica may be expected in the next two or three issues, also a Sabbath article by H. M. Howell of Kingston, Jamaica.

At the end of February we plan to begin a series of brief articles by Dean Luther A. Weigle explaining obsolete words that were changed in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

## WHAT IS JAMAICA LIKE?

We who have visited Jamaica for only one week are not in a position to tell what the country is like or what our extensive missionary work (about 27 churches) is like. Others who have spent years of service there have not succeeded in creating an accurate picture in our minds, perhaps because we are dull of hearing. We can only hope to suggest a few things to help those who have sufficient background of reading, travel, or Christian experience to lay hold of the glimpses of beauty and truth to be mentioned below.

One is reminded of the way Luke's Gospel begins, "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth . . . those things which are most surely believed among us, . . . it seemed good to me also, . . . to write unto thee. . . ." No one can see missions in a fair light unless he believes in missions. If one can see in any land the crying need of the people for the Gospel, then he can begin to understand missionary language. Then a temporary emphasis upon one field is no indication of failure to be interested in another. If we can love one child, we can find love enough to cover the next children that come into the family.

What is Jamaica like? Some would have us believe that it can be characterized as the home of Jamaica rum. In spite of some supporting evidence such as extensive sugar cane fields and rum establishments, we reject that description. To say that it is a land of beautiful mountains covered over with tropical trees is not quite sufficient; the mountains need more description. We did not get very close to the highest elevation which is more than 7,000 feet, but we assume that mountain to be much like the 4,000-foot ones over which we drove. There are some inaccessible spots, some perpendicular cliffs whose faces are green only with unplanted trees and ferns but, for the most part, the mountains are tended by human hands everywhere. They are mountains of people, people who live inconspicuously in little houses and move about in the shadow of native and planted trees, eking out a scanty living on the fertile coral soil by marketing their portion of the many fruits which grow luxuriantly.

For the missionary, it is the people that make the island. Outside the areas that

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still show the Spanish influence of centuries gone by, the Catholic Church does not appear to hold sway. In a British island one is surprised to see so little of the Anglican Church. It thus appears to be wide open to Protestant churches such as ours. To us, much of the beauty of the island is the beauty of finding believers almost everywhere. It is easy to become surfeited with natural beauty alone, however changing and full of splendor it may be. But when excursions into the mountains have as their destination companies of witnessing Christians, then the beauties of nature become purposeful. The little transformations wrought on the face of nature by the multipurpose gardening tool, the machete, are not to be compared with the transformations of human nature so apparent on the faces of our dark-skinned friends — wrought by the Holy Spirit through the patient efforts of Bible workers.

What is Jamaica like? Some of it is more beautiful than the most picturesque coves where the blue Pacific laps a rugged California coastline south of San Francisco. Some of it would bring back memories to servicemen of the Philippines, of Luzon or Leyte or Mindinao, or other islands of the South Pacific. Again, the roads and paths cutting through banks of dirt or sharp hills of rock would remind one who had been there of familiar country scenes on the Island of Honshu in Japan. At other places the fantastic strangler figs and deep glades would call to mind the parrot jungle of Miami. Experiences in our own western mountains of Colorado or the Pacific Coast afford few comparisons. Pine trees are not found; uniformity isn't even suggested. Every trip into these hills brings new types of scenery.

The writer, day after day, was carried back ten years to war-time experiences of beauty spots in the South Pacific area. Traveling east along the southern coast of Jamaica in coconut and banana country, we were almost startled one day to come upon acres of headless coconut palms standing out on the skyline stark and naked above the spreading crowns of the young trees that were just coming into bearing. No, it was not the result of any naval or aerial bombardment. Those trees

had been sheared off by the terrific force of a hurricane five years ago. If that happened to such sturdily braced palms, how must it have been for houses, churches, and people? We saw some of the bigger churches still in a state of roofless ruin. We were told that in some of our own churches every home and the house of worship were swept away. The superintendent tells us that in those areas church building has been slow; they have no money. Many of the mission needs of the field will be met by a full support of our Denominational Budget.

## YOUTH WEEK or C.E. WEEK

The annual celebration of Christian Endeavor Week has long been a custom in Seventh Day Baptist churches. The dates this year are January 30 to February 6. This particular week is chosen because it includes the birthday of Christian Endeavor. Traditionally, as long as we can remember and much longer, the first Sabbath in February has been marked in our churches by turning over as much as possible of the Sabbath morning worship to the young people — the leaders of the C.E. societies. Untold good has come from this, not only in focusing the attention of the church on the promise of future trained leadership, but also in providing a strong link in that training. It requires much planning and counseling between pastor and youth but it is well worth it.

In recent years, since 1944, to be exact, this same C. E. Week has been designated as Youth Week by the United Christian Youth Movement, the youth arm of the National Council of Churches. The aim, we believe, was to include all youth organizations within the churches into one interdenominational youth emphasis. No doubt there have been some gains thereby. On the other hand, some of us cannot help but have a feeling of homesickness for the good old days when the aims and purposes of Christian Endeavor were so well taught and generally understood.

With the coming of more and more denominational youth organizations and new interdenominational fellowships, there has come, in our opinion, much confusion of purpose. Lacking the tested and proved

## MEMORY TEXT

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8: 7-8.

methods of C. E., far too many of these newer youth groups have temporarily captured the eager ear of youth with social life programs that have lacked spiritual undergirding. Consequently they have not greatly elevated the youth or proved of lasting value. Seventh Day Baptists have pretty generally clung to Christian Endeavor as their youth organization and have thereby received continuing guidance from the international headquarters through its publications, particularly the Christian Endeavor World.

In visiting Jamaica it was refreshing to observe that past presidents of the C. E. Society were honored with a plaque on the walls of the Kingston Church and that the C. E. leaders had read the discussion material in the Christian Endeavor World several weeks in advance. We believe that our home churches will do well to re-emphasize C. E.

## Sabbath Thought

One of the joys of Sabbathkeeping is in meditating on the fact that groups of Christians all around the world have found the Sabbath of the Bible and are keeping it. It was the Maker of the universe who made the Sabbath. When one becomes obedient to the law of the Sabbath he feels himself in harmony with the Creator and the agent of creation, Christ. Some have argued that in a round world there can be no fixed day of worship. In this they forget two things, that it is not a practical problem, since we keep the Sabbath only where we are, and that to argue against a fixed day is to say that God made a mistake in setting up the 7th day to perpetuate His rest at creation. "O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" Rom. 9: 20.

WHERE TO,  
SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS?

Rev. Ralph M. Soper

[In the letter which accompanied the following article Brother Soper says that he wrote it in the middle of the night. He had tried to sleep but the matter weighed so heavily upon his mind that he could get no rest until he had prepared the message. Ed.]

I was talking with a man some time back at a place where I was holding a few meetings, and upon his discovery that I was a Seventh Day Baptist, he remarked to me, "If you folks are right with your observance of Saturday, then please tell me how you account for the fact that all the other seekers for truth prosper and increase in numbers while you folks have been 'tugging away' as long or even longer than any others and are getting nowhere. You have only the insignificant sum of thirty-two full-time ministers and you are neither increasing in numbers nor advancing in the field of schools, colleges, or hospitals like others are. Something is wrong."

This was a real challenge to me, as well as humiliating, and quite naturally I came to the defense of our cause, and stated that I was of the opinion he was wrong in the number of ministers in full-time work. The next day he brought to me a book put out by the National Council of Churches which gave a very fair and full report of Seventh Day Baptists, stating as this man had said that there were thirty-two ministers in full-time pastorates. A check through the 1954 Year Book reveals the number to be thirty-three including the acting dean at Alfred, which was a startling discovery to me. I know so many good, consecrated, sincere folks in our ranks, but what is wrong with us as a denomination?

Surely the blessings of Almighty God rest upon all who are faithful. God's Word should never be questioned nor doubted. **IT IS** the inspired Word of God or it **IS NOT**. Christ was either virgin-born or He was **NOT**. He is our Saviour and hope of eternal life if we take the Bible as God's revelation to man, and abide by the teachings therein. But reject

that and we are lost, and as Paul said, "Of all men most miserable." Yes, and without hope, simply a group of misinformed, deluded pilgrims fighting the air. Perhaps this wave of so-called liberalism, modern thinking, that is floating abroad in our good land today may or has in part been responsible for our "letting down" in our zeal. We should be burdened for souls, and striving to win others to Christ, and to stimulate faith in God's Word, rather than allowing doubts to arise in our minds. All of us should humble ourselves at the foot of the cross and beg forgiveness for our indifference and smugness, while untold multitudes have never heard the message of the Saviour's love. Are we trusting in our riches and investments, and spending too much time looking after such matters? If so, may God forgive us.

Some feel that a revival is out of date. We surely need a revival, and strong emphasis on the evils of the day, such as drinking, smoking, dancing, card playing, theater going, and all the rest of the pleasures and pastimes that absorb time, energy, and money which should be used in soul winning. I hear someone say, "old-fashioned." Yes, I am old-fashioned, as is God's Word. Has the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13: 22.) choked our work until we have become unfruitful? May we heed the warning in Mark 10: 23!

The need of the world today is not education, but regeneration; not religion, but a full surrender to the will of God; not profession, but possession of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives. The need of today is not membership in the National Council of Churches, but that our names be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, with our all turned to the task He commissioned and assigned to His followers — to go and preach the Gospel to every creature. Mark 16: 15.

How may we preach that Gospel of salvation in a way that will bring sinners to repentance if there is not full surrender on our part, with a deep and abiding determination on the part of each and every one of us to go forth in this coming year bearing the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to souls wandering and groping in the darkness of sin.

If we all determine to do this bravely, fearlessly and courageously, trusting in God and not in our riches and investments I am sure that God will bless our efforts, and souls will be added to the list of the saved in the kingdom of God. Then we, too, can shout with Mary of old: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Luke 1: 46-47.

May we Seventh Day Baptists all strive to make 1955 our most successful year as we go forth in the strength of our mighty Captain, the King of Heaven; for with God nothing is impossible.

## Controversy May Be a Duty

"Controversy in religion is a hateful thing. It is hard enough to fight the Devil, the world, and the flesh, without private differences in our own camp. But there is one thing which is even worse than controversy, and that is false doctrine tolerated, allowed, and permitted without protest or molestation. . . . Controversy won the battle of the Protestant Reformation. If the views that some men hold are correct, it is plain we never ought to have had any Reformation at all! For the sake of peace we ought to have gone on worshiping the Virgin, and bowing down to images. . . . It is a plain Scriptural duty to 'earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the Saints' (Jude 3)." — Hinson Baptist Bulletin, contributed by Theona Rasmussen.

## Welcome to New Subscribers

Quite a number of you in recent weeks have joined our growing family of readers. Some of you are old acquaintances; some are new. To all we extend an embracing welcome. Please feel at home. Try to get acquainted by consistent reading and by writing if you feel that you have something to share that would be appreciated by other readers. May we suggest that each weekly issue is something like a church service. Once you have begun you should stay to the end even though not every item is of equal interest to all. Catch the spirit of a large congregation of like faith worshipping, meditating, planning, and working together.

## A VOCATIONAL DISCUSSION The Ministry

Rev. Leon R. Lawton

This is the first of a series of articles on different vocations sent in by the chairman of the Vocational Committee, Orsen E. Davis, Denver, Colo.

Two basic errors are made by many people who look to the work of the ministry as a vocation. While it is rated as a professional occupation, the ministry must never be lowered to that realm. Above all, it is a calling. Those who have not received the impelling call of God into the work of the ministry should well stay out. It has been truly said, "Don't ever be a minister if you can get out of it!" This does not mean it is not right for young men to consider whether this might be their life's work, but rather it means that when considering such, it must be done prayerfully and with a heart searching for God's will to be made known. No one has a right, I feel, to be in this occupation unless he has a like feeling with Paul when he said, "Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel." 1 Corinthians 9: 16.

And logically you ask, "How will I know when I'm called, or not called?" **You will know!** God deals with us as individuals and the manner in which one senses the will of God in this matter will be varied from what another may experience. This can be checked by asking your pastor and then talking to other ministers.

The second error grows out of the first. Being a professional field, many feel that the ministry is a fairly well-paying profession. It is, but not in monetary gain. Statistics show that the average minister earns less than the schoolteacher, the mechanic, or even the common laborer in many instances. Because of the financial status one will find himself with many problems, but it will help him to walk in faith with the realization of God's promise to "provide all our need" (Phil. 4: 19).

The church today seeks an educated ministry. College work offers a good foundation on which to build the specialized training. Seven years of study above high school is the accepted stand-

ard, and even then, one is only granted a Bachelor of Divinity degree. Such an education does not give the minister his total knowledge for the task, but only puts into his hands the working tools by which he may continue to educate himself and study deeper into the proper and correct understanding of God's revelation to man through the Holy Scriptures. This is necessary because the minister is not basically seeking to interpret the world in the light of religion, but rather to interpret the Word of God and declare its insights and commands to mankind.

The work of the ministry is demanding on one's time. Like a doctor, the minister is "on call" at all hours. If he does the work of being a pastor he will find few weeks that can be limited to forty hours. True, you will know of those in this work who have ample time for golf, for numerous trips, for other tasks; but the true minister of Jesus Christ will be found seeking divine guidance on how to find time to accomplish the many tasks that daily face him.

Above all, the work of the ministry, to one called of God, presents a life of happiness and satisfaction few other vocations, if any, offer. As the Word of Life is ministered, souls will be yielded to Jesus Christ, lives will be changed by the matchless power of God, and those in despair, defeat, and discouragement will be lifted and strengthened and given hope. Man can know no greater joy than being used of God to bring another to salvation. Here is where the "pay" is abundant!

These same thoughts are valid for those thinking about missionary work, with one definite addition. Sacrifice must be made by the missionary to leave behind loved ones, the luxuries of our American way of life, and to enter into new situations, meet new peoples, learn new languages and customs. Those with medical and educational training are needed in missionary endeavor as well as those who will work in preaching and evangelizing.

God needs more servants in His work today! To a young man, or young woman, who has had a vital experience with God in Christ Jesus, there should be the willingness and searching of heart: "Lord, is it I you would want to do this work?"

## Annual Meeting of the Historical Society

The annual corporate meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the offices of the society in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey, on February 6, 1955, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. At this meeting two amendments to the constitution of the society will be offered providing that the date of the annual corporate meeting will be held as heretofore, to wit, the fourth First-day of the week in January and that as heretofore, to wit, the corporation shall have two vice-presidents.

Nathan E. Lewis,  
President,  
Frederik J. Bakker,  
Recording Secretary.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I. — On Christmas Eve a candlelight Communion service was held at the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church when members of the Potter Hill and Ashaway Churches gathered together around the Lord's Table.

A combined woman's chorus sang several Christmas selections and then all joined in singing carols.

The annual business meeting of the church was held January 2. Mrs. Margaret L. Collings was re-elected president; James G. Waite, vice-president; Mrs. Tacy Saretzki, treasurer; and Mrs. Florence Wells, clerk. Reports were given and routine business was transacted. Preceding the meeting a fellowship dinner was served. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The families and friends of the North Loup Church gathered Jan. 1, 1955, for the annual church dinner. This date was of special interest as it marked the 50th anniversary of this event. The tables were tastefully decorated with motifs representing the 12 months of the year.

The first dinner, 1905, we are reminded, was brought by the good cooks, prepared in the Loyalist office on the second floor of the Woodman Building, west side, and served on tables in the lodge room, east side. The visiting was in the Town Hall.

When dinner was called the crowd moved over, each man carrying a chair. It was reported that about 275 were served.

California has beckoned and lured a number her way for longer or shorter stays, among whom are Mrs. Grace Mayo, Mrs. Jennie Bee, Mrs. Florence Hutchins, Mrs. George Maxson and her son George, and Mrs. Clare Clement. Mrs. Jessie Babcock is in Omaha with her daughter Katharine.

The parsonage Saunders family was called to Boulder, Colo., recently by an accident in the Saunders family at that place. In the pastor's absence Rev. Mr. Sawyer, a local minister, conducted the Sabbath morning service.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle is featuring some missions lessons these first months of 1955.

The adult Sabbath school classes are enjoying the lessons on denominational beliefs and getting a little better acquainted with the various writers.

The general health of the church group is good. The weather cold? Yes; snow? No. — Mrs. Hugh Whitford.

VERONA, N. Y. — The annual business meeting of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church was held in the church, Sunday, Dec. 5.

Reports of the auxiliary organizations and officers of the church were given. These reports were accepted and recommendations approved.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, Craig Sholtz; assistant, John Williams; clerk, Mrs. Ruth Davis; treasurer, Olin Davis; denominational treasurer, Alden Vierow; chorister, Garth Warner; assistant, Mrs. Jean Vierow; organist, Mrs. Mayola Warner; assistant, Miss Louise Hyde. Rev. Victor W. Skaggs was voted in again as pastor.

The Lord's Acre auction was held in the church basement the evening of December 9 with Olin Davis acting as auctioneer. About \$90 was realized from this sale. There were several additional gifts of money. The proceeds from this project will be used toward the Building Fund. — Marion Sholtz, Correspondent.

It's easy to make a mountain out of a molehill. Just add dirt.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. R. L. Lindsey, acting pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Congregation in Israel, urges official delegates and friends from the United States who plan to attend the Baptist World Alliance in London next July, to extend their overseas visit to include a week to ten days in Israel after the convention.

As members of the Baptist World Alliance, Seventh Day Baptists have as much right as Baptists of other denominations to attend the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London, July 16-22, 1955. It is indeed an unusual opportunity which some of our people should grasp. One of the unusual things about it is that the round-trip plane fare from New York to London is only \$360. Enough planes have been reserved to carry 1,000 delegates. Three thousand more will go by ship.

Quick action is required. Registration blanks must be in the Washington office, 1628 16th St. NW, by February 21. Registration forms are available from Secretary Reuben E. Nelson, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

## Marriages

Adamson - Stephan. — Wilma Stephan, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Earl Stephan, and Ronald Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adamson, of Malden, Wash., were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1954, at the home of the bride's parents in Nortonville, Kan. They will reside at 735 Horne, Topeka, Kan.

## Births

Hensleigh. — A son, Robert Glen, was born Nov. 17, 1954, to Paul and Aletha Wheeler Hensleigh, of Winchester, Kan.

Bogie. — A son, Bruce Blaine, to Capt. and Mrs. Bruce Bogie (Beverly Hurley) of Washington, D. C., on Oct. 5, 1954.

Aurand. — A daughter, Mary Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Aurand of Indianapolis, Ind., on Oct. 24, 1954.

Brown. — A daughter, Karen Gayle, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown (Mary Barber) of Bellevue, Mich., on Dec. 19, 1954.

Barker. — A daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barker (Dorothy Rowe) of Allen Park, Mich., on Jan. 3, 1955.

Pederson. — A daughter, Mary Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Arden Peterson of New Auburn, Wis., on Jan. 2, 1955.

## Obituaries

Crabtree. — Ora Parish, daughter of Isaac and Lizzie Parish, was born Oct. 25, 1887, in Nady, Ark., and died at her home near Fouke, Ark., Dec. 28, 1954.

She was married to James Crabtree and has resided in the Fouke area for more than fifty years, teaching school more than forty years. She was a member of the Fouke Church.

Mrs. Crabtree is survived by her husband; five daughters: Mrs. Pearl Reynolds, Mrs. Lizzie Harris, Mrs. Ruth Harris, Mrs. Louise Searcy, and Mrs. Amy Jones; three sons: Fred, Isaac, and Jeff; two sisters: Mrs. Lizzie Westmoreland and Mrs. Dovie Crabtree; twenty-four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and burial were held at the Independence Baptist Church and Cemetery near Fouke, Dec. 30, conducted by Rev. R. E. Sims, assisted by Rev. T. R. Sutton. T. R. S.

Maxson. — Mrs. Marian C., daughter of Denison H. and Marian E. Crandall, was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., on Nov. 26, 1869, and died in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Jan. 3, 1955.

Mrs. Maxson lived in West Edmeston, N. Y., except for the last twenty-one winters when she has been in Daytona Beach. She was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach.

On Sept. 5, 1888, she was married to George D. Maxson, who died in 1933. She was also preceded in death by her two sisters and her two brothers. She is survived by her son, Meredith Maxson of Bronxville, N. Y.; two granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Jay W. Crofoot and Pastor Oscar Burdick on January 6, and at her home in West Edmeston, N. Y., on January 8 by Rev. Mr. Wetherbee of the First Baptist Church of West Edmeston. Interment was in the West Edmeston Cemetery. O. C. B.

Burch. — Lois, daughter of Azor and Johanatha Coon Burch, was born Aug. 27, 1878, in South Brookfield, N. Y., and died in Binghamton, N. Y., April 18, 1954.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Charlotte B. Hughes of Utica, N. Y.; a brother, Clinton of Marathon, N. Y.; a nephew, nieces, and a cousin. Miss Burch was a member of the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held in the W. T. Johnston Funeral Home in Brookfield, her pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Brookfield Rural Cemetery. M. C. V. H.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 5, 1955

The Grace of God

Lesson Scripture:

1 John 4: 10; Eph. 4:4-9; Titus 2:11-14.

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# The Sabbath Recorder

## Our Fathers Built

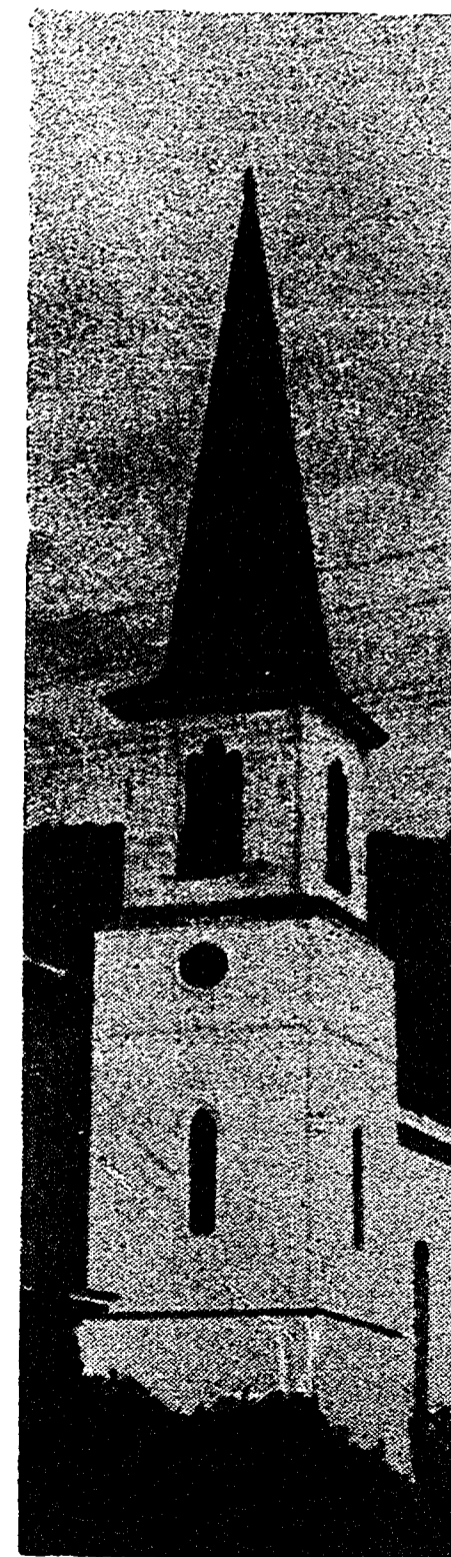
Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond

Our fathers built a "Meeting House,"  
Where neighbors met to pray,  
And nod a greeting, each to all  
On the Holy Sabbath Day.

Our fathers built a "Church of God,"  
With pulpit Bible-crowned  
From which the living Word was preached  
With no uncertain sound.

Our fathers built a "Village Church"  
Whose bell tolled out the time,  
Whose steeple pointed to the sky  
In silences sublime.

Our fathers built among these hills  
A Christian neighborhood,  
A token of what is to be —  
A world-wide brotherhood.



Note: The above poem was written to help celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the present building of the Alfred, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church and was recently sent to us by the author. It would fit many other churches. See Recorder of Oct. 18, 1954, for the Alfred background.