

The Sabbath Recorder

Church — R. J. F. SMITH

Sparked by the ministers that feed each soul
 Within its sacred portals it expands
 As climbing rose helped on by loving hands,
 As yeast dough under competent control.
 No uncoached growth can be the blessed goal,
 Nor awesome numbering of untold bands
 Of men. But wisely serving God's commands,
 Unfolding knowledge, wisdom, keeps church whole.
 We hunger for its unstained quality
 That folds us in the bosom of God's care.
 The practicalness of its polity
 Is boresome as the hypocrite at prayer
 Or priest displaying rank frivolity,
 Ignoring any undermining snare.

The church is every Christian's rightful place,
 His source of satisfaction past all doubt,
 His place to find what life may be about.
 The strong design of courage draped with lace
 Long recognized and classed as Christian grace
 Is woven surely where no sin may flout
 Its tones, within the church. Now coming out
 Of all her sacrifice there glows one face
 To thrill the child and steel the fainting heart.
 For Christ Himself renewed her boundless worth
 Insistent of the values of each part,
 The interdependence of each bit. The earth
 Is bettered by the well established start
 The church may claim throughout the world's wide girth.

She sheds an aura of God's light on seeds
 Sown without care and often left to chance.
 The church in dignity seeks to enhance
 Our attitudes. When we grasp for our needs
 Outside of God, the church in pity bleeds
 And shows its members a more trusting stance.
 The knowledge that God's penetrating glance
 Can probe the depths of all our human creeds
 And turn them Godward, guides us in His way,
 Inspires the leaders for His church's care.
 They always work toward that most glorious day
 When in her perfect form she rises fair.
 Stern, gracious, merciful, our hope and stay,
 God's church shines brightly; so we trust and dare.

Several of the children are making plans to go to Fouke for camp this year, and we do trust that they will not be disappointed.

We rejoice in our hearts to have, among our membership now, Miss Golda Gerat, who came here last fall from Decatur, Ill. She is very interested in the work with the children, and has worked out a plan for those in Paint Rock to meet with her for a Bible story hour at least once each week. We now have a young couple with a family attending our services. They are an asset to our congregation both in Sabbath school and worship hours.

We ask your prayers that only God's will be done in all our efforts. — Mrs. Robert L. Butler.

BEREA, W. VA. — A church bulletin received at the Recorder office carries the information that Don Richards has accepted a call from the Berea Church and will be taking up his pastoral duties in June upon the completion of his three years of seminary training at the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y. This church has been without a regular pastor since last summer when it released its new pastor, Rev. David Pearson, to go as a missionary to Nyasaland. Don's wife, a sister of Mrs. Edgar Wheeler, is a West Virginia girl. The new pastor came home from the Army at the close of World War II with a desire to enter the ministry. His parents live in Riverside, Calif. He has worked his way through college at Riverside, and Salem, W. Va., and has rendered valuable service to the Lord in every community where he has lived. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have one child. — Ed.

DENVER, COLO. — In the middle of a January which is a little colder than usual, the Denver Church has begun to lay plans for summer activities. An invitation has been extended to Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of the Alfred School of Theology and a quartet of ministerial students to come to Denver in the summer for evangelistic meetings and visitation.

In connection with the Bible Reading Fellowship, which involves the reading of the whole New Testament during the first six months of 1955, Friday night meetings have been resumed. A sound movie is being shown in the church once each

month, the one on January 28 being, "Jesus, Lord of the Sabbath," a Family Film.

During the Sabbath school hour on Christmas Day, an original play about the Makapwa Mission in Africa, written by Mrs. Iris S. Maltby, was given. Late developments in Nyasaland were incorporated in the play, making it unusually timely and informative. Following the presentation, the quarterly missionary offering was received to be sent to Nyasaland. The program was in charge of Mrs. Susa Patterson.

On New Year's Day the young people of the church took over with a novel idea of reserved seats. Cards were sent out in advance with seat numbers. As folks arrived they were seated according to the number on their cards. Then all were reminded that a "reserved seat" would be awaiting each one each Sabbath throughout the new year.

Officers of the Denver Church will remain the same for this year as a result of the election held during the annual business meeting, December 26, except that one new trustee took office.

Sabbath school superintendent, Bob Shepard, and the graded department superintendent, Mrs. Evalyn Turpin, arranged the Christmas program of music, recitations, and a playlet, presented December 19. — E. D. D.

Obituaries

Randolph. — Deacon Roy Fitz, son of Franklin and Mary Fox Randolph, was born Dec. 30, 1873, and died Jan. 23, 1955, at St. Mary's Hospital in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mr. Randolph was a member of the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church and served as deacon for more than 40 years. A graduate of Salem College, he taught in Doddridge County schools and was a successful farmer. He was very active in national and local farm organizations and held the highest offices of the local departments. His death is a severe loss to the church which he served so faithfully.

He is survived by his wife, Cora Bond Randolph; two daughters, Greta, at home, and Mrs. Kenneth (Mary) Hulin of Salem, W. Va.; two brothers: Iseus F., of Plainfield, N. J.; and Esle F., of Fairmont, W. Va.

Farewell services were held on Tuesday, January 25, in the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and Dr. James L. Skaggs. Burial was in the Brick Church Cemetery at Lost Creek, W. Va.
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Sabbath Recorder Continues to Gain

The workers who correct the Recorder mailing list each week have reported to the editor a net gain of 18 on the list that goes out this week. This is still far short of the goal for which the women of the denomination are working but it is a substantial increase. We again welcome the new subscribers and thank those who are continually stressing the value of having the Recorder in every home. New subscribers may still claim the bonus offer of a year's subscription to the Upper Room if the request accompanies the order.

AN UPLIFTED FACE

From where we now sit in church we cannot watch the faces of many of the people of the congregation. Faces are interesting to watch — especially in church. One of the great compensations of the ministry is to see people come into a church service with faces cast down by the burden of sin or the troubles of life and to see them go out from the service with faces lifted up, happy because of the forgiveness of sins, exultant with new strength to stand firm no matter how threatening may be the clouds of life.

It is no wonder that congregations and ministers alike love the benediction of Numbers 6: 25, 26, containing the words, "The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." It is such a comfort to hear this prayer voiced and to know that if our hearts are right it will be answered. It contains also a basic principle. If our faces are lifted up in the process of public worship we know that it is because we become more conscious of the smile of God. We realize through the music, the prayers, the Word, and the sermon, that His countenance is lifted up upon us, and because of that our countenances are lifted also.

Perhaps what we have been describing is the ideal church service where the music perfectly accomplishes its function, where every act, gesture and word of the minister leads to this desired end, and where the congregation also responds perfectly to the pastor's loving appeal. Can we find such a situation? Perhaps not. We can, however, get closer to it than we do.

There would be more happy faces in church on Sabbath morning if more people came to the doorstep with these words of the Psalmist on their lips, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122: 1. What a shame that pastor and choir have to look down upon so many faces that have no good reason to show unhappiness. How can they minister to burdened and downcast hearts when they cannot distinguish between deep-seated trouble and mere petulance? There is trouble enough without wearing trifles of trouble on our faces. Let's remember that these things make our best church clothes fit badly.

Again let us listen to the Hundreth Psalm with its exhortation, "Enter into

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his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." How many handicapped, how many suffering, how many friendless folk have been able to enter the courts of the Lord with praise! And how many of the rest of us with none of these troubles come to church unprepared for worship. Let us resolve to wipe off our self-pity and self-centeredness on the door mat, and be ready to be fed by the pastor with the Word. Then when the benediction is sounded and we greet each other at the door the pastor and our neighbor may be constrained to say, "Your uplifted face in the service today was an inspiration to me."

WHY DON'T WE GROW FASTER?

Under the above title A. Stauffer Curry, moderator of the Church of the Brethren, discusses in their denominational organ a question often heard in Seventh Day Baptist circles. He admits that although this plain-dressing church is older than the Methodists it is only one fiftieth as large. His article appeals to the churches to at least hold their own in the general population increase. That alone, according to an estimated population in 1975 of 220 million, would mean a gain for the Church of the Brethren of 68,800 members in the next 20 years.

Whether a church with certain peculiarities of belief, of dress, and of attitude toward military service can hold its youth and thus keep up with the population is hopefully commented on by the writer.

We as Seventh Day Baptists do not have exactly the same deterrents to growth behind which we are prone to hide but we often falsely blame our adherence to the unpopular Sabbath truth for our lack of growth. At least one other Sabbathkeeping denomination has grown rapidly in spite of this handicap. Brother Curry makes a suggestion along the line that it is not adherence to peculiar doctrines that keeps them from more rapid growth but insufficient adherence to those doctrines. We believe that applies to Seventh Day Baptists. The religious world takes notice when people are consistently faithful to their professed doctrines.

The closing paragraph of the editorial in The Messenger ought to have a chal-

MEMORY TEXT

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2: 14.

lenge for any denomination and particularly ours. We quote:

"Some point out that we would grow more rapidly if we would love persons more than we love numbers. Does love of human personalities come first, with the growth of the church a natural outgrowth? Or does concern about growing church organizations come first, with the contacting of people a necessary technique to achieve this growth? The more the leaders and members of the church can develop a primary love of souls, independent of organizational growth, the larger will be the influx of people into the fellowship of the church."

ENCOURAGING FIGURES AGAIN

We call attention to the analysis of our current Denominational Budget given in the Secretary's Column. Mr. Crofoot explains the figures on the back page. We urge our readers to spend half an hour or more studying the local and the total picture. Make comparisons with the January 17 Recorder and the one for February 15, 1954.

If your church is among the 14 which are marked as being above the 4-month goal ask yourself whether you did your share to make that possible and whether you are going to strive to keep your church up to that reasonable and necessary standard. If your church is among the many which are below the established goal it may be that you personally ought to assume some responsibility for that failure.

It appears that church treasurers are becoming more alert. Receipts are reported from 46 churches as compared with 31 listed in the November 22 Recorder. Not many treasurers failed to get their money sent in. Another observation may be in order. It looks as if Seventh Day Baptists as a whole did not overspend on Christ-

mas presents. Business is supposed to take a slump in January. The Lord's business was better than ever during last month if we can judge by the gifts reported. However, the same was true last year.

Why do we talk about money? Because it is so frequently the best spiritual thermometer of the heart that we can find. Jesus stood over against the treasury to see how the worshipers gave. We want to report all the signs of improvement in our spiritual health.

Fellowship Meeting Places

Groups of Seventh Day Baptists gathered in localities not served by Seventh Day Baptist Churches meet regularly in "Fellowships." Some of these are listed below. Travelers and others finding themselves in the vicinity of one of these groups on the Sabbath are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Officers or members of groups not listed are asked to send details for publication in the Sabbath Recorder.

Ashtabula, Ohio. Meets every Sabbath at 11 a.m. at the IOOF Lodge Hall on Main Ave. Pastor — Rev. E. S. McMahan. Phone Ashtabula 20-216.

Buffalo, N. Y. Meets third Sabbath of each month in Union Road Community Church, one mile north of Gardenville, N. Y., on Route 18-B. Leader — Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, Alfred, N. Y.; chairman — Silas H. Wellman, 304 Roncroff Dr., North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Little Rock, Ark. Meets third Sabbath of every month at 3 p.m., 4809 W. 31st St., Little Rock, Ark. President — Dr. Paul L. Ewing; contact — Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, 4809 W. 31st St., Little Rock, Ark.

Ottawa, Kan. Meets one Sabbath a month in a room of the First Baptist Church. Leader — Rev. Duane L. Davis, Nortonville, Kan.

Philadelphia, Pa. Meets each Sabbath at 10:30 in the YWCA at Rittenhouse St.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for March 5, 1955

The Fellowship of Christian Love

Lesson Scripture:

Acts 2: 42-47; Col. 3: 12-16; 1 John 4: 7-8.

Secretary's Column

Let's keep it up. For the first time during this Conference year total gifts through the treasurer of the Denominational Budget in January exceeded the monthly needs. Total receipts were \$6,456.48, whereas our monthly requirements are \$5,896. It must be borne in mind, however, that of the six thousand received \$1,104.56 were for purposes other than budgeted items.

These non-budgetary items are legitimately worthy gifts, but cannot logically be counted as meeting our budget obligations. They include such things as scholarships for our missionary schools, special supplies for the mission field not included in the Missionary Board budget, continuous support gifts for our School of Theology, ministerial and church participation in the ministerial retirement fund, Church World Service, and the American Bible Society.

The reported receipts also include a number of gifts specified by their donors for specific agencies. These agencies have counted on some such gifts in their planning before coming to Conference and asking for a fixed proportion of our undesignated giving. The unspecified portion of our giving is still only 21.3% of our year's requirements under the budget and our total giving up to this time runs about the same percentage of our total gift requirements. By the end of four months of the budget year our giving ought to be 33.3%.

It can be seen, therefore, that we are still somewhat behind in meeting our budget needs. It is encouraging that we are improving in this respect. And we are improving. Our total giving this year has already passed \$20,000 whereas a year ago it was slightly less than \$17,000. Let's keep it up.

On the instruction of Commission acting in accordance with decision made at the 1953 Conference, the disbursement figures now being reported include all receipts of the budget treasurer not specifically designated for a non-budget item. Previously all designated gifts were classified as "Specials." Hence, the comparison with

last year's distribution is not completely accurate.

Despite the Conference action previously referred to, some of our agencies still receive gifts direct from the donors. While it is hoped that these gifts will ultimately be reported, they are not reflected in the current figures, and cannot be without unnecessary delay in publication of these figures. Before percentages can be computed, it is necessary to take into account the expected gifts from individuals and organizations which the agencies have anticipated in making up their budget requests. This will amount to considerably more than the \$70,750 published as our Denominational Budget.

With God's help and a will on our part we can finance our work of pushing Seventh Day Baptist truth to wider recognition.

THREE A's OF VOCATION

A thumbnail check-list for determining what your career should be.

NOTE: The following outline is based on remarks made by President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College during a panel discussion on vocations at a meeting of youth attending General Conference in Milton last summer.

Among the many factors to be considered by a young person trying to determine what God would have him do with his life are the following:

1. My aptitudes

What am I best qualified to do? There are various ways of determining this. Many kinds of comprehensive tests are now available which provide an accurate check on a person's capabilities. These are often given as a regular part of high school or college courses; they can also be secured through professional counseling services. In addition to taking tests, it is always well to get the advice of parents, teachers, ministers, and friends, whose objective observations of one's talents are revealing. Very important, also, is for each individual to make a careful, prayerful, personal analysis of his own abilities.

2. My attitudes

What are my real thoughts regarding work? The lifework which a person undertakes should be compatible with God's ideals of service. He who loses his life

shall find it, is the principal basis of the Master plan. A sincere interest in others, motivated by a desire to help them, will result in rewarding happiness from work. A philanthropic minded octogenarian, having attained unusually successful results in his lifework, has summed up his attitudes in this way:

"To keep busy so that the years go by unnoticed. To despise nothing except selfishness, meanness, and corruption. Fear nothing except cowardice, disloyalty, and indifference. Covet nothing that is my neighbor's except his kindness of heart and his gentleness of spirit. Think many, many times of my friends and, if possible, seldom of my enemies. . . . Age is a state of mind. You are as young as your faith and today I have more faith in my fellow man, in my country, and in my God than I ever had." — From an interview with Michael L. Benedum, of Pittsburgh, on his 85th birthday, July 16, 1954.

3. My activities

What am I best able to do, based on the experiences I have been privileged to have? By experience in this case is meant both educational opportunities and other advantages such as travel, close association with prominent people, special chances to gain information and skills from unusual kinds of service, and the like. Any experience which assists the individual in discovering and developing his best talents is worth while. An adequate general education is becoming more and more imperative. Employers recommend that a full liberal arts college education be acquired, if at all possible, as the basis for any specialized training that may be necessary for a given job. To be as well prepared as possible is one of God's imperatives for any vocation.

God has given to each person certain specific talents. He has always endowed human beings with the power of thought and reason. He expects them to choose their vocations wisely, praying earnestly for divine guidance.

To serve the Master of the Universe in the work of His world is a high challenge — and consequently if He remains at the center of such service, the compensation will also be high!

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Dr. A. E. Whitford

(The following extracts from a letter written by Dr. Whitford to Dr. F. M. Branch and published in the Milton Church News should be of interest to our readers.)

It is the considered opinion of Albert Rogers, H. O. Burdick, Dr. Norwood, and myself, all of whom are on the advisory council of the school, and also of Dean Emeritus A. J. C. Bond that (1) the School of Theology as an accredited seminary cannot exist without being a part of Alfred University; (2) that the Gothic, a building owned and serviced by Alfred University has for years been recognized as the building of the school and (3) that therefore if the university razes the Gothic for very excellent reasons (which we acknowledge and generally approve) it should provide some other building and facilities for the school, both for the university's own sake and for the continuance of the school.

The president of the university has already indicated his interest in the development of the School of Theology under present relationship with the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and his sense of obligation by assuring us that the school will have reserved for it an adequate room for its library in the new library building to be built in the next two or three years (all under trained librarians' direction), a special seminar room adjoining the library room, and in addition, the setting aside of two family apartments in Saxon Heights for the use of theological students with no cost to them except utilities.

Some of the above questions are not fully settled yet, but I am confident that our opinions above expressed will prevail. I am not sure that it has been finally decided to tear down the Gothic to provide an ideal site for the new library. However, I think it will be done in spite of considerable articulate expressions of sentiment for preserving an old landmark by alumni. None of the sentimentalists has suggested where the 30 or 40 thousand dollars are coming from to put an old rotted building into sound condition, practically to rebuild the inside. One of Dr. Norwood's arguments in favor of moving the School of Theology from the

Gothic to the church's old parsonage building is that we save the \$30,000 or \$40,000 for rebuilding the Gothic (which the denomination probably would have to raise) and get a sound structure in place of the Gothic. The accrediting agencies have insisted that if we continue in the Gothic, it would have to be put in shape in five years.

My opinion is (1) that the School of Theology is growing in strength and numbers, (2) that the trustees of Alfred University will do everything they can to maintain the school under Seventh Day Baptist auspices if or as long as the denomination heartily supports the school and (3) that it is not going to be an easy matter to meet financially the standards laid down for accreditation, but all we Seventh Day Baptists can do is to proceed in faith and expect success.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED, N. Y. — A Christmas cantata, "The Manger Throne," opened the Christmas season the first week in December. Emphasis on the American Bible Society was brought at that time, too, by the college-age group, Chi Rho. The Sunday night before Christmas over 130 persons joined in a family supper at the parish house and a holiday program in which every organization within the church had a part. The party was sponsored by the S. D. Fellowship, with the Ladies' Aid being in charge of the supper.

The annual church meeting on January 9 was well attended. Miss Helen Thomas, Berwyn Reid and Edward Crandall were elected trustees. Willard Sutton was elected president, succeeding H. O. Burdick. Retiring trustees who served three-year terms are Coyt Wheaton, George Potter and Miss Eva Ford.

The two main events of the year just past, as brought out in various reports, were the celebration of 100 years in the present church structure in October, and the purchase of the former Waldo Titsworth home on Church Street for use as a parsonage.

Rev. Hurley S. Warren was given a unanimous vote to continue as pastor. Don Richards, a student in the School of

Theology, resigned as assistant pastor at the meeting. The resignation was accepted with gratitude for his work with the church for almost two and a half years.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — The first clean white page that appeared before us at the beginning of the year has already been filled. January has been a very busy month. New Year's Sabbath was marked by an impressive Communion service and spirit of reconsecration. Both church and Sabbath school business meetings were held early in the month. Committees have met with earnest intent to better organize and accelerate the work of the church.

On January 15, Pastor Wheeler began the "Perfect Seven Series" dealing with seven parables of Jesus. The application has been clear and personal. Had you thought of yourself as the sower in the parable of the sower? Well, that is a sample of the new and pertinent emphasis.

An evening was devoted to getting out Mission Notes. A large group met in the social room with Pastor Leon R. Lawton of the Los Angeles Church the able and genial overseer of the happy task.

Sunday evening, January 23, saw the inception of a Teachers' Training School, planned to continue for five consecutive Sunday nights. Two courses are being given, both under the direction of Pastor Wheeler: (1) Appreciation of the Opening Doors of Childhood; (2) The Use of Audio-Visual Aids. The two hours are devoted to lecture, refreshment period, and workshop. A good interest is evident.

Back in the congregation from Battle Creek are: Mr and Mrs. George Maxson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, and Mrs. Lloyd Lukens, sister of Mrs. Harry Van Horn. Mrs. Rachel Davis, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hurley for the past month is now visiting with her son, Arlie Davis in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Orsen Davis are with us again from Denver, Colo. Mrs. Elizabeth Bonham of Shiloh, N. J., is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Philip Lewis. Out-of-state and out-of-town guests dot our congregation almost every Sabbath as they pass through Riverside. Our weather is like spring.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. — After several months of searching this newly recognized church has secured the services of a regular pastor. Darrell D. Barber and his family (wife and little child) will move from their present home in Alfred to this place about March 1. Their address will be 3000 Albany St. The support of the whole denomination is appreciated; the Missionary Board helps with the salary.

Births

Mickel. — A son, Robert Foster, to Robert and Selma (Blowers) Mickel, Cazenovia, N. Y., on Jan. 24, 1955.

Keller. — A son, Paul Douglas, to Al and Elma Keller, 28580 Cole, Roseville, Mich., on Feb. 5, 1955.

Obituaries

Johnson. — Ewing Main, was born May 3, 1884, at Stonefort, Ill., the youngest of 12 children of Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Johnson, and died Dec. 12, 1954, at his home in Clarkston, Wash.

He attended Milton College and Northwestern University before going West in 1906. He owned and operated drugstores in Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Wash., and was a leader in civic activities in these communities. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church while in Wisconsin.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lillian Eckle whom he married in 1917; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Lou Jennings, of Yakima, Wash.; a son, Dr. Ewing M. Johnson, Spokane dentist; and by five grandchildren.

Burial was in Vineland Cemetery at Clarkston, Wash., with Rev. George R. Hendrick of the First Presbyterian Church officiating.

E. F. R.

Sweet. — Justin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sweet, was born April 18, 1885, and was called to rest January 17, 1955.

Spending his boyhood years in Minnesota and later youth in Nebraska, he accepted the Lord, was baptized, and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. He married Miss Netta Davis in 1890, and after spending several years in South Dakota, moved to Riverside, Calif., where he spent the remaining forty-two years of his life. Five years ago, he transferred his membership to the Riverside Church.

Surviving relatives include: his two daughters, Mrs. Robert Babcock of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Melvin Rich of La Habra, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Alice Williams of Long Beach; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Service were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, at Riverside, and interment was at the Montecito Memorial Park Cemetery.

A. L. W.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, January 31, 1955

Receipts		January	4 months
Balance, January 1	\$	18.42	
Adams Center			101.50
Albion		66.34	145.35
Alfred, First			933.90
Alfred, Second		242.50	242.50
Associations and groups			105.66
Battle Creek		933.59	1,865.04*
Berlin		124.00	186.00
Boulder		34.63	140.87
Brookfield, First			63.00
Brookfield, Second		43.35	43.35
Buffalo			25.00
Chicago		240.00	445.00*
Daytona Beach		132.80	214.60*
Denver			148.75
De Ruyter		125.50	739.13*
Dodge Center		125.35	246.65*
Edinburg		16.50	27.36
Farina		35.00	80.00
Fouke			5.00
Friendship			17.00
Hebron, First		17.56	50.09
Hopkinton, First		190.05	330.10
Hopkinton, Second		50.00	50.00
Independence		110.00	236.00*
Indianapolis		12.00	43.25
Individuals		130.00	2,083.11
Irvington			200.00*
Little Genesee		177.44	241.73
Los Angeles		25.00	176.50
Los Angeles, Christ's		35.00	35.00*
Lost Creek		373.87	373.87
Marlboro		210.62	821.44*
Middle Island		24.00	50.13
Milton		600.90	1,676.69
Milton Junction		146.76	485.90
New Auburn		27.65	61.37
New York			35.00
North Loup			122.52
Nortonville		100.50	206.00
Pawcatuck		477.80	1,498.60
Philadelphia		7.00	63.00
Piscataway		11.50	75.50
Plainfield		654.67	1,991.92*
Putnam County		20.00	41.00*
Richburg		13.00	78.50
Ritchie			30.00
Riverside			728.44
Roanoke		5.00	30.00
Rockville		25.47	51.80
Salem		125.00	385.00
Salemville		54.63	245.63*
Schenectady		100.00	315.00*
Shiloh		253.14	833.14
Twin Cities		11.00	11.00
Verona		43.00	170.90
Walworth		20.00	45.00
Washington		75.00	75.00
Waterford		39.29	146.85*
White Cloud		151.65	237.50
Totals		\$6,456.48	\$20,107.44

The asterisks are for those churches which are currently ahead of their suggested targets.

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$2,311.62	\$344.29
Tract Society	434.40	
Board of		
Christian Education	849.12	285.00
Women's Society	265.72	
Historical Society	77.28	
Ministerial Retirement	598.08	380.54
S. D. B. Building	83.04	
General Conference	673.44	42.48
World Fellowship and Service	16.80	
American Bible Society		17.25
Bank of Milton, service charge	2.21	
S. D. B. Memorial Fund		35.00
Balance, January 31	40.21	
Totals	\$5,351.92	\$1,104.56

Comparative Figures

	1955	1954
Receipts in January:		
Budget	\$5,351.92	\$5,245.99
Specials	1,104.56	1,551.91
Receipts in 4 months:		
Budget	18,633.00	13,147.33
Specials	1,474.44	3,692.91
Current Budget	70,750.00	63,121.22
Percentage of budget raised to date	26.3%	20.8%

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

Business Investment

How many shares at \$1.00 per share will YOU subscribe to the Denominational Budget? The current need, according to Prof. Milton Van Horn, budget treasurer, is \$5,896 operational funds per month to total \$70,750 per year. Do you know that a gift of \$5 will provide three days' salary for any of our workers abroad, while a gift of \$100 will provide for a month's work in Germany?

Our denomination is a business — God's business — in which we are all shareholders. Our business produces profits in terms of human souls, not money. The dividends to be gained from shares in our business include putting ourselves right with God; soul-satisfaction in the knowledge that we are helping; and the souls of others whom our "business" has brought to a knowledge of God. — Milton Church News.

When a man who has a grievance is refused a hearing, thereafter he has two grievances.—William E. Kilpatrick.

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New Youth Hymn

REV. H. GLEN LANIER

Tune: "Melcombe"

O Master, who in days of youth
Didst walk the path of light and truth,
Keep Thou our feet upon the way
That leads to everlasting day.

Help us in days of youth to see
Visions of what our lives may be;
One fellowship in Christ our aim;
Our joy to magnify Thy Name.

O Thou, who from Thy youth didst prove
The highest law of life is love,
Fill Thou our hearts with love divine,
And through our lives forever shine.

The above prize-winning hymn was written by a young Methodist minister of Thomasville, N. C., for the 1955 Youth Week under the joint sponsorship of the Hymn Society of America and the United Christian Youth Movement.