

The Sabbath Recorder

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Statement of Denominational Treasurer
January 31, 1957

Receipts			
	January	Budget 4 mos.	Non- Budget 4 mos.
Balance, Jan. 1 ... \$	5.95		
Adams Center		180.00	
Albion	22.62	129.53	
Alfred, 1st	233.20	1,183.70	75.00
Alfred, 2nd	108.30	618.30	
Associations and groups		88.10	
Battle Creek	637.81	1,867.14	105.00
Berlin	152.90	277.40	
Boulder	82.00	179.77	
Brookfield, 1st	40.00	60.00	
Brookfield, 2nd ...	67.00	113.50	
Buffalo		95.00	
Chicago	239.00	464.00	
Daytona Beach ...	44.50	186.95	
Denver	109.85	187.29	
De Ruyter	15.00	150.00	
Dodge Center	78.62	291.98	
Edinburg		46.00	
Farina	10.00	132.00	8.50
Fouke	7.00	92.00	
Friendship		84.00	
Hammond		20.00	
Hebron, 1st	72.92	72.92	
Hopkinton, 1st ...	131.05	383.55	
Hopkinton, 2nd ...	5.50	14.00	
Independence	85.00	371.00	33.00
Individuals	53.00	2,287.00	2.00
Irvington		150.00	
Jackson Center ...		10.00	
Kansas City	25.00	95.00	
Little Genesee	140.39	140.39	
Los Angeles	25.00	485.08	
Los Angeles, Christ's	20.00	60.00	
Lost Creek	27.70	228.88	4.50
Marlboro	192.06	809.40	
Middle Island	12.00	57.50	
Milton	580.90	1,854.69	
Milton Junction ...	69.67	567.45	
New Auburn		17.71	
North Loup		101.65	
Nortonville	25.50	188.80	
Paint Rock		137.00	
Pawcatuck	425.00	1,034.31	77.65
Plainfield	185.60	1,864.96	113.00
Richburg	75.00	194.50	
Ritchie	15.00	45.00	
Riverside		610.28	
Roanoke	12.00	69.00	

Rockville	13.27	48.89	
Salem	77.00	527.00	
Schenectady	30.80	81.55	
Shiloh	307.50	1,794.20	
Stonefort	25.85	25.85	
Twin Cities	20.40	20.40	
Verona	57.00	622.10	
Walworth	30.00	50.00	
Washington	10.00	30.00	
Waterford	77.67	258.35	32.65
White Cloud	105.06	168.39	8.00
	<u>\$4,786.59</u>	<u>\$21,923.46</u>	<u>\$ 323.43</u>

Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)	Non- Budget Gifts
Missionary Society	\$1,856.89	\$ 60.37
Tract Society	268.20	
Bd. of Christian Education	452.20	
Women's Society	88.80	
Historical Society	95.00	
Ministerial Retirement	688.09	
Ministerial Training	588.70	
S. D. B. Building	38.00	
General Conference	590.20	
World Fellowship & Service	30.40	13.00
American Bible Society		12.50
	<u>\$4,696.48</u>	<u>\$ 85.87</u>
Balance, January 31	4.24	

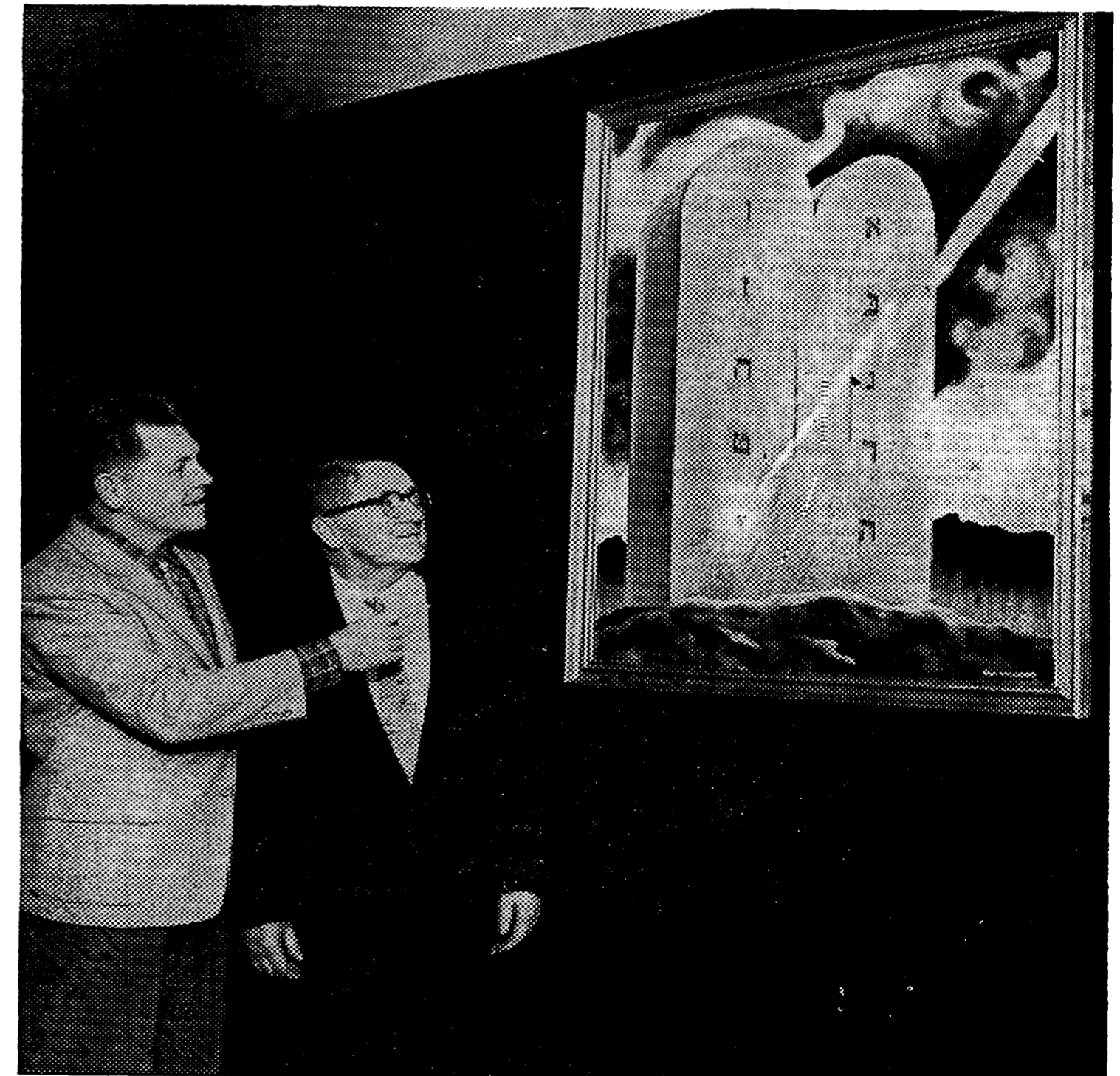
Comparative Figures

Current annual budget	\$95,469.50
Budget receipts in 4 months	21,923.46
Amount required next 8 months	\$73,546.04
Average monthly require- ment next 8 months	\$ 9,193.26
Budget receipts in January	\$ 4,694.77
Portion of budget year elapsed	33.33%
Portion of budget raised to date	22.97%
Budget shortage to date	\$ 9,899.71

Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

Sabbathkeeping churches and promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mead Jones, D.D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photostatic copy in 4 parts each measuring 17½ by 22½ inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending \$10 to Mark Wiley, 5614 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.



Harold Vincent, artist, points out to Missionary Secretary Everett Harris the conception of the Ten Commandments which he sought to portray on the canvas hanging back of the pulpit in the new Schenectady Church. See story inside.

HEBREWS — 16 mimeo studies, 35¢;
3 for \$1.00; \$3.00 per dozen for classes.
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Genuine Revival Needs Richer Atmosphere

One of the most striking experiments in the physics laboratory which we recall from high school days was the electrolysis of water. When the electrical current is passed from one terminal to the other through water, some of the water is broken down into its two component gases, oxygen and hydrogen. The experiment is set up to trap the hydrogen in one jar and the oxygen in another. Later a splinter of wood is lighted. The flame is blown out and the splinter quickly inserted in the jar containing a rich mixture of oxygen. Immediately it begins to glow brightly, proving that there is much more oxygen in the jar than in the air of the classroom.

In every church there are many people like the splinter which had lost its flame. It was in the normal atmosphere of the church — plus some adverse air currents — that the flame of zeal went out. What we need is not one or two people taking turns at blowing hard. How much better to make a concerted effort to enrich the whole atmosphere of the church. Perhaps we all need more oxygen. How is it in your church? Is the climate refreshing or depressing? What are you doing to bring back the glow to the lives of your fellow members or the visitors?

In most of our churches there are ministers and consecrated laymen doing much to keep up the spiritual tone of the congregation. Where this is true those leaders would be the first to admit that the atmosphere of revival needs to be greatly enriched. In spite of all that is being done much more ought to be accomplished. Quite a number of our more evangelistic churches have in recent months called for help. Others are even now making careful plans to use our field evangelist or neighboring pastors to bring more oxygen, so to speak, into the life of the whole church.

We are well aware that no one visiting evangelist, even if supported by a dedicated quartet, can bring more than a limited measure of revival fire to a church. That is why the emphasis is placed first on enlisting the help of as many as possible of the local members in a program of purposeful visitation. The needed revival cannot be cheaply bought like a

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bottle of oxygen. It must be generated. All of us must have a part in the process.

Perhaps not all of us have equal opportunities or abilities for personal soul winning. None of us, however, can lightly brush aside our Christ-imposed obligation to try sincerely to win our friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. If we cannot go where the people are who need the message of our church we can use the telephone. If we cannot reach people on foot or by phone we can use the personal letter fortified by prayerfully selected tracts.

Let us face honestly the question, "Do I want revival in my church?" The very least that I can do is to increase my devotional life, to fill my spiritual lungs with more of the Word of God, to forsake and renounce the things in my life that extinguish my witness, to strive anew to make my every act and word show forth the love of God. It is not enough to show a genuine appreciation of the things of the Spirit during the time that I am in the house of God, but perhaps it is much more than I have done. It is one place to begin. Creating a richer atmosphere in the church is your responsibility and mine.

EDITORIAL NOTES

New Book of Religious Verse

The Mentor Book of Religious Verse, published by the New American Library, came to us recently for review. Priced at 50 cents this 240-page, paper-bound anthology with a January 22 publication date should soon be available wherever such books are sold. It is an original compilation of short religious poems most of which are old. The 28-page introduction by Horace Gregory is significant for the serious student in its analysis of trends and its explanation of the principles guiding the selection of poems. "The critical bias of our selection is markedly lyrical and in favor of highly charged emotion; and we have steered away from many peaceful shores of quietism," writes the editor. He continues later, "The attempt has been to keep each page fresh in its recognition of a more than temporal world."

Not a book which will be quoted frequently on church bulletins or even in

public addresses, it nevertheless will be found helpful to many who appreciate beautiful expression of life's deepest experiences. The "highly charged emotion" is evident but is quite unrelated to the emotional experiences connected with conversion. Though many Protestant poems are in the collection, the percentage of distinctly Roman Catholic verses seems unusually high. There appears to be an effort to "become all things to all men" without Paul's emphasis on salvation. The arrangement of poems is roughly in relation to the church year.

Knights of Columbus Offer Gospels

The Roman Catholic Church has long claimed that it encourages Bible reading, proving it by stating that the Pope grants an indulgence to those who faithfully read the church-approved version. However, in practice, it is hard to find Catholic parish priests, institutional or military chaplains who actually distribute anything with more Scriptures in it than the Sunday Missile. Even the so-called "G.I. Catholic Testament" made available to military personnel contained only the Gospels and Acts, and was in little demand at chapels.

It comes as something of a surprise to read at the bottom of one of the Knights of Columbus newspaper ads: "We shall be happy to send you a copy of the Four Gospels arranged in a continuous narrative for easy reading, upon your request and without cost or obligation. Write today for Gospels No. 8." The address is 4422 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo.

We cannot believe that this offer of a portion of Scripture means that the Knights of Columbus or the Roman Church as a whole are now ready to let people read the Bible and interpret it for themselves. That would be a reversal of the long-standing argument that the Church is superior to the Bible since it is the interpreter of the Bible. It is our opinion that this is largely an attempt to match the well-known offers of Protestant groups to provide free Scriptures — without interpretation. This is borne out by the difficulty encountered by Protestants in trying to buy Catholic Scriptures in foreign languages for free distribution.

Call to Prayer For New York Campaign



Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. George L. Ford, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, discuss prayer plans for the Billy Graham New York Evangelistic Crusade to begin May 15.

The eyes of almost the whole world will be on this evangelist who has been more mightily used of God than any other Gospel preacher in this generation. The time of the great New York campaign draws rapidly on. Christians are asked to pray faithfully at home and in their churches for a great outpouring of the spirit at Madison Square Garden in this extended series of meetings.

One of the most highly respected religious book publishers is the 25-year-old Zondervan Company of Grand Rapids, Mich. These discriminating publishers came out with 124 new book titles in 1956 besides reprinting scores of older books which are in demand by Christian readers. They have also branched out from their well-accepted music ministry called *Singspiration* to create the Zondervan Victory Recording Division and the Music Publications Division. The company has pledged itself to publishing and distributing the best in religious literature and music.

The Beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists

[One of a series of brief messages prepared for publication by a veteran pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, of Waterford, Conn. Brother Burdick begins each message by quoting from the tract, "Statement of Belief." He suggests that the sermons be read aloud in family groups, followed by discussion, and offers to answer any correspondence that may develop from such discussion.]

VII

Eternal Life

We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives eternally with the Father, and that he will come in heavenly glory; and that because he lives, eternal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, will be the reward of the redeemed.

There are, in general, three ways in which we may approach the truth of the resurrection. One is the method of science, or observation. Another is the historical method, or examination of the observations of others. The third is the method of **experiencing**, or testing out in our own lives, its truth.

Of the first method little need be said. Science, which is based upon observable facts, can establish nothing about a soul which can live on after the body decays. Of the second method much more might be said. We can speak of the credibility of the witnesses to Christ's resurrection, of the care with which the records were written down, preserved, translated, etc. But there might still be some who would be disposed to doubt. So we are here concerned mainly with the third, or the method of examining the **effects** which this faith has upon the believer.

We believe in eternal life because Christ was the kind of person He was. Being the kind of person He was, He restores our confidence in the rightness of the things He taught. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live" (John 11: 25). The very fact that such a life could be lived, justifies our faith that God can indwell man, and that where God is there is life and that life cannot be conquered by death.

We believe in eternal life because Christ can make certain people the kind of folks they are. Regardless of whether or not we feel ourselves to be worthy of it; whether we feel too full of guilt and sin, too unlike the God we worship, it remains that some people deserve to live and not to die. God cannot be destroyed, and the God-in-man which we observe in Christ and in all Christ-like characters makes such destruction unthinkable.

"Father . . . glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17: 1-3).

And let us not think that this life is but a "poor dying state" of being, to be soon cast aside like an old shell as useless and of no value. This life is an outpost of heaven. It is a part of heaven, and is meant to introduce us to the joys that are to be, when "this mortal shall have put on immortality." This life is a part of heaven, and is left because it is outgrown, outmoded, unable longer to hold us.

"Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by time's
unresting sea."
(Holmes: *The Chambered Nautilus*.)

Jesus in speaking of eternal life, used the present tense. So also the beloved disciple John (1 John 5: 11, 12): "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

We make a mistake when we divide life up into compartments, saying, "This part is body, which shall perish, and this part is soul, or personality, that shall outlast body."

Even Browning seems to make this separation, in *Rabbi Ben Ezra*;

"To man propose this test,
Thy body at its best,
How far can it project thy soul on its
lone way?"

To this question some would give a negative answer. The body, they say, is but a hindrance to the heavenly life, and it must be subdued and debased. Others, on the other hand, would exalt the body, almost making it an object of worship.

The truth is that we are whole persons, not made up of separate parts. Soul indwells body, making it beautiful, delightful, heavenly. Body supports and strengthens soul. Actually, both soul and body are a part of something larger, greater than our widest thought, more far-reaching than our wildest dreams. We are a part of God. He made our bodies, breathing into them His own life-giving and life-sustaining power. That life in us is constantly renewed and is constantly reflecting back the radiance of its Source.

Let no one curse the body by calling it the captured slave of Satan, nor worship the body as though it were a complete expression of the life of God. But let body and soul, mind and spirit, all give glory to God their Maker, awaiting that change when all shall be renewed in the likeness of Him who created all, that God may be all in all.

Council of Organization

The Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship and the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church announce the call of a Council of Organization for a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Texarkana, Ark. The council will be held March 29, 30, and 31, 1957, in Texarkana. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to any interested persons who may be in the area. A service for dedication of the building and property will be held during the same weekend.

Los Angeles, Calif. — I enjoy the Recorder very much, and am grateful to the one who gave me a six months' subscription which started me reading it. It is well rounded in scope, and good reading for inspiration, for instruction, for enjoyment, for news of our other churches' activities — knits us all closer together, as a big family.

Missions

Dr. Burdick Arrives

Word has been received of Dr. Victor Burdick's safe arrival at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, Africa.

Rev. David Pearson, head of the mission, writes:

"On February 9, 1957, Dr. Burdick arrived by air as scheduled. Needless to say it was a long-awaited and happy experience — a joyful day for the Africans, too.

"After spending a few days with us at Makapwa I took him to Malamulo where he began his medical practice to gain valuable experience amid a tropical setting. Even while at Makapwa there were many things his hands found to do. Among these was the amputation of a man's mangled thumb.

"We anxiously await the day of his permanent arrival at Makapwa."

Missionary Churches Report

Hammond, La.

Pastor Ted Hibbard writes that a group of people in Livingston (situated 20 miles from Hammond) has been contacted and Sabbath converts have been made: "Two of this group have joined the church and others may later." Pastor Hibbard has been conducting regular Sabbath services and prayer meetings at Hammond and also "on Sunday nights has been conducting a study hour with the aid of filmstrips." He reports, "We still bring some to church who have no transportation, and are gradually building up attendance by these efforts."

Berea (Ritchie), W. Va.

Pastor Don Richards reports regarding his services at the Ritchie and Middle Island Churches that one member was added to each church during the last quarter. He writes that during the special services conducted last November by Dr. Loyal Hurley there was a growing interest and attendance. "Many were moved closer to the Lord, and the seed of life was sown in our community." Pastor Richards as moderator of the Southeastern Association has arranged for and presided

over one meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association. He met on three occasions with the Co-ordinating Council of the Association.

Salemville, Pa.

Pastor Edgar Wheeler reports seventeen sermons and addresses being given during the quarter ending December 31, 1956, and an average congregation of 61. Sabbath School, Sabbath morning worship, and prayer meetings are held regularly.

A building program to enlarge their house of worship has gone forward. The church is looking forward to the coming of Rev. Loyal Hurley to conduct special evangelistic services April 19-28.

New Auburn, Wis.

Pastor Don Sanford reports that he has given eleven messages in the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church to an average congregation of 32. He writes, "It has created quite a little difficulty to have to use another church for our services. Attendance has been poorer than in our own church, and heating has been a big problem. We anxiously await the time when we can have our own house of worship with adequate facilities for not only church but also the social activities of the parish."

Paint Rock, Ala.

Pastor Ralph Soper writes: "We here at Paint Rock are still on the firing line, visiting the sick and distributing clothing to the needy. Last year we delivered over 1000 garments, and many pairs of shoes to those in need, and so far this winter we have passed that mark. One family who lost all their clothing when their house burned was given clothing and shoes for the entire family. I enjoy the work I am doing here, but hesitate to report it, as it sounds boastful, but God forbid any boasting. I thank God that He has placed me here where there is so great a need among the underprivileged and needy."

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Rev. Herbert L. Polan has been serving the Daytona Beach Church as their pastor quite acceptably. He has been calling among the people as well as conducting the Sabbath services. Eighty-five calls were

reported during eight weeks of services. There have been four added to the membership of the church. The average congregation is reported to be forty-four. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Polan will continue to serve at Daytona Beach through the month of March, after which Rev. William McCall, a retired Presbyterian minister, will supply the pulpit. The church is still trying to secure a full-time pastor.

Nady (Little Prairie), Ark.

No report was received during the last quarter from Pastor John McKay.

Washington, D. C.

Pastor Elizabeth F. Randolph writes regarding the organizing of a young people's meeting. She states that there are eight members and "they want to meet each Sabbath eve."

The church is looking forward with much anticipation to the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley for special evangelistic services to be held March 2-9. Plans are made for the training of laymen in evangelistic visitation.

Dr. Hurley writes that arrangements have been made by Jennings Randolph for him to speak on Friday noon to the workmen in one of the hangers of Capital Airlines. "It seems wise," he says, "to share in this meeting if for no other reason than to get the name of Seventh Day Baptists before the men."

Fouke, Ark.

Rev. Marion Van Horn reports thirty-two sermons and addresses having been delivered during the quarter. He made 87 calls and gave leadership in 26 prayer meetings. The average congregation at Fouke has been 28 and at Texarkana 29.

Pastor Van Horn writes, "The date for the Council of Organization for the Texarkana Church has been set for the last weekend in March which is March 29, 30, and 31. We are hoping for a good representation from denominational agencies and sister churches. There will be a dedication of the building during that time." Pastor Van Horn refers to a building which is being remodeled to serve as the house of worship for the group.

Progress of Jamaica Vocational School

The work progresses at Maiden Hall, Jamaica, on the Randolph Memorial Chapel under the direction of Winfield Randolph. The next copy of Mission Notes will show pictures of the building under construction.

Construction of a "single classroom adjacent to the chapel" was voted by the Maiden Hall Planning Committee at a meeting held February 3, 1957. This is to be called "The Rose LaForge Maxson Memorial Classroom." It is being constructed with funds offered by the Women's Board. Another classroom will be built later as funds are provided. "These two classrooms are to be built below (East of) the new road and will harmonize with the chapel."

In a letter written February 21, Pastor Leon Lawton writes, "You will be interested to know that ground was broken for the Rose LaForge Maxson Memorial Classroom last Wednesday (February 13) and when we drove by Maiden Hall yesterday we found that they had just finished pouring the foundation."

Pastor Lawton expresses appreciation in behalf of our Jamaica brethren for the assistance given through the Women's Board. He adds, "It is our hope that this classroom will be completed and ready for dedication at the same time as the chapel, on March 24."

Principal Grover Brissey spent February 20 visiting nine primary schools in the area around Maiden Hall. His goal was to secure information on the possible number of day students who might be expected to attend at Maiden Hall when the school is opened. He made a survey by questionnaire of definite vocational or academic interests.

No formal date has been set for the opening of the Day School at Maiden Hall but our leaders there are "working toward the possible date of January, 1958, as the Lord leads."

In Japan, as elsewhere, men try to see to believe. It is as old as the Tower of Babel, man trying to see God. — Philip Armstrong.

Women's Board Meeting — Excerpts and Comments

The Histories Committee reported that the writing of the history of the Women's Board from its beginning until the present is completed and asked for instructions as to how to prepare it in a form to be read by all members. It was voted that the committee procure a suitable notebook and sufficient paper to type as many copies as can be made at one time.

The Packet Committee has received several more suggestion cards from last year's packets. They were read at this meeting and will be further studied by the committee as the new packet is being prepared.

The Summer Project Committee reported 100 letters sent to pastors and Sabbath School superintendents with 16 replies to date. (Requests have been received from 6 churches and we would be glad to know of young women who would be willing to help this summer.)

Recent correspondence was read from Rev. Leon Lawton explaining the progress of school building plans at Maiden Hall, Jamaica, and giving approximate costs of construction of the two proposed classrooms. Each room will cost about \$1000 to build. It would seem advantageous to proceed in the near future, if possible, while the Chapel building is under construction and workmen are already on the job. Since this board voted at the January meeting to set aside the \$1000 of gift money for this purpose, that amount will be forwarded by our treasurer.

A letter was read from the attorney administering the estate of Mrs. Mary E. Maxon in regard to a bequest to this board. Mrs. Maxon was a member of the Walworth Church. Further correspondence will be needed in this matter.

Suggestions have come to us about making the tape and slides, "Meet Your Women's Board," more generally used among our churches. Perhaps we have not publicized sufficiently the fact that they are available on request, at no cost except the return postage and that a script accompanies the slides which may be used instead of the tape, if desired. It was voted that the corresponding secretary be

asked to take charge of a more aggressive campaign to see that our tape and slides be used in as many churches and fellowships in our denomination as possible.

Our board has received an invitation from Rev. Marion Van Horn, shepherding pastor on the Southwest field, to send a representative to the organizational meeting of the Texarkana, Ark., Church late in March.

The Conference Program Committee asked for suggestions for the use of the time allotted to the board on the program of General Conference at Milton, whether it should be a speaker, speakers, drama, or some other kind of program. Opinions also were asked as to the advisability of holding a Monday pre-Conference workshop for women this year. (If any of our women reading these minutes have special desires or ideas concerning our Conference program, please feel free to express yourselves. It is YOU we are representing!)

Brotherhood Week, Is It Over For You?

Now that the month of February is over and the emphasis on race relations and Brotherhood Week has passed, let us not settle back satisfied that we have done our part in these causes for the year.

The Christian Citizenship Committee of the Women's Board would like to encourage you to carry on this thinking and doing, not only for the rest of the year, but continually, as long as you live! Brotherhood must be implanted in the lives of our children and grandchildren in order that it may grow to establish itself in future world thinking. Experience teaches us that every human being wants to be treated as an equal, not in a patronizing manner, but as an equal!

The eyes of the world are upon the United States right now, to see what we will do about our own race relations. Nothing can do more for our political standard or missionary effort in the world than for us to be able to prove that we are treating all of our own citizens equally and justly.

Let us not lose sight of the fact either, that there are other races in the world

Christian Education

Youth Month

(In response to the executive secretary's asking for church reports on youth activities during Youth Week (Jan. 27-Feb. 2), Rev. Charles Bond, pastor of the Pawcatuck Church, sent in the following article. We note with satisfaction the originality of the program which extends beyond Youth Week into Youth Month.)

February is Youth Month in our church. We started with the observance of Youth Week, Jan. 27-Feb. 3, and ended by sponsoring the Church Family Night on February 17. Between alpha and omega were three worship services.

Union Service — The Westerly Youth Council sponsored a Union Service which was held in the Central Baptist Church on Sunday evening, January 27. Following the worship period three vocations were presented by individuals working in the teaching, nursing, and secretarial fields. After this meeting refreshments were served with our senior youth group furnishing the cookies.

Junior Youth Fellowship — On Sabbath day, January 26, the Junior Youth Fellowship assisted in the morning worship service. Paul Wilson gave the Junior message. He chose to tell "Mr. Rabbit's Clever Trick," which was written by his grandfather, Rev. A. J. C. Bond. David Osborn and Philip Bond served as greeters, and the following young ladies as ushers: Kathy Kenyon, Eileen Young, Meredith Barker, and Martha Gavitt. Pastor Bond took as his topic, "Mind Your Own Busi-

ness," and used as his text: "And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone" (1 Kings 20: 40).

besides the Negro. (How about our own Indian citizens?) Each race has something good to contribute to the well-being of humanity. Perhaps it will shock us to learn that in many areas of the world the white man as well as the Christian man is considered inferior.

A lesson might be taken from our feathered friends. Although they do not mate outside their own species, they are able to associate with each other, eat from the same feeding ground, sit on the same branch, and are in general harmony with all of nature. Cannot man do as well?

G. N.

ness," and used as his text: "And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone" (1 Kings 20: 40).

Senior Youth Fellowship — The Senior Youth Fellowship followed through the theme, "Consider Your Call" at the Sabbath worship on February 9. This service was climaxed with a "Ceremony of Christian Calling." At this point a young person, still considering God's call, went into the congregation and selected an individual who represented one of the following vocations and brought him to the front of the church where the importance of his work was presented. Those selected were: doctor, Dr. Charles F. Hickox; nurse, Miss Doris Burdick; businessman, Charles Utter; public servant, Lewis Greene; social worker, Dr. Edwin Whitford; farmer, David Stillman; missionary, Secretary Everett T. Harris; and minister, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro. The contacts were made by: Thomas Gavitt, Carolyn Mosena, James Barber, Judith Hoffman, Betty Robishaw, David Gavitt, Barbara Smith, and Pamela Owens. When all were assembled in front of the church a semicircle was formed and then everyone was asked to stand as Rev. E. T. Harris led in the "Prayer of Dedication."

Other youth taking part in the service were: Carol Lapham, Elizabeth Waddill, Jared Van Horn, Ronald Bond, George Utter, and Ronald Husselbee.

Church Family Night — The 7th Annual All-Church Birthday Party, to be sponsored by the Youth Fellowships, was held on Sunday evening, February 17, with about 90 present.

Miss Shirley Smith, who served as the M.C., kept the program rolling with group singing, jokes, stunts, and special acts. These special features included: A visit from "Clinker," a midget act done by Bill and Jim Barber; "Bob Owens' Phonograph Time" — the cylinder recordings played on an old machine made about the turn of this century included a sacred number, two experiences of Uncle Josh, and "The Preacher and the Bear"; and "A Letter from Sam," a reading by Mrs. Elston Van Horn (Dorc) which just about brought down the house.

Refreshments were served. The offering which was taken more than covered

the actual expenses. The extra was placed in the "Youth to Pre-Con and Conference" fund.

Christian Education and Evangelism

The newly formed Committee on Evangelism and Publicity of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met at the School of Theology on Sunday night, January 27, 1957, to consider the matter of the board's place in evangelism as well as to plan a specific evangelistic program through religious education for the future. The committee was organized at the request of Dr. Melvin G. Nida, chairman of the Higher Education Committee, at the last meeting of the Board of Christian Education. Rev. Rex Zwiebel, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, acted as chairman.

The committee was appreciative of the work that is being done in the home field by the Missionary Society through its home-missions evangelist, Dr. Loyal F. Hurley. The newly formed committee wished to clarify its position as augmenting other evangelistic work through educational evangelism and making suggestions for the evangelistic use of materials produced by the Board of Christian Education. The concerns for evangelism of this committee will not overlap the program of other boards.

In considering its responsibilities, the newly formed committee wishes to point out that this board is producing material that is truly evangelistic in nature and is being used in evangelistic work. **The Helping Hand**, for instance, has proved valuable as a study aid in home evangelism where a family will invite others into their home to study Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and activities.

Making a definite step forward, the committee laid plans for a workshop on educational evangelism which will be concerned with "Commitments in the Church School." This workshop, as with others in the past, is a study project of the Board of Christian Education. Its purpose is to stimulate thinking in matters of educational concern. The workshops are not formed to do work for the local church that the local church is not willing to do

for itself. Any real advance, the committee pointed out, must come from the local church itself and from a program of advance created by concerned people within the church. The workshops should help point out areas that need further development and stimulate local churches throughout the denomination to go to work in these areas.

Cincinnati Christian Education Convention

The executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education was among the 1,500 delegates attending the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 10-15. The secretary is a member of the Committee of Administration and Leadership, as well as the Section of Denominational Executives. Further reports of the convention will be forthcoming.

R. E. Z.

"New Jersey Business" Prints Anti-Sunday Law Letter

"A member of our church gave me a copy of the December issue of **New Jersey Business**, and called my attention to the article 'Sunday Laws' by Jack Mather. The presentation seemed quite fair, presenting both sides of the argument in a brief space.

"I should like to point out however, that Sunday laws, by any fair interpretation, are in violation of the First Amendment to our Constitution.

"One of the pro arguments listed is 'the Biblical injunction.' This is utterly ridiculous, because the Bible enjoins observance of the seventh day (Saturday) as a day of rest, and not Sunday, the first day.

"I will personally give \$100 to any individual who can point to one command, anywhere in the Bible, to abstain from work on Sunday.

"Lee Holloway, Pastor,
Seventh Day Baptist Church
of Plainfield, N. J."

The editor added only the following note which seems to imply that no one had an answer: "Did you notice how quiet it suddenly got around here?"

The Morning Mail

By Jack Shepherd

(American layman in Hong Kong who serves in a voluntary capacity with the CWS committee there.)

They were just a handful of letters from the morning mail. . . . Nothing unusual, just daily routine at the Hong Kong office of Church World Service — just part of the endless coming and going!

Simple messages from grateful hearts . . . speaking matter-of-factly of life and death . . . moments when a little thing — like a cup of milk or a handful of rice — makes a big difference.

One letter was from a missionary, Mrs. Donnithorne:

"Many thanks for the relief goods you sent to the Shek Kip Mei Boys and Girls Club . . . and thanks, too, for the rice and carton of oil. One woman who was slowly starving on one poor meal a day will now be able to have some regular food.

"Another woman has been existing each month on 30 Hong Kong dollars (\$5 U.S.), out of which she must pay HK 20 dollars for rent. She, too, is rejoicing at the gift of rice. There are many others. . . ."

A note from Mildred Dibden of the Shatin Babies Home said:

"The layette-kits came just in time. We received five abandoned babies during the previous three weeks.

"We appreciate a lot the help given by Church World Service, and send a big 'thank-you' to those in the churches across the seas who make this work possible."

From a long letter from Mrs. Archer, veteran nursing sister who has spent a lifetime of service in China:

". . . a hot, busy fortnight with boils and fevers. . . ."

"We are fighting for the lives of two-month-old twin girls. Number one got a fever of unknown origin, number two had meningitis.

"Settled both, and now both have pneumonia. More injections, and thanks to your milk powder we are keeping up the mother's milk pretty well, poor soul. . . ."

"We had a woeful pair last week. A baby three months and older brother 20

months. Both looked like famine sufferers. Mother given milk powder for herself and the boy. Sheer under-nourishment. . . ."

"Then ulcers — oh, dear! We have several cases, but with milk between meals they are all doing well. One poly-arthritis case. . . . She depends on the milk and enjoys it. . . ."

"This hot weather the vegetables are so poor that the children just can't eat them. So we give more milk powder. . . ."

"I wish it were possible to describe each case in detail, how they looked when they came, how they've improved with regular feeding. You see, I know each one personally. I also know how very important it is to keep the milk coming to these needy ones.

"They can't speak for themselves, but I can say thank-you with all my heart."

Just a handful of letters from the morning mail — nothing special, nothing unusual! Just a glimpse of moments when a little thing like a cup of milk or a handful of rice means the difference between life and death, between hope and despair.

Bible Should Be Read and Reread

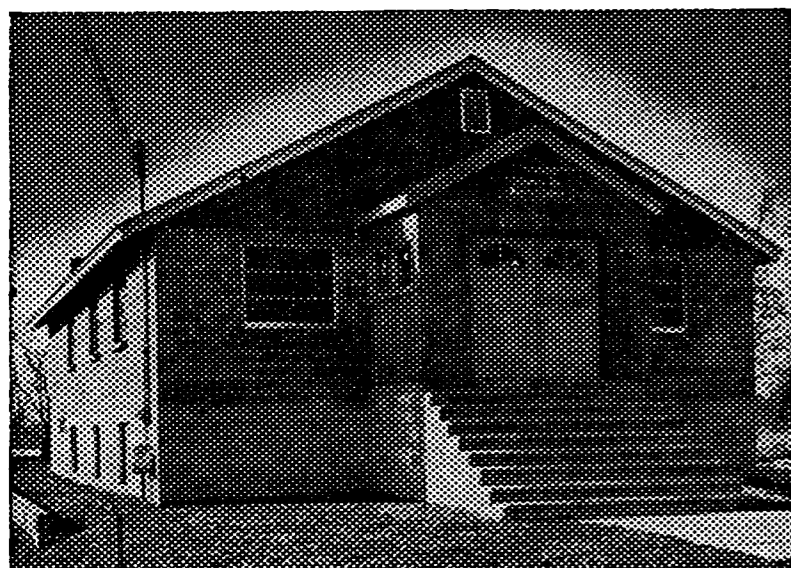
There is no human need of the spirit that cannot be satisfied in the reading of this old book. It should be the first book in a child's library, and it should be read and reread until its essence sinks into the very soul of its reader. Whatever your religion, whatever your faith, or lack of it, I commend the Bible to you, for it is beyond creed, beyond all littleness of human thinking — **the book**.

— Chicago Daily News.

Another Reminder

Have you sent in to the Sabbath Recorder the questionnaire found in the February 18 issue? Your thoughts about the present value of this publication are greatly desired by the discussion leaders at the forthcoming Ministers Conference. We would like to forward a large number of these completed blanks as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your Recorder or need another copy of the questionnaire write at once.

A Home Is Built by Faith and Zeal



Seventh Day Baptists
Proud of New Church

The Schenectady Union-Star of Saturday, February 16, 1957, carried the above headings on a three-column-wide picture story of the new Seventh Day Baptist Church building written by reporter Edward N. Main.

The reporter had been present at the Sabbath eve service when the congregation was gathered together awaiting the arrival of Secretary Everett T. Harris of the Missionary Society. The reporter began his warm, human-interest story as follows:

A small congregation of devout Christians came early last night to the new Seventh Day Baptist Church at Colonial Avenue and Albany Street. The men and women waited patiently in the pews for the guest speaker to arrive from Westerly, R. I., to conduct a prayer service. The members weren't at all fretful as the minutes wore away; they enjoyed the opportunity to sit and look at the fruits of some of their 18 months of labor.

The warm church, gleaming bright from the shiny hardwood floors to the eight, modern, decorative cluster chandeliers, was the product of their planning and toil.

In a few minutes, a young girl began playing some of the familiar Gospel hymns on the piano. It set the tone for the meeting to follow, when Everett Harris, Westerly, R. I., secretary of the denomination's Mission Board, arrived.

If you want to inspect the new building, you cross the street to the Fatato home,

where Lawrence, Frank, or Nicholas Fatato, members of the church, will greet you and take you back to the concrete-block structure. The Fatatos will tell you the endless Sundays when men and women of the congregation met there to give the talents of their trades so they could have their own place of worship.

You wondered that these good churchmen worked on Sundays until you remembered these are seventh-day Christians who follow the literal interpretation of the commandment, "Remember the sabbath (or seventh) day to keep it holy."

Schenectady Church Visited

Secretary Harris, who sent the pictures to the Sabbath Recorder for this issue, gives added information about the church in the paragraphs which follow.

The secretary of the Missionary Society visited the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church February 15 and 16, speaking at the Sabbath evening and morning services. He had also been present at the ground-breaking services for the new building which were held in June, 1955. Following the Sabbath morning service a fellowship luncheon was held in the church dining room. It is expected that a formal dedication service for this new house of God will be held this coming summer to which all friends will be invited.

A large oil painting of the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone was presented to the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church for their new house of worship by the artist, Harold W. Vincent of Cohoes, N. Y. This striking picture is located on the wall behind the pulpit and is easily viewed by the worshiping congregation each Sabbath.

The Hebrew characters of the Ten Commandments are depicted, being read according to Hebrew custom from the upper right downward. Mr. Vincent is said to have prepared two sketches, one in black and white and one in color, before undertaking the composition presented to the church.

This house of worship, located on Colonial Avenue, just off Albany Street, has only recently been completed to the point where services could be held there.

A first prayer service was held on Sabbath eve, January 5, with Rev. and Mrs. Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., as visiting guests. The Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church has served as mother church of the Schenectady group. The Berlin people recently presented the church with a pulpit Bible.

Teen Talk

"Lady, Your Money Is Blowing Out!"

It was a windy day in Chicago, the windy city. A lady was walking down one of the most prominent streets, Michigan Avenue, near the Drake Hotel. She was stopped by the shout of a passing stranger, "Lady, your money is blowing out!"

Sure enough her purse had come open and the wind was whipping green paper out of it and into the traffic-laden street. Frantically she turned to give chase to her money which was vanishing. She had reason to be alarmed, for the wind had blown out \$610 in 10's, 20's, and a \$100 bill. Other women joined the search, dodging autos and buses. They succeeded in rounding up \$410. She failed to recover the \$100 bill. The young lady was carrying the large amount of money in order to pay her life insurance.

Such an experience is rare. It is not likely to happen to any teen-ager. I wonder, however, if all of us have the right attitude toward the money in our purses. We start down the street looking for a good time. The first thing we know we have "blown" nearly all the money we had. We didn't heed any voice calling a warning. We failed to think about tomorrow and the really worth-while things for which we could use those dollars if we hadn't wasted them.

There is a "Stranger from Galilee" who walks the windy streets with us. There were times in His earthly life when He had no more food than could be found while walking through a barley field and no more money than could be found in the mouth of a fish. He who was voluntarily poor had much to say about the right use of money. When we think of the complete sacrifice which He made for

us we should not need any other voice than the voice of conscience to keep us from "blowing" our money.

Did you notice in our story that many people came to the aid of the woman, even risking injury to themselves to help her? It restores our faith. Most people want to help teen-agers too, especially the good folks in your church.

We hope the lady had enough money left to pay her life insurance. She knew that the future was important. You, too, are no doubt aware that eternal life insurance can be yours if you make preparation and hold on to the currency of the Kingdom — faith in Christ.

One Thousand Gideon Bibles Presented to Philadelphia Hotel

Carlton Wilson, leader of the former Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship of Philadelphia, now an active worker in the Shiloh, N. J., Church, was selected to give the dedicatory prayer at the Sheraton Hotel on March 3 when 1,000 Bibles were presented.

Mr. Wilson, who has retired, is devoting much time to the work of the Gideons, representing them in many churches and doing personal work on the ships along the Philadelphia waterfront. Elected secretary to this very large metropolitan Gideon camp Mr. Wilson recently purchased a typewriter and taught himself to use it. The Gideons are well aware that their secretary is a Sabbath-keeper, and that makes no difference, we are told.

The work of the Gideons in placing Bibles in hotel rooms and various other places where people have time to read is a great work. It deserves and receives considerable support from Seventh Day Baptist churches, many of which welcome Gideon speakers once a year.

"Either we, as individuals, accept our responsibility for our own actions, for our own welfare, and for our own security or we will surrender our right of free choice and therefore our liberty to the central authority which takes over these responsibilities for us." — Cola G. Parker.

The Sabbath Recorder

I Am the Church

I AM THE CHURCH. . . .

The great Creator drew the plans for me within His heart of love;

The Great Architect gave His dearest Possession that I might be erected;

My one and only Foundation is His Son — whose Body was nailed to a tree;

My chief Cornerstone — the stone which the builders rejected;

My wall — placed without hammer's sound — is built by the martyrs of the centuries.

My steeple points ever toward that Great Architect — Builder throughout eternity;

From my belfry rings out the call for worship to countless multitudes of all ages;

My door swings to all of every race and every age — bidding them welcome;

In my sanctuary there is —

Peace for tired minds,
Rest for weary bodies,
Compassion for suffering humanity,
Forgiveness for repentant sinners,
Communion of saints,
Christ — for all who seek Him!

— Beulah Hughes.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DENVER, COLO. — Through the channels of our church 4,635 TRACTS were distributed during 1956. A good supply of tracts is kept on hand for distribution where there is opportunity. Become acquainted with their message and when someone inquires about our beliefs have a tract handy to give them.

— Church Bulletin.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — At a social gathering of our members Sabbath night, February 23, we enjoyed the slides on "Our World Mission," which were spoken of in the Recorder. These slides show us some of what has been done, some of what is being done now, and plans for the future. They will help create in us the desire to do our part. I hope every congregation of our people will take advantage of your offer, and see these slides. It is time well spent, enjoyable, instructive, and inspirational.

The harvest is ripe and there is work for all. We have good leadership. Our leaders will direct our efforts in effective channels. — Eithella F. Bauersfeld.

METAIRIE, LA., FELLOWSHIP. — We have been making several new contacts. Our pastor and wife have participated on two radio programs, Pastor Cox giving the message on one of these programs. As a group we have been invited to participate again. An elderly, blind minister conducts these programs from his church.

We have taken our young people to the "Youth for Christ" meetings held in the YWCA in New Orleans and hope to have our young people enter into and take an active part in these programs.

Both young and old have enjoyed our regular social get-togethers including a good old-fashioned New Year's Eve wiener roast, and later a taffy pull.

The Hammond Church has been given an invitation to join us in a Sabbath afternoon joint service and followed later by a wiener roast. We are looking forward to this with much anticipation. Our pastors are also exchanging pulpits at regular intervals. — Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 23, 1957

Are We Hypocrites?

Lesson Scripture:

Matthew 23: 13-15, 23-28, 37-39.

A Sabbath Testimony

Toronto, Canada. — Doctrinally my belief in the main is that of evangelical, fundamental Baptists, but never have I been satisfied with the explanations given for the Christian observance of Sunday. Recently I made a thorough study of the Word of God on the subject which brought me to the conclusion I could no longer keep Sunday and I must observe the seventh-day Sabbath.

As far as I knew at the time, I was the only person holding my views, for, of course, I stood on very different ground from Seventh-day Adventists. Then I learned of the group of Seventh Day Baptists and secured your address.

"It always bothers me when people try to use the Bible to uphold what they already have decided to believe." — Donald L. Robinson in Gospel Messenger.

Accessions

Washington, D. C.

By Testimony:

Mary Rebecca Hudlow
(Baptized May 4, 1956)

Marriages

Newkirk - Hawkins. — Everett Smith Newkirk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Newkirk, of Shiloh, N. J., and Helen Levan Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Obed Hawkins of Mabie, W. Va., were united in marriage Feb. 3, 1957, by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn at Fouke, Ark.

Births

Harris. — A daughter, Beatrice Carol Ann, to Hoover and Velma (Roberts) Harris of Shiloh, N. J., on Feb. 28, 1957.

Fogg. — A daughter, June Holly, to Harold and Doris (Carter) Fogg, of Shiloh, N. J., on Jan. 4, 1957.

Moncrief. — A daughter, Fay Elizabeth, to Theodore and Florence (Sheppard) Moncrief, of Route 3, Bridgeton, N. J., on Jan. 17, 1957.

Lippincott. — A daughter, Deborah Ann, to Rev. Robert and Marie (Becker) Lippincott, of Shiloh, N. J., on Feb. 10, 1957.

Soper. — A daughter, Jean Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Soper, of Texarkana, Texas, Feb. 10, 1957.

Soper. — A son, Maurice Milford, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira M. Soper of Arthur, Neb., Feb. 3, 1957.