

The Sabbath Recorder

crated, united effort during the last week. We welcome the Pacific Coast Association publication, "Pacific Tidings," with Mrs. Clarkson Bonham, of our church, as the local contributor. This paper should do much to create a spiritual oneness throughout the widely scattered group of believers.

In the C. E. Rally, Sunday afternoon, March 25, to which our church was host, we had the largest representation of young people of any church present. Clarence Boatman, of our church, now holds office as one of the vice-presidents of the county C. E.

Resurrection Sabbath was one of rejoicing and of large attendance. Two thrilling solos were sung by Mrs. Golden Roney, "Open the Gates of the Temple" and Handel's, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." The choir sang, "By Early Morning Light," with Clarence Boatman in the solo part. Pastor Wheeler preached on "The Greatest Victory Ever Won." He showed how certain victories have been great and served their time and passed out of usefulness, but that Christ's victory over death, sin, and the grave is not only the greatest, but remains everlastingly valid. — Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — For the benefit of the many who have friends and relatives in the Nortonville Church, the Recorder editor passes on news of the Kansas tornadoes as found in the April 7 church bulletin. The pastor extended the sympathetic love and concern of the church to the few of their members who were affected. He mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Jess Van Horn at Nortonville and the Ellery Burdick farm south of Valley Falls. This tornado struck on Monday, April 2, as will be recalled by those who were concerned. On that day the parents of Pastor Davis in company with the editor and his wife set out early in the morning from the parsonage for the East and experienced no difficulty in Missouri and Illinois.

This particular church bulletin is full of interesting things — the details of the weekend evangelistic program with a Gospel team from North Loup, Neb.; announcement of baptism on April 14 with the Kansas City Fellowship meeting with them for the service. The personnel of the quartet furnishing the special music for the evangelistic services included Rev.

Francis Saunders, Gary Cox, Delores Monk, and Audrey Fuller. Mr. Saunders did most of the preaching also. The effort was planned by the Evangelism Committee of the Mid-Continent Association.

The Cross, once a badge of guilt and shame, now towers the ages as God's emblem of love and becomes His gateway to resurrection life. This risen Saviour continues to draw men unto Himself, including ever-increasing numbers of Jews. — A. B. Machlin.

Obituaries

Ellis. — Arthur E., son of Eugene and Lula Brown Ellis, was born June 8, 1877, at Dodge Center, Minn., and died Jan. 27, 1956, at Battle Creek, Mich.

He married Florence O. Clarke, March 29, 1899, in Dodge Center and they came to Battle Creek in 1923. Mr. Ellis was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Battle Creek and took an active interest in the Lord's work.

Surviving besides his wife are: a daughter, Mrs. Glee Ryan, of Detroit; a son, Herman, of St. Ignace, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. Cora Bond, of Dodge Center; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A son, Eugene, died in 1914, and a sister, Mrs. Myrtelle Wulging, of St. Paul, Minn., died in May, 1955.

Funeral services were conducted in Battle Creek by his pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis, assisted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Burial was at Dodge Center, Minn., in the Riverside Cemetery. — L. E. D.

Whitehair. — Bert, son of Joseph Sylvester and Ira Gay Hickman Whitehair, was born Dec. 28, 1893, at Oxford, W. Va., and died in his home in Berea, W. Va., on March 21, 1956.

On June 1, 1920, he married Leona May Sutton. To this home were born three daughters: Mrs. Homer (Mildred) Jones, of Pennsboro, W. Va.; Mrs. Billy (Ruth Joy) Taylor, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Miss Cuba Lee Whitehair, of Berea; and three sons: Denzil, of Smyrna, Ga.; and Darrell Clay and Donnie of Berea. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. William Daugherty of New Kensington, Pa., and Mrs. Alaska Hart of Morgantown, W. Va.; and four brothers: Roy, of Toll Gate, W. Va.; Joey, of New Kensington, Pa.; George, of Pennsboro, W. Va.; and William, of Morgantown, W. Va.

Last summer he felt a need for a greater experience with his Lord. He had planned to be baptized on March 30 and join the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Memorial services were held in the Ritchie Church by Pastor Don Richards and interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

— D. E. R.

Non-Taxable Riches

One day a tax assessor came to the home of a poor minister of the Gospel to assess the value of his property. "I am a rich man," said the minister. The official quickly sharpened his pencil, got out his book, and asked intently, "What do you own?"

The pastor replied, "I am the possessor of a Saviour who earned for me everlasting life and who has prepared a place for me in the eternal city."

"What else?" asked the tax assessor.

"I have a brave, pious wife," replied the minister, "and Solomon says, 'Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.'"

"What else do you have?"

"I have healthy and obedient children. Yes, and a merry heart with enables me to pass through life joyfully."

"Do you own anything more?" continued the assessor.

"That is all," replied the minister.

The tax assessor arose, closed his book, took his hat, and said, "You are indeed a rich man, sir, but your property is not subject to taxation. You are fortunate to have so many non-taxable riches."

The man who has Jesus Christ as his Saviour possesses the greatest asset of all. Without Christ he has nothing, as we read in Mark 8: 36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

— From a tract by W. Ewart G. Suffel, American Tract Society.

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WRITTEN WORD LOSING POWER

Such was the heading of an Associated Press release from Cambridge, Mass., on April 9. The article began with this sentence:

"A committee of educators and art experts says modern man is swayed less and less 'by the argument of the written word and more and more by the photograph, the billboard, the cinema, the picture magazine, and now television.'"

This committee, the article goes on to say, has therefore recommended that Harvard University put into effect a 61/2-million-dollar program to offset the inroads made in the field of human communication by movies, pictures, and television. The men proposed the building of a theater, a museum, and the endowment of salaries for new professors, etc.

The article with its title is purely secular news but it has spiritual overtones. Suppose we acknowledge the correctness of the findings of these experts, what does it imply in regard to "the Written Word," the Bible? How is it to be related to the booming field of religious literature? The experts would probably back paddle if they were reminded that the Bible is selling now as it never sold before in all history. Can it be assumed that the books of religious nature which top the best seller lists achieve that distinction without influencing the readers? We doubt it.

Word comes from the American Tract Society that the year 1955 "was outstanding in the ministry of the Society, with total production amounting to over 17,000,000." They note that the new venture in Tracards was received with tremendous enthusiasm, requiring printing of over 5,000,000. It is true that the greatest demand was for tracts in full color, but few would have wanted the pictures without the messages.

From our own limited experience in answering requests for Seventh Day Baptist tracts we have to say that during the past six months the incoming mail appears to show more influence by the written word than at any time since we have been in the office. Many are the letters that tell of how the chance readers of our tracts were swayed by them —

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helped by them to understand the Bible and to follow its precepts.

While it may be true that the written word in the secular sense is losing its power, we cannot believe that it is true or will continue to be true that the printed pages of the Christian Gospel have lost their appeal. That would be contrary to the promises of God. "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119: 89). When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness He answered the temptation in every case by "It is written," and said to Satan, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Millions have proved the promises of God and millions are crying today for religious literature that will meet their needs.

ARE WE AFRAID TO TITHE?

Another of our churches, feeling the need of greatly expanding its program, is in the midst of a determined effort to increase the number of tithers in its membership. That church is a relatively strong church with a total membership of a little over 200. It has given generously to its local work and has ranked well up toward the top in denominational giving. The members who are not already tithers are being urged to pledge themselves to try tithing for a year. The first report indicates 30 such pledge cards signed. The Stewardship Committee continues its appeal, hoping for at least 50 cards.

This same church has estimated that the full tithes of its membership would amount to \$19,000. The local budget, including all sources of income, is about \$8,500. Gifts to the Denominational Budget for the last Conference year totaled a little over \$4,000. The combined totals do not come very close to \$19,000.

We quote the figures only by way of illustration. It is easy to see that even on the basis of this better-than-average church we have not yet tapped our resources in terms of the tithe. Consistent tithing on the part of all our people would probably enable us to do twice as much in church extension at home; twice as much on foreign fields.

Why do so many sit back and admire tithers but refuse to get into the program themselves? Perhaps the basic reason is that we do not love our Lord and Saviour as much as the tithers and missionaries do. Not many truly consecrated Christians need to be urged to give one tenth of their income. Aside from this basic observation, what else keeps a substantial percentage of our church members from adopting the tithing plan?

It is our opinion that many of us are afraid to tithe. Not that we really are afraid we could not live on nine tenths of our income if the other tenth was put into the Lord's work. Rather, we are afraid of the figures. They look too large. We keep company with people who make only token gifts to the church and missions. There just aren't many of our fellow members who give \$200 to \$400 per year. And yet we know that practically no full-time wage earner gets less than ten times that much. We are rather staggered by the size of our tithe. Why should our giving be so out of proportion to the average?

The Scriptures tell us that the tithe is the Lord's. Perhaps that suggests that the bookkeeping might well be between us and the Lord and not the concern of other church members or church treasurers. Of course, there is a third party now who has to have accurate records of our benevolences — the Internal Revenue Department. If we tithe, the time will probably come when we will not care if our contributions show way above those of our friends who have similar earning capacity. However, to overcome that initial fear, we might well begin by making hidden contributions to various worthy Christian projects within or even outside of our total denominational program.

Most of us derive a real satisfaction out of giving nice presents, expensive presents, to those we love. There is hardly any pleasure attended with comparable joy in this life. The one pleasure which exceeds it is the Christian pleasure of giving generously to the cause of Christ for those who are not our own loved ones in the generally accepted use of the term. The tithing program, insti-

tuted in the Old Testament and strongly sanctioned by Christ, is the best way we know to make such giving and such joy possible. When we set aside, either physically in a cash box or mentally in a checking account, one tenth of our income, giving becomes easy, and the results of it are very tangible.

ULTIMATE IN HEART SURGERY

On April 6 at the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Bertram Sommerfield, 49, underwent heart surgery which was later described by the specialist as "the ultimate achievement in heart surgery." He went on to say, "In my mind there is nothing more in the way of surgery to be developed on the adult human heart except perhaps the perfection of techniques."

What was it which was so unusual about this operation? The patient had a hole in his heart as big as a half dollar. It was a break in the wall between the left and right ventricles. But such breaks have previously been repaired in hearts that otherwise were healthy. This man's heart was bad, already damaged by disease, before the attempt was made to patch the hole. That was the difference.

The specialist explained that what made the surgery possible was a new pump called an oxygenator, developed at Baylor University of Medicine, which did the work of both heart and lungs during the two minutes required for the repair.

Heart surgery is something mysterious and intriguing to the layman. The uninterrupted functioning of the heart from birth to the deathbed is marvelous to us. How it is possible to substitute a man-made pump and open up this life muscle for mechanical repairs is almost beyond our imagination. We are inclined to agree with these doctors about having reached the ultimate in adult heart surgery.

On the other hand, not all surgeons have reached the ultimate in diagnosing the condition of the human heart. The "miracle" of the operation described above was in the fact that it was performed on a bad heart. Just how bad was the heart and how much worse could it have been and still resulted in a suc-

cessful operation? That, we suppose, no one knows. The only time the word "desperately" is used in the Bible, it is applied to the heart condition of man. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17: 9.) God alone truly knows the seriousness of the sin in man's heart as is indicated in Hebrews 4: 12, ". . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Gospel from Genesis to Revelation is the story of the exceeding sickness of the human heart and miraculous surgery performed by God through Christ. Back in the Old Testament in one of its most sublime prophetic promises we read of some "divine surgery" which far surpasses that which was recently accomplished at Houston, Texas. "I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God" (Ezek. 11: 19, 20).

The invitation has always been to let Jesus, the Great Physician, come into our sinful hearts. The result of His work on our hearts is described by the Apostle Paul, ". . . the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts" (Rom. 5: 5). This indeed is reaching the ultimate in heart surgery.

Stories We Hope to Print

Among the news items and feature articles which we hope to bring to our readers by way of those who have participated in the events are the week-long evangelistic meetings at the Verona, N. Y., Church, the similar meetings at Nortonville, Kan., the Pacific Coast Association of April 13-16, the Southern Wisconsin Quarterly Meeting of the same weekend, Salem College Day at Battle Creek, Mich., and various other meetings.

The time of spring meetings is at hand. Other associations will soon be meeting. Boards and agencies are reviewing the situation and laying plans. Youth work in Bible schools and camps is receiving major attention in many churches. These are some of the stimulating things we like to read about.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Sixth Gate to Happiness

"Happy are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5: 8).

It has been pointed out that the heart is considered in the Scripture to be far more than a bodily organ. In fact it has come to stand for the very center of the moral, spiritual, and intellectual life of man.

When Jesus said, "Happy are the pure in heart" He was looking on the inner man. How disgusted He became with those who used religion as a front, those who went through all the forms but neglected the weightier matters of justice and mercy and faith. He peeled off this superficial covering with these words: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean" (Matt. 23: 25-26 RSV).

Let me ask you a question: Do we need to be pure in heart to see God, or do we need to see God to be pure in heart?

Jesus taught that the human heart in its natural state is capable of almost any form of wickedness. He said: "For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery . . ." (Mark 7: 21-22 RSV).

A teen-age boy was arrested in New York for having committed a vicious murder. His mother exclaimed, "But he is a good boy!" She looked upon the outside but God knows an unregenerate human heart is potentially capable of any crime.

Paul gets back of the act to the purifying source when he said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2: 5).

The answer is to let Jesus into the heart. He says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me" (Rev. 3: 20).

When we have properly confessed and renounced our sins and by faith have re-

ceived Christ into our lives, then we are given a new heart from God and we can see Him in all His glory. Then we can be called "pure in heart." Truly this gate leads to happiness.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Amen.

BOOKS FOR MINISTERS

For ministers thinking about retirement or enduring it (if that is the correct term), there is a new book by Norman Lobsenz, published by Channel Press in October, 1955, entitled *The Minister's Complete Guide to Successful Retirement*. This 192-page book lives up to its title. Actually, although it contains a wealth of helpful information for those who have already retired, it would be very profitable reading for any minister who is nearing 40 years of age. It covers personal finances, how to have a guaranteed income for life, how to live on a meager income, how to find ways of earning money during retirement, where to live when you retire, and a variety of other subjects. The last 25 pages are filled with appendices with charts on such subjects as "National Pollen Index," "Your Taxes," and "Sources and Resources." This useful book sells for \$2.95 but can be secured as a free dividend to those who are buying books through the Evangelical Book Club.

The 1956 edition of *Minister's Federal Income Tax Guide* is perhaps already out of date but unless the laws are changed again it will be a definitely worth-while book for any minister who thinks he may have to pay income tax in 1957. Priced at \$2.50, it, too, can be secured as a free dividend from Evangelical Books, Greenvale, N. Y.

A third book for ministers, of quite a different nature, is *The Burden of the Lord* by Ian Macpherson. Copyrighted in 1955 by Abingdon Press, this 160-page book on the nature of preaching and the man who preaches seems to be packed with challenging and heartsearching suggestions for improving one's ministry. We have not found time at this writing to read it in its entirety.

***Rais'n's** Budget Promotion Committee

Two weeks ago this corner remarked that time moved both too fast and too slowly. Now that the March totals are available (on the back cover) we see reason both for rejoicing and for a shadow of anxiety lest the work of Seventh Day Baptists has to be curtailed for lack of funds. As of this report the Denominational Budget is only 36.4% raised. This is only 73% of the goal for the 6 months! The responsibility rests squarely upon each one of us, with God's help, to make the next six months count for our Lord and Saviour. **We can in faith raise the other 63.6% if we let our prayers affect our pocketbooks!**

Perhaps the statistics listed below may not be the best way to increase our devotion to our task, but they may start each of us to thinking how we can increase our giving, both this month and in months to come.

As in previous columns, we have reduced the total (budget and non-budget) gifts from each church to the basis of an average member's part using the latest Year Book data. Then we have attempted to show how much this hypothetical member has increased his stewardship over last year for the same period. The target increase was described last in the March 26 Recorder, and is only \$1.30 per member more than last year's rate.

Perhaps there will be space in future columns to analyze these data more completely. Suffice to say now that the Jackson Center, Riverside, Los Angeles, Christ's, Putnam County, and Milton churches deserve high praise for increasing their giving to jump 20 or more churches up the list. But let's not stop 'til we meet every target "to the glory of God — and in memory of A. Burdet Crofoot."

Per-Member Average Gifts, 6 Months

	(A)	1956	Increase	(B)
1 Plainfield	1	\$29.87*	\$6.83	5
2 Chicago	2	20.88*	6.00	6
3 Brookfield, 2nd	5	3.19	2.65	5
4 Adams Center	16	4.70	2.12	4
5 Berlin	17	6.35*	2.10	3
6 Verona	4	5.77	2.03	6
7 Los Angeles, Christ's	35	6.25*	1.87	2
May Target, 8 Months	—	8.00	1.74	—
April Target, 7 Months	—	7.00	1.52	—
8 Shiloh	3	6.82*	1.51	5
Top 10% of Members	—	—	1.51	—
9 Richburg	12	4.21	1.42	4
10 Friendship	8	1.74	1.35	6
Target, 6 Months	—	6.00	1.302	—
11 Riverside	51	6.63*	1.297	3
12 White Cloud	9	4.76	1.295	4
13 Putnam County	37	5.67	1.27	1
14 Waterford	15	7.63*	1.10	4
15 Jackson Center	60	.98	.98	1
16 Farina	29	2.43	.90	3
17 Alfred, 2nd	18	2.27	.89	6
18 Milton	41	5.60	.85	2
19 Brookfield, 1st	11	2.73	.84	4
20 Walworth	10	3.33	.83	4
21 Ritchie	14	1.19	.81	3
22 Middle Island	19	3.19	.78	5
23 Hopkinton, 1st	13	3.22	.77	6
24 Indianapolis	20	1.59	.76	6
25 Denver	21	3.25	.47	5
26 Los Angeles	22	5.73	.44	4
Average Church	—	4.71	.43	6
27 Boulder	33	2.17	.39	4
28 Hebron, 1st	24	1.10	.36	3

	(A)	1956	Increase	(B)
Median Member	—	—	.29	—
29 Salem	26	2.05	.29	3
30 Piscataway	43	2.49	.27	2
31 Genesee, 1st	49	2.17	.26	1
32 Edinburg	28	1.60	.23	5
33 Independence	32	5.16	.18	4
34 Milton Junction	48	7.42*	.11	2
35 Marlboro	40	8.43*	.08	1
36 Alfred, 1st	31	4.35	.04	5
37 Syracuse	36	4.17	.00	1
Decrease				
38 Pawcatuck	7	9.00*	.13	3
39 Nortonville	30	1.70	.14	5
40 Battle Creek	25	8.37*	.18	2
41 Old Stonefort	23	.91	.23	5
42 Washington	42	2.00	.27	1
43 Albion	46	1.58	.33	3
44 North Loup	34	1.06	.37	2
45 Roanoke	39	2.24	.38	2
46 New Auburn	45	.35	.44	2
47 Twin Cities	38	2.44	.45	0
48 Hopkinton, 2nd	47	.60	.60	3
49 Hammond	58	.80	.77	0
50 Dodge Center	44	2.12	.86	0
51 Rockville	50	.36	.87	0
52 Fouke	27	.43	1.02	4
53 Lost Creek	52	4.86	1.28	1
54 Irvington	6	8.93*	1.79	4
55 Salemville	53	1.19	2.18	0
56 Daytona Beach	55	9.89*	2.29	1
57 De Ruyter	54	8.06*	3.92	1
58 Schenectady	56	7.11*	11.84	0
59 Dinuba	57	.00	.00	0
60 Hebron Center	59	.00	.00	0
61 Little Prairie	61	.00	.00	0
62 Paint Rock	62	.00	.00	0
63 Washington, People's	63	.00	.00	0

*Rais'n' — Asterisks show churches above the 6-month target. Column (A) lists position in last month's tabulation and (B) the number of months that total gifts exceeded a year ago. Congratulations to Putnam Co., Genesee, 1st., and Marlboro for their first increase this year!

Coin Card News

Mention has been made previously in our columns to the coin cards sent out to all the local churches for a special offering for the Denominational Budget to be turned in to the local church treasurer by June 9. These cards bear the words "To the Glory of God — in Memory of A. Burdet Crofoot."

From church bulletins recently received it appears that our pastors are enthusiastically pushing this project. To some of us, the use of coin folders for such a cause is new. It can be fun to watch the line of dimes grow longer. When we get through, the dimes will not have been missed very much, but many filled cards will make a big difference in the support of our work. Have you tried starting the day with a dime?

Playing at Christianity

The whole trouble with many Christians today is that they are only playing at being Christian. They have never really gone in for a holy, dynamic Christian life, because they are afraid to pay the price. I tremble in my own soul at the shock many will get when they face our Lord and discover that the beliefs they have cherished, the doctrines they have embraced, and the Bible they have said they believed, have landed them in hell because their beliefs have never become action, and the Bible has never become practice, and their lives have never been made holy. The law at the foot of the mount of judgment has to be fulfilled not by us, thank heaven, but in us by the Holy Spirit. — Alan Redpath, in *Victorious Christian Living* (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

Missions

A New Church Building at Makapwa

A very generous gift has been received from the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church for the purpose of erecting a new house of worship at the Makapwa Mission Station in Nyasaland. The new building is to be known as the Armstrong Memorial Church. Permission has been received from the donor to use the older church building entirely for school purposes, and to transfer the name to the new building.

It will be recalled that Miss Joan Clement wrote a review of the mission school situation which was published in *Sabbath Recorder* issues of October 10, 24, and November 7, 1955. She mentions "the building of a two-room annex . . . added to the church building." Rev. David Pearson wrote recently, "At present two classes are meeting in the church and, as you can imagine, certain confusion is the result. The classes are able to do all right but the situation is not ideal."

Miss Beth Severe had written that it was not conducive to worship on the Sabbath for the students to come back to the same building where they had attended school all week. Mr. Pearson again mentioned this, recently writing, "The building is used as a school during the greater part of the week which takes away from the dignity of the house of worship."

Summing up the matter he wrote, "We need a new church. Attendance (at Sabbath morning services) last week ran about 240. The increase is due to the recent ruling which makes church attendance a must for our day students as well as our boarders. The church building is a bit small (to accommodate the present number attending Sabbath services)."

The following building plans for the new church are suggested: "To build in the formation of a 'T' — the speaker's stand would be just where the 'T' is joined. Seating would be from three directions (from the body and two wings). The wings would also serve as classrooms (Sabbath school). The building should probably measure some 75 feet in length and also some 75 feet across the upper

part of the 'T'. The widths of both the central portion and the wings would be 25 feet. It would probably be built of stone. The mission land can furnish the stone and possibly all the lumber that would be needed. The expense would lie in the cement. A considerable quantity would be used. Most of the time we use mud for mortar, but due to great weight of the stone a stronger mortar would be advisable. Actually a metallic roof to begin with wouldn't cost any more in the long run than grass. This past year the mission spent about 60 pounds on grass alone. Grass sounds cheap but it is expensive for what one gets. At this point I would be a bit hesitant to state an estimate of the entire cost."

Missionary Pearson Writes from Nyasaland

In the hope and expectation that Dr. Victor Burdick will be arriving at Makapwa Mission to begin his services in 1957, Rev. David Pearson has written regarding plans for providing a home for him at the mission headquarters. Of course the plans will depend upon Dr. Burdick's approval. The missionary couple have temporarily offered the hospitality of their home and add, "We think we can make him comfortable."

The superintendent tells of the handling of funds being carried on jointly by Miss Beth Severe and himself serving as co-treasurers. She takes care of school funds, dispensary funds, and the maize grinding fund. He handles Conference funds, Armstrong Church funds, and payment of native pastors. "The division of work works nicely."

His letter states, "The slides of Seventh Day Baptist leaders and churches have arrived. I have already used them for a showing to our pastoral class which meets after the Sabbath on Saturday evening. At present there are three young men who attend, also Pastors Nothale and Kadamanja. I plan to use the slides again at Conference, at pastoral training, and possibly on our next trip to the North."

"We have started a census to determine our actual membership. This will, with

certain additions and corrections, form the basis for the statistical report for the next Year Book. Also from it we wish to begin a card filing system, having a bit of information regarding each of our members in Nyasaland. This will be kept at my office for ready access. To keep the record up to date will be a job as many come and many go."

Plans for a New Mission Car

There is a growing need for a new mission car at the Makapwa Mission Station. The necessity to keep in touch with the Seventh Day Baptist groups of Northern Nyasaland lays a heavy burden upon our mission leadership.

The old Morris Oxford station wagon is not safe nor dependable to take long trips into new and virtually unknown territory. The station wagon was purchased in the fall of 1953 soon after the nurses and Mr. Barrar arrived at Makapwa. It has had hard usage over rough roads. The garages in Blantyre have stated that they would allow approximately 200 pounds for it, not as a trade-in but by outright sale (approximately \$560).

We are informed that there is already at hand on the field from various gifts "a new car fund" in the amount of \$636. Mr. Pearson writes, "A new British Land-Rover could be secured for \$2,660.20. After discussion with the nurses we are all agreed that the Land-Rover would probably be the most practical thing for us here. We feel that it would outlast anything that we could purchase here. It would be ideal for the Makapwa road throughout the year. The four-wheel drive would be an answer to the rains and muddy roads. The canopied model sells for 940 pounds."

It is hoped that a way may be found to make it possible for our mission station leaders to have the relative security of a better car before it comes time for another journey to the churches of the North. This matter was called to the attention of the last General Conference but no amount was placed in the Missionary Board's budget to take care of the matter.

Home Field News

Encouraging words from Pastor Don Sanford state that plans are well along for the "construction of a new church building at New Auburn." It is expected that construction work will begin during April and work has already been started in securing materials.

A sketch of the proposed house of worship with floor plan has been prepared by Dr. Wayne R. Rood. Dr. Rood was formerly Pastor Sanford's instructor at the Alfred School of Theology.

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Rev. Oscar Burdick has been offered and has accepted the position of assistant librarian at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif. He states, "We will leave here (Daytona Beach) the middle of August, starting the new position the first of September."

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Dr. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley visited the Schenectady, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church over the Sabbath of March 24. They attended the Sabbath eve prayer meeting at the Nick Fatato home and preached on Sabbath morning to the church gathering at their usual meeting place in the First Baptist Church, which is located at 1944 Union St., corner of St. David's Lane.

They hope to complete their new house of worship in the early summer. Plans are being made for Dr. Hurley to give the church pastoral and evangelistic assistance for a few weeks during the summer before Conference. They are making efforts to secure a new pastor. It is urged that our people carry this matter before God in our prayers.

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It is hoped that Dr. and Mrs. Hurley and Rev. and Mrs. Marion Van Horn may be able to attend the Missionary Board meeting on April 22 in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Church. It is expected that they will attend a meeting of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee of the board on the night after the Sabbath, April 21.

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Sherman R. Kagarise of the Salemville, Pa., Church writes, "We are happy to announce that Rev. Edgar Wheeler and

MAY WORSHIP SERVICE

By Mrs. William R. Austin

[Mrs. William (Lorna Payne) Austin is a member of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. She and her husband (Major Austin) with their four children will soon be sent to Alaska to make their home for the next three years.]

Topic: Family Altars (for home dedication service)

Hymn: "Ere You Left Your Room This Morning"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

Devotional Thoughts:

"Family prayers" should be considered as an ideal in every Christian household. If the hours of labor, or any other circumstance, make it difficult to have prayer and the daily reading of the Bible in the family, that should be regarded as a misfortune to be remedied. It is not easy to find the right time for family devotions amid the busy life of the present. It may often be necessary to sacrifice some longed-for sleep in order to find the time for family prayer and daily Bible reading. There is no sacrifice too great in order to establish the family altar. We have heard it quoted, and believe it true, "A family that prays together, stays together."

Read Daniel 6: 10. Now consider, have you made any sacrifice in order to have regular communion with God?

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy
voice

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep and goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them
friend!

For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

— Tennyson.

family arrived Sunday evening, April 8, and are getting settled in the parsonage." The letter expressed appreciation to the Missionary Board and to the denomination for making it possible for the Salemville Church to again be served by a missionary pastor.

Would a mother excuse herself, due to the rush of a busy day, if she failed to give the vitamin drops, usually ordered by her doctor, to her new baby? How then can we mothers and fathers neglect the vital drops of God's Word, so prescribed by the Great Physician? We dare not deliberately cause a spiritual anemia for ourselves and families by not serving the enriched bread of life daily. The blessings of love, faith, courage, and devotion are ours from small portions taken regularly.

Repeat together Proverbs 22: 6. "Tell me a story" is a familiar request in every home. The Bible is a mine of stories, an inexhaustible store. How wonderful to lead your children to know the Bible, to love it, to appreciate the best in it. And as they grow, you may leave it safely in their hands to make its own appeal to their spiritual needs. It is far more effective to build up character to meet temptations and difficulties than to wait until they come and then attempt to apply a remedy. It is better to put on the whole armor of God at once than to take the necessary steps to repair some moral injury after one has been overtaken in a fault. If the habit of daily reading of the Bible is established, often a selection may be chosen to fit some crisis or emergency, without apparent intention.

"My word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it" (Isa. 55: 11).

One of the sweet old chapters
After a day like this:
The day brought tears and trouble,
The evening brings no kiss.

No rest in the arms I long for,
Rest and refuge and home,
Grieved and lonely and weary,
Unto the Book I come.

One of the sweet old chapters,
The Love that blossoms through
His care of the birds and lilies
Out in the evening dew.

Hymn: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

Christian Family Week

Mother's Day has been observed for many years but in recent years the observance has broadened into National Family Week which this year is May 6-13. The theme is "God in the Home, Peace in the World." Since the world of the future is being shaped largely in the homes of today it is tremendously important that all homes become Christian.

Three helpful leaflets giving ideas and suggestion for observing Family Week are available for a few cents from Office of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y. One called, "God, Home, Peace" (\$2.00 a hundred), describes how God in the home actually means peace in the world. "Peace Be to This House" (\$5.00 a hundred) gives a series of eight devotional services, prayers, and Bible readings. The third leaflet is the "Church Planning Folder."

Seventh Day Baptist families and churches will want to use this occasion for enriching family life and emphasizing the importance of the Christian home.

A Lesson in History

The story of our dealing with the Korean people has been one long series of tragedies. First, there was Portsmouth in 1905 when President Theodore Roosevelt negotiated the Russo-Japanese Treaty giving Korea to Japan. For more than forty years the Japanese exploited the Korean people.

Then came Potsdam in 1945. Some men, including President Franklin Roosevelt, drew a line across the map of Korea at the 38th parallel, but that was the beginning of a war in which a million Koreans died and five millions were made homeless refugees. It resulted in 300,000 widows and 100,000 orphans.

America spent 18 billion dollars fighting this "police action" and promised to rebuild the country. In the two years since the end of the war the United Nations has spent about 5 millions on relief and reconstruction — one dollar for every \$3,600 spent for destruction. And, al-

though conditions have not improved much, the U.N. is rapidly closing down this work. — From Floyd Schmoe, Director of "Houses for Korea."

Western Association Workshops

Two workshops were scheduled to be held simultaneously in the Western Association April 14, 21, and 28, one for youth and the other for adults, with each beginning in the afternoon and running into the early evening. The plan included a dish-to-pass supper.

The location of the youth workshop was at Camp Harley April 14 and 28 and at Little Genesee on April 21, the main topic for study, "worship," with Mrs. Hulda Bredenberg as the leader. The purpose is to learn how to make youth worship services more appealing, inspiring, and worshipful. Periods of recreation and of learning how to lead groups in recreation were to be led by Miss Camille Crofoot and Miss Barbara Warren, according to the announcement.

The workshop for adults is a study of stewardship led by Neal D. Mills. The first session was held at the Second Alfred Church, the second at Little Genesee, and the third is to be at the First Alfred Church. The beginning time was set at 4 o'clock and closing time at 7:30. This program also includes a period for informal social fellowship and a dish-to-pass supper.

These workshops are planned and sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and the Western Association.

N. D. M.

Prayer

O Thou victorious Christ in whom are met the highest aspirations of men and the inspiration of God: mercifully open our eyes and ears to Thy glorious Gospel which is the power unto salvation, and grant us grace to proclaim the same against that thrilling day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Thou art Lord of all; in whose gracious name we pray. Amen.

— Selected.

For Jr. High

Cops and Robbers

None of us are too old for "cops and robbers," at least some form of the game. But here is a true story from the police court — I just heard it on the radio. I don't know whether to call it "cops and robbers" or "baiting the mousetrap."

It seems that a man who robbed a grocery store nibbled a piece of cheese like a mouse and was caught in a trap that he couldn't get out of. When the police detectives inspected the grocery store that had been robbed they discovered that somebody had taken a bite out of a wedge of cheese. They found that the teeth marks of the man they suspected matched the marks on the cheese.

Brought into court the robber pleaded "not guilty" until the experts told him how he was caught in a trap. They said that there was one chance in 60 million that another man could leave identical teeth marks on a piece of cheese. The robber confessed his guilt and changed his plea to "guilty."

What is it that the Bible says? "Be sure your sins will find you out." That isn't all the Bible says. It tells us how our sins, though they "be as scarlet," may be made "as white as snow," and "though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1: 18). The New Testament makes that clear and plain. It reminds us that all of us have sinned; not, perhaps, just like that robber; but we have failed to love God with all our heart — which Jesus said was the first and great commandment. We have broken that and some other commandments. We know that if we were brought before God — who "discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart" — we, too, would be caught. But the glorious news of the Gospel is that Christ can take away our sins when we plead guilty, truly repent, and turn over our wills to Him.

We suggest that you remember the story of the cheese when you are tempted to do wrong or when you want to tell others about the forgiveness of Christ.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE Albion, Wisconsin

Monday, April 30 to Thursday, May 3

Theme:

Effective Christian Organization

It is expected that a large percentage of the Seventh Day Baptist ministers in the United States will be encouraged by their churches to attend the annual 3-day conference which is being held this year in southern Wisconsin under the auspices of the Committee on Christian Higher Education of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.



Dr. Robert G. Torbet, noted Baptist education leader and author of several books (as noted in the March 19 issue), will present two lectures at the gathering to focus the attention of the brethren on how our denomination might improve its organization at the various levels from local congregation to General Conference.

Some of the problems discussed will concern layman-pastor relationships, proper age for baptism of children, etc. The Conference president and the board secretaries will be given time to brief the ministers and students on the various opportunities and problems that are before us at the present moment. It is

expected that this gathering will provide also a chance to arrange for the showing in many churches of the new budget-promotion filmstrip.

Registration:

Doyle Zwiebel, interim pastor
R.D. 1, Edgerton, Wis.

Panel discussions on vital problems
Devotional and fellowship experiences
Program arranged by:

Prof. Melvin Nida
Rev. David Clarke
Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

Growing Sabbath School in Painesville, Ohio

Sometimes new Sabbath schools, fellowships, and churches do not grow. Not infrequently the members are not able to cope with all the problems which attend the organization of a new work, and that which was begun with enthusiasm, calls for much patient plodding before it is really a going concern.

Not so, apparently, in the case of the new Sabbath school in Painesville, Ohio, which was mentioned in the Recorder of January 16, 1956. This was started with a family nucleus and has grown very nicely. Along with an order to the publishing house for more of our denominational lesson helps there was the information that the attendance is now 25 to 30.

What has been done without cost or outside help other than literature could probably be done in many other places if interested families living far from their home churches would display the courage and determination of this group. It is primarily the responsibility of the family rather than the church to see that the children are brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In this case, however, stress is laid also on the adult Bible study, as it should be.

Sabbathkeepers in the general Cleveland area might like to write to Mrs. Ora Muzik, 205 Hale Rd., Painesville, Ohio, for further information.

MEMORY TEXT

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Luke 14: 33.

New Pacific Coast Publication

In addition to the various mimeographed publications of the Los Angeles and Riverside Churches, the camp paper, church directories, etc., there is the now well-known and widely circulated Mission Notes printed by the offset process.

The new publication is an 8½ x 11 eight-page paper done also by the offset process. Pacific Tidings, as it is called, is a newsletter published by the Pacific Coast Association with contributing writers from various points. The editor is Mrs. S. W. Rasmussen, Box 138, Buena Vista Ave., Livermore, Calif. The first issue, March, was paid for by interested members of the association at Monterey, Calif.

On the center spread of the paper are two interesting features which are to be carried on in the future issues. One column by Helen Shaw Thorngate is "How to Live Today"; the other by Chaplain David J. Williams, "How to Live Forever."

A Gospel of Grace

[Written by Benjamin Beddome, a Baptist minister of Gloucestershire, England, who died in 1795, the writer of numerous hymns not often found in popular hymnals.]

God, in the gospel of His Son,
Makes His eternal counsel known,
Where love in all its glory shines,
And truth is drawn in fairest lines.
Here, sinners of a humble frame
May taste His grace, and learn His name;
May read, in characters of blood,
The wisdom, power, and grace of God.
The prisoner here may break his chains;
The weary rest from all his pains;
The captive feel his bondage cease;
The mourner find the way to peace.
Here faith reveals to mortal eyes
A brighter world beyond the skies;
Here shines the light which guides our way
From earth to realms of endless day.

HAPPY ARE THE MERCIFUL

Donald E. Richards

Being merciful is not a sign of weakness but of strength. It is difficult to accept hurt without retaliation. To show mercy toward the person causing pain is to show love for him and recognition that he does not really understand what he is doing. His flare-up may be caused by ignorance, prejudice, or simply lack of self-control. God's child can take it and not fight back by conventional methods because of God's Spirit dwelling within.

But mercy begins with God. The Psalmist said: "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Mercy is one of the great attributes of God; He is the "Father of mercies." Jeremiah exclaims in Lamentations: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

When a person experiences the mercies of God, should he not in turn be merciful to others? But what does it mean to be merciful? One who is filled with mercy must have compassion and longsuffering toward an individual. Being merciful is to always think the best of a person and show love and interest in him for his own right. We must, as Christians, fight against the evils of sin. Yet we must at the same time be merciful toward the sinner. The very act of being merciful shows another "the way of life." Raving about the awfulness of sin puts one on the defensive. No doubt he already feels condemned and needs to be led through the valley of mercy toward his compassionate God. Because of mercy he is able to keep what self-respect he possesses and at the same time be released from the power of sin through Jesus Christ.

But receiving God's mercy is conditional. Yes, God is merciful toward us even in our sin, but how much more we appreciate His mercy when we have personally witnessed its power within.

Be a witness to God's mercy today. —
From a church bulletin.

Jesus was a shepherd not an organizer.
— Richard Miller.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Protestant Motion Picture Council, which reviews and rates each month the newest motion pictures being offered to the movie-going public, has designated "Richard III" as the picture of the month for April, praising it highly for adults and young people. Another picture listed as suitable for the whole family is "Land of the Bible" (Twentieth Century-Fox). The description follows:

"An excellent and beautiful Technicolor documentary, with a fine commentary narrated by Norman Rose, focuses attention to the settings of three world religions, Christianity, Judaism, and Mohammedanism. It shows an up-to-date picture of the contemporary development of the land of Israel, with a new nation looking hopefully to the future through the combined efforts of those who have come from far and near to claim their promised land."

Rev. David Steele, pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Nairobi, East Africa, said he was "profoundly impressed" with the church people he had met in his few weeks in this country.

"There is an extraordinary unity and at-homeness among them," in spite of denominational differences, he reported.

Mr. Steele is representative of the Church of Scotland to a parish almost a fourth as big as the whole U. S., an area including Kenya, Tanganyika, and Uganda in East Africa.

The Methodist Church will be called upon at its quadrennial conference in April to allocate one million per year to television.

Rev. Arthur O. Rinden, associate executive director of the National Council's Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, says that too many U. S. churchgoers have the idea that the church is "a country club with minimum dues (that) will let you get by with enough left over for food, clothes, and a car." He condemned the idea that the church that balances its budget is necessarily doing a good job.

**The Scriptures
in 1,092 Languages**

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,092 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1955, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society.

The whole Bible 207
The whole New Testament 265
At least a Gospel 620

With the publication of the Old Testament, by the American Bible Society, the entire Bible is now available in Luvale. This language is spoken in Northern Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, and Angola, Africa.

Complete New Testaments were published, for the first time, in six languages: Bari spoken in the Sudan; Asho Southern Chin (Burma); Conob in Guatemala; Gbari: Matai (Nigeria); Hula, one of the languages spoken in Papua; and Kim (French Equatorial Africa).

There are some 80 languages in which short passages or collection of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared. It appears from the above figures that the work of making the whole Bible available in the languages of the world is not nearing completion; it is only well begun.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BEREA, W. VA. — The work of the Ritchie Church has progressed throughout the quarter. Most of the regular services of the church have been held. When the pastor was absent on the first Sabbath of each month to conduct services at the Middle Island Church, Mrs. Lenore Brissey, Marshall Hinzman, and Mrs. Alberta Radcliff led our worship services.

During the past few weeks the pastor has been bringing a series of sermons on the Beatitudes and plans to continue them through the next quarter. Attendance has been generally small because of sickness, bad weather, and poor roads.

On March 30, a joint baptismal service was held in the Salem Church at which time Jim Butler was baptized by the pastor. On Easter Sabbath the right hand of fellowship was extended to Pastor and Mrs. Richards and Jim Butler as they joined the church.

Regular community prayer services and Bible studies have been held here on Sunday evenings, except for the first Sunday of the month when preaching services were held in the Pine Grove Methodist Church. Members of both churches take an active part in the program with the laymen leading the prayer services and Pastor Richards leading the Bible studies. Miss Conza Meathrell led during his absence.

One of the features of the quarter has been the community sing held each Wednesday in the home of some shut-in. A great deal of blessing and enjoyment have been derived from these informal gatherings. — Correspondent.

DENVER, COLO. — Another Mid-Continent ad appeared in the April 10 issue of the Capper's Weekly. Our first ad has brought in 21 replies. We are hoping that the repetition of our message in this second ad will lead many more to respond who did not follow through on the first one. By constantly sowing the seed of the Sabbath truth many will be led to reflect on its meaning, some for the first time, and the Holy Spirit will lead others to accept the blessings of Sabbath observance. If a few were moved to write in about our first ad, then literally thousands must have seen and read the ad in the February 21 issue of Capper's. Only God knows what is secretly going on in the minds and hearts of some who read. Prayer can be a mighty force at this point! It is urgent that we continue faithfully in prayer that God will bring conviction. Pray that the Lord will make this second ad a mighty witness to the truth. — Church bulletin.

Address Correction

The correct address of Rev. Paul B. Osborn is R.D. 1, Bridgeton, N. J. The Year Book has the wrong route number on page 215.

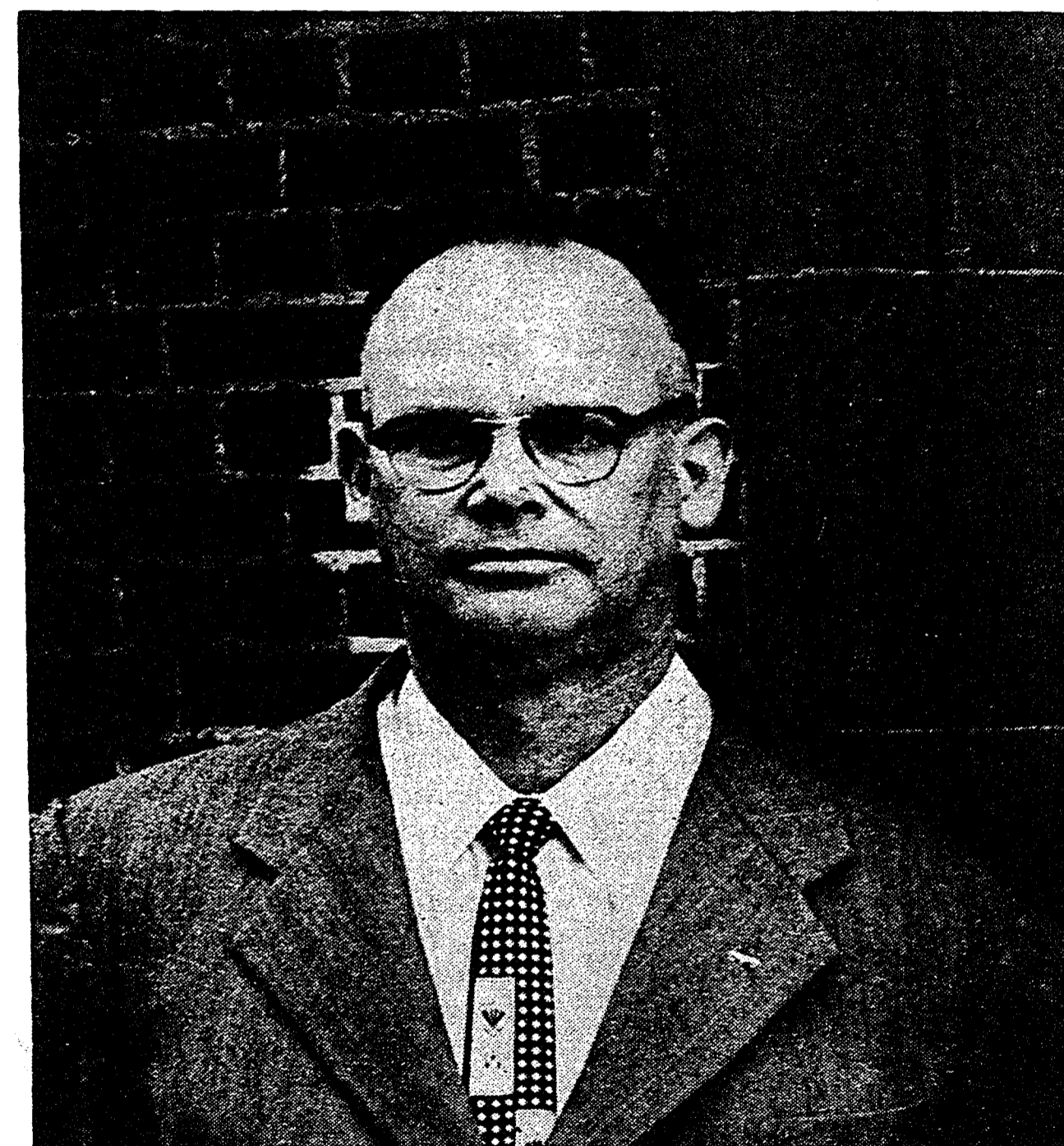
SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 5, 1956

Converted and Commissioned

Lesson Scripture: Acts 9: 1-6, 10-19a.

The Sabbath Recorder



Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, newly appointed missionary pastor in the Southwest field, who will begin his work in the Texarkana, Ark., area the last of June. Mr. Van Horn was raised in the Southwest and is challenged with the possibilities of both the local and the wide-spread fields he will be serving. Since December 1, 1947, he has been ministering to the First and Second Brookfield, N. Y., Churches.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, March 31, 1956

Receipts		
	March	6 Months
Balance, March 1	\$ 22.64	
Adams Center	142.50	487.50*
Albion	46.82	190.52
Alfred, First	350.40	1,884.52*
Alfred, Second	193.40	598.00*
Associations and groups		35.90
Battle Creek	421.05	2,401.63
Berlin	69.62	304.51*
Boulder	85.78	256.10*
Brookfield, First	20.00	120.00*
Brookfield, Second	47.15	252.13*
Buffalo Fellowship		45.00
Chicago	90.00	877.00*
Daytona Beach	88.75	276.80
Denver	65.23	369.75*
De Ruyter	18.50	579.50
Dodge Center	40.03	250.43
Edinburg		48.00*
Farina	65.00	175.00*
Fouke	13.60	41.65
Friendship		75.00*
Hammond	28.00	28.00
Hebron, First		75.00*
Hopkinton, First	62.75	614.25*
Hopkinton, Second		25.00
Independence	43.00	346.00*
Indianapolis	15.00	105.00*
Individuals	120.00	2,382.79
Irvington		250.00
Jackson Center	50.00	50.00*
Kansas City Fellowship	20.00	130.00*
Little Genesee	134.98	275.16*
Los Angeles	25.00	595.93*
Los Angeles, Christ's	15.00	50.00*
Lost Creek	217.94	553.98
Marlboro	181.16	1,113.19*
Middle Island	21.50	101.50*
Milton	916.09	2,782.26*
Milton Junction	196.49	727.03*
New Auburn		26.75
North Loup	134.83	261.60
Nortonville	15.00	261.87
Pawcatuck	363.26	2,187.98
Piscataway	21.00	92.00*
Plainfield	313.25	3,166.02*
Putnam County	45.12	85.12*
Richburg	33.00	139.00*
Ritchie		95.00*
Riverside	573.02	1,386.41*
Roanoke	15.00	65.00
Rockville		24.35

Salem	15.00	595.00*
Salemville	23.00	87.36
Schenectady	17.50	135.00
Shiloh	335.70	2,204.20*
Stonefort	22.81	40.16
Syracuse		50.00
Texarkana Fellowship		22.81
Twin Cities	12.11	22.11
Verona		629.31*
Walworth		60.00*
Washington		66.00
Waterford	35.20	228.80*
White Cloud	88.29	418.86*
	\$5,890.47	\$31,824.84

Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & undesignated)	Non- Budget Gifts
Missionary Society	\$1,893.50	\$271.20
Tract Society	321.00	
Board of Christian Education	568.00	
School of Theology	505.50	27.00
Women's Board	195.00	
Historical Society	86.00	
Ministerial Retirement	664.50	332.47
S. D. B. Building	63.00	
General Conference	686.50	
World Fellowship and Service	17.00	132.70
Memorial Fund		100.00
Oneida Valley National Bank, fees	.50	
Balance, March 31	26.60	
	\$5,027.10	\$863.37

Comparative Figures

	1956	1955
Receipts in March:		
Budget	\$ 5,004.46	\$ 4,477.85
Non-budget Gifts	863.37	887.97
Receipts in 6 months:		
Budget	27,027.40	22,268.38
Non-budget Gifts	4,797.44	6,607.14
Current annual budget	74,113.50	70,750.00
Portion of budget raised to date	36.4%	31.5%

Respectfully submitted,

Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

*Rais'n' — These churches have exceeded total gifts last year to date.

This recent statistic presents a staggering thought: "96% of all Christian giving is spent on the 9% of the English-speaking people of the world." Jesus said: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring." — Robert H. Bowman.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. — 1 Thessalonians 2: 13.