

The Sabbath Recorder

Sin and Salvation

The Gospel is not merely a wonderful ethical system; it is a gracious plan of redemption through the atoning death of Christ on the cross. Christ died to redeem man from sin, and only through Jesus Christ, "and him crucified," can man be saved. His death on the cross furnishes the only proper explanation of the sacrificial language of the New Testament, and of the sacrificial rites of the Old, considered as prophetic of Christ's atoning work. The death of Christ is the central feature of his work (Hebrews, chapter 9). Christ's work of teaching and healing was not enough; it took his sacrifice on the cross to complete his work of atonement, thus bringing salvation to all who accept him. This was probably what Jesus meant when he said, "It is finished" (John 19: 30).

— Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs.

for the front of the church which will make it possible for those wishing to attend in wheel chairs to do so. We are sorry that Dr. A. J. C. Bond is unable to attend the services because of illness.
— Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — In the January 6 issue it was incorrectly reported that the ladies had voted \$25 monthly toward the car expense of the Shepherding Pastor on the Southwest field, Rev. Marion Van Horn. The word "monthly" should be deleted.

The Shiloh, N. J., Church Bulletin reports contributions for the two weeks ending December 14 and 21, \$726.75 for local expenses and \$383 for Our World Mission — unusually high figures.

Rev. Theodore J. Hibbard of 404 East Coleman Ave., Hammond, La., is offering 1,000 little stickers "The Seventh Day (Saturday) is the Sabbath of the Lord" for \$1.00.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for February 1, 1958

Privileges of Church Membership

Lesson Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 9-10; 2 Cor. 9: 6-8; Gal. 6: 1-5; Heb. 4: 14-16; 10: 23-25.

Accessions

Westerly, R. I.

By Testimony:
James Hartley
Mrs. Lillian (James) Hartley

Marriages

Kaase-Babcock. — Paul Gustave Kaase of Chicago, Ill., and Beulah V. Babcock, assistant registrar of Milton College, Milton, Wis., were united in marriage at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church December 21, 1957, with Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Kaase are at home in Milton. — E. F. R.

Lewis-Allen. — Joseph Edward Lewis, Maplewood, Mo., and Bettina C. Allen, Milton, Wis., exchanged marriage vows in a wedding ceremony conducted by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, December 27, 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will make their home in Missouri.
— E. F. R.

Obituaries

Curry. — L. Roscoe, son of William H. and Ella Bond Curry, was born at Lost Creek, W. Va., Jan. 12, 1886, and died there on Dec. 25, 1957.

From boyhood, he was a faithful Sabbath-keeper and attended the Seventh Day Baptist Church. In early youth, he attended Salem College. He was united in marriage to Ruth Dodrill. He was a farmer and stockman. Recently he had operated a general store which was always closed on the Sabbath.

Surviving are: his wife; three daughters: Eleanor (Mrs. J. B. Franklin), Miami, Fla.; Mary (Mrs. Bart Venettozzi), of Lost Creek, and Naomi (Mrs. Hubert Halterman), of Monterey, Va.; three sons: William, Summersville, W. Va.; Luther and David, both of Lost Creek; one brother, A. Lee Curry, Lost Creek; and fourteen grandchildren.

Farewell services were held at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and the Rev. Duane L. Davis. Masonic burial was in the church cemetery. — D. L. D.

Harris. — L. Hoover, son of Judson H. and Lora Shimp Harris, was born in Shiloh, N. J., Feb. 1, 1924, and died at his farm home near Shiloh, N. J., January 2, 1958.

He became a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church in August, 1938. From this time on he was a faithful member taking an active part in the church life by singing in the choir, working on committees, and serving as a trustee.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Roberts Harris; three small children: Lawrence, Steven, and Patricia; a sister, Mrs. Melvin Dickinson, and his parents, all of Shiloh.

Funeral services were held in the Shiloh Church Sabbath afternoon, January 4, with his pastor, the Rev. Robert P. Lippincott, officiating. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. — R. P. L.

Saunders. — Claude N., the son of George W. and Anna E. Allen Saunders, was born Sept. 29, 1887, and died Jan. 6, 1958, at his home in Richburg, N. Y.

He was a member of the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church. He had worked the area oil industry for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel M.; two sisters, Mrs. Maude Breadon and Mrs. Floyd Clarke; one brother, George; and two nieces.

Memorial services were conducted on January 9, by his pastor, Doyle K. Zwiebel. Interment was in the Richburg Cemetery. — D.K.Z.

History Volume Wanted

Does someone have an extra copy of Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America, Volume I? One of our readers has Volume II and would like to purchase the first volume to complete the set.

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Recreation Sunday

Did you know that there is a National Recreation Association, with Joseph Pendergast as its executive director? June has been designated as National Recreation Month and June 1 as the first Recreation Sunday. Mr. Pendergast is offering to furnish material to ministers to help them prepare sermons on the ethical and spiritual values to be gained from the wise use of leisure.

It is rather astounding to learn that recent estimates of expenditures connected with recreation place the total at approximately \$35 billion a year. We might remark that until we lower that figure by a tremendous amount we cannot rightly complain about taxes, the high cost of living, or the mounting demands of church work. What do you suppose the figures are for recreation in "Iron Curtain" countries or in mission lands? Probably we are happier not to know. Is it any wonder that people of Africa and other backward lands think we can afford to give them anything they ask?

One could easily make some light remarks about the first "Recreation Sunday" mentioned above. It has seemed for many years that every nice Sunday was more of a recreation day than anything else. Nevertheless, every thoughtful person must acknowledge that the church has an important role in guiding its people in using wisely the ever-increasing blocks of leisure time. Modern medicine has lengthened the life span at a time when industry has not raised, but rather lowered, the retirement age. The age limit of man does not vary much from the Biblical "three score and ten" but more people approach that limit and spend their later years more comfortably. A recreation month or day may not be the answer but certainly the local church must offer constructive ways for our senior citizens to spend their days. Neither is it the older people alone who need help with their leisure time problems.

A women's group has recently used a very neat expression, "retooling to retire." Every year the automobile industry retools to create more eye-catching car-body designs. If adults are to be prepared for the changing concepts of life beyond the family-raising period they must indeed give thought to this "retooling to retire."

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Marriage Problems?

The newspapers keep us painfully aware that many young people plunge into marriage without adequate preparation or counseling and with disastrous results. Fresh in mind is the story of a 22-year-old father who became angry because the little baby left in his charge for a brief time persisted in crying. He threw it at the crib breaking its arm and badly bruising it. Later he abandoned it in an outside doorway where someone found it in time to save its life.

Although he was of legal age he was far from mature. Counseling might have helped. Christian counseling issuing in personal salvation and emotional maturity would have spared us that news item.

It is all too apparent that maturity and good judgment in regard to marriage do not always increase with the years or with experience. We need only to glance at Hollywood to confirm that impression. Some who learn so quickly how to act are very dull at learning how to behave. Of course there are many couples at the movie capital who have made a success of marriage and there are many others throughout the country who are less in the public eye who have failed miserably more than once in their marriage ventures.

Guidance is often desperately needed, though seldom sought, in second marriages. It is interesting to note that Dr. Richard E. Lentz, director of family education for the Disciples of Christ, will lead discussions on "pre-marital counseling for second or middle-aged marriage" at the pastors' section of the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the NCC which will meet in Omaha, Neb., February 11-13. Pastors have many heartaches over the problems that arise through the foolishness of some adults who hastily choose mates to fill the gap left by the loss of loved ones.

CORRECTION

Of the four new members of the National Council of Churches one (the Magyar Reformed Church in America) is not closer to the Catholic in its manner of worship than the mainstream of Protestant churches. It is more like the Presbyterian. (See page 4 of the January 6 issue.)

MEMORY TEXT

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord. Isaiah 66: 23.

Friends of the Waldensians

A newsletter from the American Waldensian Aid Society announces a ten-week visit to the United States of the Rev. Dr. Achille Deodato, moderator of the Waldensian Church of Italy, a Protestant chaplain for the Italian Army during World War II who became well known to American servicemen. He now heads an alliance of Protestant churches in Italy. He has visited this country four times.

The Waldensians of the present day receive considerable assistance from the Waldensian Aid Society which was organized across denominational lines in 1906.

Since the Geneva Reformation, Waldensians have had close ties with Presbyterian churches. Today Waldensians and Italian Methodists are working closely together and have made provision for interchange of ministry and joint social and evangelistic programs. Anglican, Lutheran, and many other churches have taken an interest in Waldensian work.

The interest of Seventh Day Baptists in the modern Waldensians is perhaps not as great as in those who lived centuries ago. The people of our faith, by reason of their minority position since their beginning in England over three centuries ago, have seen religious liberty issues more clearly than have some of the major denominations. The Waldensians of the Middle Ages have incited our admiration because they stood for religious liberty in the centuries before Protestant denominations as such came into existence.

This group of people, standing for the "open Bible" and religious liberty took their name from Peter Waldo, a twelfth-century French merchant, who gave away his wealth, became an itinerant preacher, and translated the Bible into the vernacular. The Waldensian name, however, is

applied by historians to groups as far back as Constantine the Great who adhered to pure Scriptural doctrine and were persecuted by the established church.

One tenet of faith rather generally accepted by them throughout these centuries was the seventh-day Sabbath. For that reason they are mentioned a number of times in the first volume of **Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America** (pages 15, 16, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38). Benedict's **History of the Baptists** is quoted on page 33 (ibid.) as saying that they were opposed to the pretensions and innovations of Rome and clung only to the text of Scripture and that they despised the feast of Easter and all the festivals of Christ and the saints. Another history, **Purchase's Pilgrimage**, published in 1625, says, "They keep Saturday holy, nor esteem Saturday fasts lawful; but even on Easter they have solemn services on Saturday, eat flesh, and feast it bravely like the Jews."

After being spread abroad through twenty nations in numbers conservatively estimated at 800,000, they more or less succumbed to persecution and practically disappeared from the pages of history for several centuries. The **Baptist Cyclopedia** states: "In 1530, according to DuPin, The Waldensians united with the Reformers, and were persuaded to renounce certain peculiarities which hitherto they held, and to receive doctrines which til then had been foreign to their creed." It was at this time that they drew closer to the Presbyterians and apparently gave up Sabbath observance. We might think of it as a new generation "which knew not Joseph."

The Waldensians were the forerunners of the Reformers and they did run well, as St. Paul would say. We honor them for their history and wish them well in their efforts to uphold religious liberty in lands where they are a very small minority.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for February 8, 1958

The Teaching Ministry of the Church

Lesson Scripture:

1 Tim. 4: 6-16; 2 Tim. 2: 1-2.

Special Issue News

Only one more issue before the 24-page special issue comes into your home. Do you have your personal plans made for distributing five or ten copies or more? If it is impossible for you to hand them out to friends and neighbors in a program of friendly visitation you can resort to the mail. If you do the latter make it personal with a letter. Point out the articles which you think will be most interesting and helpful to the person receiving it.

Readers will find the special issue warmly evangelistic, non-controversial, and down-to-earth in its presentation. The editor draws considerably on his own experience in coming to Christ and his evangelistic conversations with others. He has a clearly stated study on the certainty of salvation. Some of the material has an emotional pull to it that may dim the eyes of the tenderhearted. The true story, "Friendly Persuasion," written by one of our young ministers and emphasizing a Sabbath decision, had that effect on this editor.

Pastors looking for condensed suggestions to pass on to their people about the importance, methods, and types of evangelistic work will find this issue helpful. A vast reading audience will be encouraged to do visitation evangelism by the simple, practical advice contained in the February 10 issue.

You have probably indicated on the church bulletin insert which most of you received at church within the last week or two how many copies you wanted. Are you sure you made the order large enough? Have you provided a sufficient quantity for the church and pastor? Did you know that you can have a choice between dated and undated copies if the order reaches the Recorder in time? One church has indicated that it wants the first 100 copies dated, with the added impetus to get them distributed immediately. Another pastor calls this "a wonderful venture" and speaks of plans to use the issue in outpost work. We believe, after reading the proofs, that any church which fails to order heavily will be sorry. — Editor.

OWM Gaining Momentum

By Denominational Treasurer

The latest financial report of Our World Mission shows that we're gaining momentum in our drive toward an over-subscribed budget by Conference time. This encouraging beginning has not come easily. It represents willing and sacrificial gifts from Seventh Day Baptists all over America.

We would call special attention this month to the figure in the summary of the report which lists the amount yet required to raise our \$90,000 goal. Sixty-six thousand dollars before August 11 is a big order! We dare not falter in our giving. Let's keep our tithes and offerings rolling in to make this the greatest financial year in Seventh Day Baptist history for Our World Mission's work for Christ and for God's Kingdom!

Sabbath Promotion Plans

The work of the Sabbath Promotion Committee of the Tract Board is broader in some respects than the work of other committees. It reaches out beyond the denomination to promote a knowledge of the seventh-day Sabbath in other ways than the distribution of Sabbath tracts. It is concerned with advertising, with protesting unjust Sunday legislation, with fostering religious liberty and the separation of church and state, and, in co-operation with other Sabbathkeeping groups, with promoting the Sabbath cause throughout the nation.

In the past this committee has written letters to large numbers of newspapers and magazines in ways that would make the editors and readers pleasantly conscious of our cause. The committee brought one such project to completion in November.

Up to the present the committee has not done much direct advertising. The recent appearance of a large Knights of Columbus advertisement devoted to anti-

Sabbath argument prompted the committee to lay plans for setting forth in suitable space the true teaching of the Scriptures on the Sabbath question. At the January 19 meeting of the Tract Board it was voted to use part of the committee's budget (up to \$200) for such direct advertising.

Encouragement has been offered to all of the Associations to advertise the Sabbath in their geographical areas. The board has offered \$100 per year on a matching-fund basis for any such approved advertising. The Central New York Association was reported ready to go ahead with a small ad in the *American Agriculturist* beginning in January which will cost the board \$63. The Mid-Continent Association obtained good results from advertising last year. Other Associations are urged to take advantage of the offer.

Another service sponsored by the Sabbath Promotion Committee is extensive help in the promotion of Sabbath Rally Day in the churches in the month of May. It was determined that the suggested emphasis this year would be on the spiritual aspect of Sabbathkeeping. Bulletin covers will again be furnished free of charge to all churches. New material will be prepared and in greater quantity than before.

The committee held two meetings prior to the January 19 meeting of the board and will be called together periodically during the next months to finalize plans for Sabbath Rally Day. The 7-member committee is headed this year by the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. Other members are located at Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., Schenectady, N. Y., and Shiloh, Bound Brook, Dunellen, and Plainfield, N. J.

The pastor asked me weeks ago,
Why to church I did not come;
But I'm too busy making Junior go,
And getting the dinner done.
But what if everyone uses my line,
Of being "too busy" all the time?

— R. S. McDonald.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Medical Missionary Contacts Doctors

(Dr. Victor Burdick of Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, has directed a very interesting letter to the doctors of this country who might be especially interested in Seventh Day Baptist missions. A portion of this letter follows. Certain paragraphs have been omitted listing diseases and surgery usually calling for Dr. Burdick's services. Also omitted is a list of specific suggestions as to how the doctors might offer assistance to Doctor Burdick if they feel led to do so.)

We are directing this letter to all our Seventh Day Baptist doctors. Some have shown considerable interest in the medical work at Makapwa Mission. Our dispensary-maternity building represents gifts from Dr. W. B. Lewis. We often find use for some of the many catgut sutures he gave us. The cupboard in our examining room has the distinctive odor of Dentalone — part of the dental equipment given by Dr. Edwin Whitford of Westerly. Some of the surgical instruments given by Dr. Lloyd Seager find a use in our minor surgery. A fine B & L microscope, given by a friend of the Drs. Thorngate, graces my "office-lab-pharmacy." We appreciate these things. We feel that all of you would be interested in receiving periodic "reports" from the field. From time to time as needs arise, you may be willing to help.

Our chief building is the dispensary-maternity unit. It has waiting room, examining room, and treatment room for dispensary; delivery-labor room, work-room, and 9-bed ward for maternity. Our second building is a U-shaped pavilion, with six ward rooms, designed to be used eventually for maternity annex, but at present used for very ill patients and those living too far to commute daily for treatment.

We see about 25 new patients and 30 returns each day. A trained African "hospital assistant" handles most clinic cases, leaving about six a day for me that are problems or require minor surgery. About once a month I take a few patients to Malamulo Hospital (SDA) for major surgery. Many needing major surgery we must turn away.

We assist in increasing the population

by about 35 a month. Three midwives handle all normal deliveries. I'm called for about two abnormal deliveries a month.

Besides my light clinic duties, I'm busy with maintaining supplies, a bit of lab work, accounting, general mission work, and supervising construction. I use a slide rule and 50-foot steel tape about as much or more than a stethoscope. I would like to be more fully occupied with medicine and surgery than this. However, we are visualizing the building of a small hospital in the next few years. This year we have begun improving staff housing, now finishing a new house for the hospital assistant. Next year we hope to build a new house for the midwives and perhaps to burn the bricks and lay the foundation for the hospital. The following year, we may begin the hospital structure, finishing it off, and equipping it as we are able.

The government assists quite liberally in expenses — about two thirds of staff salaries, three fourths of drugs, and one half of any strictly medical expansion — buildings and equipment. They also give a per-bed assistance we will be able to reserve for our half of the expansion program. Already, there have been those in the States with leads on purchasing equipment at especially low prices. If you have any such leads, we would appreciate knowing about it.

I would appreciate hearing directly from any one of you at any time, but you may find it more convenient to communicate through Secretary Harris.

Yours in Christ,
Victor H. Burdick, M.D.

Jamaica Secretary Reports to the Jamaica Conference Board

(Missionary Leon R. Lawton reports regularly to the Seventh Day Baptist Jamaica Board as corresponding secretary of the Jamaica Conference. The following report dated January 8, 1958, was received and approved recently by that board. Pastor Lawton also reports regularly to the home office of the Missionary Society.)

We praise the Lord for His leading, keeping, and blessing during the quarter just ended.

Your corresponding secretary has carried on extensive correspondence with the American Missionary Board, the Jamaica churches, and individuals in the U.S.A. and in the island. In addition he has published one circular letter and three monthly "Corresponding Secretary's Notes" which were sent to each of our churches and all conference workers. In this way he has endeavored to keep our people informed of the month-by-month condition of the Mission Fund with the hope that it would stimulate our members to fully support the work which our conference voted at its last annual session.

We praise the Lord that more than 50% of our yearly goal was raised during the first six months of our conference year; however, this is no time for us to become slack in our giving since the monies received represent, for most churches, their receipts from their annual missionary meeting. We will have to work hard and give generously and regularly each month that remains in our conference year.

Other activities of your secretary have included:

1. Handling the orders and payments of the **Helping Hand**.
2. Meeting with the various committees and boards of which he is a member on seven occasions.
3. Edited one issue of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist **Harvester**.

The early part of December your secretary spent one week off island in consultation with a subcommittee of the American Missionary Board and from December 17 to January 5 took holiday in order to be with his parents who were spending their holiday in Jamaica. Only the urgent matters were attended to during this time as the assistant corresponding secretary, Rev. S. A. Thompson, assumed the responsibilities. His help in handling the matters of the office during these weeks is greatly appreciated.

Glen Archer stood in front of a little Baptist church in Spain as the police moved in to close it. The police said that the church (which was not permitted to look like a church) was making converts and therefore had to be closed.

Impressions of the General Assembly of the National Council By Duane L. Davis

(Continued from last week)

The Triennial was a convention of "Division" actions. Much of the time was divided into the major divisions and their annual meetings. Your delegate is a member of the Division of Christian Life and Work, and attended those sessions, and some of the meetings of the Division of Foreign Missions.

While much of the Council's work is on the upper levels, there was a real attempt to bring the business down to the "grass-roots" where individuals would have a voice and a responsibility. Small committee meetings to consider the report of the seventy or more year-round programs of the National Council were held. My committee was informal but incisive as we considered the work being done in Urban Church, Church Architecture, and Home Missions Institutions. (We would have been represented in more than twenty of these fields if our full quota of delegates could have attended.) Opportunity for comments and suggestions for change in the work being done were given.

The Triennial was a convention of decision and Christian insight. Failures of the churches were noted and a challenge to return to the sovereignty of God. We were reminded again and again of the need to find an answer to today's problems through the doctrine of redemption and the Cross of Christ. The large simple cross at the worship center brought our minds into focus for this old yet ever-new need.

The new president of the National Council of Churches is a Baptist, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, pastor of a St. Louis church which belongs to both the American and Southern Conventions of first-day-observing Baptists. He is the first president to represent the "free-church" type of government and polity and Baptist practices. Seventh Day Baptists can be grateful for this friend's leadership, whose background and thinking is much like our own. Dr. Dahlberg was a class-

mate of the Rev. Paul S. Burdick in theological seminary, and remembered meeting your delegate at Rochester several years ago.

The next session of the Triennial General Assembly of the National Council will be at San Francisco in the summer of 1961. In the meantime, the work of thirty-four member communions who feel the need to work together through their common unity in our divine Lord and Savior will continue through the General Board, the divisions and departments, and in the local churches where you and I work, worship, and serve.

Seventh Day Baptists can be grateful, I believe, that we are a part of this large, and sometimes unwieldy, organization of American Christians. We need to be aware of the benefits that are ours through our membership, and conscious of the possibilities and responsibilities that are ours in more active participation.

Commends State of the Union Message

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg (Baptist), new president of the National Council of Churches, takes seriously his position as spokesman for the many communions represented. On the day following President Eisenhower's State of the Union message the churchman sent him the following cablegram:

"We heartily welcome your leadership in the State of the Union Message, calling on all to 'wage total peace.' We appreciate your frank appraisal of our present crisis. We are gratified, too, by your emphasizing not simply military measures but actions in mutual aid, trade, scientific co-operation, education, research, and works of peace.

"We welcome your specific emphasis on East-West exchanges, human welfare, science for peace, disarmament and persistent negotiation, and we look forward to your legislature proposals.

"Be assured that the churches are working in Christian concern for a sacrificial spirit and high degree of understanding among our people for responsible, constructive actions for real peace in a swiftly changing world."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

A Sabbath Exegesis

(The following is from a forthcoming tract written by George A. Main)

Christianity is defined, both by dictionaries and reason, as "the precepts and doctrines taught by Christ." That the seventh-day Sabbath of God's perfect will as recorded in the Fourth Commandment of the Law of God was the only weekly rest day taught and observed by Christ and the apostles, is obvious to all who care to know the facts. Christ taught in unmistakable terms that the attainment of eternal life in the heavenly kingdom required obedience to the will and commandments of His Father in heaven, even to the tiniest jot and tittle — His teachings being wholly unchangeable (Matt. 5: 17-19; 7: 21; 19: 17; Heb. 13: 8).

The Apostle Paul declared that the Law of God was spiritual, holy, righteous, and good, and that God's commandments were his only source of the knowledge of sin, the Apostle James and the other apostles concurring, for they were all of one accord (Rom. 3: 20; 7: 7, 12, 14, 16; James 2: 9-10; Acts 2: 46).

Both Christ and the apostles were consistent Sabbath observers (Luke 4: 16; Acts 17: 2).

American Sundayism defies the federal and state constitutions. Through the wise foresight of our forefathers, the constitutions of both our nation and our states guarantee absolute religious freedom. Yet the legislators of most of our states have violated these religious freedom constitutional provisions and enacted Sunday laws with penalties and fines and imprisonment for failure to honor the pagan-born Sunday.

It is hard to conceive of a more intolerant and unchristian act than that of demanding of our congressmen and state legislators, under threats of defeat at the polls, that they enact and retain on the state statutes Sunday laws that violate the religious freedom provisions of the constitutions of our nation and states, and in so doing violate their oaths to support the constitutions.

Every American should urge upon his congressmen that they nullify all Sunday laws as required of them by the Federal

Constitution and their oaths to support it. Every loyal citizen should demand of his state legislators that they repeal all Sunday laws that now disgrace our state and municipal statutes and ordinances, because they violate the provisions of the state constitutions, and because they are unbiblical, unchristian, unjust, and intolerant.

Sabbath School Superintendents

Your Board of Christian Education has on hand several copies of the book, *The Superintendent Plans His Work*, a Judson Press publication by Idris W. Jones. They are for sale for 75 cents each.

This book will help you solve programming problems, the organization and administering of the Church School, and how to work with others in Christian Education.

For Parents and Youth

There is a fine article in the January, 1958, *International Journal of Christian Education* titled "Going Steady." It would make interesting material for the center of discussion for parents' groups and youth fellowship meetings. I was quite startled the other night when I heard a 15-year-old young lady say she had been going steady for about two years. Some relief came when she explained that actually she only went steady for about two months with the same boy. Thinking further on the subject, more confusion was mine. Reading the above-mentioned article helps with the answer. You read it.

Quonochontaug Baptist Church gets new pastor and releases Seventh Day Baptist minister who has served it for twenty years. The *Westerly Sun* (R. I.) reports that the Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus of the Pawcatuck Church, asked to be relieved after twenty years of serving the congregation at Quonochontaug. A young Baptist minister from Connecticut took over the post the first Sunday in January. It is a very unusual thing for one of our ministers to serve a single church of another denomination for so long a time. The Rev. Mr. Crandall continues his duties as president of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Habits and the Christian Nature

By John Conrod

First-year student at Northern Baptist Seminary

"I know that in me dwelleth no good thing. . . . For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil that I would not, that I do. . . . For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members" (Rom. 7: 18-23).

Paul was describing a strange struggle that was going on in his life because he had two natures, a spiritual nature and a physical nature, both of which wanted to control his body. As a Christian he knew that he had a desire to be Christ-like; yet because he still had a physical nature that he wouldn't be freed from until he was given his new body, he had a force that constantly tempted him to sin.

His answer to this problem in us was that because we can't change our nature we must change our habits. He said, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God . . . and be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12: 1-2). If we are to yield to our spiritual nature, we must transform our lives by renewing our minds to conform our wills, desires, and habits to the will of God. The nature that we will show will be the nature that we conform our habits to. If we can so dedicate our lives that Christ-like actions become habitual, we can say that we have reached our goal as a Christian.

The problem that we face is that we do not seek to make these traits habitual. Our lives do not show a real or dynamic change, we have allowed exceptions to creep into our Christian standards, and we have not sought to use every opportunity to develop them.

We need to apply Christ's words:

Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. . . . Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven (Matt. 5: 39-45).

Tract Board Meeting

Twenty-two of the thirty members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met for their regular quarterly meeting in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Sunday afternoon, January 19. Most of the others sent letters expressing their regrets. The activities of four months were reviewed at this meeting since the board has now shifted its meeting time to avoid a meeting just prior to Christmas.

The board is divided into a large number of committees each responsible for an important aspect of the work. The Advisory Committee has been particularly active during this period since it was charged with arrangements for the forthcoming special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* which have been mentioned on several occasions in this magazine. It was at the request of this committee that a special board meeting was called in October to adopt plans for publishing such issues. Certain minor changes in the plans were made at the meeting just held. Good progress was reported on the first special issue. The subscription department was able to report daily orders coming in from the churches. The Committee on Distribution of Literature, which had been charged with determining the number of copies to print, did not feel that it had sufficient information as yet upon which to base an intelligent estimate of how many would be used at once and how many would be called for later.

Observations in connection with the detailed report of the treasurer of the board will be mentioned in a separate article. Attention was called to the fact that there is an increasing demand for the regular issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* and that the printing order will have to

be increased somewhat with the next issue. The *Sabbath Recorder* from the point of view of finances and impact on the denomination is the largest work of the Tract Board. Reports showed that during the past six months the Recorder was staying just within the budget estimate although the cost for pictures was running slightly above the budgeted amount.

Next in importance to the publication of the *Sabbath Recorder* is the publication and distribution of tracts. The secretary reported an unprecedented demand for tracts during the last quarter and for the first six months of the fiscal year. Several years ago the Distribution Committee set an ascending goal of each year for a five-year period. Originally the goal for this year was set at about 60,000 tracts. During the first six months that goal was reached. The Publications Committee has been kept busy authorizing the reprint of existing tracts and making plans for the printing of new ones. During the quarter ending with November, 37,500 tracts came off the presses at the publishing house. This was just a few thousand above the number that was mailed out from the office. At the board meeting another print order for about the same number was authorized. If this rate continues through the remaining six months the expenditure will be in excess of the budget. The board is determined, however, not to curtail this phase of its work.

The secretary noted in his report that there seems to be a new awakening on the part of churches and individuals to the need for presenting our denominational distinctives through the printed page. He commented further on the advisability of keeping in our tract depository a widely diversified grouping of tracts. Those who hand out Gospel and Sabbath material in large quantities prefer, generally speaking, the smaller, more attractive pieces. On the other hand those who write in to the society are, in general, serious-minded people who want questions answered which cannot be answered by smaller tracts. Recent correspondence reveals an appreciation from such people for tracts like "The Sabbath and Sabbath-keeping Baptists," "Free From the Law,"

and lengthy material which points out the difference between our denomination and others with which we are sometimes confused in the popular mind.

Some of the newer members of the board expressed a thrill with being on the active committees and in being present at a board meeting where the members seem to be so much in earnest about the service they are called upon to render for the cause we represent.

— Corresponding secretary.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth DeLand

January Board Meeting Goals

January is the month in which we often review the past year's work, and then look ahead toward new aims. For those societies who are midway in their year's program, this would also be an appropriate time to re-emphasize the Women's Society goals for this year. Perhaps each of you has asked yourself the following questions and has found some area where you would like to make a special effort to improve.

1. Have I given more time to the study of our guidebook, the Bible?
2. Have I given prayer a larger place in my life?
3. Have I looked for the good qualities in my fellow church members?
4. Have I contacted a nonresident member, either in person or by letter, to draw him closer into our church fellowship?
5. Have I enlisted a young woman in the activities of the Women's Society?
6. Has my family given its fullest support to Our World Mission?

Missionary Projects

The Goals Committee reported that all the sewing patterns for the Makapwa Hospital have been loaned out. As soon as a society can cut out a sample garment, please return the pattern, so that another society can use it to finish out the quota needed for each article. To date there are six requests on hand but no patterns to mail out. There are still about four dozen large pajamas to be made.

The treasurer reported that \$100 has

been sent to the Shepherding Pastor, for travel expenses on the Southwest field. This does not include the current January payment. So the receipts for this project (\$148) have just about kept even with the payments. It was mentioned that the project still needs your continued support. (It had been mistakenly reported in the *Sabbath Recorder* that the Battle Creek Society had voted to pay \$25 monthly. The vote was for one month.)

The Summer Project Committee read a letter from Miss Ellen Swinney offering to help wherever needed in Bible Schools next summer. Anyone else wishing to volunteer her services should contact Mrs. George Parrish, 205 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek, Mich. A letter is being sent to each pastor inquiring as to the needs for any additional help in their Bible School program. It is hoped that such requests will be made early, so that a satisfactory schedule can be planned.

United Church Women

Attention was called to the Annual Board Meeting of the Michigan United Church Women to be held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on January 20. It was hoped that some of the board members would be able to attend, as the topic, "A Christian Approach to World Problems," sounded very worth while. Miss Amber Van, the new counselor for the Protestant Foundation for International Students at the University of Michigan, says the major part of her time is spent on the campus listening to problems, counseling, visiting the sick, and arranging for students to visit in American homes. There were 58 students who visited in 30 homes during October and November. A Korean Christian said, after such a visit, "My whole feeling about Americans has changed — they were so interested and friendly."

The Files Committee has written to each church clerk requesting the new corrections of the names and addresses on their church list. We need your continuous co-operation to keep these files as up to date as possible.

We are looking forward to General Conference, and more detailed information will be given later when present planning is completed.

ON WINGS of ETERNITY

By Major Phil Shafer, USAF

Time is a factor of vital importance in military aviation. Every year new speeds are attained and new records are set. The science of aeronautics has lifted man out of his earth-bound environment and has carried him to phenomenal heights and astounding speeds, far beyond the imagination of men several decades ago. The goal is to reduce time of flight between two geographical locations to the point where it is no longer an impeding operational factor. In fact, it appears that we are out to conquer time!

As an officer and pilot in the United States Air Force I recognize the need for speed in military operations. However, speed is emphasized not only by the military but is a characteristic of our entire twentieth-century civilization. Speed is the very essence of our daily life.

But, one may ask, what's the hurry? Where are we going! What is our destination and what have we gained when we have arrived? The Bible says there is no time with God, for He is eternal, the beginning and the end, transcending all time and physical bonds. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8: 58). The Bible says of Christ, His "goings forth have been from . . . everlasting" (Micah 5: 2).

All my life I have been a typical product of our fast moving, complex, exciting civilization, always ready for a new adventure, a new thrill — ready to go someplace, anywhere, as long as I could go in a hurry. During the ponderous years of formal education I nearly exploded to get out and away. When I finally broke loose from the bonds of home town family ties and the classroom, I tried many things for adventure, including such things as becoming a salesman in the world's largest department store, a chorus boy on Broadway, and a military and airline pilot. As a military pilot, I wanted to fly every type of airplane in the Air Force inventory, and the faster the better.

Several years ago I was forced to admit

that something was still missing in my life and that racing here and there on the ground and among the clouds, although exciting for the moment, didn't really satisfy. I needed to answer some questions for myself: what's behind all this; what's missing in temporal happiness; is there really a God, and if so, what's on His mind? Why does He let the world behave in such a miserable and wretched way; and finally, if He really cares about us why doesn't He do something about it?

Who has the answer? I talked to many people about these things and got many opinions. I spent years seeking a rational explanation to the mysteries of God. One day on an aerial trip across the country I picked up a Bible in a hotel room in Sioux City, Iowa, and remarked to a fellow air crewman: "I think I'll read the Bible some day — maybe it has a message for me."

I began to read, and what a message I found! As I read page after page, I discovered the clear, exact, and penetrating answers I needed for myself: man is a sinner, condemned justly by a holy, righteous God, and utterly lost. God in His infinite mercy and love stepped down to the Cross of Calvary to pay the price of sin for him. By believing on the Lord Jesus Christ he can have everlasting life. I found out to my astonishment that I was a sinner, that I was on the road to hell, and needed a Savior. Finally, in abject humility and contrition of heart, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and was born again by the Word of God into His family, to live with Him forever.

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 23). "He that believeth on him [Jesus Christ] is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3: 18). "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19: 10). "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3). "As many as received

him [Jesus Christ], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1: 12).

Thereafter a remarkable change came into my life: peace of mind and happiness, an end of restlessness and anxiety, a love of God and fellow man, and an intense desire to live for and serve Him. Looking back over those restless days, I now praise God for two promises He made in the Bible and fulfilled for me: 1. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart (Jere. 29: 13). I sought Him and found Him, just as He said. 2. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10: 17). My faith came by hearing the Word of God, just as He said.

Yes, time is important to you and to me, but the most important time is NOW. The Bible says, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6: 2). The fast moving world keeps us busy and occupied with speed, knowledge, riches, earthly power, pride, and success, but what has it to offer in eternity? "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8: 36.)

The life of a military pilot is exciting in these days of high speed jet airplanes, and it's fun to race with time. But I thank God that He has shown me the way of salvation, and regardless of the outcome of this temporal race, I am now riding on Wings of Eternity and no longer on the road to doom. I take my stand with Joshua, a great military commander of history: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24: 15).

Additional copies of this article are available in tract form by writing to the American Tract Society — a non-profit organization — 513 West 166th Street, New York 32, N. Y.

Distribution of Scriptures to the blind reached an all-time high in 1956, the American Bible Society reports. In the United States there were 58,601 Braille volumes and "talking-book" records. Abroad, the total was 8,819.

Teen Talk One Foot Short

Here is a true story, not a TV Western, not a dream in the night.

The 31-year-old prisoner was one of the tough criminals in the Massachusetts State Prison. He didn't want to stay there any longer so he tried a daring scheme of breaking out to freedom. The newspaper account does not tell what his offense was which sent him to prison. We can be sure, however, that he committed a crime and a sin. He came short of keeping the law. The Bible tells us that is what sin is — coming short of what God has told us is right and good.

In a moment I'll tell you how William E. Cavanaugh came one foot short of success in his daring attempt to gain freedom. He had it all planned out. It's a fantastic little story. First he painted a face on his pillow and glued some hair from the barber shop on it to make it look more real. Then he succeeded in climbing up through a ventilating shaft onto the roof.

It was winter time so he dressed all in white to keep from being spotted by the guards when he got to the snow-covered ground. Jumping from one roof to another he came to one that was low enough so he could jump down to the prison yard. He had it figured out how he was going to get over the 20-foot wall. There weren't any ladders just lying around. He broke into the shop where the brooms were stored. From the handles of several of them he made a long pole with which he hoped to scale the wall.

No one had seen him. No one had heard him. Freedom depended on his getting over the wall. He tried but alas, his scaling pole was one foot short. He couldn't make it. Time was running out. There was just one thing to do. That was to try to get back to his cell without being seen so he could try again some other time. He was caught on the way back.

What a disappointment to find that he could get within one foot of the top of the wall but still couldn't get over. "Served

him right," you may be saying. Yes, he had come short of the law; he deserved to be in prison, and he ought to learn the lesson that the broom sticks should have taught him. He probably cursed his luck as hardened criminals do. But those who read their Bibles know that man cannot save himself no matter how hard he tries. They know also that to be one foot short of doing the will of God makes them sinners in need of a Savior.

Thank God we have a Savior who has brought us out of the prison house of sin. He can keep us from falling short again. Let's trust Him.

RIAL Reports

In December the gigantic Religion In American Life program was able to report that so far the advertising of the value of church attendance had far exceeded that of the eight previous years.

A total of 65,542 car cards were placed in buses, street cars, and subways. On the sides of buildings and in transportation terminals, 7,630 three-sheet posters were erected.

So far in the 1957-58 campaign, 807 newspapers have used 7,188 RIAL ads. Hundreds of house magazines carried full-page ads, and RIAL ads also appeared in Reader's Digest, Ladies' Home Journal, Redbook, Newsweek, Look, House Beautiful, This Week, and many others.

Mr. Stevens, president of the textile firm of J. P. Stevens and Co., and former Secretary of the Army, praised the contributions of private business for making possible Religion In American Life messages in all the mass media of communication. "Without the help of all the mass media agencies," he said, "the tremendous effectiveness of the program would not be possible." (A letter from Mr. Stevens thanked the Sabbath Recorder for its part.)

A highlight of the campaign's peak period of November was the annual Religion In America Life Show broadcast on all television and radio networks and featuring a discussion of current American human relations problems by lay leaders of three faiths. November was proclaimed Religion In American Life Month by the

governors of 36 states and by the mayors of hundreds of cities and towns.

RIAL is sponsored by a committee of 70 laymen and laywomen of all faiths and is supported by 24 national religious groups, which also serve as channels of promotion.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — At our annual business meeting January 5, we voted to authorize the Board of Deacons to call Mr. and Mrs. Jess Babcock, Mrs. Wesley Loofboro, and Mrs. Carroll Loofboro for ordination to the diaconate. The Board of Deacons will make the further arrangements for the ordination services.

The Board of Trustees of the society submitted recommendations whereby the society would be reorganized under the name of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton Junction, thereby merging the church and the society.

Officers and trustees elected to direct the new organization are: president, Professor L. C. Shaw; secretary, Miss Joyce McWilliam; treasurer, Roy Harris; trustees-at-large who will elect a vice-president annually from their own number, Carroll Loofboro, Wesley Loofboro, Mrs. Edward Hull, and Ervin McWilliam. Proposed by-laws will be presented by the new Board of Trustees at the next quarterly business meeting in April.

Other officers elected to serve the church until replaced by those elected or appointed under a new constitution were: organist, Mrs. L. C. Shaw; assistant organist, Mrs. Edward Hull; chorister, Miss Linda Bingham; assistant chorister, Miss Joyce McWilliam; activities banker, Mrs. Oscar Hartman; Inter-church Advisory Committee alternate, Mrs. L. C. Shaw; auditor to serve for two years, Charles Burdick; representative on Quarterly Meeting Committee, Mrs. Robert Greene.

— Correspondent.

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — We would like to wish our sister churches a glad New Year and tell you of some of our activities for the past six months.

We were glad to greet the juniors of Lewis Camp who attended our morning

church service in a body on July 13. Pastor Mills was dean of the Junior Camp and a leader in the Senior Camp last year. The attendance at camp of two girls from our community was sponsored by the Loyal Workers Society.

Pastor Mills and daughter, Miriam, were our delegates to the General Conference at Milton, Wis., the pastor's expense being shared with the Second Hopkinton Church.

The Sabbath School prepared and conducted the Rally Day service on October 12, and a fellowship dinner was held afterwards at the parish house with an interesting program of reminiscences by older members of the congregation. The Sabbath School and the Loyal Workers sponsored a well-attended Halloween party for all the children of the community.

Our church entertained the South County hymn sing and on November 27 was host to the other churches of the community when the Union Thanksgiving service was held there. The Rev. Elmer B. Naylor of the Woodville Six Principle Baptist Church brought the message and the Hope Valley Baptist Church choir brought the special music.

The Sabbath School sponsored a community Christmas program and party on December 22. There were two plays: "The Shepherds' Search," by sixteen children of primary and junior age, and "Christmas Peace," by three high-school girls and an adult chorus. The smaller children gave recitations and an exercise. The Sabbath School gave Christmas treats to the inmates of the Crowell Convalescent Home which is in our neighborhood.

On the night after the Sabbath, January 4, a bounteous potluck supper preceded the annual church business meeting at the parish house. Officers for 1958 were elected as follows: moderator, George V. Crandall; clerk, Mrs. Lucie Armstrong; treasurer, Mrs. Lyra B. Irish. The Sabbath School superintendent is Josiah C. Palmer. Pastor and Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Irish were named a committee to supervise the necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the annual meeting of the Eastern Association to be held in the Rockville Church next June.

The activities of the Loyal Workers since July 1 include: refreshment stand at a local auction, \$61.78; traveling food basket project, \$29.62; harvest supper, \$61.49; rummage sale, \$41; and mission Christmas stocking project, \$75. We also sent parcels of clothing to Jamaica, made Christmas baskets for shut-ins, and collected used toys for the Westerly firemen who repair them for unfortunate children.

The many friends, over the denomination, of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold R. Crandall will be pleased to know that Mrs. Crandall who has been quite ill and confined to her home since October 16 is improving and looking forward to being out to church again soon.

— Correspondent.

SHILOH, N. J. — At the annual business meeting William Richardson, Jr., was elected moderator. Bert B. Sheppard declined to serve again after having filled the office for seventeen years.

Reports of the past year's activities were given by the various organizations, committees, and Sabbath School classes. It was voted to pay for a subscription to the Sabbath Recorder to be placed in the Bridgeton Public Library. A recommendation was made to revise the church roll. By action of the church, March 1 will be "Men and Missions" Sabbath.

On the first Sabbath of February Christian Endeavor Day will be observed. The three young people bringing the messages will be Allen Davis, Mary Harris, and John Cruzan.

At the January meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society an interesting speaker had been obtained, Lester Brown of Stow Creek, who had been an exchange student to India. He had lived with several families for six months and brought home with him native costumes and many souvenirs.

The young married women of the church were given a special invitation to attend so that they might become acquainted with the policies of the society. Other members of the group gave an explanation of the many ways there are to use the money earned by the organization. A large group attended. — Correspondent.

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of Denominational Treasurer, December 31, 1957

Receipts			Receipts		
Treas. Receipts December	Treas. Receipts 3 mos.	Boards' Budget Receipts 3 mos.	Treas. Receipts December	Treas. Receipts 3 mos.	Boards' Budget Receipts 3 mos.
Balance, Dec. 1 ...\$	78.04		Los Angeles, Christ's	30.00	30.00
Adams Center	174.22	343.03	Lost Creek		329.40
Albion	63.13	130.66	Marlboro	242.07	748.25
Alfred, 1st	495.49	1,473.84	Middle Island	23.00	68.25
Alfred, 2nd	167.65	492.00	Milton	523.60	1,419.01
Associations & groups		99.87	Milton Jct.	65.35	238.65
Battle Creek	558.70	1,691.21	New Auburn	28.14	73.89
Berlin	75.80	223.75	New Orleans	73.35	92.35
Boulder	61.77	172.05	North Loup	260.81	260.81
Brookfield, 1st	120.62	232.12	Nortonville	122.50	332.50
Brookfield, 2nd ..	64.87	143.37	Old Stone Fort ..		35.00
Buffalo	50.00	50.00	Pawcatuck	650.00	995.20
Chicago	102.00	333.00	Plainfield	821.95	1,883.39
Daytona Beach ..	44.50	174.75	Richburg	167.00	255.00
Denver		97.31	Ritchie	15.00	40.00
De Ruyter		213.00	Riverside	811.09	811.09
Dodge Center	253.02	385.53	Roanoke	22.00	56.00
Edinburg	125.00	168.50	Rockville	27.60	61.09
Farina	21.50	21.50	Salem	250.00	550.00
Fouke		15.50	Salemville	79.10	79.10
Friendship	29.00	98.00	Schenectady	27.00	43.00
Hebron	15.00	55.00	Shiloh	529.15	1,267.01
Hopkinton, 1st ..	122.35	442.60	Tract Society		1,297.89
Hopkinton, 2nd ..	45.00	129.00	Twin Cities	100.00	100.00
Independence	83.00	315.00	Verona	108.66	463.16
Individuals	162.00	2,360.00	Walworth	20.00	80.00
Irvington		250.00	Washington	43.00	78.00
Kansas City	30.00	115.00	Waterford	67.52	217.58
Little Genesee ..		114.13	White Cloud	48.05	168.03
Los Angeles	85.00	342.00			
				\$8,183.60	\$22,755.37
					\$1,071.54

Treasurer's Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)
Missionary Society	\$3,756.68
Board of Christian Education	877.10
Ministerial Training	868.20
Historical Society	134.20
Ministerial Retirement Fund	749.98
Women's Society	61.40
World Fellowship and Service	36.60
General Conference	762.50
Trustees of General Conference	67.10
Tract Society	803.24
Oneida Valley Nat'l Bank, fees	3.54
	\$8,120.54
Balance on hand, Dec. 31	63.06

Non-Budget Gifts

December Receipts	\$ 188.62
December Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	120.02
World Fellowship and Service	68.60
	\$ 188.62
	\$ 188.62

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$90,000.00
Treas. budget receipts 3 months	\$22,755.37
Boards' budget receipts 3 months	1,071.54
	\$23,826.91
Remainder required	\$66,173.09
Percentage of budget year elapsed	25 %
Percentage of budget raised	26.47%

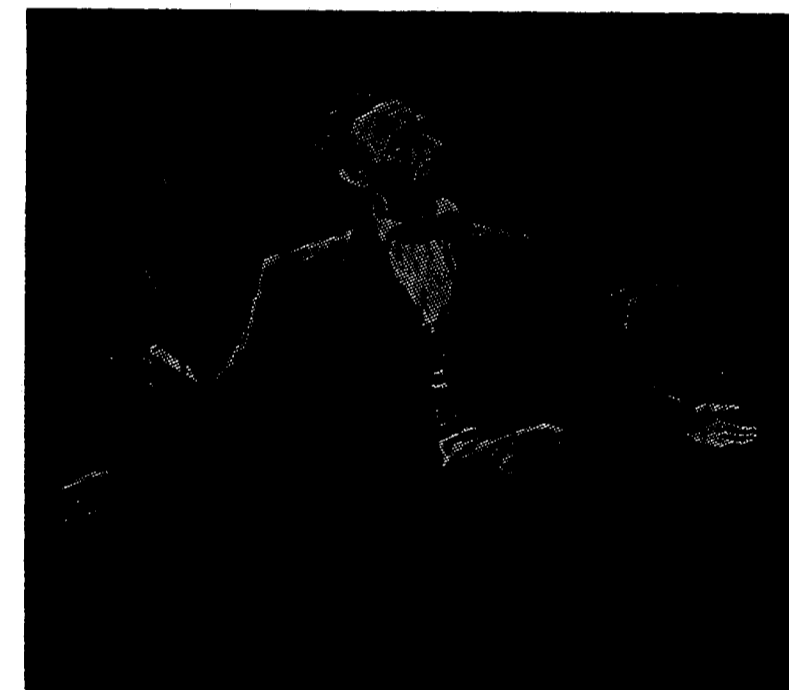
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Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

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a man of purpose
a man of persuasion

"God send us men
alert and quick
His lofty precepts to
translate,
Until the laws of Right
become
The laws and habits
of the State.

"God send us men with
hearts ablaze,
All truth to love, all
wrong to hate;
These are the patriots
nations need,
These are the bulwarks
of the State."

THE BULWARK OF LIBERTY

What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling seacoast, our army and our navy. Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit, and we have planted the seeds of despotism at our own doors.

— Abraham Lincoln.