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caring for her mother. The Austins have recently been transferred to Anchorage, Alaska, and Mrs. Brewer and Gary have returned to Riverside.

A box containing a gift for each day was presented Mrs. Payne for her convalescence by the women of the church, and very much enjoyed by other patients and the nurses, as well as herself. — Correspondent.

According to the TV Bureau of Advertising the brewers and distillers spent \$8,200,000 on TV advertising during the first three months of this year. This is reportedly two and one-half times the amount spent by automobile manufacturers.

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Marriages

Payne - Pierce. — At the First Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath afternoon, June 16, 1956, Norman E. Payne, Alfred, N. Y., son of Gordon and Loretta Metzler Payne, and Gladys E. Pierce, Alfred, N. Y., daughter of Richard and Bernice Jacox Pierce, were united in marriage, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, the bride's pastor, officiating. The new home will be at Alfred N. Y.

Births

Pickens. — A son, David Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pickens of Topeka, Kan., on June 6, 1956.

Bond. — A daughter, Karen Denise, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bond, of Topeka, Kan., on June 23, 1956.

Obituaries

McCarthy. — Jessie Moland, daughter of James and Ophelia Place Moland, was born in Alfred, N. Y., January 31, 1877, and died at a hospital in Somers Point, N. J., June 3, 1956.

She united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred in 1893.

Her husband, Charles E. McCarthy, preceded her in death several years ago.

She is survived by one daughter: Dorla (Mrs. Charles S.) Norton, Elkland, Pa.; four grandchildren: Jeanette (Mrs. Howard) Rexford, Endicott, N. Y., Harriet (Mrs. Charles) Fisk, Dover Del., Betty (Mrs. Kenneth) Cole-

man, Emporium, Pa., and Martha (Mrs. Phillip) Whitney, Nelson, Pa.; a niece, Evelyn Moland (Mrs. Roger) Thomas, Alfred, N. Y.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted from the Kenyon Funeral Home, Elkland, Pa., Wednesday afternoon, June 6, by a Rev. Mr. Buck, Presbyterian. Committal services at Alfred Rural Cemetery on the same afternoon were in charge of David L. Beebe, Supply Pastor, Richburg and Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Churches. H. S. W.

Beyea. — Edith Swinney, daughter of Dr. Curtis Ogden and Lurah Sutton Swinney, was born in Smyrna, Del., July 25, 1880, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., April 24, 1956.

She was married in New York to Ernway Beyea of Alfred on January 15, 1902, by Rev. George B. Shaw.

To this union were born three children: Richard S., Dallas, Tex., Lewis R., New Hartford, N. Y., and Grace Elizabeth, Alfred, all of whom survive.

There also survive two sisters: Mrs. Grace S. Dysart, of Greensboro, N. C. and Mrs. Ellen Cobb, of Asheville, N. C.; two grandchildren, a niece, and two nephews.

She united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred as an associate member in 1945.

Memorial services were conducted from the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, Friday afternoon, April 27, by her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. H. S. W.

Babcock. — August J., son of Joel B. and Susan M. Lippincott Babcock, was born at Humboldt, Neb., August 21, 1882, and died at Pawnee City, Neb., May 6, 1956.

Mr. Babcock was one of seven children. He grew to manhood at Humboldt, where he was a member of the now extinct Long Branch Seventh Day Baptist Church.

In 1904, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hays, who died in 1925. In 1927, he married Mrs. Alice Philpot.

Survivors besides his wife are three sons: Glenn, of Polk, Raymond, of Humboldt, and Lawrence, of Dawson; four daughters: Mrs. Vernon Amsberry, of Ansley, Mrs. Louis Nicholas, Mrs. Leonard Rowland, and Mrs. Don Brown of Pawnee City, all in Nebraska; two stepdaughters; a sister, Mrs. Herbert (December) Bailey, Denver, Colo.; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Pawnee City by Rev. Ward Merrit of Humboldt, and burial was at Table Rock, Neb. D. L. D.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY in Seventh Day Baptist community — Leonardsville, New York — Texaco filling station on main street with 4-room additional building suitable for serving lunches and a barn in rear for storage or mechanic work — price \$10,000. To obtain further information contact Leslie A. Welch, R.D. 2, Box 64, West Winfield, N. Y., or Harris Hazelton, Leonardsville, N. Y.



A GROUP OF BASIC TRAINEES (USAR) ENJOY EVENING SONG SERVICE

While many of our boys in their lower teens are enjoying religious camping programs many others like these in their upper teens have elected to discharge their military training obligation by joining the Reserve Forces. A certain amount of religious activity besides the weekend (Sabbath and Sunday) services is provided by the chaplains who accompany them on their overnight bivouacs. Chaplains Leon Plant (Episc.) and Theodore Kline (Presby.) are leading this service at Camp Drum in Northern New York.

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DUTY BRINGS BLESSING

The editor has just returned from his annual two-week tour of duty as a chaplain in the U. S. Army Reserve. The men and officers of the 78th Infantry Division located in New Jersey train one evening a week in local armories and then have two weeks of field training at Camp Drum, a stand-by camp open only during summer months for Reserve and National Guard units in the First Army area. It is located in Northern New York, about 20 miles from the editor's home church at Adams Center. Because of the proximity of church, relatives, and friends the duty, which is a bit irksome to some, brings many joys to the editor which would not be possible if he were sent to some other camp.

We are often reminded of the mother of Moses when this military duty takes us back to the country and the people that figured in those rich experiences of youthful days. When the baby Moses was found by the princess of Egypt, an older sister offered to look for a Hebrew woman to nurse the child. Instead of having her son destroyed, the mother received the baby back again and was paid wages to take care of him.

How many times in the experiences of life do we find the paths of duty leading us into the greater blessings. Not always in military life are we sent just where we would choose to be. More often than not the higher authorities cannot meet the assignment requests of individuals. Efficiency and military necessity require much of arbitrariness in top-level decisions.

It is not so in our Christian assignments. When we learn where God wants us to be stationed in His service, it is there that we most want to be. That is the place of happiness. Ask any missionary whether he wishes he were back home. Ask the pastor if he is happy in serving where he was called. Inquire of any consecrated layman who feels that he is doing what God wants him to do. Is he happy? Of course he is. Queen Esther was not in a position or land of her own choosing but she was persuaded that she had come "to the kingdom for such a time as this."

People ask us about the inconvenience of Sabbathkeeping. A fellow chaplain re-

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cently expressed the observation that Seventh Day Baptists probably got as much blessing out of the Sabbath as others did out of Sunday. We quickly assured him that he had struck upon the very essence of the question, for we enjoyed the blessing of doing the clearly expressed will of God and not the lesser blessing of a man-made substitute day. Yes, obedience to divine authority brings divine blessing in full measure.

How Do We Give?

Since our periodical is national in its scope we cannot publicize in detail the giving of each church to local work, important as that is recognized to be. We have to put the emphasis on the outreach of our whole denomination, the work of our boards and agencies as brought together in the Denominational Budget agreed upon by our delegates at the annual Conference.

How we give to missions and the other phases of our work is analyzed by our Budget Committee chairman in nearly every issue. There is another analysis by one of our missionaries in this issue. We hope no one misses the article by Mrs. David Pearson.

The figures for June are published earlier in the month than is usually possible. Perhaps because of a slightly earlier closing of the books a few churches are not credited with substantial contributions which are now in the hands of Treasurer Davis.

The largest-ever total for a single month is indeed encouraging. The treasurer tells us that the increase corresponds closely to the amount of money received from the memorial coin cards that our people have been so loyally filling during the past two months or more. The list of churches sending in special gifts is at hand but is being held for the next issue for lack of suitable space. Forty-five churches and groups are on record as giving these special little gifts to the Denominational Budget and the total is now close to \$3,500 (all included in figures on the back page or previously reported). Read the list when it appears next week.

OF LIFE AND TREES

Late one Sabbath afternoon recently it was the writer's privilege to walk through the woods which were so well known to him from the time he was 15 years of age. Every knoll, every hollow, every thicket, every sugar maple, and nearly all the other large trees were as intimate as old friends, because in daylight and darkness the cows might have to be sought out from thence to be brought to the barn for milking. It was there at calving time that the mother cows would instinctively hide their new-born calves; but that is another story.

The years have brought changes in that large patch of woods. Some five years ago most of the maples had reached their maximum growth and passed their usefulness for syrup making. Many of them were harvested for a special use. Three years ago the beech trees which had increased their girth and stature enormously had also been cut down. The tops, like giant strawflowers after a killing frost, still cluttered the ground with one log missing between the spreading limbs and the solid stump.

It was with some sadness that we noted the departure of the great trees we had known. But the sadness yielded to another reflection which might not be as true of other wood lots on neighboring farms. Here some trees were gone but the forest lived on. Young trees were starting in most of the places where old ones had been. In one area which was thick with small straight ironwoods twenty years ago, there had been little change, for such trees grow slowly and last long.

In another part of the woods there had been a mixture of young ironwood, hickory, and ash saplings with but few large trees towering above them. Sky and sunlight were theirs for the reaching. They had been reaching, and during the years the change was almost beyond our imagination. It seemed but as yesterday that they were of little consequence. Now they were strong and stalwart. God, through the rich soil and plentiful moisture, had smiled upon them.

It is even so with our lives. We retrace those haunts of our youthful days whether

in village or wood or far-flung plains. Some houses have crumbled; some barns have yielded to the wearing effects of the elements. The people, too, though not rooted to a given area of soil, are somehow tied with nature's apron strings and follow a similar cycle.

Maturity brings a perspective of viewpoint, a horizon extending in two directions. It is a joy unknown to youth and somewhat lost in old age. For many years we can stand, in the providence of God, looking both ways. Our memory includes both the vibrance of youthful experiences and the prospect of steady dependence on Christ in years to come. It is tinged with the remembrance of the loss of parents and many friends of the older generation. We need to take advantage of this position of objectivity which can rightfully be expected of us. These are the fruitful years, or should be. Let us examine ourselves and judge whether both God and man can see in us the fruitfulness that ought to go with mature Christian living.

Like trees in the wood the vast number of men are enjoying their years of greatest strength. Beside us stand some of our elders like sentinels and some of our juniors like saplings almost bursting their bark with growing pains. It is to such as we to whom the words apply, "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." This middle generation is entrusted with the teaching ministry, the financial ministry, the ministry of church leadership in most of its complex outreachings. Upon us rests the responsibility of the continuance of the church. From where we stand we should be able to take with steady, well-grounded strength the fall of some of the trees and the crowding by the younger ones. It is our responsibility to make sure that the church, like a forest, lives on.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
August 14 - 19, 1956
at Alfred, N. Y.



MEMORY TEXT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12: 1.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The "Light Shines" Through Our Denominational Organizations

Here is a brief outline of the program to be presented at General Conference by the four major boards and the Historical Society:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord" — (Sharing our religion with our young people — Mrs. A. Burdet Crofoot)

"That He May Teach" — (A dramatization arranged by the Religious Education Committee of the Southeastern Association)

"Go, Therefore — Teaching" — (The teaching mission of Seventh Day Baptists presented by the members of the Board of Christian Education)

"O Teach Me, Lord, that I May Teach" — (Service of reconsecration to the teaching mission)

MISSIONARY BOARD

"Missions in the American Tropics"

Introductory Remarks —
Secretary E. T. Harris

Report from the Field —
Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph

"What this Call Means to Me" —
Rev. Leon R. Lawton

"The Needs of the Home Field"

Tribulations of a Board Treasurer —
Karl G. Stillman

Aiding Churches to be Evangelistic —
Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

Activities of the Shepherding Pastor —
Rev. Marion C. Van Horn

"Our African Interests"

Reviewing Accomplishments and Plans —
Loren G. Osborn

Motives Which Challenge a Medical Missionary — Dr. Victor Burdick

TRACT BOARD

"Feeling the Presence of God"
(A brief worship period)

"Listening to Future Plans"
(The board workers speak)

"Seeing Plans Put in Practice"

(Picture stories from the field)

WOMEN'S BOARD

Presentation of the Annual Report

Dramatization: "Are You a Candle?"

(A Sabbath day in the life of a lone Sabbath-keeping family — written by Mrs. Walter Wilkinson)

Closing Meditation

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"An Ornament to Society"

(Flash-backs to early forms of Christian education in this "western country") —
President Albert N. Rogers, presiding

The First Sabbath School as described by
Cynthia Crandall

Dialogue: "About a Sunday Coat"

Songs in the Early Schools

The Way of Nonviolence

Our General Conference has a committee to counsel with conscientious objectors composed of Revs. Paul S. Burdick and Hurley S. Warren, and Albyn Mackintosh. The chairman calls to our attention the activities of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) and a 14-minute film produced by that well-known peace organization. It is entitled "The Way of Nonviolence" and may be rented for \$7.50 by any who are interested. The address is 21 Audubon Ave., New York 32, N. Y.

FOR not only expends great effort in combating the military preparedness program of the Pentagon but is active also in race relations problems areas. According to the printed report of the year's activities furnished us by Mr. Burdick, this organization "moved vigorously in support of America's most dramatic example of non-violent resistance, sending staff members to work at reconciliation projects in Montgomery, Ala., and in tension areas elsewhere in the South."

The Fellowship proposes increasing its budget for the year June 1, 1956, to May 30, 1957, from a previous \$116,036 to \$128,555. The article appealing for full budget support ends with these words, "Never in history have men been so ready to hear the pacifist message."

* *Rais'ns* Budget Promotion Committee

This week's back cover contains Denominational Treasurer Olin C. Davis' report through June 30, 1956. In the 9 months of fiscal 1956, budget gifts have continued to show the gratifying increase above the same period of 1955. Including most of the special gifts in memory of the late executive secretary, this month's total shows 55.5% of the year's \$74,114 goal reached as compared with 46.8% of a smaller budget at this time last year. This amounts to 74% of our 9-month goal compared with 70% at the end of the last two months, giving a faint indication that 80 or 95, or 110% of the goal can be raised by September 30 next. Will you do your part?

While a more careful analysis of the current figures must await a future column, certain facts might be pointed out here.

First we thank God for consecrated givers in Irvington, Edinburg, and Farina who have pushed their churches' total above or almost over the "goals" suggested earlier in these columns. Can't some of the rest of us make our special effort now so that next month's report will be even better?

Then there appears a new report from a church that is said to be closing its doors. The New York City Church gift, although it is a terminal gift in the distribution of church funds, is gratefully received. We regret the passing of this fine church more than words can express. The members of the church are in the process of transferring to other churches where their contributions will be useful in local and denominational work.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE!
Those planning to attend Pre-Conference Retreat register with:
Paul Green
Box 44, Alfred, N. Y.

THE SABBATH AND THE RHYTHMS OF REST

By Stanley W. Rasmussen

The writer of a newspaper article always tries to answer certain questions. He is taught to find out "why, how, when," and similar facts; and he tries to answer these queries as soon as possible in his story.

The Christian would do well to consider the Sabbath in the light of these basic questions. First, "why?" Why should there be a Sabbath, and why should we observe it? As a matter of fact, it is one of God's commandments, and that is reason enough; but Scripture notes that, "The sabbath was made for man," and we will consider that phase of it.

Man's life is governed more than we realize by rhythm: not always the rhythm of music as such, but far more, the larger rhythm of a constant recurrence of events. In recent years, it has been discovered that the human brain is a source of electrical voltages which increase and decrease about ten times a second. These changes have been charted in many thousands of records which are called "electroencephalograms." Details of the pattern vary from time to time, and from person to person; but the pattern — the rhythm — is always there, unless the subject is dead.

We could say similar things about the rhythm of the heart, the heartbeat. It also is always there, unless the subject is dead.

Just one more example, though we could suggest dozens. Sleep and wakefulness alternate to form a rhythm which mankind cannot do without. We can tamper with the rhythm for a while, by working nights for instance, without hurting ourselves much; but to dispense with it means committing suicide.

So with almost all phases of human life: there is change, but it is a recurrent change. The voltage is up, then it decreases again; the heart pumps, then it rests; the man works, then he sleeps, and wakes up to work again.

In all of these overlapping rhythms, the

seven-day week presents us with a different pattern, so that it seems that there is no biological place for the seven-day cycle.

The Sabbath, therefore, serves a spiritual need first. It is one of the things that distinguishes man from the animals. A man can work every day of his life and still be a fairly healthy animal, but he will not be a whole man. Unless a man spends one day a week developing his spiritual life, he is like a fighter who never trains. Sooner or later he will be knocked out.

The rhythm of the week, then, is made for man. The weekly cycle of days is tolerable because there is a break at the end of it. Both work and play stop, and then go on better because there has been a Sabbath to bless them. This is one of the least of the reasons for the Sabbath, and yet it would have been enough by itself.

By experience we find that the weekly Sabbath also satisfies physical needs, and that brings us to the second question, "how?" How should the Sabbath be kept?

First of all, remembering that "The sabbath was made for man," we note that it was made for individuals. One man's Sabbath observance may differ from another's, just as one man's heartbeat differs from another's. A person who has been doing hard work all week may want more rest than one who has been doing things that are easy for him.

Nevertheless, there are some rules set forth in the Bible and in nature. Voltage in the brain never drops to zero, the heart maintains blood pressure even while resting, people keep breathing — and sometimes thinking — even in their sleep. So, naturally, we should not expect the Sabbath to be a day of complete inactivity.

The best clue to the true observance of the Sabbath is found in Isaiah 58: 13, as follows: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord . . ." The clue is a paradox. We are not to do our

own pleasure, and yet we are to call the Sabbath a delight.

Another clue is found in Hebrews 10: 25, thus: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . ." One specific thing to do, then, is to go to church. Now it does happen all too often that going to church is not our pleasure. The people there may seem dull, the pastor may not be as inspiring as he should, the music may be badly done, we may just want to do something else. But going to church is a definite duty, a definite part of Sabbath observance, and let us not forget it!

The example of going to church illustrates Isaiah's paradox. It may not be our pleasure, but still it should help to make the Sabbath a delight. The paradox exists simply because our ideas of pleasure are immature. There are pleasures which are not enjoyed until a person is ready for them. For example, skating is not much of a pleasure when one first tries it, and this is true of many sports. To one who loves to climb mountains, one of the greatest pleasures may be to stand on top of some high peak, but this is a pleasure obtained only by great effort.

The meaning in Isaiah is really clear, then. The Sabbath is not a day for common everyday entertainments, but for pleasures that really count. Churchgoing is one of these, because worship is one of mankind's deepest needs, and the satisfaction of that need is one of our highest delights. The Sabbath is a day set apart, not for gloom or forced inactivity but for the deepest and most lasting delights we know.

Finally, a few words about "when?" The Bible and history agree that it is the seventh day of the week that is the Sabbath, and no other. No attempts to make another day the Sabbath have been or can be permanently successful. In addition, there is still another answer to the question, when. Read Hebrews 4, especially verses 9-11. There is coming a time when the delights of the Sabbath will be extended to all time, if time still exists. Then we will all be grown up enough to enjoy spiritual pleasures and

value them rightly. There will be no need to wonder how to observe the Sabbath because its Maker will be right there to help us.

In the meantime, we trust God to answer the questions we need to know now, and to guide us on the way.

Music Plans Made for Conference

All churches are being asked to send the names of vocalists, together with choir section, of those delegates who will be attending Conference at Alfred next month, to Eugene T. Van Horn, chairman of the Music Committee.

Director and organist will be Byron Emerson, minister of music at the Alfred Church since last September. Mr. Emerson is a talented musician who is on the staff of the Hornell radio station, WWHG.

Fred Palmer, who will be directing the men's chorus, has requested that anyone having a copy of Towner Quartet Book bring it with him.

Host Committee Chairmen Named for Conference

Plans are progressing rapidly at Alfred by the First Alfred and Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist host churches to make Conference this year as efficient and comfortable as possible for all concerned.

At a recent meeting called by Dr. H. O. Burdick reports were made by the following committee chairmen: Commissary, Fred Palmer; committee rooms, Stanley Butts representing the chairman, Gerald Burdick; flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Richmond; housing and registration, Mrs. M. E. Kenyon; information and mail, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thomas. Also, properties and public address system, Lynn Langworthy; publicity, Mrs. George Potter; rest rooms, Mrs. Gordon Ogden; transportation, Donald Pierce; ushers and pages, Robert Glover, Robert Lewis, co-chairmen; young people's activities and recreation, Evert Percy.

Missions

A Call to Sacrificial Giving

By Mrs. David Pearson

Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, June 6, 1956

Some time ago I opened a magazine which had been sent over from home and on the first page was a Bell Telephone advertisement. It pictured a bride and groom coming into their modern kitchen, with the following explanation:

"What, no kitchen telephone?"

"Of all things, Mr. Bridegroom! Surely you don't expect that lovely new bride to get along without a telephone in the kitchen! Maybe there was a time when one telephone seemed enough, just as one radio, and one bathroom, and one car seemed enough."

"But everybody is used to more comfort and convenience these days."

This afternoon I was reading a recent copy of the *Sabbath Recorder*. In the column, "Rais'n's," there was a quotation from one of Pastor Harris' letters, in which he told what effect an insufficient budget would have upon the work of the Missionary Board. I could not help contrasting these two quotations:

"Everybody is used to more comfort and convenience these days," and "He (Treasurer Stillman) states that we may soon have to consider retrenchment on some major field."

So I have stopped to write my thoughts in order that some who have these comforts might think.

Some of us here have momentarily considered "flying the flag at half-mast" at Makapwa, so that our expenses could be met with a smaller budget. Such would take away some of our important methods of outreach at the present. We wonder what you at home would think if we said we had to close the school or the medical work because of lack of funds to pay the helpers. Of course, we are getting our budget in full now, but if the Missionary Board budget is falling so low in order to give us ours, how long can it last?

Yes, everyone is used to more comfort

and convenience these days — most of the people in the Western world, that is. But relatively few Americans know anything about how the rest of the world lives, or at least they give little evidence of knowing. One radio, one bathroom, one car! Contrast that to the one-room mud-and-pole hut with nothing inside but a table, a couple of chairs, and a box to hold a few articles of clothing. Picture the above-mentioned modern kitchen alongside a little smoke-filled cook-house with a pot of corn mush supported by three stones over a fire. One of our most recently built and best houses on the mission is that of our Standard V teacher. During our past year's rains he made the statement that he could hardly stand anywhere in his house without being under a leak.

Well, the dream of ever having even one radio, one bathroom, or one car has not yet entered the mind of the average African. They could not imagine it for themselves. We know those of you at home have worked long and hard for the conveniences you have, and we want you to have those things necessary for your comfort. But we also want you to see the cry of the world. Will you give that these people might not lose their opportunity at education and necessary medical help, and most important, their opportunity to accept the Gospel and grow as Christians? Do you think it is God's will that Seventh Day Baptists diminish their mission work, rather than go on with the expansion that has been recently proposed? Cannot we at least give enough to missions so that our present work may continue? Then these people, though they may never have a car, radio, bathroom, or telephone, might have a chance to accept a home in heaven which will be far more wonderful than earthly comforts and conveniences.

Praise the Lord for new Fellowships worshiping on the Sabbath Day. Praise Him also for the new church at Pasco, Wash. — for their zeal and vitality. Pray that the Lord may bless their efforts and that they may grow spiritually as well as in numbers. — Intercessory Prayer Calendar.

FitzRandolphs Prepare to Leave Jamaica

Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph are concluding two full terms of service as our missionaries in Jamaica, returning to this country July 19, 1956. It is expected that they will come first to Westerly, R. I., attending the quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society on July 22. After a brief visit with relatives and friends it is hoped that they will attend Conference at Alfred.

As the director of the Missionary Board's work on the island and headmaster of Crandall High School, as the corresponding secretary of the Jamaica Conference of Churches, and as pastor of many of the churches, Pastor FitzRandolph's duties have been diverse and his load heavy.

It will be recalled that the FitzRandolphs accepted the call to this work in the fall of 1944 but were unable to secure passage because of wartime travel restrictions until February 18, 1945.

Mrs. FitzRandolph has assisted her husband during these years, sharing the responsibilities and the active duties of his many offices. On the annual occasions when Pastor FitzRandolph has been away supervising the British Guiana Mission field she has carried forward the work during his absence.

During their years of service they have seen, and assisted in, the establishment of Crandall High School. More recently they have given of their strength and talent to the Maiden Hall Country School extension project. They have aided and encouraged an evangelistic spirit among the churches resulting in an increased membership of approximately two hundred souls above the number listed in 1945. They have given of their very life and strength to this work.

As plans go forward for the return of the FitzRandolphs to this country, arrangements are being made to hold their rented home at 5 William St., Raintown, Kingston, until Pastor and Mrs. Leon Lawton arrive in mid-September. This will assure them a place to live until they can become adjusted to the city.

The FitzRandolphs' furniture has been purchased by the Missionary Board with the approval of their successors. It was considered that the price paid would be a saving over the shipping charges which it would have been necessary to pay in order to bring their furniture to this country and so send an equal amount to Jamaica as needed by Pastor and Mrs. Lawton and family.

Pastor FitzRandolph writes, "The Luna Church has arranged a farewell service for us on Sunday night; farewell by the Christian Endeavor, Wednesday (June 27); a farewell by the Kingston Church, Tuesday (July 3); a farewell by Crandall High School, Wednesday (July 4); an outing for us by the Kingston young people (July 8); Conference farewell July 15. Last Sunday evening (June 24) we were given a farewell by the Font Hill Church and community and were presented with a silver tea set and a linen hand-worked tea set.

Our Jamaica brethren are expressing their love and appreciation to our missionaries in their typically warmhearted and generous way. It must surely be a heart-wrenching time for the FitzRandolphs. We shall all remember them in our prayers.

Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference

The annual Conference of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Jamaica, B. W. I., met with the Bowensville Church, July 11-15, 1956. The Conference theme, "Go Forward," was chosen from the Scriptural text, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward" (Exodus 14: 15).

Rev. John E. Hamilton, pastor of the Bath and Font Hill Churches, served as president of the Conference and gave the president's opening address on Wednesday evening, July 11. An evangelistic meeting followed, the message being given by Rev. S. A. Thompson. Evangelistic services were presented Thursday and Friday evenings of Conference. Pastor Simeon Lyons conducted the service on Thursday evening. Pastor Vernon Burke was the evangelist on Friday evening.

Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph, corre-

sponding secretary of the Jamaica Conference and retiring missionary head, conducted the Sabbath morning worship service. Brother Grover Brissey assisted Pastor Hamilton in a vesper Communion service following the young people's program on Sabbath afternoon.

A farewell service to the FitzRandolphs was held Sunday afternoon followed by a concert. After the Sunday evening meal the installation of Conference officers for the new year took place. The final evangelistic service was conducted by the retiring president, Rev. J. E. Hamilton.

Crandall High School News

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brissey have now completed one year of service as principal and teacher at Crandall High School. They have helped to maintain the high standards of scholarship and personal conduct for which the school is known.

Recently the Crandall High School boys have entered the field of athletic competition with other high schools. Principal Brissey writes: "The boys so far are tied with the big schools. In fact, Crandall and Buxton are the tops to date in cricket. We can scarcely hope to win the 'Harrison Cup' but we are in the game to win as a Christian school. The school spirit has stepped up very much by having a little athletics."

He writes of "making use of our prospective ministerial students" by asking them to preach occasionally at the Sunday evening services of the Kingston Church. "One of our seniors gave a rousing sermon last night. Two Sunday evening services fell to me and I am using our boys.

"We have been so crowded with the schedule that we have not yet started the course in Seventh Day Baptist History. I plan to use it as a part of the Religious Knowledge course beginning in September, as part of the curriculum."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for July 28, 1956

Suffering as Christians

Lesson Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 3-9; 5: 6-11.

OPEN WINDOWS (Prayer)

Worship Service for August

By Mrs. Alfred Keller

Call to Worship: Daniel 6: 10-11

Hymn: "Just for Today"

Responsive Reading: Psalm 42

Prayer

Solo:

"Steal Away" or "When I'm with Him"

All day from that deep well of life within
Himself has He drawn healing for the press
Of folk — restoring strength, forgiving sin,
Quieting frenzy, comforting distress.
Shadows of evening fall, yet wildly still
They throng Him, touch Him, clutch His
garment's hem,

Fall down and clasp His feet, cry on Him, till
The Master, spent, slips from the midst of them
And climbs the mountain for a cup of peace,
Taking a sheer and rugged track, untrod
Save by a poor lost sheep with thorn-torn fleece
That follows on and hears Him talk with God.*

How often Jesus walked alone to a special place to find rest and restoration in communion with His heavenly Father. How deep and sweet was that fellowship. How great the need in the human heart of our divine Saviour for the fellowship with His God — no less the need in the heart of each of us for the fellowship of God. The Creator in His wisdom and love placed deep in each of us a longing for the peace and the security that can only be attained through the grace of our Lord in the acceptance of Him as Saviour. What relief and joy flood the soul of the prodigal who, having wandered far in search of peace, finally is willing to recognize and answer the call of the loving Father who has waited so patiently, calling so constantly for the fellowship He also longs for.

Prayer is that fellowship in its most important and most intimate form: the eternal in man in communion with the eternal God in the sweet fellowship of Father and son, through the beautiful righteousness of Jesus Christ.

To be like Jesus, all I ask is to be like Him. Christ in us, shining through us, reaching others, this only if we know the sweetness of His fellowship, the

* "The Kneeling Christian" by an Unknown Christian (Zondervan).

power of His resurrection, and the glory of His abiding presence in our lives each day. Moses' face shone because he had been with God; Daniel did not fear the lions because he opened his windows and his heart to God daily; Stephen saw His glory for he was full of faith and knew His presence.

This fellowship is not for just a few, for God is not a respecter of persons, and He loves us all and longs for each of us the best, yes, the very mountain-top experiences. The emptiness, the longing, the ordinary valley life of everyday press need not be the enveloping of our lives, for through prayer we can open the door to the glories of heaven.

"Yes, we need divine help for prayer and we have it." How the Holy Trinity delights in prayer! God the Father listens; the Holy Spirit dictates; the eternal Son presents the petition — and Himself intercedes. And so the answer comes down.

Believe me, prayer is our highest privilege, our great responsibility, and the greatest power God has put into our hands. Prayer, real prayer is the noblest, the sublimest, the most stupendous act that any creature of God can perform. It is, as Coleridge declared, "the very highest energy of which human nature is capable. To pray with all your heart and strength — that is the last, the greatest achievement of the Christian's warfare on earth."

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray!"

Closing hymn: "In the Garden"

Poem: "Alone into the Mountain" by
Katherine Lee Bates from *Christ in
Poetry* (Associated Press).

[Mrs. Elma Keller is the daughter of Timon Swenson of Viborg, S. D. The Swenson family have always been lone Sabbathkeepers, with membership in the North Loup Church. At present Mr. and Mrs. Keller and two children live in Roseville, near Detroit, Mich., and occasionally attend services in Battle Creek.]

Great loyalties are built on smaller ones.
— T. P. Chalker.

TEN RULES OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Growing out of a workshop
at Western Association

By Rev. Neal D. Mills

In my effort to be a true disciple of Jesus today I will strive to do these things:

1. **Read the Bible regularly;** read it devotionally for the inspiration; read it studiously for information. I'll ask myself, "How does this apply to me?" "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."
2. **Pray every morning and every night** and as occasions arise during the day; thank God for specific blessings as I notice them; confess my weaknesses and ask for guidance; pray for others. "The Lord is nigh unto all of them that call upon him."
3. **Keep the Sabbath day holy** by attending church services regularly even at the cost of inconvenience; use all the Sabbath hours for definitely Christian purposes: religious reading, family fellowship, friendships, calling on the sick, etc. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."
4. **Make my home Christian** with table prayers, family devotions, taking God into all family relationships. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it."
5. **Take God into my daily work** and all my dealings with others, business, social, recreational. "Your labor is not in vain in the Lord."
6. **Give my labor for the Kingdom of God** through the church and community agencies as needs arise, seeking no pay except the satisfaction of hard work well done. "You are co-laborers with God."
7. **Give a definite portion of my income to the Kingdom** through the church and other charities, either a tithe or an honestly, prayerfully fixed portion.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

8. **Share my faith and my church;** bring friends to church; let my beliefs be known, and try to lead others into the Kingdom by my words and life. "Freely you have received, freely give."
9. **Give my church a large place in my life;** find in it inspiration, guidance, fellowship and a place for service. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."
10. **Let love direct my thoughts and my conduct** toward others including people of other races, nations and classes. "Let us love one another for love is of God."

Junior Conference

A happy and profitable Conference is being planned for the boys and girls who come to Alfred next August. The Junior Conference will be in two groups instead of one as it was five years ago when Conference was in Alfred.

Those in the lower grades will be under the leadership of Mrs. Nellie Barbur of Adams Center with a staff of helpers. Those in the upper grades and junior high school will be led by Mrs. Lina Burdick of Richburg and her helpers.

The boys and girls will meet in South Hall from nine to twelve each morning from Tuesday to Friday. There will be study, worship, stories, and handcraft. A special service is being planned for Sabbath morning. The Sunday morning program will be similar to those of the weekdays.

From 1:30 to 4:30 each afternoon, except Sabbath, the boys and girls may join in the Alfred Summer Recreation Program directed by Paul Powers.

Christian Education News Alfred

The First Alfred Sabbath School has recently purchased a supply of Bibles for the Primary and Junior Departments. After careful consideration the teachers agreed upon the Revised Standard Version as the best and most easily understood for children, although some of the teachers

personally love the familiar language of the King James Version.

Since our Sabbath School Helps use the RSV it would seem that every teacher should have a copy of it to use along with other translations. Sabbath schools might well honor their teachers by presenting them with copies of the RSV Bibles. This could be done very appropriately on Children's Day, Rally Day, or some other convenient time.

Boulder

Eight young people from Boulder left with their pastor, Rev. David S. Clarke, to attend a work camp at New Auburn where they will help to build a new church building. On their way home they will attend the Mid-Continent Association Camp at North Loup. This plan permits these young people to attend a camp other than the one nearest home although it is in the same Association. This is in keeping with the purpose of the suggestion of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education. Distance makes it improbable that any campers from the Mid-Continent Association will be able to visit the Pacific Pines Camp this year as it was hoped. Perhaps it can be done another year.

The Beacon

Our young people and many older ones, too, were glad to see the new issue of The Beacon. It is an excellent paper both in appearance and in content. More copies of the Rally Song or of the whole issue are available while they last. Write to Pastor Alton L. Wheeler, 4415 Lemon St., Riverside, Calif.

N. D. M.

Mrs. Bottoms Expresses Thanks

My children and I have had so many kind notes of sympathy (Rev. E. H. Bottoms was killed in an auto accident) and expressions of interest relative to my recovery that we are kindly asking for a small space in the Recorder to make the following reply.

The children and I want to express to our many friends of the denomination our sincere gratitude for your prayers.

The "prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Your cards of sympathy and get-well wishes have meant consolation and strength to us. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Just four weeks to the day following the accident I was permitted to leave the hospital to come to the home of my daughter, Martha (Mrs. Charles Hammack, 626 West Fifth St., North Canton, Ohio). Now I am in the care of a bone specialist and a medical doctor in Canton, Ohio.

The last X-rays showed my broken bones healing, with the bad break of the left upper arm in perfect position.

It is only natural that the children and I feel our heavy loss keenly, but we find our greatest comfort in Him, who gives strength and endurance sufficient for the day.

We have not, in the true sense, lost our loved one; he has crossed to the Home of Rest and has left a beautiful life for us to cherish and feast upon. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and above all, a true servant of God. As one minister has stated to me in a letter, "Even in death, Emmett's face showed his unmistakable nobility of character and sainthood."

May we as a family share the following poem by Annie Johnson Flint:

"God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

"But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love."

Investment in things eternal pays everlasting dividends.

For Jr. High

Do you like to notice strange things in nature? It is almost more thrilling than the unusual feats of strength or skill that catch our attention on some of the TV programs. Today, as never before, the whole world is at our door to see as well as to hear, and it is wonderful. It was but a few years ago that we foolishly talked about a Santa Claus coming down the chimney. Now our TV aerial is attached to the chimney and the TV set stands in the corner beside the open fireplace. It is not one imaginary man who comes down that chimney once a year but, with a flip of a finger, a thousand other real people, wild animals, or towering trees can be made to appear.

We can't do all of that with a few words on a printed page, much as we would like to. If only I had remembered to take a camera with me on a recent walk through the woods that I had known so well when I was just about your age, I could have shown you a picture in this column to prove what I am going to tell you about.

If you have not yet picked out some favorite spot near your home where the trees grow thick and untended I urge you to do so. As you grow older it will be a great joy to you to go back and remind yourself of the things of nature that you could call your own.

It is something like the Bible. It is not enough to know that there are Bibles in the church or interesting things somewhere in the Bible. It is the verses you have learned that really belong to you through the years. It matters not whose name is in the front of the Book or who owns the land on which the woods grow. If you have roamed those woods they are your woods just like certain verses and chapters of the Bible are yours. They help you to grow straight and true like the trees of the forest.

What did I see? Something that I had never seen before, something strange that made me think. When I was a boy there was no such strange sight in those woods, though it must have been in the making at that time.

An ash tree had been growing rapidly since that time when I knew every foot of those woods. The tall straight tree was more than a foot thick. Its branches were way up above and intertwined with those of other trees. I noticed only the tree trunks and the deep shade, not the leaves. Beside that ash tree stood another smaller one perhaps 5 inches in diameter growing up in the hollow between two roots which reminded me of feet like a soldier standing at attention.

Looking at those two trees, the big one and the little one, I noticed that they were very close together indeed. About 4 feet from the ground, by some strange act of nature, the older tree had enfolded the younger one. The young tree had no doubt rubbed so hard against the big one that it had scarred its side. The large ash seeking to heal the wound had grown out around the young one. Its living wood and bark had almost completely closed that wound by extending itself in this unnatural way. For about one foot of its height nothing could be seen of the trunk of the little tree.

I looked up above at the smooth-barked trees. That little one was no longer rubbing that big one. Neither was it growing away from it. Rather it stood straight and true. It was held securely close by the side of the big one but was unhindered in its natural growth.

Of course I thought of God and Christ and teen-age young people. As young folks we have wounded and grieved our heavenly Father and Christ His Son by our foolish and sinful actions. But God's love is big enough to heal these wounds by enfolding us in His loving arms. When we are thus encircled we no longer wound the Saviour. Rather, we are strengthened by our contact with Him. We do not struggle to free ourselves. Neither do we bend away from Him. He keeps us growing straight and true.

It is very unusual to see such a sight among the trees of the wood where everything follows the laws of nature, but God deals in a supernatural way with the sins of the world through Christ. Thousands upon thousands are now enfolded in the love of Christ. Are you joined to Him? You may be if you choose to be.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

In the middle of a lengthy article setting forth the "Platform of Righteousness" of that pentecostal, Sundaykeeping Church of God which is headed by the self-styled "king," Rev. Homer A. Tomlinson, comes the following statement about the Sabbath:

"There has been gross violation of the Biblical injunction: 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' We are committed to this expectation, that the Sabbath, the day of rest, shall be holy, with a restraining as far as possible from all work. Those who can, in America, are urged to keep Sunday, as far as possible, holy unto the Lord. Thus it is deplorable to have worldly amusements and distractions open on Sunday."

This is a familiar confusion in many denominations, which could so easily be resolved if people would only bend their efforts to applying the Sabbath passages of the Bible to modern life in the light of the seventh-day Sabbath — the only weekly Sabbath ever mentioned in the Bible. It is less than convincing to speak of a "gross violation of the Biblical injunction" and then go on to speak of things done on a different day of the week than that specified in the injunction. How can we more effectively bring the light of truth to these people who seem to want to take the commandments of God seriously?

I CLOSE MY EYES

Eva Millar

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me (Ps. 139: 10).

I close my eyes at night and think
Of all the planets in the sky,
And wonder how God hears the prayer
Of such a little thing as I,
And yet if I should fly through space
A thousand years, if that could be,
I could not find a single place
Where God would not be close to me.

The earth is full of wondrous things
Too tiny for my eyes to see,
He made and plans for every one,
And they obey Him perfectly;
And so it is through all of space —
This world is His, and all the rest;
He cares for all in every place,
But loves His human children best.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED, N. Y. — The Alfred Church is undergoing repairs and painting, estimated at \$2,500. Voluntary contributions for this work now total \$877, according to Richard West, chairman of the board of trustees. The work includes an exterior paint job, roof repair and painting, interior painting where leaks necessitate it, constructing exit steps at the rear of the church for emergency use, and a new, double bulletin board.

One Sabbath in June was Senior Recognition Day with 14 young people being mentioned. Graduations in this group included those from the School of Theology, Nursing School, Alfred University, Alfred Ag-Tech, and Alfred-Almond Central School.

On Children's Day, June 23, five children were dedicated. They were: Kenneth Herbert and Paul Duane Davis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kenneth Davis; Kenneth Charles Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey; Michael Wayne Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snyder; and Melisse Sue Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Potter.

The entire morning worship service was devoted to the Children's Day program, with Mrs. L. Ray Polan and Mrs. Neal D. Mills in charge. The baby and young children's dedication was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. — Correspondent.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — Worship services for May were planned around the sermons which Pastor Alton L. Wheeler based upon the Ten Commandments. The Third, Fourth, and Sixth Commandments were covered throughout the month. Since to "Fear God and keep his commandments" is stated as "the whole duty of man," these studies have been of great value.

Christian Family Day was observed May 12. "Unless the Lord Builds the House" was the pastor's sermon. As a significant part of the service an earnest group of parents came forward to dedicate their infants and young children to the Lord. Mrs. Don Watkins sang "Bless This House."

May and June were set aside for special

emphasis on Christian calling. Thirty persons signed up for this important missionary endeavor under the leadership of William Rymer.

A cluster of social events occurred in May. The "Good Neighbors" were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Maddox on May 12 — a housewarming for the Withrows. The father and son banquet was on May 17. The Fellowship Class was host to the Good Neighbors at the hilltop home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Horn May 26. A cozy "hymn sing" around the fireplace, a hearty hamburger fry, the delightful talks on Mexico by the Robert Henrys, and two short color movies on that country added up to a very satisfying evening.

The film, "Martin Luther," sponsored by the Missionary and Evangelism Committee drew quite a number of non-members as well as our own faithful flock on May 19.

Pastor Wheeler continued his sermons on the Decalogue during June. June 9 was Children's Day. Regular Sabbath school classes were omitted that day for the program on "Favorite Hymns" presented by the children. Beside the singing by the various groups, Mary Lea Van Noty was heard in an accordion solo and the seventh and twelfth grades joined forces to do a skit on Frances Havergal's beloved "Take My Life."

Many Sundays have been devoted to volunteer work at camp for the season beginning July 1. Al Withrow, Bill Lewis, Phil Lewis, Bill Rymer, Robert Babcock, and Gleason Curtis deserve special mention for their leadership. Jules F. Berry has given much help. The whole church has given strong backing to the project.

We were privileged to hear Dr. Victor Burdick as guest speaker in our church, June 23. He spoke searchingly on "What Shall It Profit a Man?" Our prayers will go with him as he leaves for Nyasaland next year.

June was marked by graduations. The completion of the medical course by Dale A. Curtis at the College of Medical Evangelists, we feel, is but the sure steppingstone to his success. Miss Barbara Nophsker was graduated creditably from

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DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, June 30, 1956

	Receipts		Non-Budget
	June	Budget 9 mos.	
Balance, June 1	\$ 30.95		
Adams Center	225.30	\$ 729	\$ 43
Albion	95.57	321	64
Alfred, 1st	591.19	2,910	191
Alfred, 2nd	149.25	677	206
Assns., etc.	442.82	478	
Battle Creek		1,907	1,130
Berlin	57.20	420	
Boulder	124.75	376	92
Brookfield, 1st	67.00	227	
Brookfield, 2nd	116.75	365	47
Buffalo		100	
Chicago	175.00	1,132	100
Daytona Beach	37.45	469	20
Denver	170.77	517	155
De Ruyter	40.00	617	60
Dodge Center	66.95	302	41
Edinburg	99.50	189	9
Farina	168.00	401	
Fouke	55.70	112	
Friendship	22.50	152	
Hammond	21.70	49	
Hebron, 1st	18.90	131	
Hopkinton, 1st	345.55	980	170
Hopkinton, 2nd		87	
Independence	93.00	518	44
Indianapolis	15.00	135	
Individuals		1,323	1,076
Irvington	150.00	500	
Jackson Center		50	
Kansas City		170	
Little Genesee		275	
Los Angeles	300.40	743	178
Los Angeles, Christ's	16.15	66	
Lost Creek	341.17	767	128
Marlboro	74.00	1,393	146
Middle Island	39.00	173	
Milton	790.70	3,772	667
Milton Junction	207.92	1,137	22
New Auburn	21.30	68	
New York City	350.00	350	
North Loup	297.92	431	127
Nortonville	138.45	595	49
Pawcatuck	611.95	3,206	264
Piscataway		160	
Plainfield	327.81	3,849	532
Putnam County		82	3
Richburg	75.60	255	72
Ritchie	41.45	156	

Riverside		1,273	113
Roanoke	43.50	128	
Rockville		34	
Salem	135.90	880	
Salemville	57.00	120	24
Schenectady	83.90	236	
Shiloh		2,710	126
Stonefort		55	
Syracuse		50	
Texarkana		12	10
Twin Cities		22	
Verona		752	126
Walworth		91	
Washington	12.50	128	
Waterford	73.07	303	89
White Cloud	72.51	570	67
	\$7,493.00	\$41,212	\$6,200

Note: Columns 2 & 3 rounded to nearest dollar.

Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & undesignated)	Non-Budget Gifts
Missionary Society	\$2,575.16	\$ 54.77
Tract Society	436.56	
Bd. of Christian Education	772.48	
School of Theology	687.48	39.00
Women's Society	265.20	
Historical Society	116.96	
Ministerial Retirement	903.72	588.64
S. D. B. Building	85.68	
General Conference	933.64	
World Fellowship and Service	23.12	
Oneida Valley Natl. Bank, service fees15	
Balance, June 30	10.44	
	\$6,810.59	\$ 682.41

Comparative Figures

	1956	1955
Receipts in June:		
Budget	\$ 6,779.64	\$ 4,435.05
Non-budget	682.41	1,274.19
Receipts in 9 months:		
Budget	41,211.74	33,088.87
Non-budget	6,200.10	9,899.80
Current annual budget	74,113.50	70,750.00
Portion of budget raised to date	55.5%	46.8%

Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.



Mynor G. Soper, associate pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., Church, is one of the sons of Rev. Ralph M. Soper of Paint Rock, Ala., and a ministerial student who was prevented by a spinal operation from attending classes this past year but who hopes to resume schoolwork in the fall. His wife is a daughter of Rev. Ralph Coon of Salem College. The student pastor is reported to show unusual promise as a worker in the Lord's vineyard.

the local high school although she was also employed half days throughout the past school year.

Sabbath afternoon, June 30, our pastor had charge of the dedication services at Los Angeles for the outgoing missionaries, Rev. Leon R. Lawton and Dr. Victor H. Burdick. — Correspondent.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY in Seventh Day Baptist community — Leonardsville, New York — Texaco filling station on main street with 4-room additional building suitable for serving lunches and a barn in rear for storage or mechanic work — price \$10,000. To obtain further information contact Leslie A. Welch, R.D. 2, Box 64, West Winfield, N. Y., or Harris Hazelton, Leonardsville, N. Y.