

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Baptist World Alliance has recently held what is described as a very successful meeting of the Executive Committee in Washington, D. C. The committee is looking ahead several years with plans to meet in Ontario, Can., next year, Zurich, Switzerland, the following year, Rochester, N. Y., in 1959, and at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, just prior to the next World Congress in that city in 1960. These six study commissions have been named: Religious Liberty, Evangelism, Baptist World Missions, Doctrine of the Church, Doctrine of Baptism, Bible Study and Leadership Training.

Japanese Baptists met in July to plan for city-wide evangelism crusades in Japan. The crusades will help church members to become stronger personal Christian witnesses and increase the number of church members. Crusades will be held in 12 cities, which have not yet been chosen.

Church World Service lists the receipts during 1955 from member denominations and associated boards. Our churches are listed in this latter sense. We are credited for no gifts for general administration or for some other phases of the work but we are credited with gifts of \$290 for overseas programs, all used in Asia and other non-European areas. This went toward a total of about \$567,000 received from all churches for these areas.

A treasurer's report from the Greater New York Conference of Seventh Day Adventists involving 42 churches reportedly shows an average contribution per member of \$413.50 for the two-year period.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 16, 1956, at 2 o'clock in the School of Theology located at 58 South Main Street in Alfred, N. Y.

The purpose of the meeting is for the election of the board of directors and such other business as might properly come before the meeting.

Corporate Meeting of Tract Society

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, September 16, 1956, the annual meeting of the corporation of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J.

NEW RECORDER SUBSCRIPTIONS

A number of new subscribers have recently been added. They are receiving the important issues giving the outstanding actions of General Conference and some of the stirring messages delivered there. The Sabbath Recorder will be glad to start more new subscriptions with the first issue after Conference. It is our belief that no one who attended the sessions will want to be without those issues. Letters are being sent to the relatively few delegates not already on the list. Tell your friends about this timely, newsworthy, stimulating magazine which contains articles by writers from far and wide.

Births

Soper. — A daughter, Dawn Patrice, to Mr. and Mrs. Mynor G. Soper, of Los Angeles, Calif., on August 25, 1956.

Marriages

Brissey-Taylor. — Howell Eugene Brissey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Brissey of Salem, W. Va., and Mary Emily Taylor of Franklin, Ky., were united in marriage at the home of the bride on June 9, 1956. The new home is at 800 S. Washington St., Apt. A205, Alexandria, Va.

Obituaries

Lowther. — Mildred, daughter of Stillman F. and Sarah Davis Lowther, was born in Alfred, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1888, and died at her home in Salem, W. Va., June 12, 1956. Her survivors include two sisters: Mrs. Mabel Bond of Kent, Ohio, and Mrs. Clellie Sutton of Winchester, Va.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. S. Norton Lowther of Milton, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

As a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, she contributed faithfully of her time and means. As a citizen, she made a valuable contribution to her community as teacher, leader, and friend of youth.

Funeral services were conducted from her church by her pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, with interment in the local IOOF Cemetery.

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The Sabbath Recorder



LEMON HALL CHURCH, JAMAICA, B. W. I.

The attention of Seventh Day Baptists is focused on the twenty-five or more native churches of Jamaica as a new missionary and his family join the three white workers already on the field and begin this week the supervision of all the evangelistic and educational interests of our people on this verdant island.

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God has no other plan for the propaga-
tion of His Gospel in the world today
except the effectual witnessing of those
who bear the name of His Son. — John
L. Mitchell.

PREPARING MEN TO PREACH

It is the responsibility of church leaders — laymen and ministers — to prepare young men in each succeeding generation to preach the Gospel. New men must be encouraged to listen to the call of God and, having listened, they must be helped by their brethren to adequately prepare themselves for the work of preaching. If this were not already apparent we would need only to turn to the first four books of the New Testament where we would find the training of preaching disciples a major emphasis in the earthly ministry of Christ.

Any denomination which neglects the training of ministers automatically limits and shortens its opportunity to continue in the service of the Lord. That applies to our group as well as to others. Where do we stand in relation to that responsibility? Have we failed? Are we going to fail in preparing men to preach?

No, we have not failed to encourage men to hear the call nor have we completely fallen short in giving financial assistance in the higher education needed. We have not discouraged thorough preparation even though we may not have provided for it as adequately as we might have done. We have had, generally speaking, a well-educated ministry for many generations, even though it has only been recently that we have attempted to spell out minimum standards for accredited pastors. Now we have set a few rules easy to be reached by those who are young. There are some who enter the ministry after assuming family responsibilities who find accreditation a bit difficult to achieve if they have not been to college. However, in most situations, accreditation in a congregational type of church government such as ours is of small import and has little bearing on opportunities to serve.

We have also had throughout our long history some pastors and evangelists who were not very well educated. Regardless of whether or not we continue our present facilities for preparing men to preach, that same situation will probably exist. The tendency is for our young men to keep up their theological schooling far beyond the standard, with quite a number not stopping with even seven years beyond high school. Others

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have been blessed of the Lord in their work with far less formal education. Who can say that God will in the future refuse to bless those who would like more schooling but cannot afford it?

It is well known by those who have attended recent Conferences that Seventh Day Baptists are facing something of a crisis in maintaining the graduate-level theological school at Alfred, N. Y. We believe that when the college of liberal arts was established in that community it was definitely for the purpose of providing a college education as a background for Christian service in general and the ministry in particular. Now the college has become a university with state support for much of its program. The theological school, which is a part of it, is under pressure to enlarge, improve, and enrich itself so that it may become a dignified partner with the other schools in the university and meet the regional requirements for accreditation.

If all the requirements are met within the limited number of years allotted, the cost appears to be out of all proportion to the value received by the students or the denomination as a whole. More and better-paid professors with doctor's degrees should ensure some better training, but questions arise as to whether the preparation of those who elect to attend will be improved that much, and whether we can morally justify spending so much of "our world mission" dollar on so few men.

This issue was not debated on the floor of Conference this year as it was a few years ago but it was seriously considered by the Commission and the Ministerial Training Committee throughout the year. It was a subject aired more or less thoroughly by an open Conference Committee on School of Theology Interests chaired by Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston of Battle Creek. None of these three bodies came up with a proposed solution of the seminary question this year. That is probably why there was no discussion on the floor of Conference.

Democratic processes sometimes work much more slowly than dictatorial processes. We are sorry for the high cost of delaying those actions that we could wish

might be taken more speedily. Nevertheless, we do not envy the centrally controlled denominations. We know and are assured that two responsible bodies are now prepared to work out an acceptable solution to the problem of how to best use a just proportion of our denominational funds to assure a well-trained ministry in the years ahead. Let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their deliberations and upon next year's Conference which will be asked to endorse the results of their careful study.

ELEVENTH-HOUR LABOR

Our labor of love is often best expressed by our gifts of dollars. We recall the vivid picture created by the Lord Jesus when He told of the reward of eleventh-hour labor. To understand that parable we must assume that there was some good reason why those men seeking work did not appear in the market place until the day was nearly over. We also understand that there is room in the Lord's harvest field for all who are willing to work. At whatever time in life we are truly converted and unite with the church, there is work to be done. On our part we must not despise the closing hours of the day or speak ill of those who are now ready to work and to give of the fruit of their labor.

It is unusual to see in the report of our denominational treasurer a new church name appear in the eleventh month of the budget year as it does this time. Our readers will note with approval the generous gift of \$120 in August from the Bay Area Fellowship. It is the first gift of the year from this new group located in the vicinity of San Francisco. Undoubtedly individuals as such have given previously through other churches or direct. But looking at the figures as they appear on the back page of this issue, we are happy to see a new name listed. We will look forward to seeing something like that in the twelfth month or the early months of the Conference year from the other new fellowships or churches.

We hope our readers will take heart from the comparative figures on denom-

inational giving listed on the back page of this issue. Note how much better our churches as a whole did in the eleventh month of this year than in the same month last year. We must do as well or better in this last month if we are to come near the goal which we set for ourselves. In the Lord's harvest field precious grain will be wasted if we fail to harvest our appointed section. Or, if you want to put it the other way, there will not be money to pay the Lord's hired servants unless all of us who are His junior partners do our part and more than our part. The Lord has ample resources, overflowing blessings. Why should there not be such reserves available for spending in this earthly phase of His vineyard?

Problems in Rhodesia May Become Our Problems

Northern Rhodesia nearly swallows up the little country of Nyasaland, bordering it on the west nearly all the way down the map. What happens in Rhodesia therefore could very easily have a direct bearing on missionary work in the land where we have a growing educational, medical, and evangelistic work. The same was not true of the Mau Mau trouble in Kenya, for it lies far to the north with a buffer state between.

What is it that is disturbing the missionaries of Northern Rhodesia? It is nothing like the antiwhite uprisings in Kenya although we cannot predict whether or not this problem might develop into something broader and more tension-wrought than at present.

A 32-year-old native woman, Lenishina Mulenga, whom the missionaries have dubbed "Alice," claims that she has a direct connection with God and receives revelations from Him during a strange whistling (which the missionaries say she makes on a small instrument out of sight of the natives).

She claims that she died but that God sent her back to her people to help them. Her teachings are semi-Christian for she urges the people to give up witchcraft and repent of their sins. However, she also claims that there are two God-given books,

one for whites and one for blacks. When some Presbyterian missionaries refused her permission to preach in their church she claimed they had stolen her black book. She then attacked the New Testament calling it "a deserted village, a hollow shell." In the last 12 months people have flocked to the village of this African prophetess and 60,000 have been baptized.

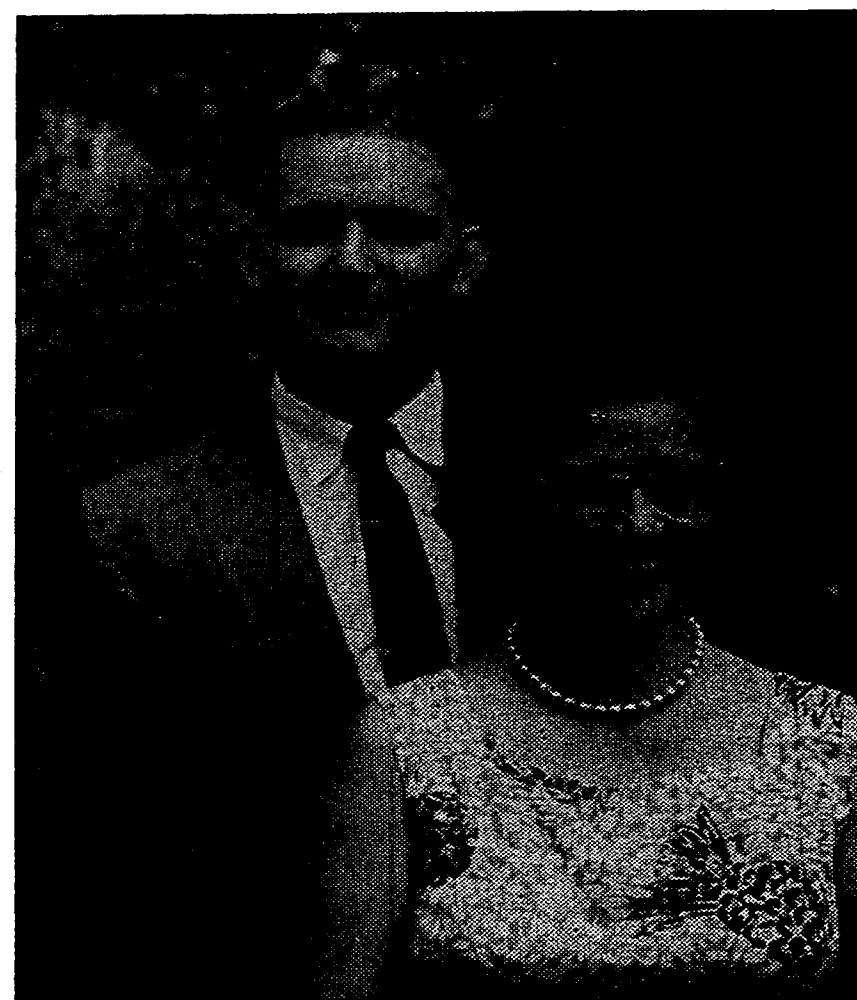
We say that these problems may easily slip over the border into Nyasaland, since there are no natural boundaries, and could plague the immature and poorly supervised churches of our faith in the northern half of the country. The day of false christs and false prophets has not ended in British Central Africa and, perhaps, not even in our own land. Will those for whom we feel a responsibility be able to withstand this half-pagan teaching if it seeps into their country? We hope so. Let us pray for our missionaries and the problems they face in spreading the pure Gospel.

Budget Promotion

The column by Budget Promotion Chairman Charles H. North, entitled "Rais'n's" was delayed by the long Labor Day weekend and failed to get into the last Sabbath Recorder. It was in the hands of the linotype man for inclusion in the issue when the August figures of the Denominational Budget treasurer came in, rendering Mr. North's ten months' comparisons a little out of date.

He had listed the 1956 goal for each church, the contributions toward or above that goal and, in a third column, the per member giving needed in each church during August and September to reach the goal. It was an interesting set of figures with an interpretation which should inspire us to reach the per member goal and the amount set for the whole denomination. Perhaps the figures can be recalculated in time for the next issue. But let us not wait for the last week of September before deciding not to let the Lord's work languish. Gifts may be designated within the budget or undesignated.

New Missionaries Fly to Jamaica



Rev. and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton

This young missionary couple and their three small children took the plane from Idlewild International Airport outside New York City at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, to fly to our nearest and best-established mission field on the Island of Jamaica, B. W. I. A flight of relatively few hours puts them in a land where there are few white people, where money, school systems, and local customs are widely different from here and where poverty is the rule, not the exception. Adjustment to the new life and duties will take time both for the children and the parents. They will need our prayers.

Missionary Secretary Everett T. Harris arranged their transportation and brought the new missionary family to the airport. In the seven weeks prior to his departure Mr. Lawton spoke, by invitation, in over 30 of our churches. Because of this and his appearances before Conference (not to mention his editing of the widely circulated *Mission Notes*), he is truly "brought on his way" with the prayers of people in all the churches. A few friends were present from Plainfield and other places to wish them success in their work.

MEMORY TEXT

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Hebrews 2: 1.

Dean Daland Honored

At its annual meeting July 18, the Board of Trustees of Milton College unanimously adopted a resolution honoring Dean John N. Daland who retired in June. A framed copy of the resolution was presented to Dean Daland. The resolution was prepared by Dr. Albert E. Whitford, '26, Professor of Astronomy and director of Washburn Observatory at the University of Wisconsin.

The text of the resolution follows:

John Norton Daland, a graduate of Milton College and a son of a beloved president of the college, has for more than forty years taught as a member of its faculty. For thirty-three years he has been dean of the college. He studied under some of the great teachers of the early years who did so much to set the tone and establish the reputation of the college. His years in the classroom have upheld and strengthened that high tradition. Under his influence many a student has been stimulated to an interest in the affairs of the mind; not a few have gone on to advanced study and to teaching careers of their own. As dean and as a leader in the intellectual life of the college and community, he has done much to foster lively discussion of the affairs of the day. As a man with courage to examine unpopular opinions with detachment and perspective, he has been a vigorous defender of our national heritage of freedom.

In this year of his retirement, the trustees of Milton College desire to express to Dean Daland their appreciation of his years of devoted service, and to join with his many friends and former students in wishing him many years of health and rewarding activity. — Courier.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for September 29, 1956

The Great Invitation
Lesson Scripture: Rev. 22: 1-5, 8-9, 16-21.

Evangelism on the Home Field

By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

[Taken from the tape recorder as it was delivered at Conference.]

For a third of a century, at least, I have been insisting that we are neglecting our home field for Seventh Day Baptists in favor of the foreign field. And because I have said so, I have even been accused of not believing in foreign missions. Let me say this morning at the beginning of my remarks that I wish we had a mission station on every continent of this earth and on all the islands of the sea, but in order to support them we need more people at home, and more churches at home, and more money. Courtland Davis reported at the beginning of this Conference (according to incomplete reports at hand) that we have lost 60 in our membership during the past year. That's what I mean! In order to support the foreign field we need to have a stronger home base. I believe in the world mission of Seventh Day Baptists but the home base must support it.

There's another reason why I feel that we are neglecting our home field. From these churches in the homeland, and usually from our smaller churches, we get our ministers, missionaries, and leaders. Just look around at this Conference. The pastor of this church came out of a little group down at Fouke, Ark. Dean Bond, who was at the head of our seminary for years, came out of Roanoke, a little church that has just been living for years and years. But he came from there. The very young man who has just shown us a replica of a new church in New Auburn came out of Little Genesee. We have here at this Conference at least two pastors who came out of Nortonville, and altogether we have had a half dozen who came out of North Loup, I guess. A church that's now dead and buried produced four, five, or six churches for this denomination. I am speaking of Welton, Iowa — not my home church but another one that's now dead and forgotten. We have a pastor here today from Stonefort, not too big a church. We have a couple of them here from Battle Creek. There

are three ministers at this Conference from Jackson Center. Do you see what I mean? Unless somehow we can maintain these little centers and increase them and deepen their spiritual life and evangelistic enthusiasm, we are going to run out of pastors and we need about eight or ten right now.

We must build up the home field. I say again we do not need evangelists one half as much as we need evangelistic churches. A hundred Billy Grahams would not bring to pass what has happened in America in the last few years. Faithful pastors everywhere were working but, also, laymen were working. Read your religious press and find out. Presbyterian men and Baptist men and Methodist men and United Church Men of the National Council and women by the thousands are bringing converts to our Lord, Jesus Christ. And a hundred Billy Grahams couldn't match it. I have here this morning a copy of the Pulpit Digest for this month, August, 1956. On the front of it is the picture of a young minister, Reuben Youngdahl of Minneapolis, Minn. This is what is said about the man on the cover: "If Reuben Youngdahl were asked to explain the phenomenal growth made out of a church in Minneapolis, for instance, in his 18-year ministry (the congregation has grown from 300 to 8,500 members), he would probably attribute it largely to laymen's initiative."

I do not expect you to accomplish in any degree anything that phenomenal. But that is the purpose for which I am starting out on the home field. I am glad, very glad for the over-all program provided by our Planning Committee and our Commission. I hope we use it. I think we should use every intelligent and well-conceived plan that we can find. But I would remind you that the New Testament Church didn't have any over-all plan except the plan of the Great Commission. Not a thing. Wherever the church today is really successful it is following the methods and techniques and principles of

the New Testament Church and that was a laymen's movement.

I will read you a few verses from the Bible that we think are so familiar to us.

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

If you will read on in the account you will find that very quickly, because of his success, Stephen began to be persecuted and was finally made the first Christian martyr. Then let me read a little following, "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles."

I wonder if the church today has missed that last phrase, "except the apostles." Those that were scattered abroad were not the apostles. They were the laymen. Let us skip again. "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." These were the laymen. "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them." All that Peter and John did after the revival was started in Samaria was to go down and look it over and see if it was strictly orthodox and give their o.k. to it. But it was a laymen's movement. Philip was a layman. Stephen was a layman.

Well, let me read a little further. I want to turn over to another chapter:

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen

[Remember these were the laymen, not the apostles.] travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spoke unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas [and he was another layman], that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul . . . [and he was another layman].

Don't forget when Barnabas went after him he was just a converted Jew. He was not one of the original apostles. He later claimed to be just as good an apostle as the rest of them — nothing but a layman when Barnabas went after him. When he had found him he brought him to Antioch. You remember the story. These that were sent out to be missionaries to the world — they were all laymen. Did it ever impress you



Missionary-Evangelist Loyal F. Hurley, left, greets Missionary Pastor Marion C. Van Horn on the platform of General Conference at Alfred, N. Y. Dr. Hurley recently moved from Alfred, N. Y., to Boulder, Colo. Mr. Van Horn, originally from the South, left a pastorate at Brookfield, N. Y., to take up work in the Southwest at Fouke, Ark.

that the only person named in the New Testament who is called an evangelist was Philip, one of these men who was appointed to serve tables? Europe and America extend from Antioch, not from Jerusalem. We are the inheritors of this laymen's missionary movement, proud of the church in Asia Minor, in Europe, in England, in America.

Now we have depended so long on ministers, on evangelists that I am not sure at all that our Seventh Day Baptist laymen will ever be willing to attempt soul winning. Our people may be like the community church in Fontana that I knew about some years ago when I was pastor in California. They got a new pastor and he called the official board together and said, "Now I want to lay out a plan to evangelize this community and win the lost to Christ." He turned to some of these deacons and trustees and said, "Well, how many souls have you ever led to Christ?" And one of the deacons with very open candor said, "Pastor, that is what we hired you to do." You know — all you men who are pastors, you know. You are expected to bring all of the souls to Christ. That wasn't the work of the missionary church of the New Testament. It was these laymen who were scattered about and went everywhere preaching the Word. It wasn't the apostles.

I am going to try — listen, now — I am going to try to enlist our laymen to go out among their neighbors and their friends and lead them to Jesus. That's what I am going to try to do. I may fail. God knows I may fail, but that's going to be my objective.

E. Stanley Jones says that the greatest mistake the apostles ever made was to divide life into the sacred and the secular. They said, "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word," and you can serve tables. You fellows, you do this secular work. Have you ever realized that that came to the climax in the Roman Church? The priest is supposed to do everything that pertains to religion and all the layman can do is to believe what he is told and do what he is told and furnish the money. And I think it is completely disrupting

the whole work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Listen to me! Any honorable work is sacred if God is in it. And the finest work in the world is secular if God isn't in it. I am supposed to go out and preach the Gospel. Let me tell you that if God isn't in my preaching it is secular. It is only when God is in our preaching that it is sacred. And when you women wash your dishes, if God is in it, it is sacred. God's early laymen who went out to win the world to Christ said that everything they did was sacred because God was in their hearts. And they served tables, and they made tents, and they kept up their witness and it was all sacred. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." That was the spirit in which they went. That is what I hope we'll catch again.

In closing, just one more word: Some of the happiest moments in my life have been those moments when I have been used of God to lead some soul to Jesus Christ. Some of them were Americans, some of them Filipinos, some of them French-Catholics, and others. And of course I should be happy if God can ever use me to lead another soul to the Lord. Please don't misunderstand me if I tell you frankly this morning that that will not be my primary aim as I go out on the home field. I will not be out primarily to win souls. I am going out primarily to try to get other people to win souls. I am going out to try to get our laymen to win souls and our pastors to win souls and to bring them to the Lord.

I am not interested in statistics. If God spares my life one more week I will be 70 years old and I don't care for any more statistics after my name. But I want some statistics after the names of our laymen and our pastors, and whether I succeed or whether I fail this will be the test. If a year from the time I am in a church, or two years or five years after I have been there, the pastor's report shows that the church is growing, then maybe I will have succeeded a little. Maybe it will come after I am dead. I don't care. I want somehow to get our churches to be evangelistic. I want our

laymen to get a passion to win men to Christ.

I want our churches to come back to the New Testament process and program and technique of the laymen — not the apostles, but of the laymen — going everywhere preaching the Word. And if there is going to be any success at all, it will not depend even largely on me, it will depend on whether you people in our churches, you folks here at this Conference, you people back home, begin to pray God will send His Spirit not only in my heart but in the hearts of our laymen until the love of Christ constrains us as we begin to do the work we should have been doing, lo, these many years.

Conference Correspondence

Brief excerpts from some of the letters of greeting to the Conference at Alfred, N.Y., from many parts of the world, selected and submitted by the acting corresponding secretary of Conference, Courtland V. Davis.

From Holland

The Lord bless you altogether in the experience of the community of the saints. . . . Enjoyed the visit of Brother Kenneth Smith last spring. . . . Brother Bruhn, Brother Kohler, and Sister Toss from Germany attended (our last conference). . . . Remember Brother Leon Lawton and his family when they go to the mission field. — G. Zijlstra, secretary, Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Holland.

From Jamaica

The Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference passed a resolution thanking the Missionary Board for sending Pastor and Mrs. FitzRandolph here as missionaries and for appointing their successors, Rev. and Mrs. Leon Lawton, to continue the work; and also wishing you (the American Conference) every success in the coming year.

[This letter will be printed in full.]

From England

. . . encouraged by the visit of Pastor Kenneth Smith . . . interest in the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Brazil. . . . Money (sent to Brazil) being used to print new Seventh Day Baptist tracts in Portuguese, Spanish, and German. . . . Remember our work and witness in your prayers. — James McGeachy, pastor, Mill Yard Church.

From British Guiana

We . . . plead that a leader of sufficient and approved qualifications of academic as well as religious fitness, be sent into this field.

Undoubtedly there are those who feel that the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society is

already carrying a sufficient load with regard to "Missions" and cannot undertake additional responsibility, especially when eyes are focused to see a failing budget of succeeding years. We are taught, nevertheless, and are properly aware, that if such is the limit we have set, then we are fallen into the rut to the satisfaction of the adversary, and the power of God to us is short-circuited through lack of faith. — Alex B. Trotman, chairman, British Guiana Conference of Seventh Day Baptists.

From Germany

Through the grace of the Lord we have had several consolations in the last year and were much blessed through the visits of Pastor Kenneth E. Smith and Sister E. Wilson from Philadelphia.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. — H. Bruhn, Vorsitzender, Deutscher Bund der Sieben-Tag-Baptistengemeinden.

From Nigeria

We need of you to join us in our prayers that the seeds sown here in the name of the Nigerian Seventh Day Baptist Church may find roots in our native men, women, and boys as well as girls yielding a rich harvest for the Master. — Oyibo N. Imegi, general secretary, T. O. Nwakomah, district leader, Nigerian Union Mission of Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

From Denmark

. . . encouraging to meet this beloved brother in Christ (Kenneth Smith) and through him to know more about you in America . . . a visit by Sister Ethel M. Wilson . . . who also shared the Word of God with us. We see much blessing in our work here and many turning to the Lord. — E. J. P. Hansen, pastor, Christi Menighed.

From Nyasaland

As members of the Central African Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, Nyasaland, B.C.A., we are joyed at this time to relay our greetings. Such was agreed at our annual conference which met at Makapwa Mission, July 12-15.

We especially are desirous of conferring our appreciation for the help and understanding you have given to us, both past and present.

May your Conference be a time of real spiritual outpouring. — Central African Conference, David C. Pearson, acting secretary.

From Des Moines

We are grateful for the happiness of the past year and its blessings, and the enjoyment that has come to us with the torch God has given us to carry. — E. Marvin Juhl, president, Des Moines Bible College.

From Los Angeles

. . . a new Seventh Day Baptist Church has been organized at Pasco, Washington, and is under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church. — Sarah Becker, chairman, World Missions Committee, Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church.

"The Light Shines Through the Printed Page"



Rev. Lee Holloway, Charles Harris, David Sheppard, and Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson looking over correspondence and Sabbath advertising material at General Conference. Mr. Dickinson (right), who has headed up for the Mid-Continent Association some successful advertising in "Copper's Weekly," shows three members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society how the work was begun and followed up. This tract work makes smiling faces not only for those who receive but also for those who give out the literature and write the letters.

Something New in Publications?

Two years ago Conference appointed a committee to study the publications of Seventh Day Baptists to evaluate them, and to determine what if any overlapping of effort existed and could be eliminated. The committee was headed by Rev. Victor Skaggs who for a time was the corresponding and field secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society. Although the rather widely scattered committee had to do most of its work by correspondence it brought to Conference last year a four-and-a-half-page report as printed in the 1955 Year Book (pages 21-25). The report was largely fact-finding but also contained observations and recommendations which have been considered during the year by the agencies involved.

Last year the committee recommended that a new committee be named to continue the study, one whose members could get together more easily. This was done. The chairman was retained and the following members chosen to serve with him: E. Wendell Stephan, Carl R. Maxson, Paul B. Osborn, and Earl Cruzan. The first two mentioned were unable to attend the two principal meetings scheduled.

Again the committee brought in a report for Conference consideration. The primary emphasis this time was setting as a future goal the publication of two major periodicals which, it was felt by the committee, would meet the needs of

our denomination both for evangelistic outreach and for denominational news. Although it was not expressly stated which of our present publications would eventually be discontinued under this program, it was assumed, we believe, that some would be rendered unnecessary. The gist of the proposal was that there be two monthly periodicals instead of the present weekly Sabbath Recorder, both of them of larger size. The one would be an inspirational journal omitting denominational news as such — something that could be used extensively to propagate the faith. The other would be primarily a news-carrying magazine with an abundance of pictures, which would bind our people together by providing information of what was being done both at home and abroad.

The three members of the committee present at the time were called to the Conference platform to explain the work and proposals mentioned above. (The report had previously been referred to the president-appointed Committee on Publishing Interests, chaired by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, which later reported to the Conference.) The members gave prepared statements and answered questions as time permitted.

The committee asked the General Conference to endorse these proposals as a future goal and to refer them to the American Sabbath Tract Society for study during the year. The members conceded

that there were many details that would have to be investigated before anything concrete could be adopted. The wording of their recommendation was as follows:

"The Committee to Study Denominational Publications recommends that the General Conference endorse this plan on publication as a future goal and refer it to the American Sabbath Tract Society for study for one year; their report on specific proposals to be made at the 1957 session of the General Conference."

When the committee considering this report came before Conference the next day, it recommended adoption of the report including the above recommendation. A motion made on the floor was to strike out the expression "endorse as a future goal." After brief discussion this amendment was passed by the body. The purpose of the amendment was to leave the Tract Society uncommitted in its study of the proposals. The delegates apparently were not quite ready to say that these two periodicals as presently outlined were the answer to our present or future needs as a denomination. When the full report of the committee appears in the 1956 Year Book it may well be the basis of serious study, not only by the Tract Board but, also, by church leaders throughout the denomination.

Yearly Meeting to Be Held

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held with the Plainfield Church on the weekend of October 13 beginning with a service on Sabbath eve and ending the evening after the Sabbath. Lodging will be provided and meals arranged for. This meeting has the longest history of any such gathering in the denomination. The Plainfield Hospitality Committee is anxious to get the names of overnight guests as soon as possible.

The habit of thanking God ahead of time for benefits about to be received has its firm basis in past experience. We can safely look upon it as a sure formula for successful prayer; because Christ used it. — Contributed.

Women's Society Activities at General Conference Noted

By Arabeth DeLand

The Women's Board planned four programs for the women at Conference.

The Wednesday afternoon program, for the whole Conference, dramatized how the Women's Board has been helping lone Sabbathkeepers by sending them packets of Sabbath helps. This play, "Are You a Candle," written by Mrs. Walter Wilkinson of Battle Creek, was ably directed by Mrs. Don Pierce of Alred Station. Mrs. Kenneth Davis sang "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Evert Percy. Mrs. Ray Polan closed our program with a meditation and prayer.

Special officers' meetings were held Wednesday evening at Kanakadea Hall. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston led the discussion about the work of key workers in the local women's societies. Mrs. LeRoy DeLand led the discussion on program suggestions for the presidents and program chairmen.

Thursday evening all the women were invited to meet at Kenyon Hall to discuss the work of the Women's Board. The group was divided into several small groups to facilitate more discussion of a questionnaire from the board. A summary of the opinions of the various groups was made at the close. Then the women's banquet was held at the Brick cafeteria. The local societies arranged for this meal with special favors of Glidden ware plates and floral decorations for about 250 women who attended.

The Friday noon luncheon meeting for all the women was followed by the annual meeting of the Women's Society. The president, Mrs. Russell Maxson, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hurley Warren led the devotions. After the reports of secretaries and treasurer, the printed annual report of the Women's Board was reviewed. It was mentioned that we had sent over \$300 to Mrs. Trotman, Mrs. Berry, and Mrs. Tyrrell in British Guiana at Christmas time. We were happy to learn that the "jeep" coin cards had been returned with \$1,241.16 to date. Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson has mailed 2,077

pieces of literature to the 130 families on her lone Sabbathkeeper list.

Mrs. R. T. Fetherston reported 90 letters sent to our churches explaining about our summer project of home missionary work. We received requests for help from 6 churches, but could secure only one helper. The total expense for traveling, \$7 a week personal expense money, and postage amounted to \$185.17. Miss Joyce McWilliam from Milton told of her many worth-while experiences in working in the Vacation Bible Schools at Palatka, Fla.; Paint Rock, Ala.; Nady, Ark.; and at the Southwestern Association's Camp Miles. She mentioned the interest and good attendance shown at each place, and said that the children at Nady, Ark., were the most regular in attendance.

The following officers for the board were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Russell Maxson; vice-president, Mrs. LeRoy DeLand; recording secretary, Mrs. Claire Merchant; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Walter Wilkin-son; treasurer, Mrs. Leo Lukens; Newsletter editor, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston; Women's Work editor for the Sabbath Recorder, Mrs. Lester Nelson.

How the Methodists Give

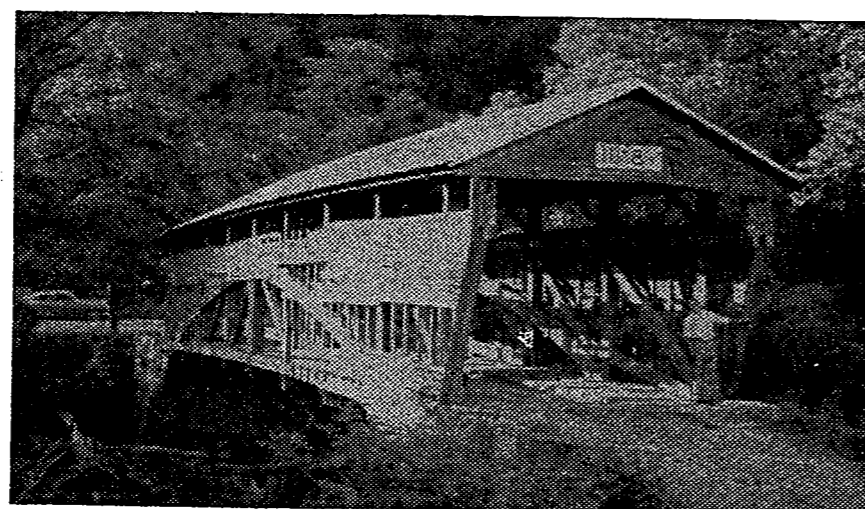
The editor of the *Alabama Christian Advocate* speaks of a quiet revolution in the missionary giving of Methodists. He speaks of tremendous sums added to the world and national mission funds through the new approach. This is an emphasis on giving by local churches to specific missionary projects or persons which has found a powerful new response among Methodists who like to "know where my money goes" and who enjoy feeling a personal relationship to the enterprise which they are asked to support.

The editor quotes Bishop Harrell as reporting that such voluntary special gifts now supply approximately half the income of the Board of Missions and half the income of the Commission for Overseas Relief. It is further claimed that this "personalizing" of extra gifts to missions does not decrease but increases giving to general World Service funds.

For Jr. High

COVERED BRIDGES

There are not very many of the old covered bridges still in use. On a recent trip we saw one well-preserved bridge in Pennsylvania along side of a modern steel structure. It was maintained only as an antique, a reminder of the past. No longer used to provide a safe crossing of the river, it merely housed a few picnic tables. Probably it was of great interest to curious boys and to young couples thrilled by its semidarkness.



The old covered bridge pictured here is not like the one mentioned above. It isn't as rickety as it might seem when you observe that half of the boards are off the sides. A teen-age boy nearly six feet tall is indicating with his outstretched arm the water level of the river a few years ago when most of the houses on the level with this bridge were swept down the river and strong young men like this one lost their lives in the swirling torrent due to a heavy rainfall.

This bridge survived that flood. It still serves the little village of Berea, W. Va., as its chief access to the outside world. Nearly a dozen cars crossed the sturdy planking of this wooden bridge while we were preparing to take this picture late on a Sabbath afternoon. A short distance above this automobile bridge with a clearance of 11 feet, 8 inches, is a swaying, suspension footbridge wide enough for only single-file walking. A mile or so down the river is another footbridge held up by cables. It was built by the community a year ago for the convenience of two elderly women who are constantly doing much unselfish work for the poor and needy.

Bridges are wonderful inventions whether they are giant feats of engineering skill such as the Golden Gate or George Washington bridge or whether they are more simple like the quaint one pictured above. It was a thrill to this writer some years ago to lead a group of Boy Scouts in the building of an arching footbridge out of native materials across a small stream. We needed the bridge.

The reason we have bridges of these various kinds is because we need them to get safely to the places we want to go. Did you ever stop to think that God has provided us the bridge that we need most? Christ is the way — the only way — we can cross the swirling waters that seek to engulf and drown us in sin. He gives us safe crossing for He was both man and God, the Saviour. He has stood the test of all the floods of the centuries gone by. Young people in the past have clung to Christ when their own houses were not able to stand. You, too, can safely trust Him. Let Him be your bridge to a new life and, in the end, to eternal joy.

Help in Hong Kong

The Church World Service program in Hong Kong has stressed rehabilitation rather than relief. Although the problems appear to be more than temporary, one cannot but wonder as to the future that awaits the hundreds of thousands of refugees who cannot hope to be permanently absorbed in Hong Kong, who are unwilling to return to Communist China, and who cannot gain permanent acceptance elsewhere. According to the Hambro Report published in 1955, there are 667,000 refugees. Their needs are many, their resources small, their opportunities few. Thus relief measures have been taken in certain emergency situations together with the rehabilitation projects. Nine refugee colleges have been organized in Hong Kong with a total of 2700 students. The problem for most of them is money to pay for fees and other expenses. Several hundred students are now being helped. They work two hours a day, five days a week, and in return are paid 80 HK dollars per month. Their work must benefit other refugees.

Jamaica Conference Sends Report To Our U. S. General Conference

By Grover S. Brissey
Acting Corresponding Secretary
(Written August 7, 1956)

Our recent superintendent of missions in Jamaica who has returned to the States will no doubt give a summary of the work done here. He will report his point of view and we hope we may not be duplicating what he has to say.

The past year of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference has been a very busy and active one in our island. The 1955 Conference, held at Post Roads, elected Rev. John E. Hamilton of Whitfield Town P. O., Kingston, and the Bowensville Conference of 1956 re-elected him to continue at the helm as president for the ensuing year.

Conference began on Wednesday, July 11, and ended Sunday, July 15. The welcome was given by Brother D. Brown of Bowensville and the responses were given by Sister E. Robinson of Higgentown and Sister B. Smellie of Kingston. After these the president gave his address, and later in the evening the evangelistic meeting followed with Rev. S. A. Thompson in charge.

Each morning throughout Conference, beginning very early, was the Quiet Hour which was led by different individuals from churches across the island. After breakfast the councils and committees met before the opening of the day's business session. Prior to each business session a short period of devotions was held.

Many and sundry types of business were transacted after discussion, and many opinions expressed. All business sessions ended very harmoniously and, from a business angle, our motto, "Go Forward," was obtained.

As already mentioned about Wednesday evening, evangelistic services followed at the close of each day with Pastor Lyons in charge on Thursday night, Pastor Burke, Friday night, and President Hamilton on Sunday night.

Sabbath morning services began with Sabbath school which was superintended by the local superintendent and the classes were taught by especially chosen members from various churches of the island. After

the close of the Sabbath school, Pastor Burke preached for Pastor FitzRandolph and after the noon-day meal the Women's Board gave their program. Next was the Vesper and Communion service headed by Pastor J. E. Hamilton and Deacon G. S. Brissey. An old-fashioned love feast was a rich blessing just preceding Communion. After Communion the fellowship handshake was the concluding part of the day's service.

Early Sunday morning after Quiet Hour at the church, a large congregation proceeded to the river (a little less than a mile away) where several candidates were baptized by Pastor Grant. This was another very impressive service of our Conference.

Following a short devotional period the business was resumed and completed for the 1956 session of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

The afternoon was given over to a special program given by the Young People's Board.

Later in the evening Brother D. Brown of the Bowensville Church was ordained as a deacon. All the pastors and deacons who were present assisted with the procedure, Pastor Thompson being chairman for the service.

The concluding service was the aforementioned evangelistic service which was in charge of Pastor Hamilton.

The Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference passed a resolution thanking the Missionary Board for sending Pastor and Mrs. FitzRandolph here as missionaries, and for appointing their successors, Rev. and Mrs. Leon Lawton, to continue the work; and also wishing you (the American Conference) every success in the coming year.

We are hoping and praying that with the coming of our new superintendent and with the churches' high spirit, to make this new year a banner year for Jamaica.

Unless current trends are reversed, approximately 32 million husbands and wives now living together in the United States will be divorced, according to Dr. David R. Mace, in a recent issue of the "Woman's Home Companion."

Get the Conference Habit

[Portion of article in Sabbatarian Echoes, Lost Creek, W. Va.]

By Miss Lotta Bond

The annual General Conference is the best place in the world to get a spiritual pickup and a new appreciation of our mission as Seventh Day Baptists. If one attends quite regularly through the years it is like a great family reunion. This Christian fellowship is no small part of the value of Conference attendance. A true appreciation of Conference cannot be felt by one who only attends a session or two when the meetings are held within easy driving distance.

Plans are so carefully made and the schedule so arranged that there is something important to do every minute. Fortunately one does not have to participate in the whole schedule in order to benefit from Conference.

The first service each morning, "Conference at Prayer," was directed by one of our older ministers, while the morning devotions were led by young ministers or theological students.

Long reports, valuable to read for information but tiresome to listen to, are no longer read on the Conference floor. They are studied by committees which make recommendations to Conference.

One example of the programs was "The Light Shines Through History" in which Miss Evalois St. John, dressed in a lovely antique costume, related the story of "The First Sabbath School" as described by Cynthia Crandall. Rev. Albert Rogers led the children of the Junior Conference in singing some of the old hymns used in the first Sabbath school.

On the night after Sabbath, our three colleges dramatized a student's experience in college from registration to graduation, which was another example of the less formal type of Conference programs being presented.

Six sermons highlighted the general theme of Conference: "Happiness Through Spiritual Poverty," by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson; "Happiness Through Mourning," by Rev. Leon Lawton; "Happiness Through Meekness," by Rev. Kenneth Van Horn; "Happiness Through a Good

Appetite," Rev. Victor Skaggs; "Happiness Through Peacemaking," Rev. Luther Crichlow; "Happiness Through Persecution," Rev. Elmo Randolph.

Watch the Sabbath Recorder for these and other high lights.

Begin now to plan your budget and business to include Conference for the whole family at Milton, Wis., next year.

"The complacent assumption that we are already a Christian nation illustrates our need to awaken to our actual status as a crucially impoverished mission field." — Christian Century comment on Friendship Press book, Mission: U.S.A.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — Our pastor was absent from the pulpit for two weeks in July while at camp. It was good to hear him again on August 4. He left the following Tuesday, by plane, for Alfred, N. Y., to attend Conference. P. B. Hurley accompanied him. Pastor Wheeler was assigned a 30-minute Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount each day of Conference.

The high school class, coached by Mrs. Robert Henry, conducted a fine worship service on the eleventh. "Praise" was the theme. Clarence Boatman presided with others taking the different parts of the services. Marjorie Lewis gave the children's message. Two young people shared the speaker's rostrum as well as the subject, "Victory Through Praise." Both Ellis Lewis and Donna Oswald spoke convincingly.

On August 18, our former interim pastor, Rev. T. Denton Lee, gave a message from the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians: "If we be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. . . ." At the close of the service he was privileged to baptize his future son-in-law, Darrell Jay Dodson. We rejoice in his start in the Christian life, and extend a wish for happiness to the young couple. (He and Annabelle were married by her father in the church on September 4).

August 25 marked a return to more normal conditions. Camp, Conference, and most of the vacations over, a larger congregation surged back to hear Pastor

Wheeler's vigorous post-Conference sermon on "Prayer."

Many of our people were inspired by another Labor Day weekend Family Camp, with Phil and Jean Lewis directing. Professor Ralph Coon and Arlie and Edith Davis assisted. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fetherston of Battle Creek were visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Halterman (Lucille Maltby) who have come to Riverside with their two children, and Mr. Button of New York State, studying at a technical institute in Pasadena, were also present. These and others added numbers and interest, helping to make this camp even more blessed.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — Painters have completed putting new trim on the exterior of the church. Other workmen have placed patented closers on both the front and side doors.

The Northern Association meets with our church this fall. The probable dates (adjusted so as not to conflict with North Central Association) are October 12, 13, and 14. It is hoped that the new Conference president, Charles Harris, will be able to be with us.

Darrell and Lila Reefman are on an extended tour which will take them to points of interest to and from the Pacific Coast.

Members of the congregation who are or soon will be teaching school are: Nettie Fowler, Fremont; Minnie Reefman, Muskegon; Dean and June Barnett, Onkama; Leon and Margaret Mosher, White Cloud; Harold and Alberta Bakker at Battle Creek and Pennfield; Arthur Wunsch, North Muskegon; Joan Johnson, Lansing. Norma Rudert, and Pastor Babcock are on the list of substitutes. — Church Bulletin.

Accessions

Dodge Center, Minn.

By Baptism:

Silvester Stoeckel
David Payne
Phyllis Payne
Karen Phelps
Arlouene Van Horn
Lorna Greene
Dennis Lippincott
Diane Lippincott
Barbara Greene

The Sabbath Recorder

“And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury.” Mark 12: 41.

This treasury was not the treasury of a local “church” but the central treasury for the world mission of the Jewish Church of that day, corresponding to a denominational budget. The eyes of the ever present risen Lord are still observing how much and with what devotion His people give to His cause. Let us ask Him in contrite prayer how He views our giving “to others” during the past 12 months.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, August 31, 1956

Receipts		Non-Budget Budget	
August	11 mos.	11 mos.	
Balance, August 1	\$ 58.43		
Adams Center	72.00	\$ 801*	\$ 43
Albion	137.00	444	79
Alfred, 1st	561.85	3,472*	191
Alfred, 2nd	131.25	751*	263
Assns., etc.	2,241.53	2,816	
Battle Creek	486.81	3,027	1,579
Bay Area Fellowship ..	120.00	120	
Berlin	29.55	482*	
Boulder	106.60	497*	115
Brookfield, 1st	55.00	312*	
Brookfield, 2nd	52.60	403*	62
Buffalo		100	
Chicago	145.00	1,357*	100
Daytona Beach		501	20
Denver	186.10	673	185
De Ruyter		698	60
Dodge Center	5.00	381	60
Edinburg	6.59	196*	9
Farina	13.00	637*	
Fouke		119	
Friendship	25.26	178*	
Hammond	10.05	59	
Hebron, 1st		168*	
Hopkinton, 1st	116.50	1,197*	170
Hopkinton, 2nd	22.00	209*	100
Independence	51.00	620	44
Indianapolis	10.00	155	
Individuals	105.00	1,473	1,076
Irvington	25.00	525*	
Jackson Center		50	
Kansas City	30.00	240	
Little Genesee		483*	
Los Angeles	275.55	1,023*	198
Los Angeles, Christ's ..	20.00	86*	
Lost Creek	250.60	1,046	128
Marlboro	221.06	1,886	198
Middle Island	19.50	209*	
Milton	1,339.05	4,906*	872
Milton Junction	185.02	1,436*	22
New Auburn		68	
New York City		350*	
North Loup	130.00	526	163
Nortonville	131.35	890*	88
Pawcatuck	713.05	3,905*	278
Piscataway	31.50	191	
Plainfield	213.10	4,272*	532
Putnam County		82	3
Richburg	25.00	295*	72
Ritchie	13.00	180*	
Riverside		2,062	215
Roanoke	15.00	158*	

Rockville	12.24	56	
Salem	120.04	1,075*	
Salemville	35.47	155	24
Schenectady	18.00	266	
Shiloh	156.80	3,211	181
Stonefort	10.00	65	
Syracuse		50	
Texarkana		12	10
Twin Cities		54	
Verona	99.20	1,218*	126
Walworth		127	
Washington		138	
Washington, People's ..	20.00	20*	
Waterford	63.96	421*	122
White Cloud	49.27	712*	67
	\$8,970.97	\$54,321	\$7,462

Note: Figures in columns 2 and 3 are rounded to nearest dollar.

Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & undesignated)	Non-Budget Gifts
Missionary Society	\$3,860.53	\$ 229.94
Tract Society	455.82	
Bd. of Christian Education ..	806.56	
School of Theology	742.81	107.00
Women's Society	326.90	
Historical Society	122.12	
Ministerial Retirement	943.59	213.78
S. D. B. Building	89.46	
General Conference	974.83	
World Fellowship and Service	24.14	
Oneida Valley National Bank fees45	
Balance, August 31	73.04	
	\$8,420.25	\$ 550.72

Comparative Figures

	1956	1955
Receipts in August		
Budget	\$8,361.82	\$ 2,704.54
Non-budget	550.72	494.48
Receipts in 11 Months		
Budget	54,321.55	40,832.13
Non-budget	7,462.39	11,263.42
Current annual budget ..	74,113.50	70,750.00
Portion of budget raised to date	73.3%	57.7%

Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

* Rais'n' — These 33 churches exceeded last year's gift to date.

Announce 150th Anniversary

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of DeRuyter, N. Y., is celebrating the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of its organization on Sabbath day, September 29, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

All who have had relationship with this church in times past as well as present members and friends are cordially invited to attend the special services on that day.

Eternal Life

“The stars shine over the earth
 The stars shine over the sea;
 The stars look up to the mighty God,
 The stars look down on me.
 The stars shall live for a million years,
 A million years and a day;
 But God and I will live and love
 When the stars have passed away.”
 — Anonymous.