

The Sabbath Recorder

OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of Denominational Treasurer
February 28, 1957

Receipts		Budget	Non-Budget
February	5 mos.	5 mos.	
Balance, Feb. 1 ... \$	4.24		
Adams Center	148.00	328.00	
Albion	53.37	182.90	
Alfred, 1st	238.24	1,421.94	75.00
Alfred, 2nd		618.30	
Associations and groups		88.10	
Battle Creek	522.38	2,339.52	155.00
Berlin	36.60	314.00	
Boulder		179.77	
Brookfield, 1st	45.00	105.00	
Brookfield, 2nd ...	16.10	129.60	
Buffalo		95.00	
Chicago	50.00	514.00	
Daytona Beach ...	43.30	230.25	
Denver	73.43	260.72	
De Ruyter	55.00	205.00	
Dodge Center		291.98	
Edinburg		46.00	
Farina	48.50	180.50	8.50
Fouke		92.00	
Friendship		84.00	
Hammond		20.00	
Hebron, 1st		72.92	
Hopkinton, 1st ...	77.05	460.60	
Hopkinton, 2nd ...	4.00	18.00	
Independence	67.00	438.00	33.00
Individuals	25.00	2,312.00	2.00
Irvington		150.00	
Jackson Center ...		10.00	
Kansas City	20.00	115.00	
Little Genesee		140.39	
Los Angeles	233.00	718.08	
Los Angeles, Christ's		60.00	
Lost Creek		228.88	4.50
Marlboro	167.06	976.46	
Middle Island	17.00	74.50	
Milton	444.11	2,298.80	
Milton Junction ...		567.45	
New Auburn		17.71	
North Loup		101.65	
Nortonville	57.50	246.30	
Paint Rock		137.00	
Pawcatuck	325.00	1,359.31	77.65
Plainfield	323.05	2,178.01	123.00
Putnam County ...	50.00	50.00	
Richburg		194.50	
Ritchie	10.00	55.00	
Riverside		610.28	
Roanoke	12.00	81.00	
Rockville	5.60	54.49	
Salem	100.00	627.00	
Salemville	31.65	31.65	
Schenectady	19.00	100.55	

Shiloh	274.35	2,068.55	
Stonefort		25.85	
Twin Cities		20.40	
Verona	81.00	703.10	
Walworth		50.00	
Washington	40.00	70.00	
Waterford	59.69	313.10	37.59
White Cloud		168.39	8.00
	\$3,777.22	\$25,631.50	\$ 524.24

Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)	Non-Budget Gifts
Missionary Society	\$1,646.61	\$ 54.94
Tract Society	228.80	
Bd. of Christian Education	385.80	
Women's Society	35.00	
Historical Society	80.00	
Ministerial Retirement	386.84	
Ministerial Training	405.80	
S. D. B. Building	32.00	
General Conference	412.80	
World Fellowship & Service	25.60	
American Bible Society		10.00
Oneida Valley Nat'l Bank fees40	
	\$3,639.65	\$ 64.94
Balance, February 28	72.43	

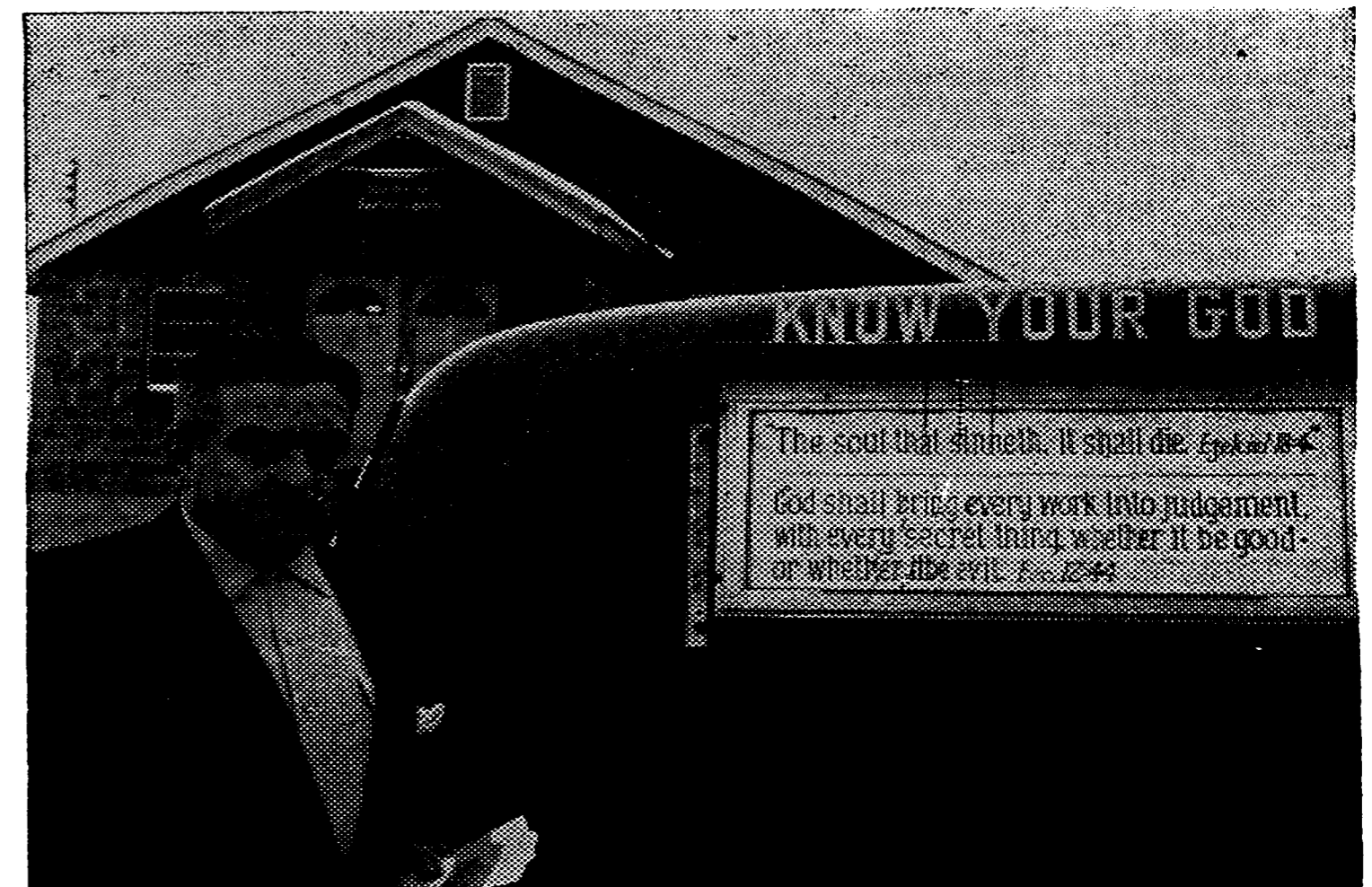
Comparative Figures

Current annual budget	\$95,469.50
Budget receipts in 5 months	25,631.50
Amount required next 7 months	\$69,838.00
Average monthly requirement for next 7 months	\$ 9,976.86
Budget receipts in February	3,708.14
Portion of budget year elapsed	41.66%
Portion of budget raised to date	26.76%
Budget shortage to date	\$14,141.09

Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

"Enclosed please find money order for \$3.00, subscription for one year to our splendid paper. We are older people, my husband nearly 80 and I almost 76, and I could not do without the good paper. My health permits me to go to church but little, only six times in the past year, I believe it is, but I do read the Recorder and feel quite 'up to date' about our own people." — Mrs. Leslie Bliss, Little Genesee, N. Y.



NEW CHURCH AND NEW ZEAL

When a new church is built in an industrial city like Schenectady there must also be some new zeal by the members to win souls and fill the house of worship. Here one of the congregation is pictured with Gospel and Sabbath tracts in hand beside his truck. See story on page 183.

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Twentieth Century Pentecostal Power

Pentecostal power is something sought by a considerable segment of the Christian Church today. No real believer dares deny that it would be a wonderful thing for our modern church if it had the almost explosive witnessing power of First-Century Christianity. That witnessing power was enhanced by a number of special gifts of the Spirit, among which was the speaking in foreign languages such as was manifested on the day of Pentecost.

Are these special gifts to be sought diligently and expected in local Christian churches of the present century? Many think so, and a few in our own denomination. Pentecostal groups are among the fastest growing denominations in the United States, as has often been noted by those who compile statistics. Elmer T. Clark in his revised and enlarged edition of *The Small Sects of America* devotes 47 pages of descriptive material to the Pentecostal sects and states that there are more than three score of them at the present time. Not all that the author says in a critical way about how the Pentecostal experience is induced is fair and accurate, in our opinion. In the face of such growing numbers and manifest zeal we cannot laugh off the tongues-speaking experience, although we may heavily discount it in a large number of cases.

It is not our purpose here to enter into a discussion of the reality of experiences that have come to other people and not to us. Dr. Clark remarks with accuracy, "Many persons feel that a gift bestowed upon the early Christians is not to be denied to believers in any age; to believe otherwise seems to them a denial of 'Bible religion.'" Dr. Clark goes on to say in the next sentence, "To persons holding such convictions, a repetition of the phenomenon requires only an unstable nervous structure, an intense expectancy and longing, a high degree of suggestibility, and the proper setting for the operation of crowd psychology." He further remarks that a crowd is necessary and that the gift is never bestowed as a result of solitary contemplation or individual preparation. We feel sure that some who have had the experience would dispute part of the above statements.

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Quoted with approval by Dr. Clark is a statement by James Pratt in *The Religion Consciousness* who states that the hymn, "Just as I am, without one plea," is a masterpiece of autosuggestion, such as is used to induce speaking with tongues. While we cannot escape the impression that the above remarks are too coldly critical we would point out, as others have, that what the church needs is not so much the experience of Pentecost as the power of Pentecost. We contend that the two can be and have been separated in the lives of some of the greatest evangelists and laymen.

A striking example of powerful preaching in many tongues occurs every day in Manila, P. I. It is not miraculous in the same sense in which people of many tongues heard the Gospel in their own language from the lips of the apostles on that one historic occasion, but the opening up of doors and the providing of facilities is nothing short of miraculous. We refer to the preaching of the Gospel on the programs of the Far East Broadcasting Company. Daily, in 36 languages, the voices of missionaries and native Christians by way of tape-recorded messages fan out over more than half the population of the world from powerful transmitters — soon to be replaced by yet more powerful ones. In a very real sense this is the power of Pentecost in the twentieth century. If the apostles could return and see what is being done from Manila, do you think they would choose a repetition of their Jerusalem gifts and opportunities? We think not. They used the power given them in their time; we must use the power given us in our time, making sure that the message is essentially the same and proclaimed with equal conviction.

OUR WORLD MISSION

The "World Mission" treasurer of one of our smaller churches in New York State reported to the members through the church bulletin that no contributions were received during February on the church pledge to our World Mission. A small church supporting a pastor has more of a problem than a large church. Prob-

bly some treasurers could report that the number of members of their church who gave nothing at all during a given month was larger than the total membership of the above mentioned church. Let's sell our cause to our people!

EDITORIAL NOTES

Cardinal Hits Rock 'n' Roll

We are Protestants and are proud of our standards of faith and practice. It is not often that we find ourselves in agreement with a Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church, especially Cardinal Stritch of Chicago. We have found him to be quite unreasonable at times in his attitude toward Protestants.

Now we think he has taken a right stand on the popular rock 'n' roll music. He calls it "tribal rhythms" and says:

"When our schools and centers stoop to such things as 'rock and roll' tribal rhythms, they are failing seriously in their duty. God grant that this word will have the effect of banning such things in Catholic recreation."

This is not Catholic doctrine. This is common sense and setting a standard that might well be accepted by all Christian young people.

The Raven Sells Cigarettes

The haunting rhythm of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven," has now been turned to selling a certain brand of cigarettes. A parody of the doleful dirge extols the supposed superiority of a longer cigarette — one which does not have any protective fiber filter. The proven falsehood of the claims made by the advertisers does not deter the manufacturer from continuing to make the claims before the smokers who want to believe there is no shortening of life involved.

Some people have a relish for tragedies enacted on the stage; few there are who have joy in looking forward to tragic endings to their own lives. Those of us who are not in the clutches of the cigarette habit and who pity the agnostic hopelessness of Edgar Allen Poe can view the connection between "The Raven" and the cigarette something like a tragedy on the stage. That famous poem may have driven

many a person to seek an anchor for the soul which the poet did not have when he contemplated the loss of a loved one.

Unfortunately this parody which changes the "nevermores" to "evermores" is not, as in the poem, a matter of reflecting on a recent death; it promotes sales and lulls the user of the cigarette into a feeling of false security. While Poe had no hope for eternity these advertisers seem to show no scruples about moving eternity closer without warning.

Advertising Tranquilizers

It was a full-page newspaper advertisement with inch-high headings featuring the pictured face of a happily relaxed young lady. The heavily colored lips were parted in a smile. The closed eyelids showed well-waxed lashes below artificially raised and penciled eyebrows. Here was a girl — one who normally would be suffering from high nervous tension but now was perfectly tranquil — all because of a new combination of drugs which could be secured without a doctor's prescription.

We would not question the right of the makers of sedatives to use every legitimate means to sell their products at a profit. However, we would not like to see Christians or non-Christians resorting to such temporary and superficial methods of improving their dispositions.

On a train recently we saw two girls of completely different facial characteristics — girls who were living amid all the tensions of the city and the regimented life of student nurses and technicians. They were of different religious denominations. Their faces had a radiance that showed an inner peace which was the product of Christian faith well nurtured with spiritual food. One of them carried a well-used Bible. A brief conversation indicated that home and church ties were strong.

No doctor's prescription is needed for true tranquility, none but the open prescription of the Great Physician. Beware of substitutes with false advertising.

You can force men to live by untruths, but you can't change truth. — Charlotte M. Clough.



MEMORY TEXT

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven. Hebrews 12: 25.



PRAYER MEETINGS

Like some other churches of New England and elsewhere the congregation of the Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Church is small in comparison with what its building would seat. Its prayer meeting attendance, however, stands high in relation to the Sabbath morning attendance. In January the average was 28 in the morning and 13½ on Sabbath eve. In February it was 27 and 15. The tendency in larger churches is to "let George do it," i.e., the public praying.

THE HOLY BIBLE — BOOK OF THE AGES

"It contains: the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of the sinner, and the happiness of believers.

"Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, its decisions are immutable. Read it and you will be wise; believe it and you will be safe; practice it and you will be holy.

"It contains: light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

"Here heaven is opened, the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

"It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

"It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

"'Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven' (Ps. 119: 89)." — Selected.

Christian Education Convention at Cincinnati

By Rev. Rex Zwiebel

Most folks who attend conventions have an accurate idea of that which takes place, that is, committee meetings, plenary sessions, buzz groups, seminars, banquets, counseling, worship meetings, and so on. We feel inspired by the fellowship that we have with old friends and new. Old visions are bestirred and new ones become apparent. All this and more was the happy experience and privilege of the secretary of the Board of Christian Education while in attendance at the Annual Convention of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 8-15, 1957.

The bulk of the activities in this type of convention takes place in section meetings. The sections are divided into Youth Work, Children's Work, Pastors, Administration and Leadership, Christian Education Directors, Weekday, Vacation Church School, and others. Your board secretary is a member of the Administration and Leadership Section and also meets with the National Denominational Executives group. He is a member of the first by appointment by the SDB Board of Christian Education, and of the second by virtue of his employment. When a person is a member of a section, a fee is paid, and it is expected that he will attend meetings as faithfully as possible. There is no charge for membership in the National Denominational Executives Section, however. The main reason that we, as a denomination, do not have representatives in the other sections is lack of finance.

Theological Schools

The total impact of such a meeting cannot be described, but here follows some of the information gleaned. Dr. Charles L. Taylor, executive secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools, related these facts:

1. Theological schools did not confer with each other until 1918, and that it was not until 1935 that the Association was formed.

2. There are 25,000 theological students

today with one faculty member to every 20 students (one to ten is desirable.)

3. Fifty-six per cent of all college support comes from taxes; fifty per cent of medical aid comes from taxes; but only .5 of one per cent of theological education comes from taxes, and that percentage is for the remaining GI education aid. (Churches must gladly come forth with support.)

4. Theological schools need double the number of faculty members with a hike in salary.

5. There are 80 accredited theological schools with 45 seeking accreditation in the United States and Canada.

In an address before the Denominational Executives, Paul Calvin Payne, chairman of the Division of Education, stated that humanity was plagued by too many people who would "rather die than think." He defined a lazy man as one who is so busy doing the things he likes to do that he never does the things he ought to do. He reminded us that research is absolutely essential, like "reading the label before opening the bottle."

Dr. Luther A. Weigle, chairman of the World Council of Christian Education, in speaking of the forthcoming World Convention to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in August, 1958, told the executives section that the Japanese Christians are raising three times as much money for the convention as Canada did for the entertaining of "young church" delegates. They long for fellowship and friendship with American Christians. Our Seventh Day Baptist denomination is asked to send at least five delegates to the convention. One of our leaders has expressed interest in going with some planning being done toward that end.

The Role of the Christian Leader

Two objectives were set for the section on administration and leadership: (1) to understand how different related groups in a community can help with a common community problem, and (2) how to make role-playing effective in solving a problem. These came under the general heading of "The Role of a Christian Leader." The hypothetical question was, "Shall the local School Board give permission to a Protestant church to have Church School classes

EVANGELISM

in the public school building on the day of worship?" Putting role-playing into action, we were divided up into groups representing the different organizations in the town, such as, individual churches, labor union, school board, etc. I was a member of the "Hope Suburbia Church" which in this instance was quite undecided on the question involved. Each member was given a "role" to play — a deacon, scoutmaster, trustee, etc. — and it was our job to bring the influence of our particular church on the school board so that the question might be settled our way. As a result of the lobbying of the several groups the school board made its decision. (It is my opinion that this method of studying problems and learning procedure can be used to a great advantage in our churches, Associations, and other meetings.)

At the dinner meeting of the Audio-visual Section, to which all the convention was invited, there was shown the premiere of a new Race Relations film, "The Broken Mask." The film was to be released the last of February, and it can well be used as the center of any discussion on race relations. The story faces squarely the problems that arise when a Negro is invited to join a white church. It is well done and in color.

Of interest to all readers of this article is the breakfast meeting called by the Division leaders at which they were the hosts to all the leaders of small denomination members of the National Council of Churches. There the workings of the Division of Christian Education were explained with the hope that small denominations might really feel a part of the total work even though not able to support it with a full quota of representatives and finance. We were given opportunity to express our hopes and fears. I believe that everyone left the meeting with a new vision of what can be accomplished through ecumenical effort. The sincerity of the hosts was gratifying as it always is on every occasion.

The article that appeared in *Life* magazine, Feb. 11, 1957, titled, "What Is Wrong with Our Sunday Schools," came in for some discussion. While no one seemed to agree wholly with the author, all were

"Modern technology is suddenly supplying in dizzy profusion, for both good and ill, tools that make men giants in speed and strength without making them gentle and wise," stated Robert L. Calhoun of Yale Divinity School in an address before the General Board of the N.C.C. He went on to mention evangelism in these words:

"In our time, as in earlier times, effective proclamation of the gospel is needed to make these other resources . . . ministers of life and not death. Evangelism in our time must speak to the deep needs of men for radical healing."

of the opinion that if the hour set aside on Sabbath morning is not used to the best advantage then it may become the "most wasted hour in the week." Considering the greatness of the blessed Gospel that we profess to teach, no less than our best efforts should be put forth when the opportunity is available. That hour should be made to count.

Significant Worship Service

The worship service where all 1500 delegates met was held in Emery Auditorium. It was planned by the Division staff and the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati. A large church choir joined with the brass choir from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music to lead the worship in song and music. The speaker was Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. His new book, "Seeking to Be Christian in Race Relations," is just off the press, and in it one finds the essence of his marvelous sermon of the evening. I quote, "No man or woman, boy or girl, can live in a community of hatred and ill will without hating. No person is bound to be prejudiced against Jews, Negroes, or Gentiles just because prejudice against them is deep-seated in his community. Any person, with God's help and grace, can rise above prejudice against any religious or racial group. It is this freedom in man to think, to choose, to see values and to pursue them, and his power to create a better community that helps to distinguish him from the beast."

Tract Distribution
In Schenectady Area

There is one story about the Schenectady, N. Y., Church which has not been told to the readers of this publication. The story of how the new building was erected "by faith and zeal" was well told and illustrated in the March 11 issue. The zeal manifests itself in other lines than construction work — masonry and plumbing, painting and finishing. Extending the message of the church through a well-planned tract distribution is felt by some of the members as a personal responsibility.

Lawrence Fatato has not always been a faithful member of the group. About two years ago his Sabbath convictions were deepened and he gave up a business which conflicted with his renewed Christian convictions. He is now employed by a locomotive company and has full Sabbath privileges. Very active in the building program, he also gives thought and effort to the spiritual side of church work as the cover picture on this Recorder shows.

Wherever his panel truck is parked the side next to the curb preaches a short Gospel sermon. The large letters "Know Your God" are neatly cut out of stainless steel. The durable metal frame for the longer Bible verses is so arranged that the message can be changed. The one pictured on the truck was done by a sign painter but Mr. Fatato has now secured a set of rubber stamp letters which will enable him to display a different verse each week without much additional cost.

This relatively new tract-distributing enthusiast uses the opportunities afforded by his work. He plans to give out different tracts each week to his fellow employees. It is apparent that he has many friends who are glad to talk with him about spiritual matters and to accept the literature he offers them. Formerly Mr. Fatato was somewhat interested in beer gardens. Now he visits them to place tracts in the parked cars.

He has hopes of installing sound equipment in his truck to attract people by the use of good music. Then with a good supply of tracts in a rack inside he can meet the needs of those who are interested. He also has other plans for the spread of

the Gospel and the Sabbath. The American Sabbath Tract Society now sends tracts direct to him in addition to those which are available at the Schenectady Church.

Effectual Prayer

By Lyle Crandall

"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

As I look around and see so many people who have no regard for Christianity in any way (some will not let you even mention it to them), my heart is very sad. It is difficult to talk to them and to fit into their lives. I often think, "What can I do for such people?" I have concluded that the only thing I can do is to pray for them, and I know that God will answer my prayer if I pray with faith.

I firmly believe in healing through prayer. Even some Christian people seem to doubt that God can heal today. They limit His power. But I wish to say that His "arm is not shortened" and His power to heal is not limited. He performed miracles in the Bible times and He can perform them today. He never changes.

I wish to give two examples which prove my statements. When my mother was seventy-nine years old she was cured from a cancer. An operation was performed and she made a wonderful recovery. The doctors said they could not understand it, but we could, for we were praying. She lived two years longer, and the cancer never returned.

When we lived in Battle Creek, Mich., a little boy we knew went blind from malnutrition. We went to call on him and his mother and told them we would pray for him every morning at nine o'clock. As a result, his sight was restored and today he is married and has a family.

Dear friends, when you have burdens that seem unbearable take them to the Lord in prayer and He will answer and heal, for He is the Great Physician.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 6, 1957

Jesus Faces the Cross

Lesson Scripture: Matt. 26: 26-29, 36-46.

Missions

Who Is Getting Hurt By Budget Shortages?

From a recent issue of the Sabbath Recorder we note that denominational budget receipts for four months were running behind approximately eleven percent (11%) of that which had been planned for (the report for February shows even farther behind). Does this mean anything to you who must "read as he runs"? We would respectfully urge you to take the time to read on and find out who is getting hurt by this preoccupation with many things, this failure as dependable stewards, this lack of imagination to see the human side of budget giving. Presently you may be the one who will say, "Why didn't somebody tell me?"

Taking round numbers to assist in understanding the over-all picture, the Missionary Board needs \$4,300 a month in order to maintain workers and an active missionary program at home and abroad. An eleven percent deficit means that the board is short \$1,892 of that needed since the beginning of the Conference year.

You may ask how is the board managing to remain solvent and how are workers being paid? One answer lies in the fact that some phases of our missionary program are being held in abeyance. For instance, a request to the treasurer for \$1,500 as an advance to the nurses, Miss Beth Severe and Miss Joan Clement, that might enable them to hold plane reservations and have approximately \$150 between them for extra expenses en route, had to be delayed in the hope that budget support would increase greatly in the next immediate months. This is urgent and pressing. We cannot delay sending these funds very long.

Again the budgeted items for sending a missionary couple to British Guiana have not been called for. Even if the couple had been ready to go we could not have sent them. There are no funds available.

Still again, a \$50 "cost-of-living bonus" to all missionary pastors was voted at the January board meeting. Although orders

have been drawn on the treasury for payment of these funds to needy pastors, the treasurer is not able to release the checks.

You who have read this far are beginning to grasp the fact that this trend cannot keep up indefinitely. Unless budgeted receipts improve, someone will have to await salaries.

One step which the Missionary Board can take will be to return to the plan of sending monthly to the field only that percentage of the budget which is actually raised. Thus far the board has sent \$458.33 each month to Nyasaland which is one twelfth of their total budget.

Our Nyasaland workers have said that they are willing to help bear the burden of a partially raised budget along with others. Shall we do this, letting our indifference or negligence be paid for by the sacrifices of our workers on the field?

Brethren, it is time each of us bestirred ourselves and gave as we have never given before — not only our tithes but offerings which represent sacrifice.

Jamaica Mission School News

By Mrs. Grover Brissey

Crandall High School opened the year of 1957 with an unexpected enrollment of 93. We had ended the year in December with 82. Some of these were graduated and some did not return, so we were pleased to have a gain.

Several of the new students seem young for high school, but when they are compared with our Junior High students in the United States they really aren't any younger. They are young, however, to handle so many studies and many find it very difficult to do so much; but where else can they get ready?

Today, Mr. Brissey made a survey of the schools in the Maiden Hall section having in view prospective students for the school at Maiden Hall. One school had an enrollment of five hundred students with eight teachers and four rooms. In each of the two large rooms were four teachers, each one with many pupils.

I had met one of these teachers last summer and she told me that she had ninety pupils in her class. Students are not allowed to remain in the grades after

fifteen years of age. With such crowded conditions progress is slow and a student could easily reach the age of fifteen before he is ready for high school. Getting adjusted is a problem with many, but they are trying and we are happy to help them. Wouldn't a Junior High School be fine here?

We are glad to report a better margin on the financial side, which is a little more comfortable. We have had to borrow small amounts to meet our obligations. These we plan to care for as the funds permit, and then look forward to improved conditions.

We hope to improve the grounds at the 29 Charles Street property. We look forward to the time when a hard surface will replace the dirt and dust. You may recall that the grounds are on two levels. On the upper level is the Ping-pong table. Badminton is played in the court of the lower level. The students really have a fine time playing, and Ping-pong and badminton are very popular games.

Interest in recreational activities is increasing and the student body has organized a recreational club. Besides, the club wishes to defray some of the expenses of the games. They are planning a Ping-pong contest this term between the classes, and next term they will sponsor something else.

This year some of the students plan to enter the interschool track meet. We continue in softball, cricket, and football. One of our greatest concerns now is: What do we do for playing space?

While talking to me, a headmistress said that there had never been a greater rush of young people to high schools here in Jamaica. Now the great question in the minds of those who have high hopes for Crandall High is: Where is space? Shall we not try to increase numbers or shall we go forward and increase the enrollment and expand the facilities? That decision will have to be met soon.

The future of education with the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in Jamaica seems to me to be at Crandall High School. We are jealous and zealous for Crandall High. There are very serious problems that face those in charge of this school.

We hope that the tide of entering school may affect even more young people. We

would like to see fewer young boys and girls lounging at the native markets and on the streets. They have only to get the vision of something better.

We want to take this opportunity of thanking everyone again for our splendid library. We have over twelve hundred single entrances (books) on our records. It may not look as though we would need more for so few people but we do need badly geography books dealing with the Eastern Hemisphere, Africa, and Australia. We appreciate the many things our friends in the United States have done for us. We will continue to try to do our best.

Pray that we may be strengthened spiritually. Pray that we may have courage and hope and that the way may brighten. Pray that Crandall High may grow steadily in grace and ability to help young people, and that a way may be opened to handle the increase. Pray that each of us, as teachers, may give our best. Pray for each student to be properly serious and to enjoy the work and play offered.

Texarkana Church Plans

From the "Handclasp," the newly named church bulletin of the Fouke-Texarkana Church groups, comes the word, "The first services were held in the new church building in Texarkana on February 22 and 23. There were 25 for prayer meeting on Friday night and 28 at the services on Sabbath afternoon, for these first meetings." Secretary Harris plans to attend the Texarkana Organizational Council Meeting March 29-31.

Attendance at Pacific Coast Association

It is expected that Secretary E. T. Harris will attend Pacific Coast Association meetings at Riverside, Calif., April 12-14, taking part in the Association program. He hopes to arrive at Los Angeles on April 1, 1957, and to visit for a few days with the Los Angeles Church members and friends before going to Riverside.

Prayer Thought

"Prayer is not a substitute for work. It is a desperate effort to work further and to be efficient beyond the range of one's powers. It is not the lazy who are most inclined to prayer. Those pray most who care most, and who having worked hard cannot be defeated." — G. Santayana.

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR APRIL

ONE SAVIOUR

(A hymn meditation for an Easter worship service prepared by Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, a member of the Battle Creek Church. She is vice-president of the Women's Board and a music lover.)

Scripture: "He is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2: 1-3). Read also John 3: 16, 17, and Matthew 17: 22b-23a.

Devotional Thoughts:

The hymn "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" was written by an Irish poetess as she sat by the bedside of a sick child. She is explaining to the child the meaning of the words "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried," in the Apostles' Creed. Cecil Humphreys Alexander was born in northern Ireland in 1823. She early learned to express her thoughts in verse, and her first volume of poems was published when she was only twenty-one years old. After she married Mr. Alexander she was an ideal minister's wife. She was very touched to learn from another minister that the singing of her hymn had greatly changed the heart of a very worldly man in his congregation. The music to which this poem is usually sung was composed by George Stebbins in 1878 and was published in the first series of Gospel Hymns edited by Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Sankey.

Salvation is the whole process by which Christ rescues us from sin, brings us back home, and sets us to work. "O dearly, dearly has He loved, and we must love Him too, . . . and try His works to do." Because we try to follow Christ, we cannot expect an easy way. He never promised that the way would be smooth and easy: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

The hopes of the disciples had been crushed with the crucifixion of their Lord, but after the revelation of the angel at the tomb, they learned that "because He lives, we too, we too, shall live!" (See Luke 24: 1-7).

The painting "Holy Women At the Tomb" by Ender makes an inspiring wor-

ship center. This Norwegian artist portrays the great dark cave into which the two Marys and Salome came to anoint Christ's body. In a golden light, they see a white-robed angel sitting where His body had lain. Magdalene standing nearest the angel is afraid, Mary, the mother of Jesus, presses forward in astonishment, while Salome, just entering the cave, is still downcast and sorrowful. The angel is speaking the world-shaking news, as he points above, "He is not here, He is risen!"

Solo: "Son of God, Eternal Saviour" by Lowry. This hymn closes with the words,

See the Christ-like host advancing,
High and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service,
For the common Lord of all.
Thou who prayest, Thou who willest,
That Thy people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Thy will be done.

Litany:

Leader: O Saviour of all, be as evident in the world today as in the days of Thy ministry — make us aware of Thy presence along the way.

Group: We beseech, O Saviour.

Leader: Give us attentive minds, and attune our hearts to Thy message.

Group: We beseech, O Saviour.

Leader: Make us sensitive to the human needs of all our brothers around the world and give us the courage to strive for the necessary changes in order to get rid of social injustices.

Group: We beseech, O Saviour.

Leader: Give us purity of life, a spirit of self-denial, and a consuming desire to follow Thee.

Group: We beseech, O Saviour.

Leader: Lead us into a deeper understanding of Thy will, that we may find that fulness of life which comes when we dedicate our lives to serving Thee.

Amen.

The crucifixion of Christ gave to the world a new and primary definition of sin, namely, sin is primarily disbelief in Christ and only secondarily disobedience against God's holy law. — Alfred Kube, Warrimoo, Australia.

Women's Board Notes From March Meeting

It was reported that the new prayer cards are at the printers and will be ready to mail out soon.

Mrs. Herbert Lippincott has finished compiling the history of the Women's Board for the first seventy-two years and several copies are now being typed. A copy will be sent to the Historical Society to be placed on file.



Mrs. Maxson
Board President

It is hoped that each keyworker will be prompt in giving the necessary information and returning these blanks.

It was voted to send two representatives from the board to the dedication services at the new Texarkana Church (March 29-31), if transportation arrangements could be made with Executive Secretary Mrs. R. T. Fetherston.

Our supply of Mrs. Millar's songbooks, "Hymns for Childhood and Youth," has been exhausted. If any more churches or individuals wish to order copies, we would like to know your probable needs, so we will know whether or not a second edition should be ordered. Write to Mrs. W. D. Millar, 18 Terry Court, Battle Creek, Mich.

The Summer Project Committee reports that several churches have requested assistance with their Bible Schools and camps. Arrangements to try and fill these needs are being made. Requests have also come from Florida and the West Coast. It has been the policy of the board to help as many churches as possible with the money available, by trying to locate helpers who live near the area requesting help. We would be glad to learn of any capable girl over twenty-one, living in the West, who would be willing to give two or

Christian Education

The Harley Sutton Fund

Gifts from three individuals for the Harley Sutton Fund were given during February. The three gifts totaled \$50 and were designated to be added to the Harley Sutton Scholarship Fund at Salem College. A report from Harley D. Bond, treasurer of the college, reveals that there is a total of \$284 in the fund. Additional gifts may be sent to the treasurer of the Harley Sutton Fund, Rex Zwiebel, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y.

National Family Week

To help the leaders in our churches in scheduling special programs and activities, the Board of Christian Education will be mailing out literature soon advertising ways to make use of material available for National Family Week, May 5-12, 1957. The theme for this year is "God Is Our Hope." All of the activities of our church program are vital only as the family participates. If the general family attitude is not favorable, little permanent good can be done through any activity of the church. The family must be anxious that the junior be active in his Sabbath School class, the junior choir, and junior society, that the teen-ager be a part of all the church offers, that the Ladies' Aid suppers are a success, and so on. Let all our churches take advantage of the opportunity to strengthen the family in the church by having "something extra" May 5 to 12. R. E. Z.

more weeks of her time this summer. Contact Mrs. George Parrish, 205 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek, Mich.

Good news has been received, from Rev. Leon Lawton in Jamaica, that the building at the Maiden Hall School is progressing rapidly. Ground was broken, February 13, for the Rose LaForge Maxson Classroom, a special project of the Women's Board made possible by a \$1,000 gift to the board by the disbanded New York City Church in honor of their oldest member, Mrs. Maxson. It is expected that this gift will be sufficient to complete the construction of the classroom. — A. M. D.

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.]

VIII

The Church

We believe that the Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people, gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body, of which Christ is the head; and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers, organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions.

The above statement is very good as a definition. It sets forth the two ways in which we most commonly think of the Church or a church. It is the "whole company of redeemed" which Paul speaks of in Ephesians the fifth chapter and the twenty-seventh verse, when he says, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Moreover the statement recognizes that a local group may join together, because their beliefs are similar and they have a common purpose, to form a neighborhood church. If this were not so, how could there be "added to the church daily such as should be saved"? (Acts 2: 47.)

This neighborhood group will need to have officers or leaders. And again we have Scriptural warrant for it in the appointment of deacons, the ordaining of elders (Acts 14: 23), and many other like passages.

But what is the church? Is it the outward edifice? Most of us would say, "No, for God dwelleth not in temples made with hands." But there is a more subtle danger here than we think. It is to identify the church with a certain type

of organization, having certain forms of worship, and calling for our adherence out of loyalty to the past. This is the type of loyalty which says, "My parents were members of this church"; "My grandfather was a deacon (or pastor) of this church"; "I was brought up with the habit of attending this church." All these things may be helpful in maintaining the Christian life and the life of the church, it is true, but standing alone they can make a congregation of proud, intolerant, and race-conscious or class-conscious individuals, not a church.

What is the church? Is it a group of people who have refrained from open violation of certain moral codes? The puritanical ideal still appeals. Those who follow its code will avoid the more flagrant sins. Some will add prohibitions against drinking, smoking, swearing, and perhaps dancing and movies. There is no doubt but that a renewal of the puritan virtues is sadly needed. But no amount of negative discipline will make a church; nor will it make its members tolerant, forgiving, or inwardly clean. So we must think of something beyond a similarity of actions or conformity to laws in order to explain what a church is.

What is the church? Is it a group of persons who have all had a similar experience of conversion or regeneration? Here we are on firmer ground. The Bible demands that we "put off the old man" and that we be "born from above." But to define this as a certain type of experience would be to limit the power of Christ, who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Many have come to Him in early youth, and cannot now remember the day or hour of their conversion. Some of the richest Christian lives have been lived by people of this sort. Shall we deny them a place in the Christian Church because their growth in Christ has been so gradual that no outstanding experience of change has been theirs? Desirable as the knowledge of such an experience in the life may be, it alone cannot be the criterion for membership in a church.

The Company of the Beloved

What is the church? It is a company of the beloved. They may differ in many details as to beliefs. They may differ in some minor respects as to certain acts or habits which are becoming to the Christian. "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth" (Rom. 14: 22). They may have different ideas as to how the church should be governed. They may have had different upbringing and entrance into the Christian life. But if they love one another, they can belong to the same church. That is the secret that makes the members "one body in Christ." Without that bond of love, they are merely an aggregation of individuals, each intent upon his own advancement, or aggrandizement, or enrichment in earthly things. "See how these Christians love one another" is still the marvel of those outside the fellowship, even as it was in the early days of the Christian Church.

The Fellowship of the Beloved is accomplished only through Christ, the Founder of the Church. They have learned to love one another as He has loved them. They love God because He first loved them, and showed His love through Jesus Christ His Son. Where love for God and for man is present, there is the true church, though its members "come from the ends of the earth."

Association Meetings

The first of the spring meetings of Seventh Day Baptist Associations (there are now nine Associations in the United States) is the one on the Pacific Coast. Its spring meeting has been held with the Riverside, Calif., Church for many years on the second weekend of April. Such a meeting is again planned this year. One special guest speaker on this occasion will be Missionary Secretary Everett T. Harris of Westerly, R. I., the dates, April 12-14.

Northern Association announces a change of dates according to a church bulletin just received. The meeting will be held at Jackson Center, Ohio, May 10-12 instead of April 26-28. Church leaders may wish to make this correction on their denominational calendars and in the Year Book on page 227.

Teen Talk

A Glimpse of Antarctica — and Heaven

You know what is going on in the world through the current-events emphasis of school, through the daily papers, and the news on radio and television. Have you sometimes wished that you could have the thrill of conquering the hazards of living at the South Pole with the modern equipment available to those who are now down there?

It may be that you got an unusual glimpse of Antarctica, as I did recently, through a picture in a New England newspaper. The expedition down there is not for people like us; it is for scientists who want to learn more about this world through careful observations of weather and such like. The picture of which I speak is of a fur-hooded meteorologist, John F. Guerrero. He is scanning the icebound horizon near the U.S. Navy base at McMurdo Sound. Although we are not meteorologists (weather scientists) we can see Antarctica through his glasses.

By an unusual trick of photography, when you look at his face you do not see his eyes but instead his large sunglasses reflecting two distinct pictures of people on the horizon. It is as if you are looking at a television screen. I don't understand it any more than I understand his more scientific observations. I am just telling what can be seen in the picture.

I have never been to heaven. Neither have you inhabited eternity. We probably never will be able to explain the land that lies beyond this life. Scientists are no better equipped to explain the wonders of the climate of heaven than you or I. There is no profit in trying to look through their glasses. As a matter of fact, they do not have that kind of glasses and they are not able to send back photographs.

However, we can see eternity through Christ. He came from His Father's throne; He revealed His Father's will. Dying, He opened heaven's gates to sinners; rising, He conquered death for us; ascending, He intercedes for us; and indwelling our hearts by His Spirit, He enables us to see beyond our little earth-bound horizons.

We look through His glasses, so to speak. In Hebrews 12 we read, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

YOUTH NEWS

At a recent business meeting of the Shiloh, N. J., Church, it was voted to authorize the permanent camp committee to contact the owner of a 30-acre tract of land south of Shiloh. It is being considered as a possible site for a permanent camp. Up to the present the South Jersey young folks have used the facilities of the Shiloh Deer Club near Tabernacle or have attended Lewis Camp in Rhode Island.

The Alfred Sun of March 14 pictured Judith Burdick, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick, receiving her silver (First Lt.) bar from Maj. Gen. Martin E. Griffin, Commanding General of Fitzsimons Army Hospital at Denver, Colo. Judith is a physiotherapist. She is a graduate of the Alfred University School of Nursing.

Diamantes Club Found Ways to Help

A group of teen-agers in San Jose, Calif., who call themselves the "Diamantes Club," are helping needy families of migrant farm workers who cannot find winter work. A recent investigation turned up one family of 14 people, including 10 children, who were sharing a two-room shack with rats. Learning of the family and their desperate plight the Diamantes Club got busy. After first alerting the press, they rallied the residents of the Santa Clara Valley with doorbell and telephone campaign. As a result, the youngsters collected food, clothing, and furniture and the family was put on its feet again.

Next, the plight of another family was tackled. Stricken by illness, this migrant family didn't know where to turn until the young club members arranged emergency aid which included an application for state aid for the children in the family. The young people also saw that one of the local churches "adopted" the family last Thanksgiving and at Christmas.

Because they had been helped by the Migrant Ministry, these Mexican-American teen-agers made their decision to help others. Under the leadership of Mrs. James Goble, former chairman of the Migrant Committee of the San Jose Council of Churches, they have made the plight of many of the migrant families in the area their main concern. — W. W. Reid.

Camp News

From time to time the building program of Pacific Pines Camp, to which the Riverside, Calif., Church holds title, has been mentioned. This really ambitious enlargement of housing facilities is summed up in a recent letter to friends of the camp by Gleason M. Curtis, chairman of the Camp Finance and Publicity Committee.

A barracks building to house 40 has been erected and paid for at a cost of \$4,697. A combination kitchen-dining hall-lodge 70 by 26 feet was begun last fall. The rough structure cost \$10,118. A campaign is now under way to raise \$5,000 more to complete the interior. It is expected that when these needed improvements are finished the camp will not only serve the Pacific Coast church camping program much better but will also make the camp more attractive to rent to the larger church groups outside the denomination desiring camping facilities in the quiet, pine-forest setting enjoyed by Pacific Pines.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Friendly to God

How much recognition can rightly be given to God and the Bible in an educational system dedicated to the separation of church and state? There seems to be a growing inclination to expect something more than was generally evident in the past two decades, namely, a friendliness toward God. The following statement may voice the present attitude well:

"We believe firmly in the separation of the church and state, but hold that this by no means implies an espousal of secularism and of practical atheism through the exclusion from our public schools of all reference to God, who is the supreme object of all learning and wisdom, and of all reference to His laws, which must

be the basis of true prosperity for men and for nations." — N.A.E. Executive Committee.

Pastor Marc Boegner, president of the French Protestant Federation, decrying the kind of unity Roman Catholics want, rebuked the narrowness of some Protestants who pray for unity. He writes, "Alas, poor Christians that we are, we all have the utmost difficulty in purifying our intercessions from our prejudices, our misunderstandings, our narrowness, and our one-sidedness."

Persecution in Colombia

The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia reports intensified anti-Protestant assaults by the Colombian Government. Police interrupted Protestant religious services in La Quibra, threatening to shoot all those present. Bibles and hymnals have been confiscated, primary schools closed, Protestant services prohibited, and Protestant Christians jailed. The primary excuse given by the government and the Roman Catholic hierarchy for this abuse is that all who receive teachings contrary to the essential dogmas of Catholicism will eventually accept communism. Constant attempts are made to link the Protestant cause with communism.

— Baptist World.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Mynor Soper, who for some time has been the associate pastor of the Los Angeles Church, has recently accepted a call to our church. He and his family will come here at the close of this year's seminary work. He hopes to continue his theological studies while serving our church.

The choir has instituted an attendance contest to run until the last of April. The purpose of the contest is to assure a full choir for the special music of the season. There will be a supper at the end of April provided by the losing group.

Two of our girls in nurses training in Bryan Memorial Hospital at Lincoln, Phyllis Christiansen and Katherine Severance, took part in a capping ceremony March 3. Phyllis as big sister placed the cap on Katherine. We are proud of our

student nurses and hope they will later find employment near a Seventh Day Baptist Church. — Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — A birthday social sponsored by the Ladies' Benevolent Society was held the evening after the Sabbath, Feb. 23, 1957. The committee in charge was Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cocker, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stebbins.

The four tables for Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter were beautifully decorated using many clever and original ideas. Paul Giesler and Mary Thorngate acting as judges gave the Fall table first place.

After seeking the Lord's blessing, all sang "Happy Birthday, dear friends." During the supper, musical numbers were rendered by Lois and Loretta Langworthy, Arlouene Van Horn, Barbara Greene, Wayne Van Horn, Vivian Bonser, and Bonnie Exe. — Correspondent.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The new Pulpit Bible being dedicated this morning (March 16) carries this inscription on the cover: "Presented in memory of Edith Collier, 1871-1956, to the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud, Mich." It is bound in morocco leather, the lettering is in gold. — Bulletin.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Fellowship. — According to the comparative figures of the World Mission in the Sabbath Recorder, March 4, 1957, our denominational budget is short almost \$10,000 as of January 31, 1957. This should cause us as individuals and as a fellowship to ponder and see if we might not be able to give more to this cause. All other agencies that depend on public giving receive from believers and non-believers alike, but Our World Mission gets contributions almost solely from Seventh Day Baptists. We depend on sacrificial giving of those who believe that seeking first the Kingdom of God is portrayed by our loyalty to our church. Other agencies, regardless of how worthy, should come second in our benevolent giving.

Will you reconsider? Two dollars apiece from each Seventh Day Baptist would more than take care of the shortage.

Our meetings are held the first and third Sabbaths of each month in the Union

The Sabbath Recorder

Road Community Church, 2628 Union Road, Cheektowaga, N. Y. — Church Bulletin for March 16.

FOUKE, ARK. — Fifty years of service in their church was noted by members of the Fouke Church recently in an all-day meeting. Mrs. Ethel Davis and Mrs. James Crabtree had united with the church in 1906, and were present for the day's services.

The themes of the messages for the day were "Some Things to Remember," and "What Mean These Stones?" The emphasis was on the little memorials such as a book, card, picture, a certain tree or corner that cause us to recall the counsel of a former pastor or Sabbath School teacher — things that challenge us to new effort and vision in order to be true to the work and expectations of those who have labored before us.

Special recognition was given to members present. Mrs. Hortense Shelton was the oldest and Miss Diane Slaton was the youngest present. There are six, possibly seven, members besides Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Crabtree who have been members more than fifty years.

Another unusual feature of the recognition meeting was the presence of two groups of four generations. Mrs. Ethel Davis, Mrs. Esther Mitchell, Mrs. Merline Murray, and Miss Kathy Murray are regular attendants both at prayer meetings on Tuesday nights and at Sabbath services. All but Kathy, the baby, are members of the church.

Those in the other four-generation group are all members of the Fouke Church and of the Texarkana Fellowship and are regular in attendance in Texarkana. They are Mrs. Hortense Shelton, Mrs. Ruth Griffith, Mrs. Ruth Joy Relthford, and Miss Charla Relthford.

This is no doubt the last joint meeting the Fouke Church will have with the Texarkana Fellowship before the organization of the Texarkana Church at the end of March. We were glad so many could come. About fifty gathered for the services and fellowship dinner.

— Correspondent.

HEBREWS — 16 mimeo studies, 35¢;
3 for \$1.00; \$3.00 per dozen for classes.
Osborn, Ashaway, R. I.

Births

Barber. — A son, Jeffery Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Clair Barber, Mar. 4, 1957, of North Loup and Grand Island, Neb.

Monroe. — A son, Eddie DuWayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Glathan Monroe of the Fouke Church on February 23.

Obituaries

Green. — Clarence V., son of Edwin and Pamela West Green, was born in Potter County, Pa., Jan. 4, 1887, and died at Almond, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1957.

He became a member of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in February, 1912. Until a few years ago he had spent most of his life near Alfred Station. After retiring from his farm, he was a painter and a carpenter.

Survivors include two sons, Harold of Syracuse and Lester of Andover; a daughter, Mrs. Edward Mason, of Almond; a brother, Grant, of Portville; three sisters: Mrs. Ed Childs of Wellsville, Mrs. Lucy Storms of Cuba, and Mrs. Nellie Gwynne of Varysburg, N. Y.; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the home of his son, Lester, in East Valley, with his pastor, J. Paul Green, officiating. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. — J. P. G.

Bond. — Cora Ellis, daughter of Deacon Eugene and Lula Brown Ellis, was born April 22, 1886, in Ashland Township, Dodge County, Minn., and died on Feb. 7, 1957, at the Owatonna, Minn., hospital after several years of ill health.

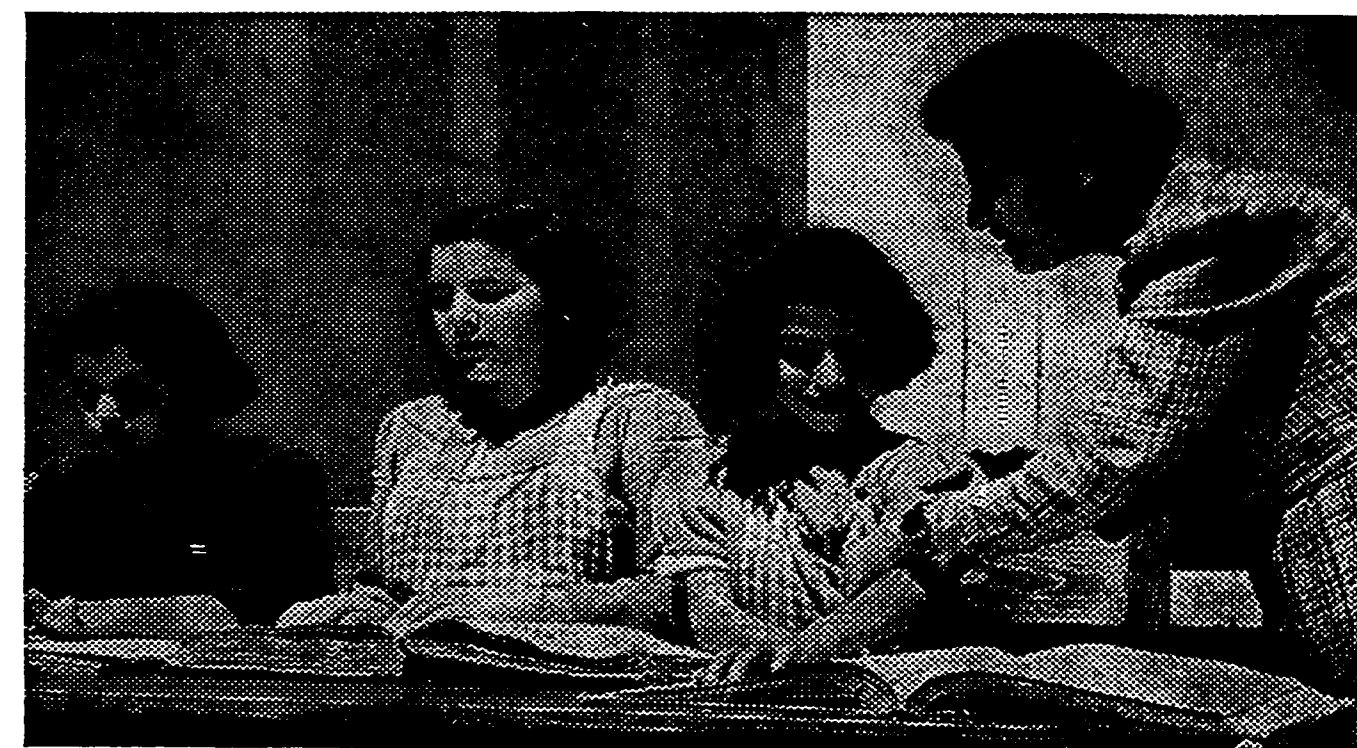
At the age of ten years she was baptized by Rev. H. D. Clarke and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dodge Center, Minn. On Sept. 20, 1911, she was united in marriage with Henry Bond by Rev. Charles Sayre. To this union were born eight children. Before her marriage she taught in the rural schools of Dodge Center and later used her teaching ability in her church's Sabbath School.

Surviving besides her husband are her children: Leona Bushaw, Superior, Wis.; Ormond, Ardith Greene, and Claston of Dodge Center; Arthur of Owatonna; and Berniece Jensen of Minneapolis; nineteen grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dodge Center by her pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn. Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery.

— Ardith Greene.

A California reader writes, "I am always sorry to come to the end of the last page." She goes on to hope for more pages and to make some helpful suggestions for making the Recorder serve the local churches more effectively.



Blind girls of the Middle East eagerly learning to read the Braille Bible

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THE SCRIPTURES IN 1109 LANGUAGES

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1109 languages and dialects as of December 31, 1956, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. Seventeen new languages have been added to the list since the last report.