and we know that the many prayers which have been requested have been answered. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127: 1). — Church clerk.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The Sabbath school recently presented a rose to every member 80 years of age or older. Ten roses were given including the one presented to our oldest member, Mrs. Hannah Maris, who is 93 and attends services regularly.

Rosebuds have appeared on the pulpit this year for a son born to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler; a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickens; a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Stephan, of England; a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller; and a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson have organized a fellowship in Kansas City. They have 16 in regular attendance and meet on Friday nights. At present the group meets at the Johnson home.

Two from the church were graduated this spring from high school and one from eighth grade. They are: Billy August, from Effingham High; Robert Wells, salutatorian at Nortonville High; and Georgia Mitchell from the Nortonville grade school.

A pulpit lamp has been given to the church in memory of Cecil Stephan.

Bible school closed June 17, after a two-week session. There were 41 enrolled. Thirty-five pupils and their teachers presented the Sabbath morning service June 18. Twenty-five pupils had a perfect attendance. A Bible was given to Judy Wells, as she had attended Bible school for 10 consecutive years. — Correspondent.

Births

Barber. — A son, Kevin Curtis, to Pastor and Mrs. Darrell Barber of Schenectady, N. Y., on May 15, 1955.

Miller.—A daughter, Donna Kay, to Airman and Mrs. Carlton Miller of Biloxi, Miss., on May 23, 1955. Mrs. Miller is the former Beth Crandall of Nortonville, Kan.

Smith.—A son, Craig Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Smith of Topeka, Kan., on May 20, 1955.

Wheeler.—A son, Edward Merideth, to Dr. and Mrs. E. Robert Wheeler of Wichita, Kan., on May 9, 1955.

Obituaries

Loofboro. — Mary A. Mattison, was born Aug. 5, 1867, near West Hallock, Ill., and died at Milton Junction, Wis., June 21, 1955.

She was united in marriage in 1894 with Ralph E. Loofboro at North Loup, Neb. They moved to the town of Sampson in the New Auburn, Wis., community in 1902. After the death of her husband in 1936 she remained in New Auburn until 1950 when she moved with her daughter, Clara, to Milton Junction, Wis.

Mrs. Loofboro was baptized in North Loup at the age of 16 and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church there. She brought her membership to the New Auburn Church when they moved to that community. She is survived by her daughters: Alice (Mrs. Philip Ling); Susan (Mrs. Ivar Pederson); Esther (Mrs. William Claussen), all of the town of Sampson; and Clara (Mrs. Wesley Loofboro) of Milton Junction; by her sons: Ralph, Eli, and a stepson, Leo, all of Sampson; and by 30 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 23, 1955, at the New Auburn Church with the pastor, Rev. David Clarke, officiating, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. C. Burchard Loofbourrow.

Van Meter. — Jesse L., was born Jan. 10, 1867, in Adamsville, Wis., and died June 12, 1955, in Santa Barbara, Calif., after a long illness.

He married Lulu Grace Davis in Riverside, Calif., May 25, 1905, where the family lived until 1922 when they moved to Santa Barbara. Mr. Van Meter is survived by his wife and four children, Margaret, Violet, Betty, and Harley, all of Santa Barbara. There are also 3 grandchildren. Private funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Sikking, pastor of the local Unity Church. — Information supplied by Mrs. Edna Furrow.

Stephan.—Cecil Alfred, son of Allie and Bernice Woolworth Stephan, was born July 18, 1910, at Kiowa, Kan., and died in Denver, Colo., on May 24, 1955.

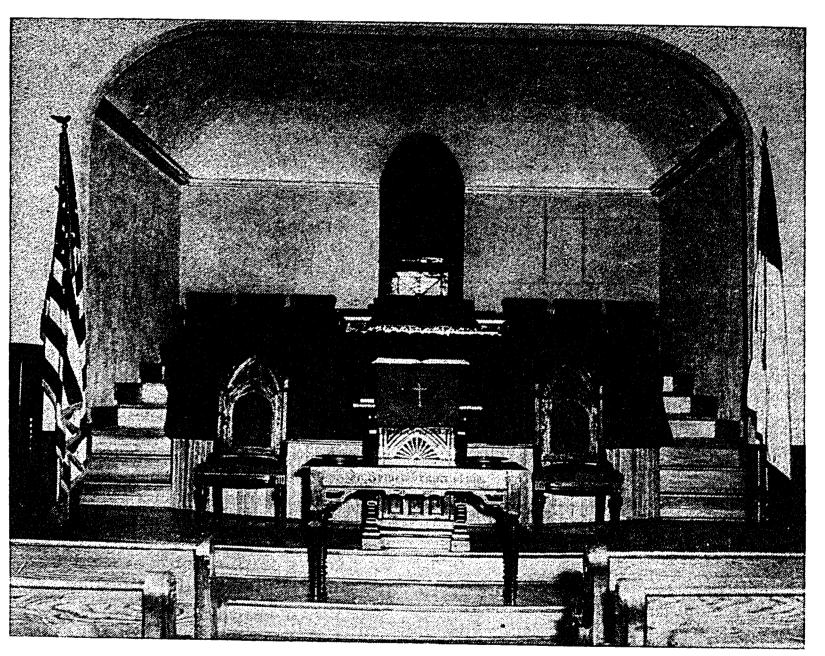
Mr. Stephan spent his boyhood at Nortonville, was baptized by Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell, and became a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nov. 4, 1922. He was a graduate of Milton College, and served as an officer in the U. S. Army during World War II.

On Feb. 10, 1943, he married Rosa Mae Ranney, at Muskogee, Okla. For the past three years, they have lived at Danville, Calif.

Surviving are his wife, his parents, a sister, Mrs. Hubert Bond of Brunswick, Mo., one niece and one nephew. Funeral services were conducted at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Duane L. Davis, and burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery. D. L. D.

Christ did not give to men a personal Gospel and a social Gospel. He gave them a Gospel, "which is the power of God unto salvation." — Jesse M. Bader.

The Sabbath Recorder



Verona Sanctuary

An extensive Sabbath school addition on the Verona, N. Y., Church made possible the beautiful, recessed choir and organ loft pictured above. A brief description of it and of the June 10 rededication service is found in the July 4 issue of the Recorder, page 15.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

Mount Sequoyah Fayetteville, Arkansas August 15 - 20, 1955 Readers of the Sabbath Recorder have seen mention occasionally of an Advisory Committee. It has been felt that perhaps our readers would like to know in a little more detail the function of that committee and its importance to the editor. It was mentioned in the story of the June meeting of the Tract Board in the issue of July 4.

It is one of the regular standing committees of the board appointed annually by the president of the board. The new by-law provides that the president at the first meeting following the annual meeting (which means December) shall present for election by the board his appointments to the standing committees. It was the Advisory Committee which was charged in 1953 with drawing up a list of the duties of the corresponding secretary-editor. Previously (in the years after the retirement of Rev. H. C. Van Horn) there had been a full- or part-time secretary and a full-time editor.

The duties of the editor as outlined, which have now been incorporated into the by-laws, have a bearing to some extent on the policy of the Recorder and are reproduced here as a matter of general interest:

- (a) To maintain accepted "style" on all copy submitted to the publisher.
- (b) To support the established Recorder policy: As a principal denominational organ, the Sabbath Recorder is expected to support editorially the policies and procedures of General Conference, or the Commission, ad interim. This applies to certain types of appeals for funds or pastors or positions, as well as denominational affiliation and other matters.
- (c) To continue to solicit publishable material from individuals, churches, and official groups within the denomination.
- (d) To compose editorials regularly with efforts to make them Christian, timely, clear, concise, thoughtful, inspiring, and forceful.
- (e) To refer all controversial matters to the Advisory Committee before publication.
- (f) To attend and see that Conference is adequately reported.

(g) To establish or build up present denominational news sources.

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- (h) To participate in the Associated Church Press as a representative for the Sabbath Recorder.
- (i) To improve the Recorder in any manner possible by consultation with the Advisory Committee.

The wisdom of having such clearly defined duties is as apparent as the need for an active Advisory Committee. It should be noted that the committee is not exactly an editorial board and that its advisory capacity extends to the office of corresponding secretary as well as that of editor. It is an active committee, meeting regularly the first Saturday evening of each month, whereas, most of the other standing committees meet only once or twice in a quarter under ordinary circumstances. The present membership of the committee (all in the Plainfield area) is as follows:

Courtland V. Davis, Chairman, Mrs. Abbie Van Horn, L. Harrison North, Charles H. North, Frank R. Kellogg, Franklin A. Langworthy (President), Miss Lucy H. Whitford.

DENOMINATIONAL DEMOCRACY

There are at least two aspects of democracy in a nation or in a denomination that ought to be periodically brought to our attention. We, or our delegates attending our annual General Conference, make the decisions at that gathering which seem at the time to be for the best interests of all our churches and for the furtherance of our cause at home and abroad. Having made those decisions we publicize them and endeavor to live by them as long as they are in force. That idea of abiding by our decisions is an element of democracy that needs to be emphasized.

It must be remembered, however, that these Conference decisions in our congregational type of government are not imposed on an individual church. The action of Conference is a guide to the local church, and the carrying out of any plan on the congregational level is by appeal

rather than by coercion or any threat of it. A church cannot even be required to support the Denominational Budget. However, the voting at our annual gathering does, in a measure, control the activities of our boards and agencies and makes possible a unified program upon which the Conference is united. Churches represented by their duly-elected delegates feel a moral responsibility to carry out the plans and policies adopted.

On the other hand, in a democratic organization as another time of voting draws near, we have an obligation to inform ourselves of the probable issues and to be ready to speak out or vote according to the light that we have on those issues. The executive secretary of our Conference in his column is pointing out this very thing.

We observe a tendency to depend upon the Commission of General Conference, which holds a lengthy midyear meeting and spends several days just prior to Conference discussing denominational matters — to depend on them to anticipate the most important issues and to make recommendations.

Now that is as it should be. Nevertheless, it is possible for their deliberations to be channeled along certain lines to the neglect of others. It is impossible to predict in advance just what those men will be led to recommend and what issues they will fail to study. For that and other reasons we believe that delegates should go to Conference with some well-reasoned proposals for action, just as if the Commission did not exist. Then there will be opportunity to temper those proposals through discussion with other people, to discard them, or to introduce them on the floor if that seems best. Thus we preserve our democracy.

When an election draws near, the papers are full of material outlining the issues involved. If real changes are desired by a considerable number of voters, there is campaigning for those changes. The same should be true, we believe, with the denominational paper which is our principal means of communication and promotion of denominational interests. There have to be certain limits imposed by short-

age of space and considerations of propriety to campaigning for any cause in these pages. However, if there are decisions which members of our churches feel should be made at our forthcoming annual meeting at Fayetteville, Ark., now is the time to voice them.

The Sabbath Recorder received several letters following our last General Conference from people who wanted to use our columns to express their disagreement with certain decisions that had been duly made. We felt that those particular things should not be published, although we found ourselves in general personal agreement with the writers. The most proper place to discuss any such issues is at the next General Conference. In our democracy we do not settle things "once for all." However, in order to be fair to all, we now invite the submission of short articles for the good of the cause. Such articles should be positive in nature and should not be attacks on other people.

NO WIND IN OUR SAILS

Have some of us done quite a bit of smug talking about overreaching ourselves on a \$70,000 budget? Are we like those whom the Apostle Paul mentions who "measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Cor. 10: 12)? No, we wouldn't do that, but we might compare ourselves with some Baptist or Methodist group that has not been noted for sacrificial missionary giving. We can thus retreat to a sort of rocking-chair religion or act like setting hens fluffing their feathers to cover real or hoped-for eggs and spending our energy on pecking at the disturbers of the nest. Why don't we try comparing ourselves with something challenging?

The following paragraph clipped from an interdenominational magazine is what disturbed the editor's nest: "Founded 68 years ago, the Christian and Missionary Alliance maintains 720 missionaries in 22 foreign fields and has a membership of 61,728 in the United States and 97,561 abroad. It has an annual foreign mission budget of over \$3,000,000."

It will be noted that this young de-

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MEMORY TEXT

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you . . . but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. John 15: 18, 19b.

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nomination has almost exactly 10 times as many members in this country as has our church. That makes figuring easy. If we were doing as well in our missionary efforts as they are, we would be supporting 72 missionaries and would have a foreign mission budget of \$300,000 per year. Is there any valid reason why we should not face up to a comparison with the best rather than those that are below average? It may be that we are up against hindrances to growth in this country with which the above-mentioned church does not have to contend. But emphasis on foreign missions is not a hindrance - it is an incentive — to growth. How else can one explain the membership figures of this 68-year-old denomination?

We do not doubt that we have a considerable number of givers and workers who would compare very favorably with the average giver and worker in the Christian and Missionary Alliance. We thank God for such people whose soaring spirits are not downed by the common level of hedge-hopping flight which is found in our churches. We salute these resolute souls who take the attitude of Paul expressed in the first part of the verse quoted at the beginning of this article. It reads:

"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves."

The big question that remains is how to raise the level of devotion, how to make great zeal common instead of uncommon, how to create the feeling that large giving is normal rather than abnormal? If reading what another church does takes the wind out of our sails, let us remember that the wind to fill them again can be found in the Word of God, particularly in Acts 2: 2.

Secretary's Column

Decisions Ahead

Our Conference president has told us considerable about the program for the sessions which open next month at Fayette-ville. He has planned a series of meetings and services which should be inspiring indeed, and from which we all should depart having learned much about our denominational mission and our individual parts in carrying forward that mission.

Conference also requires the accomplishment of a certain amount of business — God's business, we hope, with us acting as His agents. We shall have to make decisions in a number of important areas of that business. In order for us to make those decisions we shall have to be there to listen to the discussions and to cast our votes. Let us see what some of these pending decisions may be.

Shall the Sabbath Recorder continue to print sixteen-page issues as a minimum? Shall the Missionary Society expand the work in British Guiana as it has long hoped to do? Shall the Board of Christian Education proceed with the publication of quarterlies for young Sabbathkeepers? Shall the Women's Board continue with its recently inaugurated plan of employing young women to assist in vacation schools and camps? Can we do anything about the calls that come to us from other foreign lands than those where we already have work? Will we support the School of Theology with increased giving as we virtually undertook to do last year?

If we answer all these questions affirmatively, what will we do about financing such a program when we have failed so often in the past to discharge our financial obligations? These constitute a few of the business decisions which must be made at the coming Conference. Undoubtedly there will also be discussions, and possibly decisions, about the questions of reorganization which have occupied so much of the attention of Commission during the past several years.

Let all of us who can, plan to attend Conference at Fayetteville this summer and help to arrive at sound decisions in these and other matters of denominational business.

ANOTHER VIEW OF CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

As previously announced, the Central (N. Y.) Association ventured this year a session that was nearly two days longer than usual. This was to be an experiment to get an idea of how association meetings could be enlarged in the event that it should be decided to have Conference only every other year. In this experiment the extra time on Thursday and Friday was largely given over to workshops.

The president, Burton Crandall, had looked for a daytime attendance many times larger than that which materialized. However, with characteristic optimism and rebound he adjusted to the small attendance saying only that there would have to be some promotional work before the next association and before any of the churches would be willing to accept the responsibility for planning for the workshops on a local level. He states:

"We were all satisfied with the attendance, especially at the business meetings, and although there were only a few at the workshops the news should spread of the value of them."

On Sunday morning a summary of the workshops prepared by Mrs. Ruth Palmer, Rev. Earl Cruzan, Rev. Victor Skaggs, Rev. Don Sanford and Secretary Crofoot was included in the minutes as follows.

"The participants in the workshops were unanimous in their approval of the workshop as a continuing part of association activities. The expression of ideas by those now engaged in workshop activities was of considerable value to the participants. There was discussion of the workshop as: (1) a part of the annual asociation meeting; (2) a joint activity by two or more churches in close proximity; or (3) an activity which could be carried by one church under adequate leadership. The possibility of a series of workshops during the winter, in addition to one or more at the association, offers an opportunity to unite churches on some common area of interest. The flexibility of operational methods as well as subject matter affords a wide challenge to our churches.

"The executive secretary has prepared a short two-page report on Association

Workshops which should be secured by any association or group of churches interested in this technique for the discussion and study of church problems.

"The pastors and laymen attending the workshops at the Central Association were most favorably impressed with the results and expect that the number of participants next year will be increased."

THE BOULDER REVIVAL FROM THE LAY VIEWPOINT

By Mrs. Willard G. Wells

Every child has a desire to take a watch apart to see what ticks inside. At the request of our editor, I shall endeavor to help you as a denomination to see what ticked in Boulder during the visit of the evangelistic quartet.

There are no words to describe our deep gratitude for the loving concern shown us by the Missionary Board in making such a visit possible in our time of great need. Our contacts with the denomination have been too largely negative. It was wonderful to have positive contacts and see the shining faces of those who have never had the benefit of fellowship in the outside realm of our denomination. The value of this positive advertising has had a wonderful effect upon our young people and our Sabbath converts. The members of the quartet were alert to the needs of our young people in a special way. One girl who has never had outside contacts with our denomination told her mother that she'd always told the Lord to take part of her heart; now she was telling Him to take it all. The look upon the mother's face as she told me the reason for the tears in her eyes the following Sabbath was one of those rewards we sometimes get here on earth. She, herself, has found something deeper.

Some of the Boulder business people outside our church mentioned hearing what a wonderful speaker we had been having, expressing regret that they had not been able to hear him. As far as Seventh Day Baptists are concerned, Boulder has been a hard city to touch. We rejoice that people heard about our meetings and remembered.

The attendance of those in need of a deeper experience of the Lord was not too discouraging. A great many we would have desired to see find the Lord we did not see in attendance. Several who have been on the prayer list of the local prayer group were present, we are thankful to say. Every teacher in our Bible school attended every night in addition to their many duties outside the home. Some who were on the midnight shift sacrificed sleep in order to attend. One of these is not a member of our group. Since the last Sunday night was the usual time for the services in Sunshine, the old mining town in the mountains where the Boulder quartet has been laboring for the Lord, it was designated as Sunshine Night. If our people had turned out as faithfully as they, we would have had a full house.

I believe we had more outside attendance than we have had before. One woman sent for her brother from Denver to attend with her while the meetings were in progress, in preference to the meetings being held at her own church. We thank God that others could find soul food with us.

We continue to be burdened for lost souls. We cannot be satisfied until we are able to reach them for the Lord and see visible signs of the Lord's work in church growth and the salvation of souls. We in the church and the members of the team were hopeful to see visible evidence of His power manifest during these meetings. The Lord chose to use these meetings as the beginning. A more wonderful job of sowing the seed could not be desired than Rev. Loyal F. Hurley and the quartet did while they were here.

Remember us as a church that we may have wisdom to cultivate, water, work, pray, and live so that we may soon be successful in reaping the harvest of souls we are so burdened to see in our church and our denomination.

The 1952 revised edition of a one-volume "Dictionary of the Russian Language" does some curious things with religious terms. For example, it calls the expression "Second Coming" colloquial, jocular, and defines it as "an event which will never take place."

A TRUE CHRISTIAN A Bible Study

By Mrs. Myrtle Cushman Galway, N. Y.

Those who believe God accept the Bible as His word without equivocation or hesitation. Children born of God believe that, "Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15: 4).

A Christian knows that "no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Peter 1: 21). And Jesus said, "Search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me" (John 5: 39).

A true Christian is a child of God. "No one born of God commits sin; for God's nature abides in him, and he cannot sin because he is born of God. By this it may be seen who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: no one who does not do right is of God..." (1 John 3: 9, 10). We cannot serve two masters, either we are completely God's or we are completely the devil's (Luke 16: 13).

Just believing is not enough. "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe — and shudder" (James 2: 19). There is no "halfway Christian" with God — either you are or you aren't a Christian. For Jesus said, "Thus you will know them by their fruits. Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons on your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers'" (Matthew 7: 21-23).

A true Christian is one who is completely absorbed in doing the Father's will. Although he may make mistakes he has an advocate, "Jesus Christ the right-

eous" (James 3: 2; 1 John 2: 1). But he does not sin deliberately (Hebrews 10: 26). If you really believe and have faith

If you really believe and have faith you will:

1. "Search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life" (John 5: 39); for God is revealed through them (1 Peter 1: 10-12).

2. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you" (1 Peter 5: 6, 7). For "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4: 6). Jesus said, "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18: 3).

3. "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: immorality, impurity, . . . anger, wrath, malice slander and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices . . ." (Colos-

sians 3: 5-9).

- 4. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22: 37). Jesus said, "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. . . . He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me" (John 14: 21, 24). Those who attain heaven are those who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14: 12).
- 5. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22: 39). "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15: 13, 14). And the Apostle Paul said, "Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4: 12). "Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Practice hospitality ungrudgingly to one another," said Peter (1 Peter 4: 8, 9). And forgive as you would be forgiven (Matthew 6: 14).
- 6. "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18). Prayer keeps the mind tuned to God's will.

Missions

Brisseys Arrive in Jamaica

After much uncertainty, caused by delay in securing a British visa, Mr. and Mrs. Grover S. Brissey, newly appointed principal and teacher in Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., were able to leave on schedule June 30.

A letter just at hand from Miss Jacqueline Wells, under date of June 30, reads as follows: "Pastor FitzRandolph left at 1 o'clock this afternoon (it's now 5:35) for Montego Bay to get the Brisseys. He was going up early and planning on stopping at one of the nearby churches and catching a nap until about midnight, then picking up the Brisseys at 2 a.m., and driving straight to his house [about 100 miles] for breakfast. Japheth (Anderson) went along with 'Pastor' for company and they stayed at Brother Black's at Wakefield."

On July 1 (10:10 a.m.), Jackie adds to her letter of the previous day: "The Brisseys arrived safe and sound. Mr. Brissey came in with 'Pastor' a few minutes ago and visited the house and school, shook my hand and Charlotte's. Mrs. Brissey, I suppose, will come over later today with Mrs. FitzRandolph, perhaps for service tonight. Mr. Brissey said he was going to bed and have a rest after lunch time. They didn't sleep any last night, of course, traveling, and he said they both were exhausted. I feel for them, too, coming into this heat, but I suppose Washington gets hot!"

A welcoming service for the Brisseys by the students in Crandall High was planned for Monday morning, July 4. A farewell service by the school for Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond was planned for Wednesday, July 6. The Bonds plan to return to the United States July 21, arriving at Idlewild Airport about 5:30 that morning.

Evangelistic Quartet at Work

Prepared by Justin Camenga, a member of the quartet, upon request of Secretary Harris

When I was asked to sum up the activities of our team thus far, I wondered how to "sum up" all the experiences which can't be put into words. The hospitality and friendship we all have experienced has given inward blessing as well as outward pleasure. I've enjoyed meeting people and situations which are new and challenging to me.

In Boulder, we occupied the parsonage all together. Doyle taught in the Vacation Bible School and the rest of us helped with the odd jobs. We enjoyed singing at the services with the male quartet there. We believe that a stronger sense of fellowship and brotherhood became evident while we were there. In Denver, we have felt very much at home. We also had more time to practice because Doyle didn't have to teach. We are planning to close our services in Denver with a baptismal service.

Our quartet is in close personal and musical harmony and grows in favor with congregation and music critics alike. This is due, in part, to our morning quartet practice, which begins at 9 o'clock. A study of evangelism and its methods follows, then dinner. After dinner, our team and the pastor of the church go calling in homes until supper time. Then the meeting, and after that there is letter writing, etc. I have outlined briefly a day's work. This schedule keeps us busy until 10:30 at night, which makes a long day if we get up at 7:30.

I mentioned that I've enjoyed meeting different people and situations — I'd like to share with you some common forms of stunted Christianity which I've met.

Intolerant Ike: Ike has the worst kind of weakness which abides in an otherwise Christian person. He insists on liberty of conscience for himself alone. His mind works only one way. It can teach, but it refuses to learn. Ike insists on arguing the fine points of religion and forgets the basic essentials of Christianity. We have too many Ikes in our denomination. I hope you aren't like Ike!

Sensitive Sam: Sam is the fellow that has to be pampered in order to get along

with him. He's not in his second child-hood; he just never grew out of his first one. Sam would be a good soldier for Christ if he'd armour his feelings with love and understanding so that they could stand a few knocks.

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Wishful Wilbur: Wilbur can be seen praying often during the day. He does not pray selfishly, but usually for others. He doesn't realize that great works are usually done by muscle, not miracle. Wilbur seems to have forgotten the second half of the motto which says, "Pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you."

This last attitude is the one which makes evangelism most difficult. A farmer can plant seeds very carefully, but if they aren't cultivated, watered, and given light, the careful planting is just wasted time. We can plant a Christian ideal, but we must delegate to others the task of making the ideal grow. An evangelist cannot convert a person in an hour or day any more than a farmer can make his corn grow to maturity in the same amount of time. I hope everyone who reads this column, as well as those who don't, will come to realize that evangelism is everybody's responsibility. If you're a member of the church, you are an example of Christianity. Let's all work and pray so that our own personal example of Christianity will attract rather than repel those who would walk in the Way.

Pacific Coast Association Extends Witness

Submitted by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler at request of Secretary E. T. Harris

Whereas Jesus commissioned His disciples to "go into all the world" beginning at Jerusa!em preaching the Gospel, Jude in his letter urged Christians to "contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." This is the twofold purpose of extended trips which are sponsored and supported by the Pacific Coast Association.

No less than twice a year, the association arranges for a pastor or layman to make calls through central and northern California. The "circuit-rider" is aided in making his itinerary for approximately

ten days by a card file containing the names of nearly one hundred and twenty-five individuals or families. On May 15 of this year, the writer made such a trip.

Traveling over two thousand miles, he motored northward in the general direction of Bakersfield, Reedley, Fresno, and Sacramento. Proceeding westward to the Bay area where the weekend was spent, he crossed the Golden Gate Bridge calling in the areas of Healdsburg, Ukiah, Sonoma, and other towns, returning that evening to El Cerrito. Later from Livermore, Oakland, and Berkeley, he continued southward through San Jose, Monterey, Hollister, and Santa Barbara to Los Angeles and Riverside. In all, contacts were made in forty-three cities and towns.

The purpose of such a trip as envisioned by the association is several-fold. On the spring mission, young people are urged to attend Pacific Pines Camp in July. In many of the homes, brief devotional services are conducted or informal Bible studies are given. In some instances, spiritual encouragement is given where hardships are being endured, while in others the bond of Christian fellowship is strengthened. Throughout each trip the messenger is in quest of any area where meetings may be held or where a fellowship might be organized. On this particular trip, services were conducted in Reedley and Oakland.

At the present time, labor, talents, and prayers are being combined toward the holding of fellowship services in the Oakland area. A few months ago, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rasmussen and family moved from Minneapolis, Minn., to Livermore, Calif. They had labored as pioneers in forming the Twin City, Minn., Fellowship which was recently organized as a Seventh Day Baptist church. So when they moved to the Bay area, almost immediately they contacted the Pacific Coast Association and solicited its sponsorship of an organized witness. Contending for the faith and realizing that faith without works is dead, they arranged for a meeting place every other Sabbath afternoon in the Oakland YMCA. Songbooks were purchased and the association's tape recorder was made available for their use. Advertising circulars were mimeographed and made

It is recognized today among both our civilian populace and our military leaders that a large part of our national armament is the shield of faith. — Chaplain Tobey, Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

available for their mailings by the pastor of the Los Angeles Church. On the weekend of May 21, the writer had the privilege of calling in that general area and of conducting the afternoon worship service. Mr. Rasmussen taught the adult Sabbath school class and Mrs. Rasmussen the children.

Perhaps at a later time, a more detailed report can be given of the Oakland witness, but on this occasion it serves to typify something of the effort to which the association dedicates its labors and prayers. It is generally agreed that there should be several fellowships or churches in central and northern California. The challenge seemingly comes most appropriately to such an association rather than to the denomination. It is the feeling of some that where possible, agencies should give assistance and leadership, for extended service is somewhat of a necessity for a fruitful witness. The local church or association should activate such a movement. The denomination through its agencies, and perhaps, financial assistance, should encourage such endeavors and aid as needed in the witness. A nucleus of lay interst, zeal, and leadership is of utmost importance, and extended services of a pastoral evangelist are almost an imperative in addition to what the pastors of the area may do.

Anyone having names and addresses of nonresident members of other churches, or of those who should be included on our responsibility list, are urged to notify the pastors of this area at any time, for all who profess salvation through Christ should ever "contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

We hear a good deal about our staggering national debt. Rev. William Ward Ayar in his July 3 radio sermon mentioned it, and reminded his listeners that Americans also owe \$23 billion on the new cars we have bought. We have the resources and expect to be able to make good on our promises. Would the people of this great land who have bought the new cars be willing to obligate themselves for half that amount to put the Gospel on wheels?

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

Theme: Knowing and Loving Scripture: 1 John 2: 3-10; 5: 1-3

Prayer: "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps. 119: 18).

Hymn: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Leader: Are we restless, full of doubts, daring not to plan because we "know not what shall be on the morrow"? We "know not what we should pray for as we ought." But, as God's children, we do know many things. Even the ox knoweth his owner. Do we as Christians know less?

Let us review a few Bible characters of deep conviction. Jethro said, "Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods" (Exod. 18: 11). The woman of Samaria said, "I know that Messias cometh" (John 4: 25). The man who had been blind said, "One thing I know" (John 9: 25). And there is Job's testimony in Job 19: 25, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Even the unclean spirit said to Jesus, "I know thee, who thou art" (Mark 1: 24). When Peter was led out of prison by the angel, he said, "I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel and hath delivered me" (Acts 12: 11). Timothy testified, "I know whom I have believed" (2 Tim. 1: 12).

Paul said, "I know nothing by myself" (1 Cor. 4: 4). So we, too, know nothing except as it is revealed to us by His Spirit through His Word. Like the Pharisees we often "err because we know not the Scriptures nor the power of God." But we still enjoy the priceless privilege of reading God's Word and worshiping Him.

The writings of John are rich in precious promises to us. John himself said, "These things have I written unto you that believe . . . that ye may know . . ." (1 John 5: 13). And what are some of the things we may know? — "that we have passed from death unto life" (1 John 3: 14); "that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5: 13); "that we know Him" (1 John 2: 3). After these words of assurance, do doubts still come and cause you, to be

somewhat less than your best? "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46: 10). Forget self; serve others; and thus open your heart's door that God may enter and dwell there. Accept the truth by faith and test it by your life.

The story is told in Christian Living of a young Japanese who had become a Christain at Yale. Back in Japan his former companions tried to persuade him to return to Shintoism. Hard-pressed and tempted, he cabled to a friend at Yale, "How can I prove that God is?" Quickly the answer came, "Live for three months believing that He is." Three months later the word flashed back to his friend at Yale, "It works."

To know God is to love Him. One knows God most completely by loving Him and serving Him. Only by love and forgiveness do we cleanse our own hearts. John says, "Hereby we do know that we know him if we keep his commandments" (1 John 2: 3). "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13: 17). "Rest in the Lord" (Ps. 37: 7). "He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Ps. 37: 4).

Mrs. Leslie O. Greene.

Alfred, N. Y.

Mrs. James D. Wyker, president of United Church Women, told the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., meeting in New York June 8-9, 1955, that there is a new vitality and life in the Church abroad. Recounting her recent world trip as head of a Christian fellowship team, she said, "We saw restless people, restless because of their economic or political status. We saw people hungry for food and respect. We saw colonial people resenting white people and white people uneasy about colored people.

"Yet with it all," Mrs. Wyker said, "we saw vitality, new life and assurance for the Church, new life in old countries, and new governments in lands long ruled by other people. . . . We in the United States need daily to search our souls that in our comfortable living we do not become insensitive to the crying need in the rest of the world."

FOR THE TEACHING TASK OF THE CHURCH

Four million invaders entered our country last year without passing customs inspection or being delayed by immigration officers. None of them had ever heard of Christianity, of brotherly love, or of God. They were born into American homes: church homes, Seventh Day Baptist homes; godly homes, ungodly homes. None of them will become Christian unless they are taught by precept and example, with love, patience, and understanding.

What a challenge to Christian parents and teachers! For this great, God-given task of passing on to our boys and girls a rich Christian heritage we need the best of training and the best of tools and methods. Nothing less will do for so important a task.

To give aid and inspiration for this task the great International Sunday School Convention is to be held in Cleveland July 27-31, and 10,000 people are expected to attend it. What are we to teach? Why? How? For what purpose? By what authority? Such questions will be seriously faced and discussed by experienced leaders. There will be challenging and inspiring addresses, study groups, and exhibits of the best books, lesson materials, audio-visual aids, and other useful equipment.

At our own General Conference several workshops are to be held to work out solutions to the problems that face Seventh Day Baptists in connection with our task of sharing our faith with youth and adults. There, too, books, lesson materials, and various kinds of teaching aids will be exhibited.

Seventh Day Baptists concerned about the great task of the church could profit by attending both the International Sunday School Convention and our General Conference. Many might include both in one vacation trip, using the days between to enjoy points of interest between Cleveland, Ohio, and Fayetteville, Ark., including the Ozark Mountains. — N. D. M.

Past experience should be a guide post, not a hitching post. — D. W. Williams.

Seventh Day Baptists to be Recognized at Cleveland

The Bible is one of the major emphases of the International Sunday School Convention at Cleveland, July 27-31. An address Thursday morning will be on "Christ Opens the Bible Now," and Interest Groups will discuss "Ways of Using the Bible." To emphasize the importance of the Bible a copy of the Revised Standard Version (red-leather edition) is to be presented to each participating denomination.

Kenneth and Jean Davis of Bristolville, Ohio, are planning to attend the convention and Kenneth has been appointed to receive the Bible for our denomination. It is hoped that several other Seventh Day Baptists will also be present for this ceremony and other parts of the convention. It will be an advantage to register early and reserve accommodations. Write to Secretary Neal D. Mills, Alfred, N. Y., for registration cards and other information. — N. D. M.

Children's Page

Dear Recorder Children:

Each day whenever mail was due I have hurried down to the post office hoping to find at least two or three children's letters, but not one have I found. After this when they do come I'll proceed to answer them in the order in which they come and leave the rest for next time. How's that? When I send letters I'm disappointed unless I receive answers soon and in the order in which I have sent them. Don't you feel the same?

A little neighbor boy used to come to call upon me quite often, but now he is a big boy and only comes to see me when he wants to mow my lawn. When he was in the habit of coming to see me every day his older brother and sister would come Duggie." (His real name is Douglas.) He would answer, "I can't." When I asked him what he meant by I can't, he would answer, "I mean I don't want to."

Now, how about letters. Let's have more and more of them. Don't say like

Douglas, "I can't," meaning "I don't want

Since there are no letters to answer this week here is a story for you.

> Yours in Christian love, Mizpah S. Greene.

The Station Cat

By Freeman H. Hubbard

A big black-and-gray tomcat named Jerry won fame as a catcher of rats and mice in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station at Baltimore, Md., some years ago. Everybody liked him, even Mr. Daniel Willard, who was then president of the road. But Jerry had one bad habit. He spent so much time around the coal pile in the boiler room, looking for mice, that he just couldn't keep clean.

One day Mr. Willard saw him marching along the station platform, purring loudly and holding his tail erect, but as dirty as ever. The railroad president called a porter:

"Simpson," he said, "see that this cat

But when he tried to put Jerry into a pail of warm soapy water, the cat meowed and clawed and ran away. Cats do not like to get wet. The porter scratched his head. He knew that his boss did not want to see the station pet looking like a tramp, but what could he do about it?

He talked the matter over with the other folks who worked at the station and one of them gave him an idea. He tied a bright red ribbon around a milk bottle, attached a card to it, and set up the bottle in the station locker room. Station employees dropped coins into it.

You'd never guess what they did with this money. Well, they took Jerry to a tailor shop and had him measured for a suit — a locomotive engineer's uniform, complete with overalls, a jumper, and a peaked cap. He even had a red bandanna after him and say, "Come on home, round his neck, the kind men who ride in steam-engine cabs wear to keep out the coal dust.

> They dressed Jerry in this suit. The cat took it good-naturedly, but he did not like to wear clothes. He felt too stiff to move when the porter set him down on

the platform at a place Mr. Willard would pass on his way to board a train.

The railroad president stopped short and looked at Jerry, "What's this, Simpson?" he asked.

"Well, sir," said the porter, "this ratkiller won't let me give him a bath so I just had to do something to make him look respectable when you came around."

The Baltimore and Ohio chief was laughing out loud when he boarded his train, while Jerry, minus his new uniform, lived happily in the station ever afterward. Our Dumb Animals.

BOYS and GIRLS: Do you think that Simpson was right in trying to cover up the black coal dust on the cat? The president of the railroad must have agreed that it is hard to change the nature or habits of a station cat. Aren't you glad that you are not a cat and that you can let the Saviour wash you from all your sins? Do you remember what Jesus said to Peter at the last supper? "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." A little later that same night He told the disciples, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Yes, we can let Jesus make us clean on the inside — our heart and conscience.

Unusual Bible School

The Vacation Bible School at Ashaway R. I., which opened its doors June 27 with 101 pupils is unusual at least in one respect. Probably no other school serves the children of as many Seventh Day Baptist churches. In addition to the children of the village of Ashaway the church at Westerly sent its youngsters. The pastor, Rev. Charles Bond, taught the junior boys. Other churches of our faith participating were Rockville and Second Hopkinton. In addition, one or two Sunday churches were represented on the faculty. (Total enrollment was 130.)

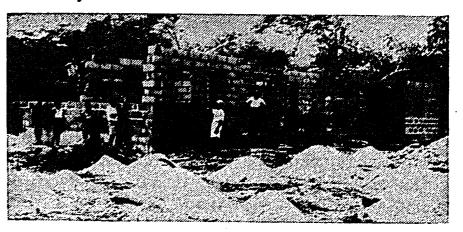
SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for July 30, 1955

The People Left in Judah

Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 42: 1b, 5-7, 10, 19; 43: 2, 4, 7; 44: 15-18, 23.

Maternity Clinic at Nigeria

The picture below, which is many months old, shows the initial work on what is called the Central Maternity Dispensary Hospital, a project of the United Leper and Medical Board of Auckland, New Zealand. In front of the building is Pastor Oyibo N. Imegi advising the bricklayers.



Later word indicates that the building is practically finished, but that a government license to operate it is being withheld until a qualified medical man from America can be secured to take charge of it. The status of this work is one of the things that Doctor Rood is presumably investigating at the present time.

Other sources of information would indicate that maternity clinics are desperately needed throughout Nigeria. The medical director of a Seventh Day Adventist mission hospital, about 250 miles northwest of Ahoada (where our interests are centered), states in an article in Review and Herald that no line of medical work is more needed in that country than the care of the mother during and just after pregnancy. He reports that many mothers die after childbirth from tetanus (lockjaw). The practice of making a poultice of cow dung for the umbilical cord of a newborn babe results in many cases of tetanus infection. A knowledge of such unbelievable conditions encourages gifts to medical missions in unenlightened countries. Mission news from Nyasaland indicates the pleasure of government officials at the prospect of a building where maternity care can be given at our mission station.

Prayer is the altar of incense in the temple where God dwells — the believer's

Meet a Student Pastor — Mynor Soper

Editor's Note: We frequently hear folks say, "I'm sorry, but I don't know these younger ministers." Perhaps that is not true of Mynor Soper, for he has been on the Conference program. We believe it is more important to know a man's heart than to know him by face. It seems to us that the following article lifted from the bulletin of the Los Angeles, Calif., Church helps us to know the heart of this young man who is preparing for the ministry. When he mentions Marian, it is his wife, the daughter of Rev. Ralph Coon.

Dear Friends:

What a joy to realize that a long-cherished dream has come true! It hardly seems real that we are here among you folks now and a part of you and your great work. Marian and I both wish to express thanks for the faith which you have shown in us by giving us the call to come and work with you on the West Coast. Thanks, also, for all of your prayers which were so needed on a 5,000-mile trip. Each day we saw the Lord's hand with us and we know your prayers were instrumental in it.

We also wish to thank you for the very warm welcome we have received since arriving. Your kindness and thoughtfulness expressed by the reception and "food basket" were much appreciated, though not expected.

Why is it that we have come here? Why did you call us to come? Is it all accident? Is it all our planning and wishes? Or does it in some way fit into a great master plan that God has for the purpose of furthering His Kingdom here on earth? Most of us would agree that the latter is undoubtedly the reason. Then, if this is true, it should not only be a reason for joyousness, but it should also have a very sobering effect upon each of our lives. As this thought flashed across my mind, I felt a slight tremble pass over me, for it is a thing of tremendous importance to be a part of God's plan. There are things He wants done which He has a right to expect each of us to do. We accepted His challenge; now dare we fail Him? Our prayer for ourselves and for the group here is that God will in some way use each one of us to fulfill whatever plans He has for us as a group to carry out. As He reveals to

us what He wants done, the task may seem too big for us. But God wants us all to do great things for Him. Jesus never challenged anyone to do the easiest things. The Great Commission is an example. If He has a job He wants us to do, He will provide us with the way, the strength, and the ability to do it. "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

We are looking forward to working with you in doing great things for the Lord.

Mynor G. Soper.



BILLY GRAHAM
VISITS WORLD
COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS

Fulfilling what he called "a wish that I have had for a long time," Evangelist Billy Graham called on the general secretary and staff of the World Council of Churches. Billy Graham was in Geneva on June 19 where he addressed 30,000 people in the vast Geneva Exhibition Hall. "During the Assembly at Evanston last year, when I was an invalid," Dr. Graham said, "I was deeply sorry that I was not able to be there. During that time the great Evanston meeting was in my prayers every day." Welcoming the evangelist, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, the World Council's General Secretary, said that the Council was "very thankful that Billy Graham had come." He said that "evangelism" was "the most tremendous task of the Church" and continued "we are thankful to God for all the blessing that has come to the churches as a result of what Billy Graham has so far done."

Discussing the relationship between his own work and that of the churches, Dr. Graham appealed for teamwork between the mass evangelist and the local ministry of the churches. "The evangelist can make some breach in the indifference of people," Billy Graham observed, "but the ministers in their congregations must move in afterwards like the infantry in warfare."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

EDINBURG, TEXAS — We observed Sabbath Rally Day with a short Sabbath school program following classes. Pastor Mitchell brought a good Bible study on the Sabbath at the morning worship service, continuing the study during Christian Endeavor in the afternoon. Songs from "We Glorify Thy Name" were used in all three services. A covered-dish lunch at noon added to the Christian fellowship of the day.

Mother's Day was observed with an impromptu program.

In April we visited Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cockerill in honor of their sixty-first wedding anniversary, presenting them with a gift and flowers, and serving refreshments to those present.

The only Edinburg Loyal Temperance Legion (with an enrollment of 30) meets in the home of one of our members every Monday. Three of these children are also members of our Sabbath school. They, and one other girl, won little booklets, "Bible Messages for Every Day," because of missing only 2 to 4 meetings from January to May.

Most of the L. T. L. children come from homes where the parents smoke and drink. The mothers are willing for the children to come but do not encourage or send them. In spite of this handicap sixteen of the L. T. L. children put on a nice program, including a play, "Health Drinks," at the April W. C. T. U. meeting in the Edinburg Seventh Day Baptist Church.

A free-will offering was taken up and presented to Pastor James M. Mitchell to buy the Bible of his choice for his birthday. — Correspondent.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — On Sabbath morning, June 4, Pastor Wheeler addressed his sermon to an attentive and large congregation. "The Stone that Was Not Thrown" was his topic, based on the account given in John: 8.

Children's Day was observed June 11. Following the worship hour, in which the pastor preached on "As the Twig Is Bent," an effective playlet, "By the Shores of Galilee," was presented by the youth of

the church. Boyd Maddox, Ellis Lewis, and Diana Watkins were in leading roles. The kindergarten children were heard in two songs and took part energetically in a motion activity, "My Garden." Overall direction was given by Mrs. Philip Lewis, Mrs. Albert Withrow, and Mrs. William Rymer. Mrs. David Henry coached the little children.

That evening a large group met in the social room of the church for a fellowship supper and for the dedication of the new hymnals, "Christian Worship," a gift to the church by Dr. Wayne R. Rood, in memory of his father Professor Ray W. Rood.

"Above the Fog of Human Doubt," taken from the experience of Habakkuk, formed the basis for the pastor's sermon for June 18. "Try to see things from God's point of view," the pastor urged. In the Sabbath school hour following, recent graduates and students were honored with gift copies of Phillip's translation, Letters to Young Churches. Don Richards, of Alfred University School of Theology, Lois Ritz, from Riverside College, Jim Hurley and Lloyd Curtis who are transferring to Long Beach College, Gerry Stillman, from high school, Marjorie Lewis, from junior high, and Billy Withrow, eighth grade, were the recipients.

The all-family picnic on the evening of June 21 was a happy occasion. The Dorcas Society closed its program for the year with a final tea in the home of Mrs. Arthur Ritz. Program, business meeting, recognition of past officers, and installation of new ones preceded the serving of refreshments.

FRIENDSHIP, N. Y. — The Annual Roll Call service was held May 7. There were nineteen members present and nine letters were received. The roll call was followed by the Communion service.

We are very glad to be able to have David Beebe of Alfred for supply pastor during the summer. On May 21 we met with the Richburg Church for our worship service.

No services were held here on June 18 as most of our members attended the Western Association meeting at Little Genesee. — Correspondent.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, June 30, 1955

Receipts

Receip	_	
	June	9 months
Balance, June 1\$	48.14	
Adams Center	96.00*	\$ 475.00
Albion	42.17	336.65
Alfred, First	470.00*	2,656.94
Alfred, Second	121.25*	663.95
Associations and groups	270.76	376.42
Battle Creek	325.57	3,374.70
Berlin	13.50	275.50
Boulder	91.50*	332.27
Brookfield, First		118.00
Brookfield, Second		206.50
Buffalo		108.00*
Chicago	140.00*	1,011.00*
Daytona Beach	37.61	575.16*
Denver	306.09*	622.63
De Ruyter	67.50*	979.63*
Dodge Center		370.50
Edinburg	14.00	69.36
Farina	15.00	155.00
Fouke		141.94
Friendship		56.00
Hammond	45.10*	100.10
Hebron, First	23.21*	117.51
Hopkinton, First	113.60	799.95
Hopkinton, Second	110.00	70.00
Independence	56.00	617.00*
Indianapolis	15.00	119.60*
Individuals	50.00	2,165.61
Irvington	30.00	300.00*
Kansas City	10.00*	10.00*
Little Genesee		403.96
Los Angeles		675.80
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Los Angeles, Christ'sLost Creek	186.50*	50.00*
Marlboro		886.55 1,608.25*
Middle Island		
		107.38 3,238.54
Milton		
Milton Junction		1,177.01
New Auburn New York	30.00	73.31 191.70
North Loup		514.97
Nortonville		490.50
Pawcatuck	. 02.30	
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Philadelphia		63.00*
Piscataway		165.00
Plainfield		3,041.62*
Putnam County		106.00*
Richburg		165.00
Ritchie		55.00
Riverside		3,240.28*
Roanoke		123.00
Rockville		114.82
Salem		660.00
Salemville		245.63
Schenectady		435.90*
Shiloh	. 609.50*	2,890.14*
Stone Fort		60.00
Syracuse		50.00*
Twin Cities		73.50*
Verona		640.42
Walworth		85.00
Washington	5.00	135.00
Waterford	26.10	272.67
White Cloud	101.85*	517.62
Totale	5 757 20	£42.000.4F
Totals\$	55,757.58	\$42,988.67

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials	
Missionary Society	\$2,233.65	\$ 6.10	
Tract Society	399.20	V 0.120	
Board of			
Christian Education	371.36		
School of Theology	407.00	65.00	
Women's Society	328.16		
Historical Society	75.84		
Ministerial Retirement	548.24	425.80	
S. D. B. Building	81.12		
General Conference	617.32		
World Fellowship			
and Service	15.40		
S. D. B. Memorial Fund Bank of Milton,		100.00	
service charge	1.45		
Balance, June 30	81.74		
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Totals	.\$5,160.48	\$ 596.90	
Comparative	Figures		
	1955	1954	
Receipts in June:			
Budget	\$5,112.34	\$4,890.99	
Specials	596.90	1,530.44	
Receipts in 9 months:			
Budget	38,628.99	30,494.46	
Specials	4,309.68	8,509.13	
Current Budget		63,121.22	
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Percentage of budget raised to date	61.7%	48.3%	
L. M. Van Horn,			
Milton, Wis.		Treasurer.	
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The asterisks are for those churches which are currently ahead of their suggested targets.

Better Budget Figures

There was scarcely time this week for Secretary Crofoot to get in his usual comments on budget receipts to accompany the figures on this page. It will be recalled that the May receipts reported in the issue of June 20 were unusually low — a total of only \$2,487.09. We wonder if the far better showing this month represents a considerable increase in giving or a leveling over a period of two months. We hope it is the former. Let us make sure that the July receipts equal or exceed the rather good report which we are privileged to publish this time. In voting for the Lord's work it is permissible to stuff the ballot box — if you use the green ballots. — Ed.

WANTED — Partner or partners for a corporation to put a radically improved school desk on the market. D. Alva Crandall, Rockville, R. I.

The Sabbath Recorder



These two Korean orphans who have learned in their Pusan orphanage the meaning of Christian love showed their gratitude by placing flowers in the army chapel all through the summer.