

The Sabbath Recorder

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.

"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.

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OUR NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

When the news reached us a few days ago of the appointment of the new executive secretary, it was too late to prepare the sort of article we would like to have in this issue. Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston of Battle Creek, Mich., is the new secretary, taking office at the beginning of the new denominational year, October 1.

As president of the Women's Board for several years and in other important posts Mrs. Fetherston has displayed good executive ability. She has already served on the Planning Committee and has been closely associated with the work of the Commission. She has a keen mind, practical know-how, and a strong interest in foreign and home mission extension, as the record will show. She also has editorial ability as seen in the Women's Board missionary booklets and newsletters. We believe that she has what it takes in persuasiveness to promote the financial side of "Our World Mission."

Some of us have known "Doris" since college days. We look forward to working with her both from the point of view of the editor of the Sabbath Recorder and in the interboard relationships over which she will preside in her new office. Probably most of us had not thought of the office of executive secretary in terms of a woman but that is no reason for assuming that the right woman cannot handle the position as well as a man. We are glad to say that we do not know of any woman in the denomination more likely to make a real success in this work. Furthermore, as a successor to the late A. Burdet Crofoot, we think that she will bring to the office much of the same attitude and emphasis that he so admirably carried as the first incumbent of that position in our denomination. We believe that she will do remarkably well in implementing the decisions of Conference and Commission and in correlating the work of the boards and agencies in all fairness. Our people, we believe, will support her 100 per cent in her difficult work in our behalf.

The new executive secretary will be announcing her own plans very shortly as to where her office will be set up. Space, of course, is available and waiting in the Seventh Day Baptist Building. She and her husband have their own comfortable

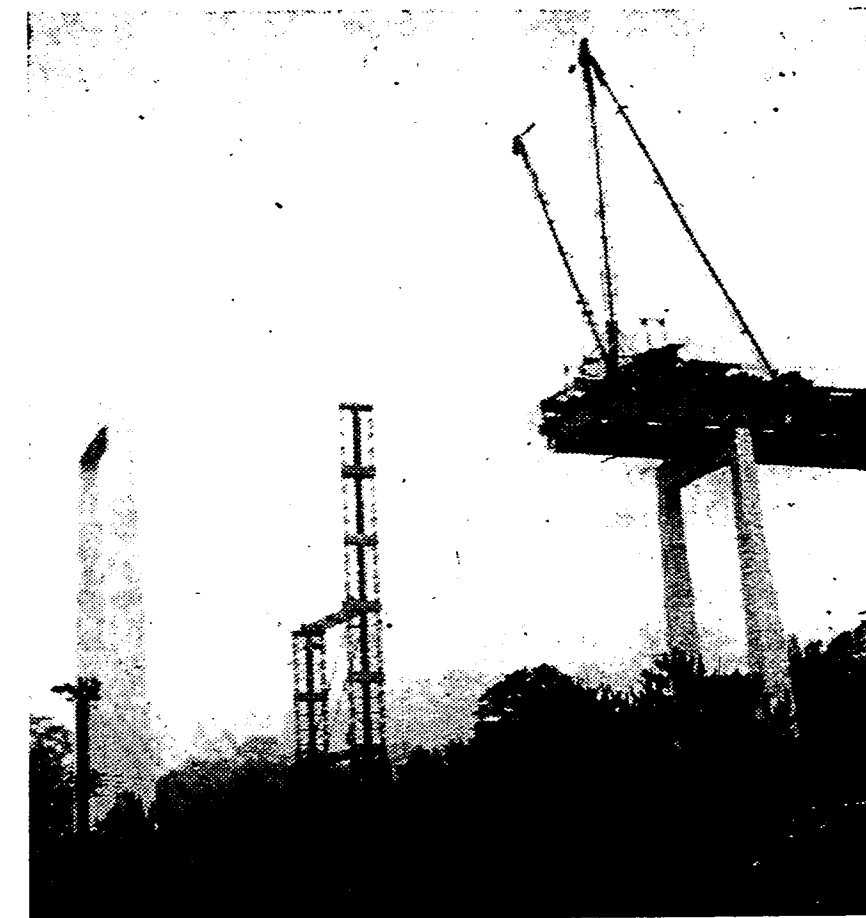
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home in Battle Creek where they have lived for many years. Mrs. Fetherston is a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Holston for whom Camp Holston at Battle Creek was named.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Anyone whose travels have taken him through Scranton, Pa., by auto has no doubt wished that there were some better way to continue his journey than to twist and turn, stop and go, over the several miles of marked routes in that mountainous city built over anthracite coal mines which honeycomb its substrata. These are days when taxpayers are more or less willing to go to tremendous expense building nonstop highways through congested areas and over difficult terrain. The fact that Scranton has both these deterrents to progress has no doubt delayed the bypassing of its city traffic longer than in other cities.



The accompanying snapshot suggests that the answer to the motorist's prayer is on the way as far as Scranton is concerned. We understand that the unfinished highway bridge pictured here is a link in the Pennsylvania Turnpike extension which will make a north and south superhighway through the eastern part of the state comparable to that which for

many years has made possible (and legal) more than mile-a-minute speeds from east to west through rugged mountains.

Accustomed as we are to modern engineering feats, this picture, as it first broke upon our view on the way to Conference, took our breath away. Our camera could not catch the magnitude of this effort to bridge the deep valley just north of the city. We could only guess at the tremendous dimensions of the reinforced concrete columns standing against the leaden sky waiting to be bridged. The one pictured here near the center of the valley is the one next to receive the steel girders for which the giant cranes perched on the overhanging edge are even now groping on the ground below. We marvel at the master minds which planned such a bridge and we admire the courage of the workmen, too small to be seen, who are directing the construction up there on "the growing edge." Some of them will probably be riding the next steel girder as it goes into place.

It was probably not such construction as that described above which Isaiah prophetically foretold in the opening verses of the fortieth chapter of his book but the words are beautifully applicable: "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain."

This leveling of hills and valleys at Scranton was seen, as we have said, on the way to our annual Conference in August. The application of the picture to our own denominational work has been much on our mind since that time. Occasionally we get letters from discouraged, disaffected people who pronounce woes on our denomination. They would perhaps like to think that our people are standing on the brink of despair, as if this were a picture of a washed-out bridge which we were trying to repair.

Perhaps others would say that Seventh Day Baptists are now working out master plans and have at last geared their machinery to the age in which we live—that we now have the programs we need and can make great advances. Folks have

sometimes commented that much of our emphasis has been on better machinery.

For our part, we would like to think that our people are poised on the edge of a great project which we may call, as has been suggested, "Our World Mission." But machinery will not accomplish it, much as it may help. The directing, the manipulating, the working must be done by the little, almost unseen, people who are willing to venture out from the hill-top to the extremity of present construction and look ahead to the next pier and to the one beyond that. We have the power at our finger tips, like those steel workers, to do great things. Have we the courage to take our stand where the fearful turn back? Have we the devotion and zeal to work the equipment and to swing out over thin air to do that portion of the Lord's work assigned to us? These are the questions that face us in connection with our mission work of printed page, spoken word, and exemplary lives.

We might remark that such courage must be based on absolute trust in well-laid foundations. In our case we are sure that our foundation is the Word of God. Absolute dependence on that revelation of the will of God is what started our denomination centuries ago, what has attracted people to us in the generations between, and what will give us courage to venture forth in years to come. That Word centers in Christ. We are anchored to the Rock as we seek to raise up in the desert "a highway for our God."

A New Bible For The Blind Of Japan

On August 6, 1956, there was a large service at the Ginza Church in downtown Tokyo, as both sighted and blind persons came to celebrate the completion of the New Japanese Kogotai (colloquial) Braille Bible for the blind of Japan. This Bible is in 32 volumes requiring five feet of shelf space. The Old Testament is in 24 volumes and the New Testament in 8. As the new edition is in the language which all the people of Japan can easily understand, it will be widely welcomed by finger-tip readers wherever Japanese is spoken. There are 140,000 blind persons in Japan.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

For almost one year your Commission has sought for a person with vision and courage, with patience and leadership, with the abilities needed to co-ordinate our work as Seventh Day Baptists. We have looked to the possibility of employing many persons, but each time, somehow, the door was closed and we went further in our search.

Today we rejoice in our hearts that we have found one who has accepted the position and is well qualified to do the work. The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will be Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, 476 North Washington Avenue, Battle Creek, Mich. She will begin her duties the first of October.

We call upon every Seventh Day Baptist to support our executive secretary with prayer. We suggest that you watch the Recorder pages as she brings to each of us something of her hopes for our future as a denomination. We urge each individual to respond with his time and talent as she leads out in co-ordinating OUR WORLD MISSION. — Albyn Mackintosh, Chairman of Commission.

MUSIC CONTEST WINNERS

By Mrs. Gleason M. Curtis

The Conference year has ended and the first year of our music contest has come to a close. Following are the winners in our original Hymn and Gospel Song Contest:

Hymns

First place — "It Was in an Upper Room" — words and music by Mrs. Eva Millar of Battle Creek, Mich. Tying for second place — "In Sun and Star" — words and music by Mrs. Eva Millar; and "The Christ Militant" by Irwin Fitz Randolph of Milton, Wis. (Words by T. C. Clarke.)

Gospel Songs

First place — "When Jesus Was Here Among Men" by Mrs. Ina Hevener Ford of West Union, W. Va. (Words by A. J. C. Bond.) Second place — "Only a Lowly

BIBLES FOR WEST POINT

Situated on the side of the mountain, some fifty miles north of New York City, with the majestic Hudson River flowing at its feet, stands our nation's foremost training center for future Army officers, the United States Military Academy at West Point. This world-renowned post has long been the pride of America, and through its rigid routine and high standards have come a great many of our most heroic and stalwart military leaders. Opened in 1802 with ten cadets, 145 years later the authorized cadetship totals 2946.

Two outstanding graduates of this famous Academy, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Douglas MacArthur, have repeatedly proclaimed the need for America to return to its proper state of moral and spiritual values. It seems only fitting, therefore, that the American Tract Society, instituted in 1825 "to diffuse a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality," should again present Bibles to the incoming class, a practice established 86 years ago.

An impressive ceremony is held in the massive flag-draped Cadet Chapel, when each cadet is given a specially-bound copy of the Scriptures, with his name imprinted in gold on the cover.

Our country can maintain its moral and spiritual life only through an intimate knowledge of God's Holy Word, and a personal acquaintance with Christ Jesus, the Lord.

Our fellowship together in making this possible is not only a privilege, but a challenge. — American Tract Society, 21 W. 46th St., New York 36, N. Y.

[The above society, not to be confused with our own American Sabbath Tract Society, is highly respected by us for its great work and should be included in our prayers. It provides general Gospel literature of high quality whereas we supply good quality literature in a more limited and specialized field.]

Manger" by Mrs. Alena Bond of Nortonville, Kan. (Words by Margaret La Mont.)

The final judging was made from the nine hymns receiving the highest rating. In addition to the three winning hymns were: "A Hymn" by Mrs. Ahvagene B. Clarke, Chalfont, Pa.; "The Light of God Is Falling" by David S. Davis, Bridgeton, N. J.; "Christ's Own Words" by Dr. Edwin Whitford, Westerly, R. I.; "Hymn of Praise" by Mrs. Ina Hevener Ford, West Union, W. Va.; "Thy Sabbath, Lord" by Miss Carol F. Harris, Salem, W. Va.; "A Breath of Prayer" by Miss Nathalie Davis, Bridgeton, N. J.

The four Gospel Songs receiving the highest rating besides the two mentioned above were: "The Object Lesson" by Mrs. Alena Bond, Nortonville, Kan.; "What Is That in Thine Hand?" by Mrs. Alena Bond, Nortonville, Kan.; "I Am The Way" by Mrs. Rae W. Ray, Pasadena, Calif.; "Jesus Met My Need" by Dr. Alice Mackintosh, Los Angeles, Calif.

These and some others will be kept on file for possible printing at a later date. We feel this was a worth-while effort and hope that many will try again this year.

Some of the judges made suggestions and criticisms of the compositions which were passed on to individuals. Perhaps this will help them in their composing for this coming year. Criticisms which all should note are, "There is so much sameness — so much like well-known hymns," and "More care should be taken in harmonizing, watching parallel octaves and fifths."

All in all, this has been a good beginning. Let's keep progressing. Begin now and compose another hymn or Gospel song for this year's contest. Contest rules are available from the chairman as before.

We are asking that compositions be sent in this year by **March 1, 1957**, which is a month earlier than last year.

May the Lord give you a new vision of His fields of service and a new devotion to His work. Make your contribution of music as unto Him and as a witness for Him.

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things" — Psalm 98: 1.

[Address communications to Mrs. Curtis at 4145 Orange St., Riverside, Calif.]

"It is impossible to govern the world without the Bible." — George Washington.

***Rais'ns** Budget Promotion Committee

For some nine months this interim committee has been encouraging Seventh Day Baptists and their churches to increase their support of our world evangelism through gifts to the Denominational Budget. Some might regret that so large a portion of this column's attention should appear to be concentrated on the minutiae — dollars and cents — rather than upon the glorious and inspiring aspects of the work we are trying to accomplish through our gifts. We have come to feel that board executives, missionaries, and others should and do furnish the inspiration — our assignment was rather to watch the monthly figures and try, as we were led, to interpret budget giving in terms of the "average member," such as you or I. Please forgive us if we have ever trod too heavily on our needle!

Noting the date on this issue, we are suddenly aware that September 29 is the last Sabbath of the Conference year. This week, then, is the last chance you and I have to raise the 1955-56 budget in full. After treasurers have closed their books this month, we shall embark on "Our World Mission." What we do this week will tell the story! So let us get out last week's 11-month budget figures and see what we find.

Past discussions here have pointed out that \$2.60 per average member more than our 1954-55 gifts would raise the \$74,114 budget in full. This works out to \$2.39 for 11 months. We find that Plainfield, Irvington, Farina, New York, Verona, Edinburg, Berlin, Brookfield 1st, Adams Center, Los Angeles Christ's, and Chicago — 11 churches with 10.6% of all "SDB's" by the 1956 Year Book — have exceeded this 11-month goal and incidentally the 12-month goal as well!

Looking at another side of the picture, our calculations showed that the "grand average member" gift would only have to be \$12.00 or one dollar a month to raise our full budget. To date a slightly different 11 churches, totalling 14% of all "SDB's" have exceeded this target, i.e., Plainfield, Chicago, Irvington, Daytona Beach, Pawcatuck, Milton Junction, Marl-

boro, Schenectady, Waterford, New York, and Verona (again in descending sequence).

These 18 different churches each deserve the highest commendation! But in praising God for stewardship in and by these churches, let us ever remain charitable toward those others which have failed so far to reach our arbitrary and possibly unjustified goal for reasons they know best.

A third type of goal was established from the calculations mentioned above: a dollar target for each church. The list which follows shows each member's and church's additional share necessary, on the average to raise the budget in full — this week! The first 6 churches have already gone over the top, others can do it almost for pennies, and still others can do it if one or ten or more consecrated members will pray over it in September. A generous and prompt response, especially from the 3 churches more than \$2,000 behind, or the 7 churches more than \$1,000, or the 14 churches more than \$500 behind could add up to \$17,860, or 24% of the whole Denominational Budget! Let's all think on these things and "talk about money."

WILL YOU TRY?

A LAST CALL FOR 1955-56

	Balance Needed		
	1956 Goal	Per Member	Total
Irvington	\$ 398	-\$4.54	-\$ 127
Farina	414	- 2.70	- 223
Plainfield	4,020	- 2.39	- 253
New York City	310	- 1.34	- 40
Edinburg	191	- 0.16	- 5
Berlin	476	- .15	- 7
Hopkinton 2nd	221	.29	12
Chicago	1,390	.79	33
Richburg	324	.84	28
Adams Center	889	.85	88
Brookfield, 1st	352	.92	40
Washington, People's	31	.93	11
Goal		1.00	
Verona	1,354	1.24	135
Friendship	232	1.25	54
Los Angeles, Christ's	98	1.47	12
Ritchie	303	1.53	122
Nortonville	1,155	1.72	265
Jackson Center	150	1.97	100
Brookfield, 2nd	578	2.22	175
Roanoke	223	2.22	64
Boulder	762	2.24	264
Hebron, 1st	327	2.32	158

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	1956 Goal	Per Member	Total
Salem	1,793	2.46	717
Middle Island	293	2.60	83
Syracuse	81	2.60	31
Dinuba	16	2.60	16
Hebron Center	26	2.60	26
Little Prairie	29	2.60	29
Walworth	177	2.76	50
Old Stone Fort	194	2.94	129
Albion	813	3.05	369
Hopkinton, 1st	1,790	3.10	592
New Auburn	307	3.11	238
Indianapolis	366	3.20	211
Lost Creek	1,441	3.46	394
Piscataway	324	3.57	132
Genesee, 1st	958	3.74	475
North Loup	1,425	3.74	899
White Cloud	1,047	3.80	334
Average Gift		3.85	
Alfred, 1st	5,148	3.87	1,676
Alfred, 2nd	1,799	3.98	1,048
Los Angeles	1,445	4.04	421
Waterford	544	4.10	123
Dodge Center	868	4.13	487
Fouke	525	4.15	406
Rockville	334	4.15	278
Pawcatuck	4,916	4.16	1,010
Putnam Co.	145	4.20	63
Shiloh	4,612	4.34	1,401
Denver	1,180	4.44	506
Marlboro	2,476	4.46	589
Washington	291	4.60	152
Salemville	506	4.79	350
Hammond	231	4.89	171
Independence	955	5.01	335
Milton	7,574	5.37	2,667
Milton Junction	1,987	5.62	550
De Ruyter	1,295	8.29	597
Daytona Beach	762	9.32	261
Battle Creek	5,998	10.35	2,971
Paint Rock	179	10.54	179
Riverside	4,700	12.62	2,637
Twin Cities	177	13.60	122
Schenectady	548	14.81	281

Hymns for Childhood and Youth

Sponsored by the Women's Board, an attractive booklet of twelve hymns has been brought out for general use. The words and music of these new childhood and youth hymns were written by Mrs. W. D. Millar, 18 Terry Court, Battle Creek, Mich., from whom the booklets are available at a nominal price. They were on display at General Conference. Mrs. Millar was one of the winners of the denomination-wide hymn-writing contest conducted during the past year. Her prize-winning hymn was sung at one of the evening worship services at Alfred.

MEMORY TEXT

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Genesis 2: 3.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in its August Report from the Capital, noted with alarm and disappointment the fact that Congress in a surprise action a few hours before adjournment agreed to pay claims of over \$8,000,000 to the Roman Catholic schools and religious orders in the Philippine Islands. This was for damage allegedly suffered by those schools during World War II.

Although some Protestant institutions will receive some of this huge grant of money, both the National Council of Churches and the National Association of Evangelicals had vigorously opposed passage of this bill sponsored by Rep. John W. McCormack (D., Mass.). The claims of the Roman Church had previously been rejected under the War Claims Act of 1948. It appears that the claims for damages and services rendered to our troops are unjustifiable and that this is another unfortunate step in the direction of breaking down the distinction between church and state. The interdenominational Protestant organizations mentioned above contend that all just claims of American-affiliated religious bodies in the Philippines had already been paid.

James Marlow in a syndicated article has described the earlier speech-making of one of the presidential candidates as "having the touch of the literary dancing master pirouetting among the epigrams," and entrancing some intellectuals. He says the candidate has changed his style now.

There are perhaps a few evangelists and pastors who campaign for Christ on some such cultural level and end their speech-making without notable victories. Others of equal intelligence and training, recognizing that the Gospel is for all the world, not just the upper strata, make a successful effort to speak to the heart as well as to the head. This is evangelism.

Missions

Commissioned and Sent Out

At an impressive service held in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sabbath afternoon, September 8, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, newly elected missionary to Jamaica, B. W. I., and Dr. Victor H. Burdick, missionary to Nyasaland, were commissioned before a large gathering of New England church members and friends.

Following the commissioning service an informal reception was held in the vestry of the church where there was opportunity to become better acquainted with our new missionaries who are being sent to "preach the Gospel" for us in Jamaica and Nyasaland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton and three children left by plane from Idlewild International Airport at New York Wednesday,



day, September 12, at 12:15 p.m. The farewell party at the airport consisted of Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary of the Missionary Society, Rev. Leon M. Maltby, secretary of the Tract Society, Dr. Victor Burdick, and Mrs. Maltby. Members of the mission in Kingston, including Principal and Mrs. Grover S. Brisse and Miss Jacqueline Wells were on hand to welcome them upon their arrival at King-

ston, Jamaica, at the Palisadoes Airport at 8:30 that evening. They found that their rented house (where the FitzRandolphs lived) was newly repainted, or nearly so. However, the cook who had been retained to help them get started with Jamaican food and cooking problems was ill and they had to eat temporarily with the Brisseys at 29 Charles Street. Their goods had not arrived from Los Angeles. The problems of customs and a driver's license were solved in a few days by persistent effort. The Jamaicans were planning and extending gracious official welcomes when the first letter to the missionary secretary was written September 15. Our prayers go with this devoted couple as they enter upon this new task for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom.

Dr. Victor Burdick, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Burdick of Waterford, Conn., the past year has served as resident doctor at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. Several years past he felt the call to become a medical missionary and has been preparing himself to that end. When a call was extended by the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board to serve as medical missionary in Nyasaland, Africa, he replied: "There continues to be no doubt in my mind but that I wish to serve our Lord in foreign medical mission work and that I prefer to do such service within the influence of Seventh Day Baptists. Thus I would humbly and gratefully accept the call extended by the Missionary Society to serve in Nyasaland." Dr. Burdick will take a semester of studies at Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn., before leaving early in 1957 for work at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland.

From David Pearson's Letters

July 29, 1956

At this point I anticipate the need and joy of someday having a Land Rover at my finger tips. I want to begin expressing my appreciation even now. The extra power made possible by the double set of gears — high and low ratio, and the 4-wheel drive — also, the rigidity of the springs for carrying such loads as the work necessitates, make the vehicle ideal.

August 24, 1956

I wish you could have a more complete insight into the work here and into the lives of the people among whom we are seeking to labor. I am enjoying my work and find it quite rewarding. Discouragements come but they also "come to pass."

We are all quite well at present. God's goodness has truly been manifest in many ways. The heat is setting in now. Nights and mornings are quite cool yet, but the sun is growing intense again.

Makapwa is busy these days. Bricks are still being made. One kiln of 64,000 was recently fired and another is being built. We would like to complete 3 kilns before we leave off. The church will require between 50,000 and 70,000. There is also the new machine building, medical buildings, water tanks, etc. The foundation of the machine building is in and in a week or so I hope to begin construction of the actual building proper. Personally, I shall be happy for the day when Makapwa Mission gets set up to function and functions and when the money ceases to pour into brick and mortar.

As to our northern trip — if I have the car in time I am planning on leaving September 17 for the Central and Northern Provinces for a month.

Note: A check for \$1,396.81 was sent Aug. 23, 1956, which makes possible the purchase of the Land Rover. When added to the amount already at hand this more than covers the purchase price. The additional amount may be used to equip the car for safety and comfort.

World Wide Communion

Are you planning for the observance of World Wide Communion, Sabbath Day, October 6? This observance can have much meaning. By observing it we will be drawn into a bond of brotherhood as we join Christians the world around in coming to the Lord's Table. May we make this a service of reconsecration as churches endeavor in these fall months to revitalize their members for greater accomplishments for our Lord and Saviour. "The church can be strong only as the individual members are strong."

Men and Missions Sabbath

Sabbath Day, October 13, is being suggested as an appropriate date for the

observance of Men and Missions Sabbath in our Seventh Day Baptist churches. If this date does not fit into the church program, another date may well be chosen during the fall months.

On this day it will be found inspiring and helpful to encourage the men of the church to take over the Sabbath worship service. They may bring messages on the theme "Our World Mission." The theme may cover any phase of our denominational work but it is hoped that special emphasis will be given at this time to our missionary efforts at home and abroad.

OUR AFRICAN MISSION

By Loren Osborn

Chairman of Missionary Board Committee on African Interests

Note: The following address was given at General Conference as part of the Missionary Board's program. The first portion of the address reviewed past missionary efforts in Nyasaland and is omitted as being fairly well known by our readers.

But enough of past accomplishments — it's always nice to review a successful operation, but it has never been known to aid progress to stand around patting oneself on the back. To remove any complacency that these past remarks may have given you, let's tackle the problems of the present, of which there are quite a few.

In the order of their importance, we must consider the evangelistic program as taking first place. Now here in Nyasaland, among Central African Conference members and the people with whom they come in contact, there are many opportunists, as there are elsewhere. And in spite of the emphasis placed on evangelism and church growth by the staff, numbers of new members are not as large as might be expected when compared with other church affiliations working there. But here is a major point on which we must rely heavily on Superintendent Pearson and his maturing judgment. He has written repeatedly that the Conference is making church membership requirements very strict with the intention of being sure that all those who are taken in are truly converted, and not carried along on a tide of emotionalism or opportunism for personal motives. This policy has been worked out by Pastor Pearson with the

Executive Committee of the Conference, and has the backing of the Missionary Board and, I believe, the denomination as a whole. But while this is a problem, it would seem to be a step toward a solid membership for the future.

Tied in with this is the problem of salary for the local pastors who have worked and are continuing to work so faithfully for the cause of Seventh Day Baptists in Nyasaland. The staff of Makapwa Mission wrote individually to Secretary Harris about this problem, pleading that something be done to improve the conditions under which these faithful men labor. At present these pastors are paid at the rate of one pound a month from the treasury of our African Conference, these funds being contributed by the individual churches. That pay is pretty low, even by African economic standards, since it is less than half the amount paid to the lowest grade teacher in the village primary schools, and less than two thirds the rate for ordinary manual labor. What contributes even more complications to the problem is the African sensitivity. Taking secular work to augment their living wages is considered disgraceful, and puts the pastor in a bad light with the people to such an extent that his influence is damaged and his ability to lead the congregation is greatly hindered. The fact that the mission seemed to place more emphasis on education because of the relatively higher wage scale, provoked a problem that demanded something more than promises. There again, we have to rely fully on the judgment of Superintendent Pearson and his Executive Committee to work out the details, but the budget for Makapwa Mission includes an item of \$600 to be turned over to the Central African Conference treasury at the rate of \$50 a month to assist in raising the living standards of those pastors.

Another problem for the present is the need for more schoolteachers. We need teachers of our own faith, and of our own training as soon as they can possibly be obtained. We also need to train advanced students who can assume pastorates and positions of lay-leadership in the churches.

(To be continued)

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR OCTOBER

Prepared by Susa Patterson

[Mrs. B. P. Patterson is a member of the Denver Church. She is one of ten living children, ages 65-85, of Russell J. Maxson, a pioneer for the Seventh Day Baptist faith in America. She and her husband have five grown sons, one of whom is state parole director for the State of Colorado.]

Topic: "One Body Throughout the World"

Planning for World Community Day on November 2 — (Parcels for Peace)

Scripture: John 1: 46-49; Acts 10: 25-35

Hymn: We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Devotional Thoughts:

Our Scripture tells us that Nathanael was very skeptical when Philip told him that they had found Jesus of Nazareth of whom the prophets had written, saying, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" We, too, are inclined to think that nothing good can come from helping our neighbors overseas. We say, "They're always having wars, and always will." Nevertheless, if we are Christian we dare not shirk our responsibility to the starving and displaced persons overseas who need our help.

James says: "What doth it profit . . . though a man say he hath faith, and hath not works? . . . If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? . . . But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2: 14-20).

Through selfishness and neglect we are gradually losing our convictions, we are greedy for more money, more leisure and more pleasure, neglecting family and private prayer, public worship, and our duty to help our fellow men to acquire these things. Luxuries smother the soul.

It is distressing to lose something we value highly, but there is always a chance that it may be found, if we know about

when and where we lost it. Yet when we lose the presence and power of the Holy Spirit from our lives, through indifference and neglect, it is so gradual we are unconscious of its loss, making it almost impossible to recover them. But God says He is more anxious to give the Holy Spirit to those that ask, than an earthly father is to give good gifts to his children. "Ask and ye shall receive."

We are one body in Christ, throughout the world. Peter says: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him" (Acts 10: 34, 35).

We must enlarge our vision, get a true picture of world needs. We know that the only true permanent peace must come from God. Let us read again our original orders: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "For lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." What an honor and privilege to have such a co-worker as our own Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, thus insuring success at the start. Without Him we can do nothing.

Let's carry out this Gospel-spreading command as we meet on World Community Day (Nov. 2) by placing in every "Parcel for Peace" a Gospel of John, and praying that those that receive them may be saved and enjoy God's "peace that passeth all understanding." We know this cannot fail, as God says His Word will not return unto Him void.

"HANDS"

Hands are a strangely holy thing!
Wise men who worshipped the Infant King
Reached out their hands with gold and myrrh.
A woman in Palestine felt a stir
Of ineffable healing, warm and sweet,
When she touched His robe on a village street.
He touched the Magdalene dark as night
And her soul became a chapel of light.
He touched Simon Peter, weak as a clod,
And Peter became a fortress of God.
Time passes, but hands are holy still,
On a city square, on a country hill;
And each new morning the Divine
Needs humble hands like yours and mine.
What wonder! You and I can be
Co-workers with Eternity!

— Grace V. Watkins,
in Haven of Rest Bulletin.

Reports Requested

About six weeks ago the Board of Christian Education sent blanks to all the churches regarding the activities in Sabbath school, Vacation Church School, and the Youth Fellowship. To date only 30 churches have sent in the reports, and some of them are not complete. To those who have not returned the reports, please take time to do a thorough job of getting the statistics, and send them to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y., as soon as possible.

Blanks have been sent recently to known directors of Seventh Day Baptist church camps asking for statistics from this summer's camping activities. It is our desire to have all camps reported so that they may be recorded in the 1956 Year Book. The camping program of Christian education has many tremendous possibilities for the teaching of the Christian way of life and should be used to the greatest possible extent, not only with and for the youth but for every active member of the church. We hope that all camps from overnight to several days' extended camps will be reported. If you know of anyone who has attended a camp that you think might not be reported or not known to the secretary of the Board of Christian Education, let us know. R. E. Z.

President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School

Devereux C. Josephs, chairman of the President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School, has invited five leading educators to conduct "workshops" in five regions of the country to prepare for regional conferences to be held next spring.

The "workshops" are intended to lay the groundwork for the regional conferences and to recommend ways in which the President's committee can stimulate discussion and action in the various regions on the problems of post-high school education.

In his letter to the educators, Mr. Josephs said that the regional conferences "should result in the distillation of experi-

ence and opinions that will, on the one hand, aid citizens, administrators, and officials to meet those problems of prime importance and, on the other hand, aid the President's committee in reaching conclusions and formulating the recommendations it is obliged to make to the President."

In appointing the committee last April, the President requested the committee to develop proposals, "through studies and conferences," for bettering opportunities for post-high school education. The regional conferences are a result of this charge.

In addition to the regional conferences, the committee will conduct studies of its own, the results of which are to be included in a report to the President by the end of 1957.

Subcommittees have met throughout the summer and will report their tentative findings to the whole committee at a meeting in Washington, D. C., October 5.

Christian Education Week

Christian Education Week will be recognized in thousands of churches across the country during the first week of October (Sept. 30 - Oct. 7). Observed annually by practically all Protestant denominations and in every state, it is sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Although denominational and local customs vary, in connection with it most local churches hold Rally Day, an inspirational send-off for the year's work. During Christian Education Week, too, church schools make a concerted drive for new enrollments and strive to get their fall program quickly under way.

With "The Christian Leader and His Spiritual Enrichment" as a 1956 theme, observances this year will focus their attention on the teacher.

"In spite of better teaching methods and techniques, better literature and audio-visual materials, and better curriculum, the church school teacher is still the key to this phase of church work," declared Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, Christian education head for the National Council.

"The most important part of Christian education, aside from the Holy Bible and its revelation of God through Christ, is

the Christian teacher who gives voice and life to the Word of God."

Dr. Knoff noted also that most teachers, coming from a "background of Christian knowledge and experience," are resourceful and co-operative, have a sympathetic understanding of pupils, and a "deep, growing, Christian purpose."

He also said that during Christian Education Week many churches attempt to bring to the attention of their communities "the importance of Christian education to the culture of our times."

Youth News

Bible School at Fouke

The Fouke and Texarkana groups held Bible School July 23-28. There were five classes with 28 students and five teachers. The young people's class helped the teachers. Those who assisted were Janet Van Horn, Juanita Mitchell, Gaye Mitchell, and Meleta Monroe. Our pastor gave a flannelgraph story each morning and conducted our worship service.

The demonstration program was given Sabbath morning at the worship hour. The Bible School was a success and we look forward to having even a bigger and better Bible School next year. — Meleta Monroe.

Arkansas Youth Organize

The Fouke and Texarkana young people have organized a youth group called "Christian Comrades," with "Pastor Van" as our leader. We had our first meeting September 12, when we elected officers and decided to meet every other Wednesday night at different homes and to have several socials throughout the year. We are a new organization and are quite small but we are looking forward to the Christian fellowship that we will have together and the work that we can do for God as Seventh Day Baptist youth. — Janet Van Horn.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 6, 1956

In the Beginning, God

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 1: 1—2: 3.

A NEW CONCEPT OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING

By Rev. C. W. P. Hansen

[An address given at Conference]

Somehow from the very beginning this General Conference has given me a real thrill. I was thrilled with the theme chosen in which words of Jesus, "Ye are the light of the world," appear. I was even more thrilled at the way in which our Commission has emphasized that theme with their presentation of Our World Mission. And I was still more thrilled with that tremendous and wonderful basic outline prepared by the Planning Committee and the Commission giving our denomination a well-thought-out philosophy and a practical working plan of evangelism on the home front.

You and I as Christians are all of us inheritors of a dream — a dream that began some 35 centuries ago with a man who, as he fastened his faith on the idea of a single God, came to believe that his faith could be spread and would be spread and shared with others until all peoples of the world should share its advantages. That man is, of course, as you recognize, Abram. "In these shall all the families of the earth be blessed," was the word of God which Abram heard in the stillness of his soul as he yielded his life to the universal divine Spirit. And ever since that day those who have shared the faith of Abram, the great prophets of Scripture and, above all, Jesus himself and those who have through their ministry accepted that faith — they have keenly sensed that they have something so good, so precious, something giving such real and deep significance to human life and society that they could not keep it to themselves. They have felt that they were obligated, morally obligated, to share their faith with others.

A deep sense of mission pervades the writings of both Old and New Testament, as we read: "Arise, shine, for thy light has come." "My house shall be called an house of prayer for all peoples." "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all

the world." Such are the demands that constantly confront every reader of Scripture, and that eventually confront the conscience of those who dedicate themselves to the faith of Scripture.

It is the conviction of your Committee on Ministerial Training that we as Seventh Day Baptists have, in recent times, thought too exclusively about our ministers as pastors by giving far too little attention to evangelism, to the training of our ministers, and to encouraging and helping our ministers in evangelistic endeavors. We would not minimize the work of the pastor and the significance of a pastoral ministry in the churches, but we would greatly emphasize the work of the evangelist. And we can understand somehow, somewhat, I think, how this attitude has come about.

It is true that there has been some considerable activity within the Christian church and within Protestant denominations masquerading their evangelism which has fallen significantly below the cultural level of our time. We recognize that. But we do not believe that it is necessary, or that it is a necessary characteristic of evangelism. We believe that there can be an evangelistic program carried on by Christians, giving them an opportunity to effectively share their faith with others which maintains a high level of culture and of ethics.

We believe that the time has come to challenge our young people, Seventh Day Baptist young people, with a deep sense of mission, a sense of the mission of Seventh Day Baptists in society at large. In short, we believe that we as a denomination need to plan and need to launch an evangelistic program that will attract and challenge our young people — the very best and finest of them — to such a task. We believe that we need such a program, that we need to be committed to that program when it is fully developed. That program should be large enough, as has already been suggested, to absorb as many recruits to the ministry as we can possibly get.

We are deeply concerned about our isolated members. I was very much surprised at the figures given to us only a short while ago by our ladies in the

Women's Board program telling us that some 20% of our members live more than 40 or 50 miles away from our churches. We know a little of what it is to be isolated and not have church privileges, regular church privileges, with those of like faith and it makes religious life very difficult. We believe that with sound planning and enthusiastic effort churches, many churches — Seventh Day Baptist churches — can be raised up all over this land to the glory of God and to the blessing of human life and society at large.

We believe moreover that our young men need increased training and increased experience in this aspect of their ministry. The ministry is more than learning to pastor an established church. No minister's equipment is quite complete until he has developed the art of sharing his faith effectively with those who have not yet experienced it.

Toward that end the School of Theology has received from us a recommendation that they find it possible to incorporate additional classwork and additional practical experience in the curricula for the training of our young men in the art of evangelism, personal evangelism, public evangelism. We also suggested to the Commission as the result of our very first meeting that they develop an over-all denominational program deliberately designed to absorb and to use the young men that we can possibly recruit and train.

Now we believe that much of that experience in evangelism can be obtained while they are going to school. We believe that the denominational interest in our young men should take place when the man dedicates himself to the ministry and begins his training, not when he completes it. We think it's possible that summers might be filled with opportunities for religious work and for experience in the work of the ministry on the part of our young students in the ministry.

We also believe that it would be a very fine thing if at the close of their training, if at the graduation time, the denomination could say, "We have a place for you." By this we mean not

merely to settle the young man down as the pastor of a little country church or big city church, for that matter, but a place for him to associate himself with a mature experienced evangelist. We should say, "We'll put you in such and such a city. We have a nucleus of Sabbathkeepers there. We believe that in a year you can raise up a church." Now I think that an experience like that would give a tremendous thrill to a young man and would give him a strength and a depth and a power in his ministry that he could never receive in any other way.

Well, someone raises the question of the cost of such a program. Any business, if you were to go into business, would require an initial investment. But we don't go into business to lose our money. We are willing to invest, believing that we can obtain a return for that investment. And I believe, also, that while it will require an initial investment, an investment that may require some sacrifice and extreme effort on our part, I believe that the yield will be many, many times what we put into it, in members and in churches. And, of course, if you have more churches and more churches you are bound to have more financial income.

In short, our committee would urge then that you think deeply about our world mission and dedicate yourself personally to that mission — our mission under God to human society and need. We would urge you to help us hold this challenge for our young people. We would urge you to stand behind your Commission and your local pastors in developing a program of cultivated or cultured ethical evangelism that would enable us to give an effective witness to our faith, a witness of which we need not be ashamed, that will serve our isolated people with churches which they can attend, and will allow them to have the privileges that many of us have who live in our denominational centers. Let's get behind a program that will strengthen and expand the denomination and enable us to share with society at large that which we have found to be meaningful to ourselves and believe to be sufficiently worthy to prove meaningful and helpful to others as well.

MANY CHURCHES IMPROVE PROPERTY

How many of our churches have active programs under way for major or minor improvements of their property, church building, parish house, parsonage, camp, etc.? We wish we knew. The number is no doubt large. Perhaps if we had the full picture we would find seventy-five percent of our organized churches are doing some kind of new construction or major improvement. Why not let Recorder readers know about these things through the local correspondents? We would like to fill out the picture that comes to the editor's desk through church bulletins and private sources of information. Here are a few brief items of progress.

Adams Center has been held up by rain several times in making extensive repairs to the parsonage barn — garage.

Alfred did a big job of redecorating and painting the church and other properties before Conference, as has been previously mentioned.

Ashaway this year spent about \$800 to repaint church property including the parsonage. Within the year they have added considerable new equipment to the parish house.

Battle Creek has emphasized camp more than anything else in the line of physical improvement in recent months. Additional property has been bought and improved by extensive use of volunteer labor.

Berlin made some major changes in its church and parsonage facilities a little over a year ago and the members have been very actively helping the Schenectady Church with its new place of worship.

Boulder and Denver co-operate in the yearly improvements of the Rocky Mountain Camp which this year were considerable. In addition, the Boulder people have been fortunate in being able to buy a very nice house next door to the church as a parsonage. This replaces the parsonage across town which was bought a few years ago.

Daytona Beach, temporarily without a pastor, is considering more adequate liv-

ing quarters for a minister and his family. Fouke has succeeded in making the new missionary pastor quite comfortable with some parsonage improvements.

Kansas City is still hoping for the way to open up for their fellowship to own its own meeting place.

Los Angeles has reactivated its committee to secure a parsonage for the new pastor coming to them in November. There are still a few unfinished items in and around the new church building which are gradually being taken care of.

Lost Creek has not published what it may be doing to prepare for the new pastor now en route from Nortonville but undoubtedly some minor changes at least are being made in the parsonage.

Marlboro, to the best of our knowledge, has not yet broken ground for the new parsonage which is expected to be built within the year. A large percent of the money has been contributed. It will be located close to the church.

Milton still continues to develop its unusually fine camp building, which has been its special project for several years.

New Auburn, as has been mentioned, is in the process of building a fine new church largely with volunteer labor — a big undertaking which is moving along well.

Plainfield is content for the time being with refurbishing the church parlor in preparation for Yearly Meeting. New hymnbooks are on order. Extensive repairs to the masonry and the terra cotta roof will cost several thousand dollars in the near future.

The Putnam County Church in Florida will soon have a good-looking parsonage, largely through the labors of the pastor who now lives in the house.

Riverside has recently let a contract for a large new building at Pacific Pines Camp, and construction has begun. It is reported that \$400 has been contributed for the fireplace in the lodge and that a friend of the camp has offered to build it when they are ready.

The Salem parsonage has been newly painted this summer.

Salemville is in the process of building a much needed addition onto the back of the house of worship.

Schenectady is reported to be making

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good progress toward finishing the new church building on the eastern edge of the city.

Verona continues the finishing touches to the interior of the large addition to the church which has been in use for some time. Workmen of the church are also making repairs of considerable extent on the parsonage property.

White Cloud, as already reported, has recently renewed the trim on the church. This all adds up to quite a story, showing the general prosperity of our churches and indicating that places of worship are well cared for. Many of those not mentioned have made major improvements within the last few years.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. — Vacation Bible School was held in July for the church and community children with an average attendance of 70 pupils.

Pastor Delmer Van Horn was director, assisted by the following teachers: Ferris Whitford, Mrs. Grace Enos, and Mrs. Margaret Cook. Teachers' helpers were Mary Cartwright, Irene Wedge, and Nina Traver. Mrs. Leta DeGross of Buffalo assisted with the music and handwork.

A union baptismal service with the Richburg Church was held here in our church August 25. Pastor David Beebe baptized two from the Richburg Church and Pastor Van Horn four from the Little Genesee Church. — Correspondent.

BERLIN, N. Y. — On August 27 the family of Mrs. Ida Greene held open house helping her to celebrate her 89th birthday. She is next to the oldest member of the church. Earlier, on May 12, the Fellowship Group observed Mrs. Ella Wing's birthday at the monthly supper by providing a birthday cake with 91 tiny candles.

On August 23, a very successful Sabbath school picnic was held in the grove at the rear of the church. A good attendance, delicious food, and well-planned entertainment made the afternoon pass all too soon.

We had the pleasure of having Dr. Victor Burdick meet with us for an informal talk and question period on August 25. Our earnest prayers and good wishes go with him as he enters on his missionary work.

In July, Berlin celebrated its sesqui-

centennial, and five of our church men joined the "Brothers of the Brush" and raised beards. Arlie Greene won a \$10 prize.

Our men have met often with the Schenectady group to help in the construction of their new church building.

We were happy to learn that our pastor, who had received a call to another field, decided to remain with us for another year at least. The whole town would not know how to get along without him, and many call him "the community pastor." — Correspondent.

Mid-Continent Association Announced

A full weekend of services is planned for the Mid-Continent Association when it meets October 5-7 with the North Loup, Neb., Church. Seventh Day Baptist groups represented in the Association are the Boulder, Denver, North Loup, and Nortonville Churches, and the Kansas City Fellowship. Only two of our nine Associations hold their annual meetings in the fall although most of them have briefer semiannual fall sessions in addition to the spring meetings.

Northern Association at White Cloud

On the weekend of October 12, 13, and 14, the churches of the Northern Association are expected to meet with the White Cloud, Mich., Church. The local church is looking forward to a large gathering from Battle Creek, Jackson Center, Indianapolis, and other points in the area.

Dates for North Central

Word has been received that the third weekend of October has been selected for the fall meeting of the North Central Association, composed of the churches in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. More details will be given later.

Accessions

Little Genesee, N. Y.

By Baptism:
Mrs. Nellie Crance
Martin Wardner
Frieda Stone
Faith DeGross

By Testimony:
Mrs. Mary Enos

"When you speak of heaven let your face light up with a smile, but when you speak of hell just talk as you usually do."

— Quoted in a Conference sermon.

World Wide Communion



Many and varied are the artists' conceptions of the Last Supper. Some paintings have become so famous that church people have come to think that the institution of the Lord's Supper must have been just like that picture. The painters, regardless of their differing conceptions of the sacred scene, have done one great service. Almost all of them have pictured intensity, as in the painting reproduced here. We do well to look carefully at such a picture on World Wide Communion Day and then ask ourselves if we approach the Lord's Table too casually. Is our observance Christ centered?