

The Sabbath Recorder

Con Retreat. Four of our teen-agers were able to make use of this offer. Rev. Rex Zwiebel took them to Milton and was also the director of the Retreat.

Fourteen adults from our church attended Conference at Milton. I'm sure each one was richly blessed for having spent this short time learning more about the work of our denomination, hearing many fine sermons and also the beautiful music furnished by the choirs and quartets.

We have lost two members by death, Deacon Silas Whitford and Clarence Greene. Six letters have been granted for membership in other churches. Pastor and Mrs. Green joined our church by letter.

At the annual meeting we are electing new officers and trustees for a new year. May we each feel a deep responsibility in the work of our church and community. In the words of John Ruskin, "When we build let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for."

John's purpose in his first epistle was to increase the assurance of the present possession of eternal life. Let's keep this prayer thought in mind: Our hands are upon a rope of unseen end that draws us upward. We know we have eternal life. We know God answers prayer. We know we can become the medium through which the life of God passes to others. Let us grip the rope with a prayer of faith; let us with unfailing prayer extend the lifeline to those faltering on the slope below.

JACKSON CENTER, OHIO — An insert in the Battle Creek, Mich., Church bulletin which gives details of the program of the Northern Association (at Battle Creek, October 25-27) lists Montie B. Slusher as pastor at Jackson Center. He is still a non-commissioned officer (Chaplain's Assistant) in the Air Force stationed at some distance from Jackson Center. Recently he and his wife were received as nonresident members of the Salem, W. Va., Church. A newcomer to our denomination, he has announced his intention to study for the ministry. — Ed.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Polan were scheduled to leave for Daytona Beach, Fla., October 14. Mr. Polan is called to serve as pastor of our church in that city again this winter. — Church Bulletin.

Marriages

Campbell - Allen. — Elnoe John Campbell, son of Mrs. Lillian Gray Campbell, Janesville, Wis., and Judith Ann Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, Edgerton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church September 25, 1957, by the groom's pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. The bride is attending the University of Wisconsin and the groom is continuing with his Navy duty.

Maltby - Poulin. — Ronald L. Maltby, son of Rev. and Mrs. Leon M. Maltby of Plainfield, N. J., and Marlene Poulin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Poulin also of Plainfield, were united in marriage late Sabbath afternoon September 28, 1957, in the Bride and Groom Chapel at the NBC television studio in New York City, with the father of the groom officiating.

Births

Burdick. — A daughter, Vicky Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Burdick of Derby, Colo., on August 2, 1957.

Kitzman. — A son, David Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kitzman (Betty Davis) of Denver, Colo., on October 5, 1957.

Halterman. — A son, Ronald Lee, to J. Bud and Lucille Maltby Halterman of Riverside, Calif., on October 2, 1957.

Wheeler. — A son, William Raymond, to Rev. and Mrs. Edgar F. Wheeler of Salemville, Pa., on September 24, 1957.

Obituaries

Whitford. — Leo Ninette Coon, daughter of James A. and Jenette Coon, was born in Utica, Wis., May 31, 1880, and died at Edgerton, Wis., Sept. 23, 1957, following a long and courageous struggle with leukemia.

Educated in Milton College, with special emphasis on voice culture in Milton and Chicago, Leo prepared herself to make a major contribution as soloist and director in church and educational circles.

On September 2, 1903, she was married to J. Frederick Whitford. Her husband survives her, as does a daughter, Captain Geraldine L. Whitford, a nurse in the Army.

Baptized in 1899 by Rev. L. A. Platts, she affiliated with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and then with the Little Genesee, N. Y., Church — returning her membership to the Milton Church at the time of their retirement to that community. For five years she served as treasurer of the Women's Board. She served as chorister for the Milton and Little Genesee Churches.

Farewell services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

— E. F. R.



NEW AUBURN, WIS., CHURCH DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 12

In a northern Wisconsin community another new Seventh Day Baptist church building constructed very largely by volunteer labor attests the faith and devotion of the members who found the former 77-year-old building to be inadequate for the needs of the congregation. The photograph fails to catch its beauty and impressiveness, which are commented on by those who have seen it. See the story and picture inside.

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Rowing Upstream

The magazine picture with full color accompanied by honeyed words was advertising the sheer enjoyment of drifting down a river of Huck Finn fame in a small boat. That is for dreamy youth, for people beyond their prime, and for the few in between who labor with such strain and tension that they need a lazy vacation to recreate their spent energy of body and mind. Nature is a great healer and water in the form of flowing rivers and lapping waves is perhaps its best medicinal agent.

Let us come out of this dreamy atmosphere. Most of us are neither immature, sedentary, nor sick. We only fancy that we need a long, inert vacation. We are in the years of productive work, of strenuous thought, of purposeful, co-operative effort. It is the time to reverse the cry of labor for leisure. We live in a generation in which only a few have learned to labor. Let us keep alive the love of productive labor. Let us accept challenging tasks and leave for others or for another time the problems that come when days dawn and die without constructive purpose.

The call of Christ and the Church is for men who do not drift with the current but who flex the muscles of mind and spirit to row upstream. Ordinarily, within a church or denomination, there is little need to row upstream alone. One who stands alone in a congregation on any issue where principle is involved must do some serious evaluation of his position. Perhaps the principle he thinks he is contending for is obscure or fancied. If he is contending for truth among seekers for truth he cannot long remain alone. There will be at least a few others to pull the oars with him.

In society as a whole, and even in the Christian groups, minorities are more likely to be on the side of right than majorities on questions of faith and practice. So said Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount when commenting on the broad and narrow ways.

In administrative matters there is no other satisfactory solution than majority rule. We have seen too much of yielding to minority rule. When vocal pressure groups take over the reins of government we witness a dictatorship contrary to the

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best interests of all. That could happen if the Church gradually became like the world and lost its high distinctives.

It is so easy to relax principle for expediency, to fail to appreciate the difference between faith and principle on the one hand and administrative democracy on the other. Ideally we should be able to settle all matters by consensus of opinion, but many are the times when trying to join the crowd in the larger ship we need to be awakened to the fact that the Master is not in the boat. All too few of us are willing to row upstream. Let us resolve to make every effort to ascertain by prayer and Bible study on every issue what Christ would have us do and never to ship our oars if His call is to row upstream.

Not a Pusillanimous Effort

When the news of Russia's earth satellite hit our nation there was an immediate hue and cry from many quarters that the Administration was not putting forth enough money and effort to keep ahead in this area. President Eisenhower calmly explained that the government is spending \$5,200,000,000 a year on armed military research and development. "Now that," he added, "isn't any weak, pusillanimous effort; that is a lot of money."

Your editor should have known the full meaning of that big word, but he didn't; he had to go to the ever-present dictionary. It is a combination of two Latin words and means weak-minded, destitute of manly strength or firmness of mind. The President, further defending present appropriations and work on the rocket program, said he had consulted all known groups and none had any important ideas for doing the job better.

Our denominational weekly is not primarily concerned with Russian Sputniks, government spending, or big words like pusillanimous. But as long as we have this long term with such an interesting meaning we might apply it to our own program of outreach.

In the light of the flash news from our treasurer in the last issue and the fuller

statement on the back page of this one, there may be some people who will now want to label our Conference action of reducing our denominational budget as pusillanimous. We believed that we were thinking as large as possible when we reached agreement on \$90,000 instead of the unreachable goal for 1956-57 of \$95,000. Now our treasurer tells us that August and September gifts of over \$23,000 brought our year's total to \$93,500. That, as anyone can see, is \$3,500 more than we thought we could hope for in the fiscal year which began October 1. We cannot blame Commission for recommending the lower figure. They did the best they could with the information available. If they failed to measure accurately the missionary devotion of our people which definitely increased after Commission drew up its report, we should give the glory to God. To use that big word again, we should not call our representatives pusillanimous.

What of the future? Right now our executive secretary, treasurer, and others responsible are making the necessary plans for keeping the budgetary needs of our program before our people in such a way that our agencies can move forward in the work which must be done for Christ.

When the books were closed at the end of September we came so near to our high goal that we have every reason to believe we can do it again. Unusually high contributions for one month may have a natural explanation, but when contributions for the next month reach almost \$11,000 it is like trying to explain the response to the call for decisions at a Billy Graham Crusade. It is your editor's belief that it cannot be explained without reference to the moving power of the Holy Spirit. If we are right in this reasoning, the months of October, November, and December will not show the usual low figures.

Real devotion does not wither and die; it continues to flourish. In times of drought, alfalfa dries its roots deeper and stays green. So may it be with all who have recently found joy in generous giving.

President's Column

A Unity of Purpose

"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1: 22, 23).

There must be a unity among Seventh Day Baptists, a deep underlying unity of our faith. There are things which tend to separate, to divide. Satan must be happy when this takes place, when a unity of purpose is forgotten in man-made differences, no matter how honest they may be.

Certainly Christ is central to our faith, for we take the name of Christian. We all meet on common ground. We are all sinners and by our own sins are alienated from God. Again we meet on common ground when we are saved through the sacrifice of Christ. Let our unity be in Him.

There are certain to be differences of interpretations and differences of approach and there always will be as long as our wisdom is human wisdom. It was true in early New Testament times and it is true today. Whether the approach is that of a modern Peter, Paul, or Apollos, Christ is still the center of the Christian faith.

We need to turn to the primary facets of our faith: a belief in God; our need of salvation and the assurance of it through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior; and the promise of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Let us make these primary. And while we need to know and understand as much as we can about the nature of God and His manifestation, the way that Christ takes away our sins, the external evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, may they be secondary and not divisive.

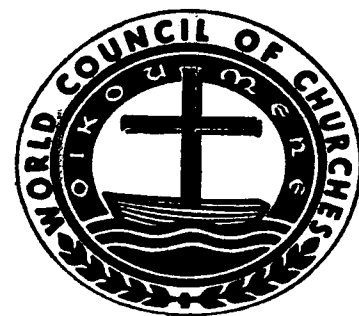
Let us look at the Bible as containing the truth of God and His dealings with His people. As such it is the Christian guidebook in walking the Christian way of life. Let us seek its truth for daily living rather than letting our concept of inspiration or accuracy of interpretation

or translation be a dividing wedge to split asunder the work of Christ.

Let us keep Christ's Kingdom foremost and ourselves secondary. So let us grow!

Suggested Bible study: 1 Cor. 1, 2, and 3.

A Message to the Churches



From the North American Faith and Order Conference on "The Nature of the Unity We Seek"

We have been sent as representatives of our churches to the North American Conference on Faith and Order to study "The Nature of the Unity We Seek." The fact of our commissioning as delegates by our own communions has contributed immeasurably, we believe, to the productiveness of our labors. It has assured us that the search for ways of making manifest the unity of the people of God is acknowledged as belonging to the very life and mission of every part of the Church. In the work of this conference we have been disciplined by the remembrance of the representative trust imposed in us, and we have been upheld by the prayers and hopes of many fellow-Christians.

Meeting at Oberlin for this week-long conference have been 279 representatives of thirty-nine Christian bodies, together with ninety-two consultants and thirty-six accredited observers. We give thanks that the conference has been so inclusive in its membership that all of us have been encouraged by solidarities among Christians of the most varied inheritances.

At the same time we are saddened by the absence of members of other churches whom we recognize as fellow-Christians, and we ask forgiveness for any failure of charity or understanding in us which may have kept them apart from our fellowship.

Gathered to consider the nature of the unity we seek, we give thanks for the unity we have found. This unity not only exists but is entirely the gift of God's

grace and love. We are claimed for this unity as we confess with one voice "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"; as we acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord; and as we accept His commission to declare to all men the good news of His victory. This is the Gospel which has ultimate power to shatter the human heart with wonder and shake the world with hope.

As we have known a common joy in the unity we now possess, we have also felt a common sorrow over the continuing fact of our separations one from another. We acknowledge the one Lord; we also own the peril of calling Him "Lord, Lord," and failing to do the things He has commanded. We cannot forget that His prayer for the unity of His followers remains unfulfilled. Although some of our divisions arise out of loyalty to truth that we now see, we must acknowledge that Christ calls us to a fuller comprehension of truth and more obedient service. To proclaim that Christ is the one Lord is to give Him pre-eminence over all else — over our most cherished traditions. This we have not done.

Yet God gives us hope. We do not see clearly the path that God has set before us but we are sure that He is leading us, and that at Oberlin He has given us new light.

In this light we see that the Church is God's Church and that the unity is His unity. This unity, we believe, is to be:

- A unity in Christ who died for us, is risen, regnant, and will come again to gather together all things in His judgment and grace;
- A unity in adoration of God — one offering of wonder, love, and praise;
- A unity of declared faith, sounding the vast Amen of the whole Church's believing life through all the centuries;
- A unity of bearing one another's burdens and sharing one another's joys;
- A unity in which every ministry is a ministry of and for all the members, bound together in a worshiping and sacramental community;
- A unity in mission to the world, originating with, sustained by, and

offered to the one Christ, and conducted with such transparency of love and faithfulness that the world will believe on Him;

— A unity possessing rich variety in worship, life, and organization.

Our message to the churches is an expression of desire and hope that something of what we have thought, experienced, and wrought during these days together may be shared widely with our fellow-Christians.

(1) We commend a study of the reports of this conference. We invite all churches, aided by these reports and findings, to engage with us in bringing their present life under the judgment of the Lord of the whole Church as we struggle to understand the unity we seek.

(2) We call upon every local church and congregation to examine the way in which it makes visible the nature of the Church of Christ. It is not only our separations as churches and denominations but in our social stratification, our racial segregation, our introversion and self-content despite God's summons to our mission to the world, that we deny and refuse the unity He would offer us.

(3) We look for continuing advance in the practical unity of united action by churches and congregations, and, with the Lund Conference and the Evanston Assembly, we repeat to the churches the question "whether they should not act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately?"

(4) We ask all Christians to pray unceasingly that the oneness of God's people may be manifest among men.

As we invite our brethren to engage in this task of study and self-examination we also covet for them the renewal of joy, expectancy, and hope that has been ours in this conference. We have known more surely that in Christ "are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden" — not alone for the life of the churches in their quest for unity but for all the people of God in their pilgrimage.

E. P. S., New York.

Minister and Family in Strategic Location



Left to right: Ethel D. Dickinson, C. Harmon Dickinson, Loisanna 6, Mervin 11, Alfred 12.

When a new pastor and his family come to Plainfield, N. J., it means greater responsibility than goes with pastoring Seventh Day Baptist churches of similar size in other communities. Plainfield is the location of our headquarters building, our publishing house, the American Sabbath Tract Society, Historical Society, and Memorial Fund.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson were elected members of the Tract Board before their arrival. The pastor, who has had experience in heading up successful Sabbath advertising for the Mid-Continent Association, has been named chairman of the Sabbath Promotion Committee which supervises the advertising assistance of the board for all the Associations, promotes Sabbath Rally Day, and undertakes other programs of denominational and interdenominational Sabbath promotion. Being close to New York City, Mr. Dickinson was also named by the denomination to be its representative to the American Bible Society. Mrs. Dickinson also serves on committees of the Tract Board, bringing to that work a keen mind and special capabilities.

The local church planned an installation program and a reception for the Dickinsons on October 5, the first Sabbath they were in the city. At the reception the president of the Ministerial Association and the public relations secretary of the Chamber of Commerce were among those

who welcomed the minister and his family.

Extensive refinishing and refurnishing of the large parsonage next door to the church had been undertaken by the trustees and the Women's Society in the last few weeks prior to the arrival of the new family. For the Dickinsons it was a move which brought them back to within about 100 miles of their home church, Shiloh, N. J., where they were born and reared. The pastor's mother and other members of his family were able to be present at the welcoming service.

Testaments for West German Army

The armed force of 500,000 men that is being built by the West German Government is the latest goal of the Pocket Testament League's world-wide program of Gospel distribution and evangelization. Distribution started in mid-June.

Full co-operation was extended to the Pocket Testament League's Team by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. The Chancellor issued the following statement:

"The paramount task for our time is to fight materialism in all its multitudinous forms. The ogre of materialism can be slain only in reviving men's faith in God. Spreading the Gospel and reading that Book of books, the Bible, constitute a means especially conducive to attaining this end."

After Conference Letter to British Guiana Church Leaders

(Written after much prayer by Executive Secretary Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, August 27, 1957.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is truly with a heavy heart that I undertake the writing of this letter. As I write I am praying that God will somehow through these words convey to you our sincere Christian love and the spirit of unworthiness we feel.

In spite of the fact that the Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn have been preparing themselves to come to you as helpers we found it impossible to include an item for their coming in Our World Mission budget for the year 1957-58.

Over the past few years we have, at each Conference time, come together and with enthusiasm planned a year of work that called for a certain amount of money. Then each year we have failed to raise the needed amount. This past year in particular, there were times when our missionaries and paid workers were very late in receiving their salary checks and planned work had to be curtailed. After lengthy discussion and much prayerful thought it was decided by the vote of Conference that we must not send other workers to the field until we can and will adequately meet the needs of those already there. Many hearts were stirred and all left the meeting feeling humbled and determined to do everything possible to follow God's leading in efforts to bring an awakening of all our people to their opportunities and responsibilities this coming year.

We have asked you to be patient for so long and still again we ask you. Many of us feel that God works in ways that are often not understood to us at the moment. Can we all — you there and we here — have faith to believe that if we let Him lead that He will work this matter out so that you there will receive His richest blessing?

I know that you will be receiving letters from the Rev. Everett Harris and from the Rev. Delmer Van Horn concerning this matter, but I was asked to send this letter in behalf of the General Conference.

We have sincerely and humbly tried to let God direct in this matter and now we must trust Him for further guidance. Pray with us that His will may be accomplished and that He will stir the hearts of all our people so that His love will prevail and we may all learn to work together for the coming of His Kingdom among us.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

British Guiana Pastors Write

The news of the decision of General Conference to adopt a budget which would not permit the sending of a missionary and family to British Guiana who had consented to serve, was received by Rev. Alexander Trotman quite calmly and philosophically. Pastor Trotman serves the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Uitvlugt and Bona Ventura.

Brother Trotman writes, "That decision of Conference has been both disconcerting and disappointing, yet miraculously providential or God-guided." He goes on to explain that an opportunity is now open for the Missionary Board and the denomination "to effect substantial improvement in the unfortunate economic state of the native pastors."

Pastor Trotman continues:

"It would be hypocritical not to admit that we were sort of knocked down by the sudden shock of that decision, but we have jumped up again to fight with renewed vigour and greater determination. We see God in it. We recognize the fact that we learn responsibility by being made responsible. All we beg is that you give us responsibility but remove every likely premise of slander by a substantial improvement to our present unfortunate economic state, the incubator of trouble one way or another.

"Time has given full proof now that the workers here, though admittedly unprofitable servants at their best, are not merely sincere to this Cause but are also devoted thereto. We are in it because we belong here. God is guiding. God is good and does not deny us anything save to give us something better in His good time. It is He who says to us Guianese

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WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth M. DeLand

November Devotions

By Mary B. Sutton

(Mrs. Trevah Sutton, a lone-Sabbathkeeper in Fabens, Texas, is a busy schoolteacher and mother who offered to help the Women's Board in any way she could.)

Topic: Gratitude

Scripture: "Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17: 15, RSV).

Hymn: God of the Sabbath**Meditation:**

As I gaze enthralled at the treeless mountains on three sides of us and the sand and scrub of the desert just over the wall from us, I marvel at the wonders of God's handwork. If in His infinite wisdom He could put beauty into such an area how much more beauty can He put into our hearts if we but let Him in.

The small child shows love and gratitude to his parents for their love and care. May we show our gratitude to God for the wonderful gift of His Son by our daily living and the joy we show in keeping holy the Sabbath that has been set aside for worship and rest.

How truly grateful we can be for those who through the years have given us the pattern to follow in the way of keeping the Sabbath. They have pointed out the Sabbath of the creation and God's plan for His people.

As one leper was thankful for the healing power of Jesus, so let us be thankful for the heritage of the Sabbath.

Prayer: Dear Father, we thank Thee for the many blessings that come each day. May we so live that others may see Christ in us and want to follow in His way. Amen.

Program: Drama in the packet. "The Rehearsal," or a study on the Sabbath.

Missionary-minded Recorder

I have enjoyed the Sabbath Recorder for many years. Now it is more of a missionary-minded paper than ever before. — A Manhattan Beach, Calif., reader.

Treasurer Is Happy

By Olin C. Davis, Verona, N. Y.
Treasurer of Our World Mission

Seventh Day Baptists have taken a great forward step in the past year! Our denominational giving has far surpassed that of any other year in our history. During 1956-57, Our World Mission received a total of \$93,501.52, or 96.89% of our budget goal!

We can be justly proud of this fact. It is evidence that Seventh Day Baptists have a greater vision of our Father's work for us as a denomination. It is evidence of the combined efforts of all our boards and agencies to work together for Our World Mission. It is evidence of real sacrificial giving by countless individuals nation-wide.

Your denominational treasurer would like to thank every church and every individual who had a part in raising our '56-'57 budget to this all-time high. God will richly bless your gifts and multiply them in His work.

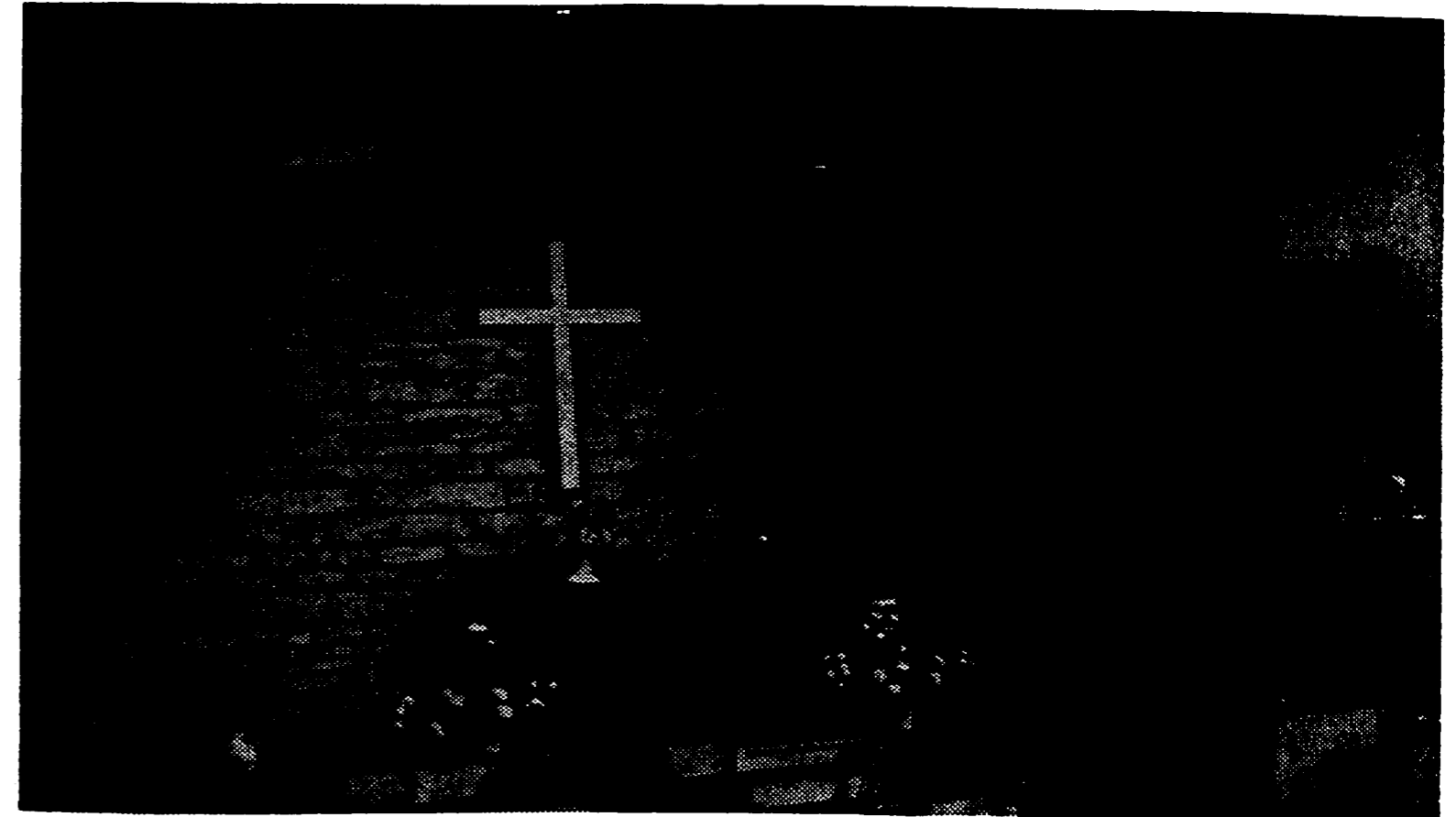
As we look toward the future, let us increase our efforts! Let us strive for an over-subscribed budget early in the new year! Let us enlarge Our World Mission, "One in Christ — Forward in Growth" for "we are laborers together with God"!

New Auburn's New Church — An Appreciation

By Albert N. Rogers

A new cross is seen as one drives north on U.S. 53 from Eau Claire, Wis., to Superior, or as one rides the Northwestern Railroad's "Duluth Special." It is the white cross atop the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church dedicated on Sabbath day, October 12, 1957. Supported by masses of yellow native sandstone and natural finished cedar, flanked by the village cemetery with its granite and evergreen, it commands the low hill east of the highway with the symbol of a living faith.

As a church should be, New Auburn's new edifice is the product of many hands. Designed by Dr. Wayne R. Rood of Berkeley, Calif., and built under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Don A.



Sanford, the structure represents more than 5,500 hours of labor donated by members and friends of the congregation. It is the result of forty years of study and planning within the local church.

The primary outlines of the church are functional and give an impression of strength and permanence. Wide doors welcome one both from the roadside and from the parking area. A stone tablet identifies the building and its purpose. The broad walk and ample planter add their restfulness. Detail in the windows and doorways is modified Gothic so that the total effect is both contemporary and traditional.

Through either of the main entrances one comes at once into the large dining room which serves also as a foyer. Double doors lead on into the sanctuary, and removable wall panels allow the outer room to serve overflow audiences. The kitchen, service, and coat rooms lead off the dining room in various directions and all are on the ground level except that enclosing the furnace. Classrooms separated from the sanctuary by folding partitions are also accessible from the central area, beyond which is another room with its own entrance which is designated for the kindergarten and might serve for the pastor's study or for a choir.

On the front wall at the north end of the sanctuary hangs another white cross similar in proportions to that which dominates the exterior. The wall is of sandstone and with the cross honestly repeats the outer motif of the structure. Cut irregularly and laid with unstruck joints, the stones suggest individuality as well as unity, and it was suggested that each represents a member of the seventy-nine-year-old church fellowship. The ceiling sloping gently from right to left is supported by huge laminated beams, behind which the lighting is also concealed. Four large windows let in morning light from the east. An altar stands beneath the wall cross centered on the wide rostrum, and the pulpit is situated at the right side backed by a three-unit clergy bench. The furnishings are of limed oak and over-all wall areas and trim are done in warm eggshell.

It is symbolic as well as thrifty that some of the building materials, doors and windows, and the furnace, were purchased from the Second Congregational Church of Eau Claire which was being razed. Portions of the old church which served seventy-seven years on the same site were also used. Liberal discounts from local firms and the generous co-operation of various members of the New Auburn

community show a high regard for Seventh Day Baptists in the locality.

Jess Babcock of Milton, Wis., Mark Sanford of Little Genesee, N. Y., Orville Hurley of Milton Junction, Wis., and the Rev. David S. Clarke with young people from Boulder, Colo., visited New Auburn during the construction and donated labor along with the local people. The Milton and Walworth Seventh Day Baptist Churches made capital gifts. Kitchen equipment, tables, and folding chairs were supplied by the Kum Dubl Klub and the Ladies' Aid of the church.

Having served the New Auburn Church in the summers of 1940 and 1941, I was pleased to be invited to share in the dedication of the new house of worship held in connection with the fall meeting of the North Central Association. I congratulate the church heartily upon this worthy piece of work which has been done through them to the glory of God and of His Son Christ.

British Guiana Pastors Write

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now though it be for a while, 'Go Forward.' Help us to.

"We do not believe that this 'walk-alone' state is to continue much longer though the decision of Conference is unqualified. We believe it is just for the accomplishment of divine adjustments which are afoot. Our hopes are not always fulfilled as we desire."

Mrs. Joseph Tyrrell (Martha Peters) continues to accompany and assist her husband on his several charges. His pastoral services include the Seventh Day Baptist churches at Parika and the Essequibo Coast fellowship groups (Queenstown, Henrietta, and Dartmouth) and now include the Wakenaam Seventh Day Baptist Church, formerly served by Rev. B. O. Berry.

Mrs. Tyrrell has written, "You will know that he (Pastor Tyrrell) has taken charge of the Wakenaam Church from the 1st of September, 1957. It was the desire of the Wakenaam Church for him to be with them. You will know, too, that the Auckland Church is closed. None of the two pastors wished to go on Mr.

MEMORY TEXT

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11: 25.

Berry's property to hold services there."

Pastor Joseph Tyrrell has written: "I am glad to report that I went to Wakenaam on the 13th of September and was gladly received by the church. I spent four days there. On Sabbath day 14th, myself and Sister were welcomed by Deacon Freeman. The Sabbath School teacher then asked Sister Martha to teach the school; there were in attendance 28 adults and 7 children. On Sunday I kept Gospel and Communion service; 15 took Communion; there was a gathering of about 40-45 in attendance. Everybody seemed to be very joyful. On Monday and Tuesday nights I held open-air meetings at two different points on the island which were nicely attended. They all seemed to enjoy the meetings very much, and the field looks promising. I shall endeavour to do my best as much as I can on this field of labour in the winning of souls, God being my helper. Kindly pray for us."

Group Salvation

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, president of Lafayette College, roundly condemns our growing acquiescence to the imposition of social concepts by force in the guise of "social progress." Addressing a meeting recently sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches, he pointedly declared: "In our political and religious liberalism, we have been tempted... to think only of the social group and no longer of the individual. We have been beguiled by the idea that if we can save society, each individual will be caught up in some kind of corporate salvation." — Dateline.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 9, 1957

Many Gifts but One Spirit

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 12: 1-13.

Special Issues of the Sabbath Recorder Plans Under Way

The general call for a publication which can be handed out like a tract to win people to Christ, to strengthen their faith, and to present and explain the Scripture teaching regarding the Sabbath is in process of being met on an experimental basis by the American Sabbath Tract Society.

The announcement of proposed special quarterly issues of the **Sabbath Recorder** was made to Conference and approved with one or two minor suggestions. The Tract Board at its September meeting named the new Advisory Committee as a planning committee without power. Two meetings of this smaller group resulted in some definite recommendations which were presented to a special meeting of the board held on October 13.

The recommendations were accepted by the board after discussion of each one. The substance of the action taken is as follows. The four special issues will take the place of regular issues of the same date. There will be four different editors with Mr. Maltby acting as managing editor. Nominations were made by the committee and those selected are now being contacted. If any are unable to accept the responsibility the Advisory Committee is empowered to secure replacements. The special issues will be 24 pages, printed on better stock than usual with a two-color cover. Each editor will be paid a specified amount including secretarial help.

The board took action to increase its budget to cover the additional cost of the first two issues, which fall within the fiscal year. This increase is met by further depleting the General Fund. In this connection it is of interest to note from the report of the Budget Committee that if all the work contemplated for the year is brought to completion that fund will have been reduced from seven or eight thousand dollars to about three hundred and fifty dollars in a period of about one year.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth M. DeLand

Inspiration from Board Meeting Bread, Freedom, Dignity

The devotions for the October Women's Board meeting used the theme for World Community Day, "Bread, Freedom, Dignity." Because of the special emphasis on gratitude at this season of the year, it is only fitting that we, with our abundance in America, think of sharing with people throughout the world who are in need.

As Mrs. Wedel, president of United Church Women, says, "We are not asking: 'Will they become Christians?' or even 'Will they become allies of America?' They may be convinced Moslems, or Buddhists, or even Communists. In other aspects of our program, we try to reach them with the Gospel. But right now we are engaged in giving a demonstration of pure, unadulterated Christian service. We see people in need. They are God's children, and we know that His heart goes out to them. We consider ourselves greatly blessed that we are allowed to minister to them in His name. We know that as we do something for these, our brethren, we are doing it for Him."

Fellowship Fund

To help support the far-reaching national and international program of United Church Women, a special Fellowship Fund was started five years ago. Its goal to secure 20,000 dedicated women who will annually give an extra \$5 to this work has not been reached. Some of our women's societies have contributed to this Fellowship Fund, when their women were interested in supporting this work, but did not feel that they could each give five dollars. Such gifts may be sent to: United Church Women — Fellowship Fund, 175 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

UNICEF

Another agency that shares with needy children around the world is UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). A total of 45 million children in 102 countries and territories will be aided by UNICEF this year. A

little goes a long way because all that is given by UNICEF is matched by the receiving countries, which in addition give local supplies, provide facilities and equipment, and furnish personnel to carry out the program. A new program being developed is using foods available in the needy areas to make new high protein foods: a fish flour factory in Chile; meal processed from peanuts, sesame, and cottonseed in Southeast Asia to make inexpensive bread; and a plant in Indonesia for the production of soybean powder which, when mixed with water, makes a milk-like drink. Pennies to make possible milk for more children will be gathered on Halloween in many communities, instead of the usual selfish treats of candy, etc. UNICEF Christmas cards and note paper can be purchased at ten cards for \$1.25 from UNICEF Greeting Card Fund, United Nations, N. Y. One box especially appropriate for Christmas is the Madonna and Child, also the series, "Music for Children," that shows children in five parts of the world enjoying music typical of their lands.

Denominational Mission Goals

The Goals Committee called our attention to the sixth Women's Board Goal: "Let us be responsible for seeing that our family meets its share of our World Mission." Our executive secretary gave us encouraging news about the increased giving for the last two months of the year. We should not let down. Let's keep it up throughout the present year. A letter from Secretary Everett Harris shows another instance of unfinished plans, if the budget has to be cut back. Quoting: "The cost of a permanent roof for the school building (at Makapwa) was set at \$566. When it seemed necessary to cut back the askings of the Nyasaland mission I wrote to Rev. David Pearson that the amount for the school roof might not be available this year, unless some other saving could be effected to make it possible."

At Conference when Beth and Joan told of the need of a new church (since the present church is being used for school) many of the women said they wanted to undertake the project of a permanent

roof for this church. The Women's Board voted not to split up the Mary Maxson Fund for this project since our women felt that they would each like to have a part in carrying out this task. Is a permanent roof for the present school building a more pressing need at this time?

According to the wishes of the women at Conference, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn is being sent \$25 per month, starting with September, for travel expenses on the Southwest Field. We are hoping that each of you will want to share in this project. It would be wonderful if most of this fund could be raised early this year, and then we would know if it is possible to take up another missionary project such as those mentioned above. It will depend upon what response each of you makes.

Teen Talk

Where Is Heaven?

We have to think of heaven as somewhere up yonder in the sky because that is the only direction in which there is room and space. Beneath our feet there is only earth and the unexplored mystery of its middle. Whatever is in the middle of the earth seems to bear far more resemblance to hell than to heaven, for what comes up from the depths of the earth is the fire of volcanoes and the steam of geysers.

People look up at the great vault of sky, the individual horizon limited by our range of vision — an oval which moves like a rainbow seen from a speeding car. We know that the sun by day shines through that transparent dome and that moon and stars seem to be painted on its under surface. When we look up into this vastness of space we think of God and heaven. We know that God is there. Though we cannot see Him, He can see us, hear our voices, and read our thoughts.

Heavenly Hot Rod

Heaven has at least two meanings, perhaps many more. The Nineteenth Psalm tells us that the heavens declare the glory of God; and that the firmament showeth

His handiwork. In that sense, heaven is almost the same as sky. Lots of people are looking at heaven these days trying to be the first in their community to see the new "star" or "moon" that is now circling the earth. A writer in one of the papers calls it a "heavenly hot rod." I guess he is talking the language of teen-agers. The youth who owns a "hot rod" would be highly pleased if his girl called it "heavenly." That would be another meaning.

"Sputnik," as the Russians call their satellite, may be a sort of glowing hot rod in the heavens but it is not heavenly. It is only a few hundred miles from the earth and is held at that distance by the force of gravity. It will never go to heaven, and no man or boy or girl will ever explore the real heaven by means of any future development of earth-made rockets. We can be sure of that.

Sometime we may be able to go faster, farther, and higher than anyone else has ever traveled, but we will get to heaven only by the way God has provided. Jesus said that He would come again and receive unto Himself those disciples who put their faith in Him. He has prepared a place for us; we must prepare ourselves for that place.

The Fourth Temptation

Paul I. Wellman, in *The Chain*, tells a beautiful story gathered from the Southern Negroes. It concerns the fourth temptation. All of us know the three temptations of Jesus on the Mount; they are the temptation of hunger, the temptation of the taunt, the temptation of ambitious pride. But the Southern Negroes speak of a fourth, which came as Jesus hung on the cross. Satan returned then and whispered in the Savior's ear, "They aren't worth it, Lord." At that point in the Calvarian murder, the Master raised His voice and cried, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And immediately Satan fled, for he knew that the powers of darkness could never more prevail against the stainless soul of the Son of God. — Andrew Christian Braun in *The Conquest of Life* (The Fleming H. Revell Company).

To the Jew First and Also to the Greek Bible Distribution on the Sidewalks of New York

Two earnest men with a high sense of mission for people of New York, especially the Jewish people in the financial district, have done a remarkable job of Scripture distribution this year.

The Rev. Ralph Roller of Flushing, N. Y., and Noah Cappiello of South Plainfield, N. J., Sabbathkeepers who are well known to Seventh Day Baptists in the Plainfield area, find many opportunities to witness for the Sabbath in their unique ministry among the millions in the metropolis. They find great joy in helping Jews find Christ. By telling them that they, too, believe in the Sabbath they are often able to awaken an interest which would not otherwise be kindled.

This ministry of street preaching and Scripture distribution is not limited to men reared in the Jewish faith and traditions. Here are reports from January to September, 1957: Number of Gospels handed out to passers-by 32,005; Testaments given to non-Jews 1,048; Prophecy Edition New Testaments accepted by Jews who promised to read them 2,095; whole Bibles handed out to people who said they had none 785; Hebrew Bibles (both Old and New Testaments) given to Jews 1,130; Yiddish New Testaments 64; English Old Testaments given to Jewish personnel 102; Roman Catholic Edition New Testaments, requested by Catholics 202. This makes a distribution in nine months of 1,915 whole Bibles, 3,409 New Testaments, and a total 37,431 portions and volumes.

A similar work was carried on last year though on a smaller scale. Totals for 12 months were 42,650 Gospels, 92 Bibles, 2,630 Testaments, 87 Old Testaments, and 56 Catholic Testaments.

The sources for these gift Scriptures are interesting. The Eastern Association from home mission funds provided one third of the cost of 36,000 Gospels and printed an insert to refer interested people to the Plainfield Church as a source of tracts.

The New York Bible Society donated the other two cents for each Gospel. That Society also provided a similar portion of the cost of the regular New Testaments handed out. The organization headed by Dr. A. U. Michelson of California met the remaining cost. His funds also provided the Bibles and supported Mr. Roller in this full-time work, besides paying something on transportation expenses. Evangelist Oral Roberts through his radio and television funds supplied the complete Bibles in the Hebrew language. The Yiddish and the Prophecy Edition Testaments were donated by George T. B. Davis of Philadelphia, one who has written much on the rebuilding of Palestine.

Noah Cappiello (who received ordination recently to facilitate his work) tells a story that is typical of experiences in New York. A woman stepping out from among the listeners told him she was ashamed to admit that she did not own a Bible. "Every time I read the Bible," she confided, "it shows me that I am a wicked woman." He promised to send her one by mail since all they had brought with them had been given away before she made her request.

Few of us have sources of supply which would enable us to carry on exactly this type of ministry. However, free tracts are available from many sources, including the American Sabbath Tract Society. Tract distribution as well as Bible distribution is a rewarding service, as those who are faithful in it testify.

2000 Prison Converts

"In these thirteen years as a Prison Chaplain, I have seen nearly two thousand men and juvenile delinquents leave the prison as established Christians."

The chaplain who wrote this was testifying to the value of daily devotional material such as the **Upper Room** in his work. Devotional booklets by themselves probably make few converts but they may help to condition the soil and strengthen the faith of those won by the chaplain and by the converted prisoners. Two thousand established Christians in 13 years is a better average than most churches.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — It was good to have Pastor Wheeler back from Conference in time for the home-coming of Beth and Joan to our church, September 7. The nurses shared the pulpit in the worship service speaking on the educational and the medical phases of the work at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland. Clearly their messages were underwritten by the Spirit of Christ, and we all felt humbled and grateful for the small part we have had in advancing the work so blessed beneath their dedicated hands. In the evening we were given a more intimate glimpse into mission life through means of slides and word pictures. It is evident that these "doctors," as they are often called, depend heavily upon the Great Physician.

On September 15, Pastor Wheeler preached a powerful sermon on "Rededicating Ourselves to God." A special fellowship luncheon was called in order that a report of General Conference might be given at 1:30. There was also some discussion of arrangements for entertaining General Conference at Covina, Calif., next year.

At the close of the service on September 21 several new members were extended the right hand of fellowship as they were voted into the church. The annual Sabbath School business meeting held in the social room that evening proceeded with good spirit and dispatch. It was decided that the special thirteenth Sabbath offering plan, once voted in, was to be carefully carried out. Money to be received in this way will go to missions.

Miss Dora Hurley was retained as Sabbath School superintendent, owing to her very devoted leadership. Al Withrow was called as assistant. Mrs. Nancy May was made secretary. Robert Hurley, successful veteran of Sabbath School's chief office, was placed in charge of the Junior and Intermediate Departments. Arah Kolvoord and Nevah Hunt were to share the leadership of the Primary and Beginners Departments. Christine Watkins was appointed chorister, with Mary Boatman, pianist. Mrs. Mary Moore was chosen missionary leader, and Dr. Louis May was placed in charge of temperance.

We have some unfinished work. There is the new lodge to finish at Pacific Pines Camp, particularly the fireplace. Funds are coming in. God is working through willing hearts and hands. Quite a group of workers headed by Elmer Maddox drove out to an abandoned mine site at Calico, about 95 miles from here, very early Sunday morning, September 29, to gather several tons of suitable rock for the veneer on the new fireplace. A second trip was made on October 13.

The last Sabbath of the month was also promotion Sabbath. It was a happy occasion for all. Under the direction of Arah Kolvoord and Joy Ross a very effective program was given at the close of Sabbath School, centered around the Bible. Bibles were awarded for faithful attendance by Dorothea Brewer. It was decided that our Christmas "white gift" this year be designated for Beth and Joan.

TEXARKANA, ARK. — In three special services Sabbath, October 5, the Texarkana Church began another chapter of its history. The special occasion for the church organized last March, was the ordination of a deacon and deaconess. The council of ordination was called and representatives came from churches in Hammond and Metairie, La., Paint Rock, Ala., Palatka, Fla., and Little Rock and Fouke, Ark.

The candidates were Harley Soper for deacon and Mrs. Bertha FitzRandolph for deaconess. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Ralph Soper, father of the candidate for deacon, who is now pastor of the Paint Rock Church in Alabama. He also gave the consecrating prayer. The council of about 65 representatives was conducted by the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn.

Following the ordination sermon was the first Communion service in the new church. The recently purchased Communion set was used in this service which was led by Pastor Van Horn, Pastor Soper, and the Rev. Wardner T. FitzRandolph.

Mr. Soper also preached on Sabbath evening after a service of songs and special music, testimonies, and slides of the development of the church and its various activities and organizations since its organization. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Fouke, Ark.

By Letter:
Dr. Lloyd Seager
Mrs. Lloyd Seager

Friendship, N. Y.

By Testimony:
Mrs. Shirley Knox Baker

Marlboro, N. J.

By Baptism:
Allyce Davis
Carrol Johnson

Births

FitzRandolph. — A son, John Kevin, to Mr. and Mrs. William P. FitzRandolph of 805 Prince St., Texarkana, Ark., on August 10, 1957.

Obituaries

Mitchell. — Madison M., son of Hugh and Elizabeth Massey Mitchell, was born in central Tennessee, Feb. 10, 1868, and died in Little Rock, Ark., June 23, 1957.

Mr. Mitchell was deacon of the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than 50 years. (See Sabbath Recorder of Dec. 24, 1956.)

On December 25, 1887, he was married to Annie Jackson who died Feb. 28, 1914. A second marriage took place Jan. 31, 1917, to Jossie Smith. She also preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 1955.

Surviving Mr. Mitchell are nine sons and three daughters, forty grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn and burial was in the Menard Cemetery at Nady, Ark. — M. C. V. H.

Stone. — Anna Rice, daughter of Miles and Caroline Greenman Rice, was born Aug. 30, 1880, and died in Memorial Hospital in Edgerton, Wis., Aug. 28, 1957, after an automobile accident.

On Sept. 30, 1903, she was married to Cash Stone, who died in 1944. One son, Clayton Stone, of Indian Ford, Wis., and a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Keller, of Albany, Wis., survive her, as well as a sister, Polly (Mrs. P. B.) Hurley, of Riverside, Calif., and fifteen grandchildren.

She spent many years in caring for her aged mother who passed away in 1955 in her 100th year.

Farewell services were conducted in Milton Junction, August 31, Rev. John F. Randolph officiating. Burial was at the Milton Cemetery with the Eastern Star ritual. J. F. R.

OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of Denominational Treasurer, September 30, 1957

| Receipts | | | Receipts | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| September | Budget 12 mos. | Non- Budget 12 mos. | September | Budget 12 mos. | Non- Budget 12 mos. | |
| Balance, Sept. 1 | \$ 00.00 | | Lost Creek | 429.95 | 1,422.08 | 4.50 |
| Adams Center | 131.06 | 1,055.44 | Marlboro | 40.45 | 3,173.73 | |
| Albion | 108.63 | 769.09 | Middle Island | 20.00 | 235.00 | |
| Alfred, 1st | 686.80 | 4,998.75 | Milton | 1,265.23 | 7,600.42 | 85.00 |
| Alfred, 2nd | 801.26 | 1,845.40 | Milton Junction | 152.70 | 1,900.21 | |
| Associations, Con- ference, etc. | 12.95 | 5,929.09 | New Auburn | | 93.60 | |
| Battle Creek | 610.97 | 6,240.09 | New Orleans | 51.38 | 167.64 | |
| Bay Area | | 55.12 | North Loup | 390.60 | 961.63 | 548.34 |
| Berlin | 128.81 | 741.19 | Nortonville | 155.50 | 1,142.70 | |
| Boulder | 54.14 | 631.56 | Old Stone Fort | 25.00 | 100.85 | 25.00 |
| Brookfield, 1st | 67.00 | 421.66 | Paint Rock | 100.00 | 237.00 | |
| Brookfield, 2nd | 62.15 | 421.10 | Pawcatuck | 387.00 | 4,652.89 | 77.65 |
| Buffalo | 50.00 | 284.00 | Plainfield | 553.42 | 4,746.06 | 124.00 |
| Chicago | 98.50 | 1,840.12 | Putnam County | | 148.00 | |
| Daytona Beach | 68.75 | 620.04 | Richburg | 225.00 | 813.80 | 30.00 |
| Denver | 294.38 | 853.77 | Ritchie | | 262.24 | |
| De Ruyter | 49.45 | 887.89 | Riverside | 1,038.65 | 3,193.00 | 100.00 |
| Dodge Center | 138.08 | 938.80 | Roanoke | 22.00 | 296.65 | |
| Edinburg | | 399.60 | Rockville | 26.20 | 249.31 | |
| Farina | 108.15 | 561.15 | Salem | 318.24 | 1,500.00 | 8.50 |
| Fouke | 10.00 | 251.48 | Salemville | | 121.47 | |
| Friendship | 65.00 | 337.65 | Schenectady | 27.00 | 249.89 | |
| Hammond | 111.45 | 240.65 | Shiloh | 427.85 | 4,803.60 | 50.00 |
| Hebron, 1st | 73.75 | 349.65 | Syracuse | | 56.95 | 15.29 |
| Hopkinton, 1st | 91.50 | 1,576.80 | Texarkana | | 42.04 | |
| Hopkinton, 2nd | 54.00 | 180.00 | Twin Cities | 61.25 | 140.00 | |
| Independence | 196.00 | 1,237.00 | Verona | 148.65 | 1,859.72 | 33.00 |
| Individuals | 157.00 | 3,048.07 | Walworth | 90.25 | 272.45 | 2.00 |
| Irvington | | 675.00 | Washington | 25.00 | 434.05 | |
| Jackson Center | | 40.00 | Washington, People's | | 15.00 | |
| Kansas City | 175.00 | 460.00 | Waterford | 169.60 | 908.86 | 77.21 |
| Little Genesee | 49.93 | 735.39 | White Cloud | 291.59 | 959.93 | 19.00 |
| Little Rock | 50.00 | 112.00 | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 100.00 | 1,704.33 | | | | |
| Los Angeles, Christ's | 40.00 | 155.00 | | | | 5.00 |
| | | | | \$11,087.22 | \$83,357.15 | \$1,245.59 |

Disbursements

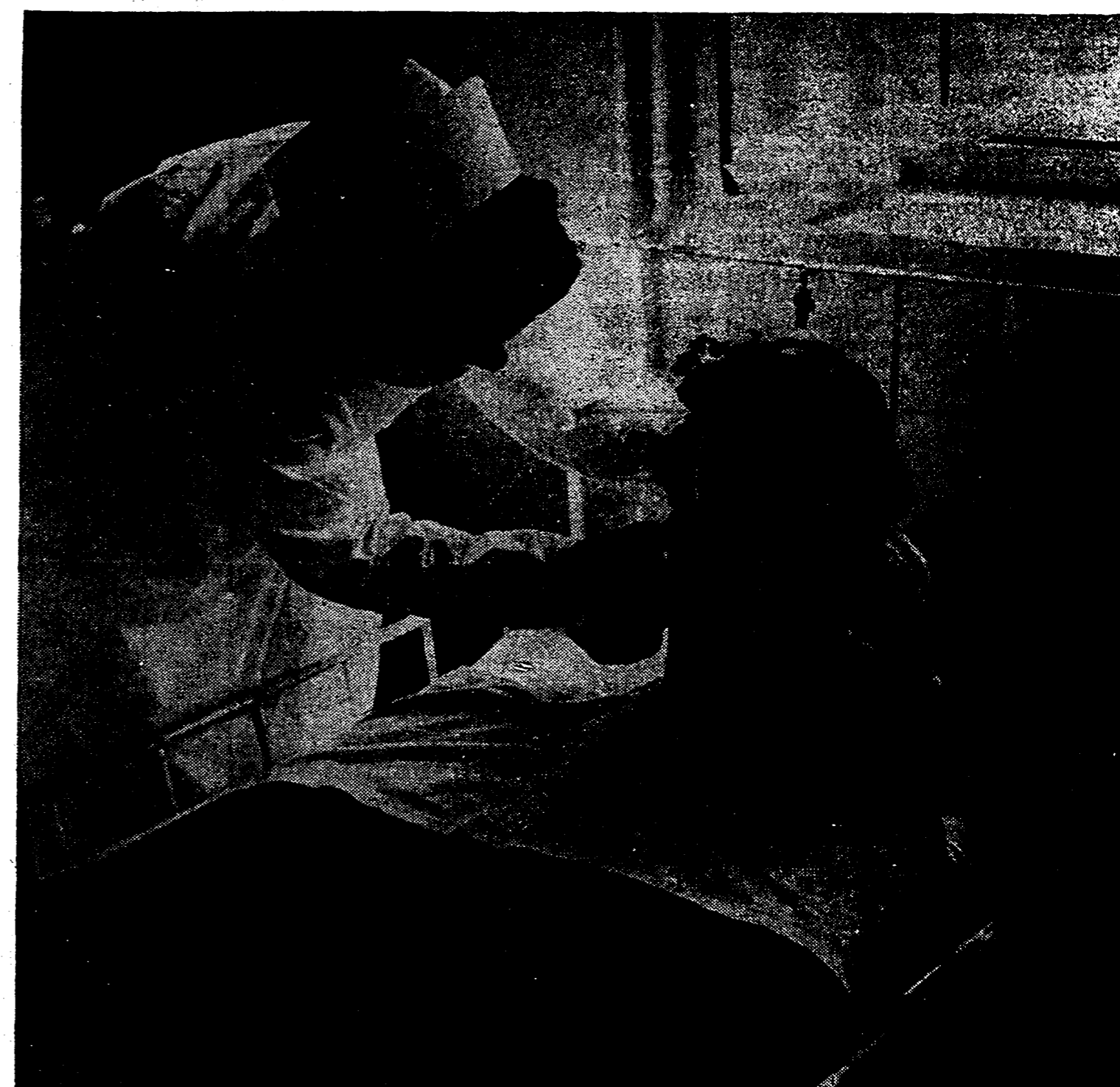
| | Budget (Designated & Undesignated) | Non- Budget Gifts |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Missionary Society | \$4,509.12 | \$ 106.55 |
| Tract Society | 619.52 | |
| Bd. of Christian Education | 1,285.81 | |
| Women's Society | 184.97 | |
| Historical Society | 282.65 | |
| Ministerial Training | 1,265.81 | |
| Ministerial Retirement | 1,520.65 | |
| S. D. B. Building | 89.06 | |
| General Conference | 1,150.88 | |
| World Fellowship & Service | 71.25 | |
| Oneida Valley Nat. Bank | .45 | |
| | \$10,980.17 | \$ 106.55 |
| Balance, Sept. 30 | 0.00 | |

YEAR'S END FIGURES

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| 1956-57 annual budget | \$95,469.50 |
| Treas.' budget receipts in 12 mos. | \$83,357.15 |
| Boards' budget receipts in 12 mos. | 10,144.37 |
| Total | \$93,501.52 |
| Amount of deficit, Sept. 30, 1957 | \$ 1,967.98 |
| Portion of 1956-57 budget raised | 96.89% |
| Olin C. Davis, Treasurer. | |
| Verona, N. Y. | |

Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. They are sent into the world with bills of credit, and seldom draw to their full extent. — Horace Walpole.

The Sabbath Recorder



Buying "milk without money" (Isa. 55: 1) is possible for children afflicted with tuberculosis in a Yugoslav hospital through our Thanksgiving gifts to Church World Service.