

The Sabbath Recorder

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — A beautiful baptismal service was held Sabbath eve, July 4, at a secluded spot near Byron, Minn. Candidates for baptism were Wesley Baldrige, of Grand Forks, N. Dak.; his son, Jack, of E. Grand Forks, Minn.; and a grandson, Michael Jon Pan, of Minneapolis. Following the baptism, a candlelight Communion and consecration service was held at the church in Dodge Center. Those who shared this spiritual fellowship received a rich blessing.

On July 27, our Sabbath School held its annual picnic at Mineral Springs Park, Owatonna. The Young People's Class which planned and was responsible for the picnic arrangements, was successful in providing a pleasant outing for both adults and children.

We sponsored a "meal of sharing" in July and another in August. Our group has been interested in helping to provide funds for the mission field in British Guiana. The experience in sharing has been a willing one. In July, the group heard reports of the Association at Milton following the "meal of sharing," and in August, Conference reports were given.

Plans are developing for a float to be sponsored by the Sabbath School in celebrating its centennial at a town celebration on September 25. Our float will depict a Sabbath School of 1858 and one of 1958 with the theme, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The annual Sabbath School election was held September 6. The following are among those who will take office October 1: superintendent, Darwin Lippincott; assistant, George Bonser; secretary, Mrs. Arthur Payne; treasurer, Wallace Greene.

A new music committee has met to organize and make our music a better means of praise and worship in the activities of the church.

On September 9 the church held a farewell supper party in honor of Wayne Van Horn who is leaving Dodge Center to attend Milton College. Prayer and best wishes accompany him. — Correspondent.

Yearly Meeting at Berlin

The Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held at Berlin, N. Y., October 10 and 11, 1958.

Marriages

Schock - Walters. — Floyd Leslie Schock of the Town of Milton, Wis., and Adele Minniella Walters of the Town of Albion, Wis., were united in marriage on July 20, 1958, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion. The bride's pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, officiated.

Hurley - Pierce. — Lester George Hurley of Milton Junction, Wis., and Thelma Ada Pierce, of Milton, were united in marriage on September 4, 1958, at the bride's home in Milton. Their pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, officiated.

Knight - Arnold — John Francis Knight and Carol Mae Arnold, both of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage on August 24, 1958, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church with their pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating.

Obituaries

Todd. — Leon J., youngest son of Lewis and Azelia Todd, was born at North Loup, Neb., April 23, 1892, and died in Edgerton Memorial Hospital, Edgerton, Wis., Aug. 12, 1958.

In his boyhood the family moved to the vicinity of Brookfield, N. Y. Here Leon was baptized and became a member of the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church in which church he held his membership throughout his lifetime.

On Sept. 24, 1914, he married Floy Brown of Brookfield. During World War I he served in the New York State Guard and later worked in the Navy Yards.

In 1923 the family moved to Milton, Wis., where Mr. Todd was employed from 1938 until 1955 in the Burdick Corporation. When ill health forced him into semi-retirement he was village marshal and superintendent of the water and sewage plants.

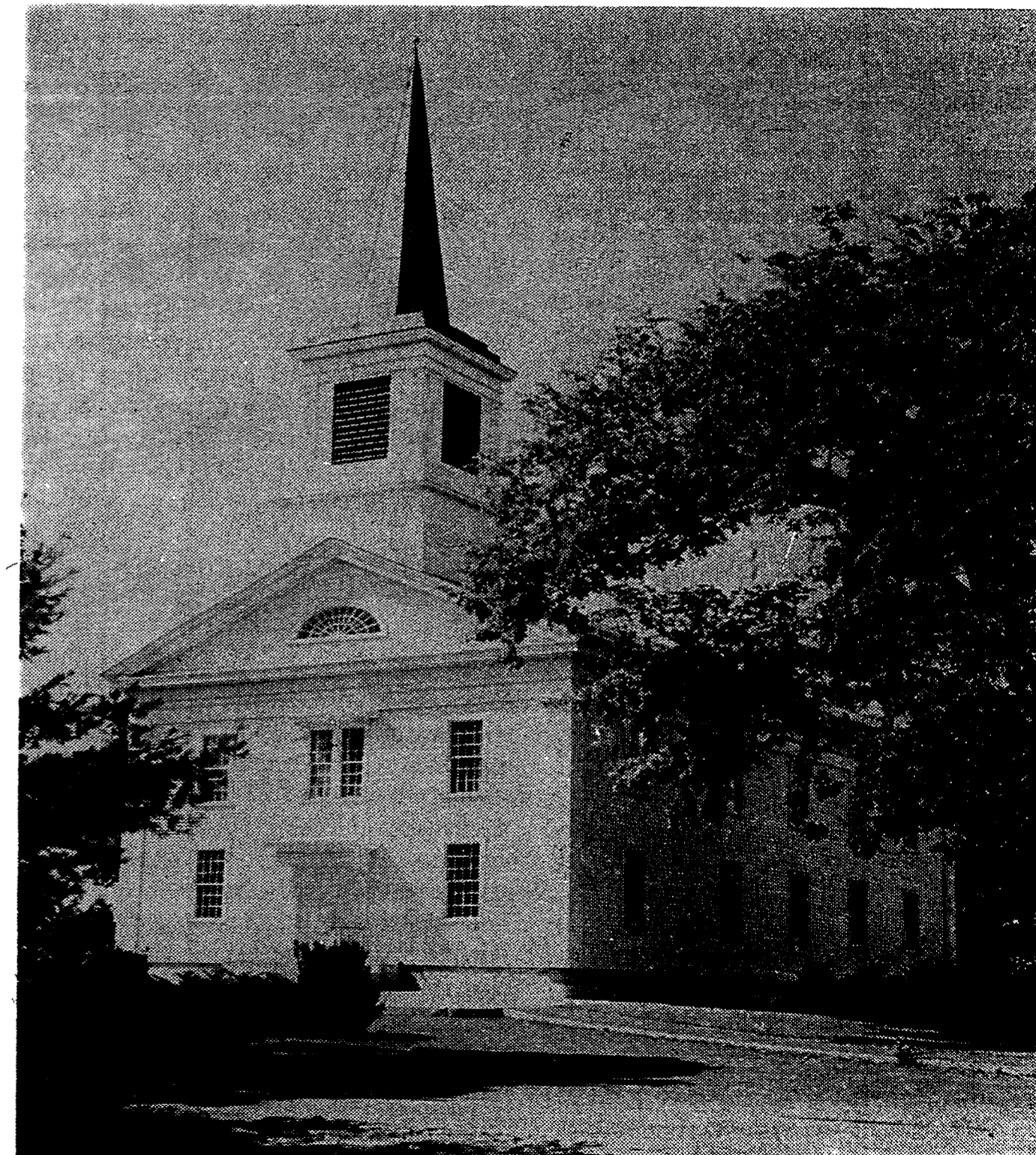
He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Leonora Curless, Indianapolis, Ind.; two brothers: Hal, of Effingham, Ill., and Clarke, of Milton; by several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with Deacon D. Nelson Inglis officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

Walters. — Mabel Mary, daughter of Eugene Adelbert and Elizabeth Emma Swinney Walters, was born Feb. 23, 1878, at Walworth, Wis., and died Aug. 16, 1958, in Edgerton Memorial Community Hospital.

Her interests centered in the Walworth community where she was educated, joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and worked in the local bank. She is survived by a nephew, Harold Walters, Burbank, Calif., a niece, Mrs. Eleanor Walters, and a great-niece, Mrs. Adele Schock, both of Albion, Wis.

Memorial services were held in the Walworth Funeral Home with the Rev. Harold O. Gronseth officiating. V. W. S.



"WHENCE OUR FOREFATHERS CAME"

The Seventh Day Baptist Church at Ashaway, Rhode Island, is the oldest church in that area. The building is 123 years old, the church 250, and Sabbathkeeping in the community 292 years.

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JUSTICE AND LOVE

How quick we are to judge people by just a few of their public utterances. Sometimes we pick good ones, perhaps, more frequently, the ones with which we disagree. Jesus our Lord was not free from having a few of His words picked up by His enemies and used to destroy Him. His fellow countrymen, the Jewish leaders, according to John 5: 18, "sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God." On the other hand, many of His friends in that day and this seem to have remembered only His words about love and few of His words about justice, ransom, sacrifice, etc. They too have, in effect, killed the Savior.

Our Lord knew the human heart. He knew men would wrongfully judge Him by a few of His public utterances. He knew, too, that He Himself would come again to the earth in judgment and would be compelled to judge men by their words — the total expression of their hearts — and the idle words also (Matt. 12: 36, 37). Christ is the all-powerful one who "quick-enth whom he will" as we read in John 5: 22. The next verse gives at least one aspect of the coming judgment in the words of Christ: "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father."

Jonathan Edwards of the eighteenth century is remembered for his preaching about hell. One of the best-known sermons of American history is his "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Some modern-day ministers have made light of it and have rather carelessly thought of him as given to only that type of sermon. Some would have a tendency to accuse that great evangelist of being more angry with sin and sinners than God Himself. It is unfortunate and it is unfair to judge a minister by one sermon — as if he had only one.

Yale University Press is about to publish a book, *Sermons on Romans*, by this same Jonathan Edwards. Among the sermons is one on "Love," a portion of which is quoted here from *Christianity Today*. It is hard to imagine anyone reaching greater heights in describing the love of

God than Edwards achieved. He must have been filled with that love. It behooves all of us in our evaluation of Christ and of His preachers to try harder to keep justice and love in proper balance. Note what the New England preacher said from his famous Park Street pulpit:

Never was there love that fixed upon an object so much below the lover. . . . Never was there any instance of such love to those that were so far from being capable of benefiting the lover. . . . Never was there any that set his love upon those in whom he saw so much filthiness and deformity. . . . Never was there any one that set his love upon those that were so far from loving him. . . . There never was any love that appeared in so great and wonderful expressions. . . . Never was there any love that was so beneficial to the beloved.

"The blood of Christ purchased things that can't be purchased for gold," the message added. "Neither shall silver be weighed for the price of them. And what makes the worth of them infinite is that they never will have an end. There will be no danger or possibility of losing them."

World-Wide Communion

Nearly every reader is probably aware that churches throughout the world are trying to emphasize their central unity in the Protestant faith by observing Communion on the same weekend whether or not that is their regular time. The date for Sundaykeeping churches is October 5. Seventh Day Baptists, in general, also make some attempt to recognize the solidarity of all Protestantism by making Sabbath Day, October 4, a special day around "the Lord's table." It doubtless has value.

Nothing is so central in all denominations (with a very few exceptions) as fulfilling the command of Christ to perpetuate the memory of His body broken and His blood shed for the sins of the world. In this World-Wide Communion each church observes the Lord's Supper in the manner and at the time determined by the church or denomination; it is not joint Communion.

Let us remember that Christ established the true meaning of the memorial supper but that its full meaning for us depends upon how we come to His table. We must come as believing, loving, and

MEMORY TEXT

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee. Psalm 119: 174, 175a.

instructed disciples or it will mean little. The Scripture says that we will eat and drink with a judgment upon ourselves if we "discern not the Lord's body." It cannot be made a tool to forge church unity unless those who partake have experienced this: ". . . ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2: 13).

Unfortunate Attack on Clergy

A nation-wide viewing audience on September 16 saw and heard Governor Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas make the statement that the Presbyterian ministers in the Washburn Presbytery had been effectively brainwashed. Questioned later in the interview about who had brainwashed them, he curtly replied, "The left-wingers and Communists." The Presbytery, made up of 25 ministers and 25 elders from half the state, had by resolution urged the governor to reconsider his executive order which had closed the four high schools of Little Rock to avoid the admission of a few non-white students.

Under certain conditions in other lands some clergymen as well as captured soldiers have been effectively brainwashed. But for a governor to make the statements referred to above about the ministers of the Southern Presbyterian Church in his state, calls for the apology which has been requested by them. It is impossible for his charge to be true. Any spreading sentiment for a slowing down of integration in Little Rock will certainly wane as a result of such irresponsible words. The ministry and the church will not suffer serious damage, whether or not an apology is forthcoming. The governor, however, has further discredited himself in the eyes of righteous people and a watching world. He is not fit to be the executive of a great state if such un-

supportable statements characterize his leadership.

We who have lesser responsibilities also live in glass houses. It is much easier to hurl stones than to repair broken windows or to recall hasty words. Let us be calm; let us be fair; let us avoid epithets. When others within the church adopt the ways of the world in falsely accusing the brethren, let us adhere strictly to truth, while at the same time heeding the Scriptural admonition to "contend earnestly for the faith."

End of Budget Year

Before this Sabbath Recorder has time to reach the homes of most of its readers throughout the nation and the world, September will have slipped away and with it another budget year of Our World Mission.

There is now strong hope that year-end contributions will be large enough to make up the thousands of dollars still needed for our \$90,000 goal. Did we do it? We will not be able to publish the final figures for several weeks yet. This week the back page tells the story of how things stood at the end of August.

Quick and generous action on the part of many may yet be counted, for the treasurer does not close his books on the last day of the month; he waits a few days for last-minute mail to come in. It means much to our workers at home and abroad to know that their supporters have not let them down, either by failure to pray without ceasing or to give without grudging.

New Meeting Place

The Irvington, N. J., Church announces a new meeting place. This active church, which normally conducts its services in the German language, has never owned a building and does not have a full-time pastor, although the Rev. John Schmid has long taken care of all pastoral duties. The expanding work in the Salvation Army building which the group had previously used made it necessary to move.

The new meeting place is on the edge of nearby Newark at 684 Springfield Avenue.

President's Column

Witnessing for Our Sabbath

Wayne N. Crandall, Canisteo, N. Y.

In Matthew 5: 16 we find Christ teaching His followers, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Unless our Sabbath is meaningful to us, how can we justify our existence as a separate Baptist denomination? How effective is my witness for the Sabbath? Have you asked yourself this question?

In many communities where we have Seventh Day Baptist churches we see a gradual trend towards concentrating school and community activities on Friday night and Sabbath day. Some of this is unavoidable and need not interfere with our Sabbathkeeping in any way, with a little individual planning. There are, however, many situations which place our young people in embarrassing situations or prevent them from participating in valuable leadership experiences because of these conflicts. Oftentimes others in the community would be glad to cooperate in rescheduling these activities if we appeared genuinely concerned about it ourselves. You can scarcely expect Sunday-keeping people to inconvenience themselves to schedule activities away from the Sabbath when they see our people working, playing, and carrying on about as usual on the Sabbath.

While discussing this problem with our teen-agers I frequently found them saying, "How can we expect concessions in scheduling athletic and other school affairs when many of our adults are careless in their Sabbathkeeping practices?" Many of us adults seem to expect one code of conduct from our children in connection with Sabbath observance, while we practice quite a different one ourselves. This sort of conduct invariably results in a reaction when a young person gets out from under the supervision of the home.

In traveling to and from Conference I was greatly impressed by the efficiency, confidence, poise, and dignity of the air-

line hostesses. They never said, "Travel American Airline." They didn't have to. They gave you such a sense of confidence and cordiality that you found yourself looking forward to another flight. In our attitudes towards, and observance of, our Sabbath can we not reflect a similar joy and confidence which will encourage others to want to keep the Sabbath? As Baptists we are able to interpret the Bible rather liberally as individuals. We must never let this liberal interpretation permit us to assign a secondary place to the importance of the Sabbath. "The sabbath was made for man." "Let your light shine. . . ."

Effective Press Relations

By Mrs. Rolland Maxson

(A Conference story requested by the editor)

The reception of religious editors and radio station newscasters on the West Coast to news articles released by the Press Relations Department indicates that this field is open to our denomination. If we can continue to convince editors of the value of using the material on our denomination, the office of Press Relations can only go forward.

It would be premature to try to judge the effectiveness of the newly developed Press Relations Department at this time since the effect may not be felt for some time. It is one thing to convince an editor to use material once, but to convince him to continue to use material throughout the year is our main goal. The continued practice of sending news releases to the same sources contacted at Conference time, will, we hope, serve to effectively make known the work of Seventh Day Baptists.

Many new contacts were made in the Riverside-Los Angeles area of newspapers, wire services, and radio. The religious editors approached were, though a bit wary, cooperative and used the material sent to them. Contacts were made in the Los Angeles, Riverside, Covina, and Monterey areas. Clippings that have been sent to the department show the material was used, especially following Conference.

Three times, before, during, and after Conference, news releases were sent to

the more than 100 weekly and daily papers which serve the churches of our denomination. In the areas that were close enough to obtain papers, it was found that the items were used. If anyone in any area found news of Conference or news articles pertaining to Seventh Day Baptists, it would be appreciated if he would send the clippings to The Press Relations Department, Box 166, Milton, Wis.

We estimate that, altogether, more than 500 releases were sent to the various wire services, newspapers, and radio stations during Conference time.

There are several immediate goals for the department. 1. We ask that anyone send clippings about the denomination to us. 2. We urge that all churches put us on their mailing list for bulletins and other special mailings. 3. We hope to organize the department so that it will be prepared to aid churches and pastors in preparing news releases for papers.

In considering the work for this department, one item stands out in our minds: the use of initials instead of the words Seventh Day Baptist. By doing this, we believe that as a denomination, we are defeating our goal of growing.

We know what the letters stand for, but we aren't speaking to ourselves. We who know, love, and believe in the Sabbath want to make it known to others. We should be so proud of our faith that we want the words Seventh Day Baptist to really shine out over the land.

It is our great hope that during this year, each church and each individual will make an extra effort to use the words Seventh Day Baptist in any sort of publicity, such as posters, bulletins, church signs, and publicity releases.

It was a great thrill to work on news releases in Riverside before Conference, in Covina at Conference, and afterwards. We only hope that we in this department can effectively serve the denomination in this new work and ask your prayers that the work be done to the glory of God.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 11, 1958

The Messiah — Fulfillment of Hope
Lesson Scripture: Luke 2: 25-35.



ASHAWAY, R. I. — Pastor Edgar F. Wheeler and family, recently arrived, were welcomed to the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton at a well-attended reception held at the Ashaway Parish House September 13.

At the breaking of formality of the

receiving line there followed a short program: a solo by Miss Myra Wells, poem reading by Albert B. Crandall, address by Pastor Wheeler, and singing by all.

The buffet of punch and homemade tarts, the pleasant greetings, and renewals of friendships closed the happy evening.

250th Anniversary Celebration of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, R. I.

The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton observed its 250th anniversary, September 26 and 27, which took the place of the regular Fall Meeting of the New England Churches. The observance began Sabbath eve at 7:30 with the new pastor of the church, the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, giving the opening address, "The Church's Influence on the State." A chorus composed of the neighboring Seventh Day Baptist church choirs and directed by Miss Clara Pashley provided music.

At the Sabbath morning service, the Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary of the Missionary Board, delivered the sermon, "Building on the Sure Foundation."

At the basket lunch following the service an anniversary cake was cut and served.

The Waterford and Ashaway churches furnished music at the afternoon service. A panel discussion on "Church Growth

and Prosperity" with Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Rockville as chairman, Karl Stillman, president of the Pawcatuck Church, Rev. Neal D. Mills, pastor of the Rockville Church, and Rev. Paul S. Burdick, pastor of the Waterford, Conn., Church, as members of the panel, proved helpful.

There were exhibits representing the home, school, and church of the early community, arranged by the committee, Mrs. Harold Collings and Albert Crandall.

An evening meal was served to all those attending who were able to remain for the pageant in the evening. The pageant, "The Living Power of the Past," written by Mrs. Clarence Crandall of the Ashaway Church, depicted the early history of the church and the growing power of the church on industry, education, and government. Mrs. Achille Piccolo directed the production.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Possibilities of Growth on the Home Field

(Conference address delivered by the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley at the Covina, Calif., meeting of General Conference, Tuesday afternoon, during the Missionary Program)

The theme assigned me is "Possibilities of Growth," not probabilities or certainties. For that I am glad. I am speaking today out of the experiences of the last five years of field work, three summers with a quartet with us, two of these years and the last two years on half time, both summer and winter, with a quartet and a program of lay visitation both years. During these years we have proclaimed the Gospel in over half of our churches and fellowships, and have learned the condition in most of the others. We meet members of churches where we do not work, or relatives or friends, and from them we learn the situation in most of our churches. These five years have pointed up some of my own mistakes and failures as a pastor over my years of service.

Facts and Attitudes

We will grow only as we face the facts and change the attitudes that hinder growth.

The Rural-Urban Problem. In the last half-century our nation has changed so fast that it is hard to keep up with it. We are no longer a rural people, but an urban people. And Seventh Day Baptists generally have not learned to win in the cities. And we continue to labor in areas that are dying. In one section of a community that supported a strong Seventh Day Baptist church there are only two school pupils today where there were 160 pupils some fifty years ago. Some former Seventh Day Baptist strongholds are now largely Catholic.

Our Sabbath Attitudes. Too many Seventh Day Baptists have only a legalistic argument about the Sabbath. They have little or no living Christian experience to share. Just to condemn non-Sabbath-keepers is repelling, not winning.

Stewardship. Too many of our people have never been trained in their financial

obligation to God and the Church our Lord established in the earth.

Church Organization. We do not sufficiently urge church attendance, possibly fearing that we may become like the Catholics or Lutherans who insist on attendance at morning worship, whatever the worshiper may do the rest of the day. There is untold value in regular attendance at church, and we should not ignore so much neglect.

Our laymen are not properly organized for soul-winning. When neither pastor nor laymen challenge individuals for salvation, then, of course, there is no growth.

Tactlessness. It is amazing to learn how widespread and how prevalent this is. Here are some samples: A man who had not attended church for a long time decided that he should renew his relationship with God and the church. As he left at the close of the service a woman exclaimed to him, "If I had known you were in the church I would have fallen off my seat." Of course, he didn't come back! Another instance is of a woman who came to one of our churches for the first time, bringing five children with her. At the close of the service another woman remarked, "What are those children doing in this church?" Don't we really want people, new people, to attend with us?

Dogmatism. There are certain basic truths of the Gospel about which we are all in agreement, such as the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ which Paul says, in 1 Corinthians 15: 3, 4, constitute the Gospel. The need of the New Birth is another. "If any man is in Christ he is a new creation." But there are other ideas or theories regarding things past, present, or future about which we cannot know, we can only believe. Others who are just as intelligent and spiritual as we are differ from us. Yet some of us insist that everybody shall think just the way we do, or act just as we do. One deeply spiritual woman said to me, "I shudder to think of some who were considered the pillars of this church. They have driven out more members than all our pastors could bring in."

Dogmatism disrupts churches, repels

earnest seekers, drives out sincere members. Some promising fellowships have been destroyed by it. Both pastors and laymen are guilty of it. Its wreckage can be found from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Gulf. Our opinions seem more important to us than souls for whom Christ died. Every instance I observe reminds me of my dogmatism. I have driven people out of the church myself, some of whom, to my shame, were more spiritually minded than I, and better Bible students, also. A free church cannot grow on dogmatism.

Looking in Reverse

I find some who surrender their dogmatism. One severely criticized pastor told me that he had it coming to him because he had been very critical and dogmatic. Now he is surrendering his dogmatism. He is learning other Bible truths than those he had held previously, and is granting to others the liberty he asks for himself. We need to let God make men in His image instead of trying to squeeze them into ours.

I see no hope for tactless people, many of whom are deeply spiritual people of faith and prayer. For tactless people do not usually realize their tactlessness and do not want to be told about it. In most cases we charge something else or someone else with the bad results. All of us, pastors and laymen alike, can be guilty. God help us!

In church organization we are seeing advance in some churches. Wherever there is an active Fisherman's Club, Soul Winners Group, or Evangelism Committee kept continually encouraged by the pastor, results show. Some pastors do not seem to know how to plan with their laymen — only for them. Others plan with their laymen and they are going ahead in their churches.

A faithful stewardship usually follows a clear understanding of the Gospel. Quite a number of churches are improving in the stewardship of time and talents as well as in the stewardship of money.

More of our people, I believe, both clergy and laity, are seeing in the Sabbath, not a legalism to be argued about, but a

value to be offered to the world, a value moral and spiritual, personal and social.

Some rural churches are prospering where a glad Gospel of Good News is being preached. A message of assurance and certainty rather than of mere dogmatism is always winning. Especially if there is organization with the laymen, not just for them. Some of our city churches are prospering where there is definite planning for outreach and growth, all undergirded by faith and prayer.

Our Quartets Have Helped

As to quartet evaluation, we have had four quartets in the last five years. The last two years a Visitation Campaign has increased the effectiveness of Gospel Team service. In these years some have felt sure of a call to the ministry. Others have had their call clarified and strengthened. Others are ready if and when God calls them. And hundreds have had their faith strengthened by these talented singers. God blesses such services.

Fall Schedule of Evangelist Loyal Hurley

Evangelist Loyal Hurley's fall schedule includes the following services: weekend services at Richburg, N. Y., October 3-5; a series of visitation preaching services at Alfred Station, N. Y., October 17-November 2; and a similar series at Hebron, Pa., November 7-23. It is tentatively planned also for the Hurleys to offer some assistance to the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church during the four Sabbaths of December.

International Missionary Council

Bishop Lesslie Newbigin, chairman of the International Missionary Council, will become the Council's full-time general secretary on July 1, 1959. The appointment was announced on September 15 from the IMC's New York and London offices. The general secretary-elect, well-known bishop in Madura of the Church of South India, served as chairman of the International Missionary Council during its assembly in Ghana at Christmas, 1957.

Sabbath Tract Society Makes Forward-Looking Plans

Strong interest was shown by board members in the work of the American Sabbath Tract Society at quarterly and annual meetings held at Plainfield, N. J., September 21. Almost the entire board was in attendance, with everyone from South Jersey and Philadelphia on hand for committee and board responsibilities. There were no significant changes in the personnel of the Board of Trustees. Two names were dropped and one new one added, the Rev. Charles H. Bond now of Shiloh, N. J. Franklin A. Langworthy continues as president. Charles F. Harris becomes the recording secretary.

The by-laws were amended to change three of the quarterly meeting dates for greater convenience and to avoid conflict with established dates of other boards. The new schedule calls for meetings as follows: the third Sunday of September and the second Sundays of December, March, and July.

Action was taken upon recommendation of the Advisory Committee to continue the special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* with an editor nominated for the February, 1959, issue. However, it was voted that the print order should not be more than ten per cent above the advance orders. This will mean in some instances that churches will have to be more careful to get their orders in so that they will not be disappointed. Such action by the board is necessary because of the reduced rate of \$8.50 per hundred.

Publication and distribution of Seventh Day Baptist promotional literature, such as the *Sabbath Recorder*, tracts, and booklets, are the chief aims of this 29-man board. Reports showed that both were moving along according to need and resources. Forward-looking plans were presented for another small tract combining both Gospel and Sabbath emphasis. Another challenging little Sabbath tract, "Would You If . . .?" is already on order. Quite a list of reprints were also voted in order to be prepared for the anticipated demand in the near future. This printing will total many hundreds of dollars but

testimonies keep coming in from some individuals as to the value of this tract ministry.

Within a month of the close of our General Conference, the Sabbath Promotion Committee was able to report its tentative plans to carry out the suggestions about a restudy by church members of our Sabbath literature and alerting our churches to the issue of religious liberty and Sunday legislation.

The board in its forward look asked the Budget Committee to reconsider the current budget in certain points and to attempt to draw up a tentative budget for the following year (1959-60) before the December meeting.

There was some shifting of committee members and chairmen appointed by the president to increase the working strength. In general, the projects of the board are bright as committees swing into action. The Audio-Visual Aids Committee announces a much enlarged service to our mission fields, particularly Nyasaland, in the months ahead. The office of the board welcomes correspondence and calls for such service as the board is prepared to render to the cause represented by our denomination. Recognizing all that is done by other boards and agencies, the members of this board are convinced that real "extension and growth" are not possible without a maximum use of the free service offered by the American Sabbath Tract Society. — Corresponding secretary.

The Changing South

About nine out of ten students at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., would welcome Negroes as full participating members of the student body, according to a recent poll. Candler is one of the Methodist Church's ten theological schools. The poll, conducted by the school's student council, also indicated that 78 per cent of the students would be willing to have Negroes as members of their congregations, and more than 80 per cent would allow their children to attend integrated public schools. Candler has a student body of 400. — W. W. Reid.

Story of the 250-Year-Old Ashaway, R. I., Church

(From the anniversary booklet)

Considering the time covered by its work, its large membership during so many years, the multitude it has brought into the Kingdom, the First Seventh-day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, R. I., has had a history second to few, if any, churches in the country.

The acceptance of the Sabbath by those living in its vicinity was in 1666 and the early part of 1667, only a few months after it was observed in Newport and more than five years before the organization of the Newport Church.

From that time to this, 1958, two hundred and ninety-two years, the light has beamed steadily forth to embrace the Sabbath here.

Ruth Burdick, wife of Robert, was the first to embrace the Sabbath here, as her mother, Tacy Hubbard, had been the first in Newport a few months before. The date of her accepting the truth was November, 1666.

After the Indian Wars had subsided, the growth of this part of the church commenced to be more rapid, fast outgrowing the Newport congregation, and on September 28, 1708, when the separation of the church into two churches took place, there were 72 who become members of the "westward" church.

It was then referred to as the "Sabbatarian Church in Westerly." After what was Westerly at the time of the organization of the church was divided into four towns and the house of worship was by said division in Hopkinton, the church was known as the Hopkinton Church. In 1880 the church applied to the State Legislature to have the name changed to "The First Seventh-day Baptist Church of Hopkinton."

The first meeting house was erected in 1680, on the knoll where the ministers' monument now stands in the First Hopkinton Cemetery at Meeting House Bridge, south of Ashaway. This was used for 155 years, when a second took its place in 1835. This is the present building. It was moved to this location in 1852. A

few years later it was turned around, enlarged, and a vestibule and belfry added. One can see the original "front" doors of the church at the front of the auditorium, with the old lock and large brass key. On either side are the old stairs leading to the balcony, where the old straight-backed benches still are.

This is the oldest organized church in this section, and probably our ancestors were the first to hold religious services in these parts.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS

At the corporate meeting the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education held at Alfred, N. Y., September 14, the thirty directors for the ensuing year were elected after the Nominating Committee through Rev. Albert N. Rogers had reported.

The meeting adopted the annual reports of the treasurer, L. Eugene Reynolds, and the executive secretary, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel. The Executive Committee was asked to draw up an article of suitable recognition of the long and loyal service rendered by the late Dr. A. J. C. Bond and to present it at the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors.

Youth Work Committee

The first meeting of the current year of the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was opened with prayer by Chairman J. Paul Green, Jr., on Wednesday night, September 10.

The recommendations prepared by the General Conference Youth Committee were read.

Three members were selected to serve the committee: Alise Ogden, secretary; Jim Burdick, historian; and Roberta Armstrong, reporter. The duties of each were discussed.

The editing and publishing of the *Beacon* were thoroughly reviewed. Present policy was agreed upon after the editor, Mrs. Denise Green, presented what she has accomplished thus far and what she hoped could be done to further the bene-

fits of the paper. The first copy will be published about October 1.

There was much discussion about the inauguration of the National SDBYF. It was decided that the second issue of the *Beacon* would carry the initial and official first action of that body; the first issue being already made up.

A committee was set up to bring suggestions as to who might be chosen to direct Pre-Con, 1959. A director of the first Young Adult Retreat will also be chosen from among the names presented.

The next meeting of the Youth Work Committee will be October 1.

— Roberta Armstrong.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth M. DeLand

Women's Board Conference Workshop

By Mrs. Rolland Maxson

The tremendous possibilities of the strength of the women of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in carrying forth the Conference theme of "Forward in Growth" was explored by the women at a workshop Thursday afternoon of Conference, which was directed by Mrs. LeRoy DeLand. The workshop title of "Forward in Growth Through Our Membership Responsibilities" was used to develop several avenues for improvement.

The qualifications for a good leader were discussed by Mrs. DeLand. First, to know your task and be interested in it and then to interest others in the work of the group. One qualification that was stressed — be patient and humble but yet persistent.

The goals were: **Pray** — make every effort to attend the weekly prayer meeting of your church; establish a prayer circle in your home; study the prayer life of Christ; **Go** — call on the sick, the shut-in, aged, or lonely at least once a month; **Do** — do some definite thing for some mission field; do the daily tasks of homemaking as unto God; unite the family with you in your offer to **pray, go, and do.**

One of the topics of most interest during the discussion period following the workshop was that of how to combine the interest and participation of the younger and older women of the church.

It was felt that the vitality and new ideas of the younger women were much needed to combine with the experience of the older women in making a strong women's group.

The value of the Women's Board Newsletter was stressed, and one new suggestion was the possibility of workshops for women's work during Association meetings.

Mrs. DeLand used effective posters and other workshop materials in putting across her theme. The five discussion groups were led by Mrs. Leon Mosher, White Cloud; Mrs. Alice Hayward, Riverside; Mrs. Marion Van Horn, Fouke; Mrs. Loyal Hurley, Boulder; Mrs. K. Duane Hurley, Salem.

An entertaining skit of the Sweltering Heights Ladies' Aid was presented by several of the women showing how not to conduct a meeting and how not to get anything accomplished.

Dangers With Increasing National Piety

"There is increasing piety along the Potomac by our government's leaders, but danger lies in the temptation to use religion as a promotional gimmick or to view all religion, whether true or false, as good." So spoke Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of "Christianity Today," the Christian magazine with the world's largest circulation to ministers, in an interview on August 15 at his home in Pasadena, California. The tall, husky, religious leader was professor of Systematic Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, for nine years before founding the new evangelical fortnightly magazine.

"Only as individual lives are transformed will we come to see this country as truly a nation under God. The evangelistic penetration of Billy Graham signalizes a significant breakthrough for Biblical Christianity at the grass roots level," states Dr. Henry.

Dr. Henry is author of the recent book, "Christian Personal Ethics" and is editing a symposium with 24 international evangelical scholars on "Revelation and the Bible," to appear this fall. — Fuller Theological Seminary News Bureau.

Where Do We Stand? Where Do We Go From Here?

When the Missionary Board presented its program at Conference it was built around the forward-looking theme of the president of Conference. It embodied talks by three missionaries home from foreign fields and having a clear vision of future possibilities on those fields. Also included were stirring messages by two home field workers who pointed out what more ought to be and could be done in our own land.

To sum it up, Secretary Harris gave a talk entitled, "Where Do We Stand?" in which he pointed out that some things might have to wait a little while for lack of suitable personnel, but that with the funds contemplated in the budget (which was later adopted) there could be strong advance both at home and abroad. Some of that advance has already been indicated in previous articles. The stirring words of the conclusion of the secretary's message were taken from the tape recording, and are reproduced here in order that a wider audience may catch something of the missionary spirit that was so evident in the latest nation-wide gathering of Seventh Day Baptists.

In conclusion, where do we stand as a people in relation to our world mission? We stand at the very brink of accomplishing great things for God but we do have great problems, too, and limitations within which we try to work. Always we would try to keep our feet grounded as to our limitations and do it (our new work) a little at a time and not expand to the point where we cannot carry it, and grow discouraged. We do stand on the brink of tremendous possibilities.

I am reminded somewhat of Moses and of the people of Israel who came up to the Red Sea, and God said to Moses, "Speak to my people that they go forward." I suppose there was somebody who murmured, "How?" But God said, "Speak to them," and he did. He lifted his rod and the way was provided. It took an active faith to start, and then the way opened up. Isn't that the way it always is? There has to be enough faith to start — to make the initial steps, and begin. Then God can open the way for us. If we have not the faith to even begin, we will never start.

So God help us to have the faith to branch into new fields and make the start, believing that He will open the way for us and, that which has been begun in His name, we can carry through.

Quite separate from the missionary program of General Conference was something that was done in a small Vacation



Bible School in Los Angeles in early summer, something which was introduced as an unexpected feature of the Sabbath afternoon program. The children in that Bible School had given one gift to established missions and had presented it to representatives of those missions.

They had given another gift also. To present that gift a girl came forward. She was called a sailor enlisted for "Bible Sea Adventures" in the Bible School. She was introduced by David Ahlborn as bearing cargo from the Good Ship S.D.B. To receive the gift Secretary Harris was called to the microphone. Significantly, that gift was for "the next mission station to be opened." It is in line with the remarks made earlier in the week by Mr. Harris, as quoted above. The children will be waiting for news of that next mission station. We dare not disappoint them or fail to find a place for them in our expanding work at such a time as the Holy Spirit may call them into missionary service.

Where do we stand? Where do we go from here? — Editor.

Fall Meetings

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Chicago will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on October 4, 1958. The churches of Southern Wisconsin will be meeting with the church to share this inspirational event. The services will be held in the new Howel Chapel of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary with a worship service at 11:00 A.M. and a rededicatory service at 2:00 P.M.. Any who might be near Chicago at this time are heartily invited to attend these services. The seminary is located at 3040 West Washington Boulevard.

Mid-Continent Association

The Nortonville, Kan., Church will be host to the Mid-Continent Association, October 3-5. Winston Wheeler is president. Colorado churches announce in their bulletins their plans to send as large a number as possible.

Central New York Association

Word has been received that the fall meeting of the Central New York Association will be held at Leonardsville on October 11 and that the new Conference president, Wayne N. Crandall, will be the Sabbath morning speaker. There are five churches in this Association.

Western Association

The fall meeting of the Western (N. Y.) Association will convene at Hebron, Pa., Sabbath, October 11. It will be preceded by a meeting for the youth of the Association, the young adults, and the older adults on Sabbath eve.

Yearly Meeting at Berlin

The Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held at Berlin, N. Y., October 10 and 11, 1958.

"I can't do everything, but I can do something; what I can do I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do." — Anon.

God Answers Prayer

Peter McKenzie, the famous Methodist preacher, was noted for the replies he often made to those who brought to him their spiritual problems. When one man confronted him with the contention and complaint that even though he prayed, he didn't feel that his prayers were answered, the minister suggested:

"Possibly that is because your prayers are like some promissory notes— presented before they are due."

If any one should feel that very few if any of his prayers are answered, perhaps he might well ponder these suggestions for the help that they may be:

1. **Pray to God** as heavenly Father, assured that He hears you (Matt. 6: 9; Deut. 4: 29; Psalm 105: 4; Isaiah 55: 6; Acts 17: 27). Jesus told of the hypocrites who prayed to be seen and heard by other men (Matt. 6: 5), and of the Pharisee who "stood (in the temple) but prayed thus with himself."

2. **Pray with a contrite heart** (2 Chron. 7: 14; Isaiah 58: 9; 57: 15; Psalm 34: 18; Prov. 28: 13). Only as Isaiah sensed his own unworthiness in the temple, did God speak to him (Isaiah 6: 5ff.).

3. **Pray asking, seeking, and knocking** — expecting something of yourself as well as of the Lord (Matt. 7: 7).

4. **Pray believing in God yourself** and the worthiness of your prayer (Matt. 11: 24).

5. **Pray with patience**, awaiting and listening for the Lord's answer, whether it be "Yes," "No," or "Wait a while" (Psalms 25: 5; 27: 14; 62: 5; Isaiah 8: 17; Hosea 12: 6).

6. **Pray without ceasing** (1 Chron. 16: 11; Luke 18: 1; 1 Thess. 5: 17).

7. **Pray in Jesus' name** — in the spirit in which Jesus would ask, or for that of which Jesus would or will approve (John 14: 13, 14; 16: 24; Acts 3: 6; Eph. 5: 20).

OTHER FOLDS AND FIELDS

Churches of Scotland and England May Unite

The Church of Scotland's General Assembly has voted 357 to 328 to send to the presbyteries for "official study and comment" a joint report suggesting a system of bishops and elders as a first step to unity between the Church of England and the Church of Scotland.

The report was drafted after conversations between the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches in England and Scotland.

The Rev. A. C. Craig, chairman of the Church of Scotland's Inter-Church Committee, told the assembly that "it would be folly amounting to vandalism to relegate the document to the scrap heap of frustrated hopes." — E. P. S., Geneva.

The Function of Laymen

Lay leaders and theologians from fourteen countries, whose church allegiance ranges from the Orthodox Church to the Church of the Brethren, gathered in mid-August in Nyborg, Denmark, for a four-day consultation on the ministry of the Church's whole responsibility.

The consultation, which was sponsored by the Department on the Laity of the World Council of Churches, centered on a discussion of the task of the ordained ministry and the function of laymen.

It was the consensus of the consultants that the whole ministry of the church to the world is not one for which the clergy alone is responsible, because many gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as teaching, evangelism, pastoral care, and healing, are not restricted to ordained pastors.

Speakers from Europe stressed the difficulty of linking a "live" group with a "dead" local church and a hostile ministry. Some American church leaders insisted that their church organizations are more flexible and friendly and that they see little need and great danger in setting up pioneer groups more or less unconnected with ordinary church bodies.

All members of the group agreed that ordained ministers need to realize more fully the role of the laity in the total mission of the Church and that a radical reorientation of theological education would be welcome. — W. C. C.

Southern Baptists

Brook Hays, member of Congress from Little Rock, Arkansas, was re-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at its 1958 session. As the president he has named a nine-member committee on world peace to report back to the Convention in 1959. Representative Hays called for "massive reconciliation" to counteract the attitude of "massive retaliation."

The Convention adopted 23 of 38 recommendations for reorganization of its agency work, including the entire section covering the Foreign Mission Board. The two features of the work pertaining to the Foreign Mission Board are that it "should make definite plans for gradual transfer of responsibility for the work in Hawaii to the Hawaiian "Baptist Convention" and that the "board should continue, and expand, its efforts to establish churches for English-speaking people in major cities in countries served by the Foreign Mission Board." — Baptist Press.

Expedition to Israel

The Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D. C., and the America-Israel Society are sending a jointly sponsored submarine expedition to Israel to search for King Herod's ancient harbor on the bottom of the sea near Caesarea. King Herod built the harbor in the year 100 B.C. The expedition will be headed by Mendel L. Leterson, curator of the Historical Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution, and by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Link, veteran underwater archaeologists, who, last year, made preliminary dives in the area. During that exploration of Israel's submerged antiquities, the Links discerned the outlines of King Herod's port as well as two enormous marble columns. It is believed that the marble columns may in fact be the statues which adorned the entrance to the port, as described by the historian Josephus Flavius.

Talk Back, a new "two-way communication" television series will be on the air in October. Presented by the National Council of Churches, Talk Back will combine a filmed drama with live presentation.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — With Pastor Wheeler busy at Pacific Pines Senior Camp, the Rev. H. M. Gromer, Protestant chaplain at Riverside General Hospital, brought the message Sabbath morning, July 5. Dealing so often with those at the portals of eternity, he made the Christian commission the more vital. William Rymer was in charge of the worship service and gave the children's sermon.

Intermediate Camp followed the Senior Camp. Junior Camp with a registration of 54 closed July 20. All camps were blessed with the near presence of the Lord. Campers totaled 160.

Replacing our pastor, July 12, was the Rev. W. Stanley Creighton of the Arlington Methodist Church. On the ensuing Sabbaths until August 30 the following guest ministers filled our pulpit: D. V. Alderman, Riverside Union Church; Earl Cruzan, president of the General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists; Clifford W. P. Hansen, of Salem, W. Va.; and Lester G. Osborn of Schenectady, N. Y.

July 26 was a high day. Leon Maltby, former pastor of our church, filled the pulpit that morning, the service being climaxed with the baptism of eight precious souls, several the fruitage of camp. In the evening a farewell reception honoring Beth Severe and Joan Clement was held in the social room of the church under the sponsorship of the Pacific Coast Association.

It was the writer's happy privilege to entertain, overnight, five girls from Wisconsin bound for Pre-Con Camp. Another home entertained six boys from the same area. Some others coming early were entertained locally. The camp, restricted to registered campers at all other times, was opened to visitors on Sabbath afternoon the ninth. Many shared the uplift of the singing and the inspiration of the message by the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley at that time.

We welcomed Pastor Wheeler back to our pulpit the final Sabbath of August, with his sermon of widened vision, "The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand." He left no room for racial prejudice in his

sermon on the following Sabbath, "The Kingdom Is Open to All."

The Dorcas Society opened a new work year on September 3 under the leadership of Mrs. Oscar Richards. Monday, September 8, our church was host to a convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Since the special renovation day, September 14, the church looks neater than ever. Vines were trimmed, and cleaning and waxing were done inside the building. Although P. B. Hurley, faithful custodian, was unable to share in the work due to recent major surgery, he was on hand for a time, firing others with his zeal.

People in the News

Miss Rua Van Horn, prominent member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., will go to Pakistan soon under a two-year Ford Foundation grant. It is understood she will coordinate the work of other teachers going to that far-off land. In the past she has traveled widely to perform her duties as a specialist with the U. S. Dept. of Home Economics. — Milton Courier.

Dr. Richard Bond, who is associate professor of Biology, Salem College, Salem, W. Va., spent the summer at Jackson Research Laboratories at Bar Harbor, Maine. He has been granted a year's leave of absence to pursue further advanced studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. — Salem Herald.

Chaplains Jump Together

On the 183rd birthday of the U. S. Military Chaplaincy at Fort Bragg, N. C., Division Chaplain (Lt. Col.) A. H. March helped the assistant 82nd Division chaplain, X. J. Gigliello, adjust his reserve parachute. Then the two (Prot. & Cath.) jumped together as a demonstration of cooperation in the Chaplains' Corps.

Correction: When we identified Philip Lewis as the new member of Commission in a recent issue we mentioned that he was one of six sons of Dollie Lewis who were in military service. His mother reminds us that she has seven sons, one of whom was not in the service. We are glad to give her credit for another stalwart son, who served in a defense industry.

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, August 31, 1958

	Budget Receipts				Treasurer's		Boards'
	Treasurer's August	11 mos.	Boards' 11 mos.		August	11 mos.	
Balance, Aug. 1 ...\$	10.44						
Adams Center		927.63		Los Angeles, Christ's	110.00		
Albion	25.00	535.63		Lost Creek	20.00	1,003.94	45.00
Alfred, 1st	431.05	4,986.40	100.00	Marlboro	784.12	3,200.34	80.00
Alfred, 2nd	323.90	1,891.08	11.85	Middle Island	10.50	218.75	
Associations & groups	479.24	2,331.36	1,478.41	Milton	821.25	6,059.59	205.00
Battle Creek	1,084.45	6,209.18	141.40	Milton Jct.	329.00	1,391.95	40.00
Bay Area		27.00		New Auburn		103.19	
Berlin	28.70	794.40	83.95	New Orleans		233.91	
Boulder	87.33	899.68	35.00	North Loup	138.61	777.81	
Brookfield, 1st	129.00	862.62	20.50	Nortonville	79.50	1,347.08	105.00
Brookfield, 2nd	38.00	386.11	30.50	Old Stone Fort	12.00	117.00	
Buffalo	50.00	172.00		Paint Rock		100.00	
Chicago	111.00	1,534.50	120.00	Pawcatuck	371.94	3,690.86	211.00
Daytona Beach	50.00	792.47	30.48	Plainfield	434.55	4,440.13	
Denver		550.51	50.00	Richburg	56.00	613.00	
De Ruyter	79.38	783.38	14.13	Ritchie	15.00	181.00	
Dodge Center	194.25	1,324.42	20.00	Riverside	25.00	2,866.08	
Edinburg		269.50		Roanoke	32.00	309.00	
Farina	21.15	316.65		Rockville	44.55	342.71	
Fouke	45.63	286.75		Salem	122.10	1,810.00	
Friendship	10.00	218.00		Salemville	35.56	188.33	12.00
Hammond	20.92	80.92		Schenectady	48.15	211.15	
Hebron	76.14	379.90	2.00	Shiloh	270.00	3,993.34	90.00
Hopkinton, 1st	135.84	1,581.79	100.00	Texarkana		37.07	
Hopkinton, 2nd	37.00	291.00		Tract Society	1,297.89	5,191.56	
Independence	194.00	1,194.00	75.00	Twin Cities	60.00	245.00	
Individuals	224.00	2,790.39	857.75	Verona	224.50	1,625.81	
Irvington		730.00		Walworth	78.30	298.30	
Jackson Center		20.00		Washington	17.00	324.00	50.00
Kansas City		140.00		Washington People's	20.00	20.00	
Little Genesee	132.06	563.34	26.00	Waterford	147.43	1,018.89	
Little Rock	25.05	80.15		White Cloud	212.84	671.74	80.50
Los Angeles	270.00	2,169.00	25.00	Yonah Mt.	3.00	3.00	
					\$11,024.32	\$78,864.79	\$4,140.47

Treasurer's Disbursements

SUMMARY

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)
Missionary Society	\$ 4,967.13
Board of Christian Education	1,220.00
Ministerial Training	1,041.00
Ministerial Retirement	744.38
Historical Society	220.00
Women's Society	65.00
General Conference	1,250.00
Tract Society	1,290.00
Trustees of General Conference	110.00
World Fellowship and Service	60.00
Oneida Valley Natl. Bank fees	.50
	\$10,968.01
Balance, Aug. 31	56.31

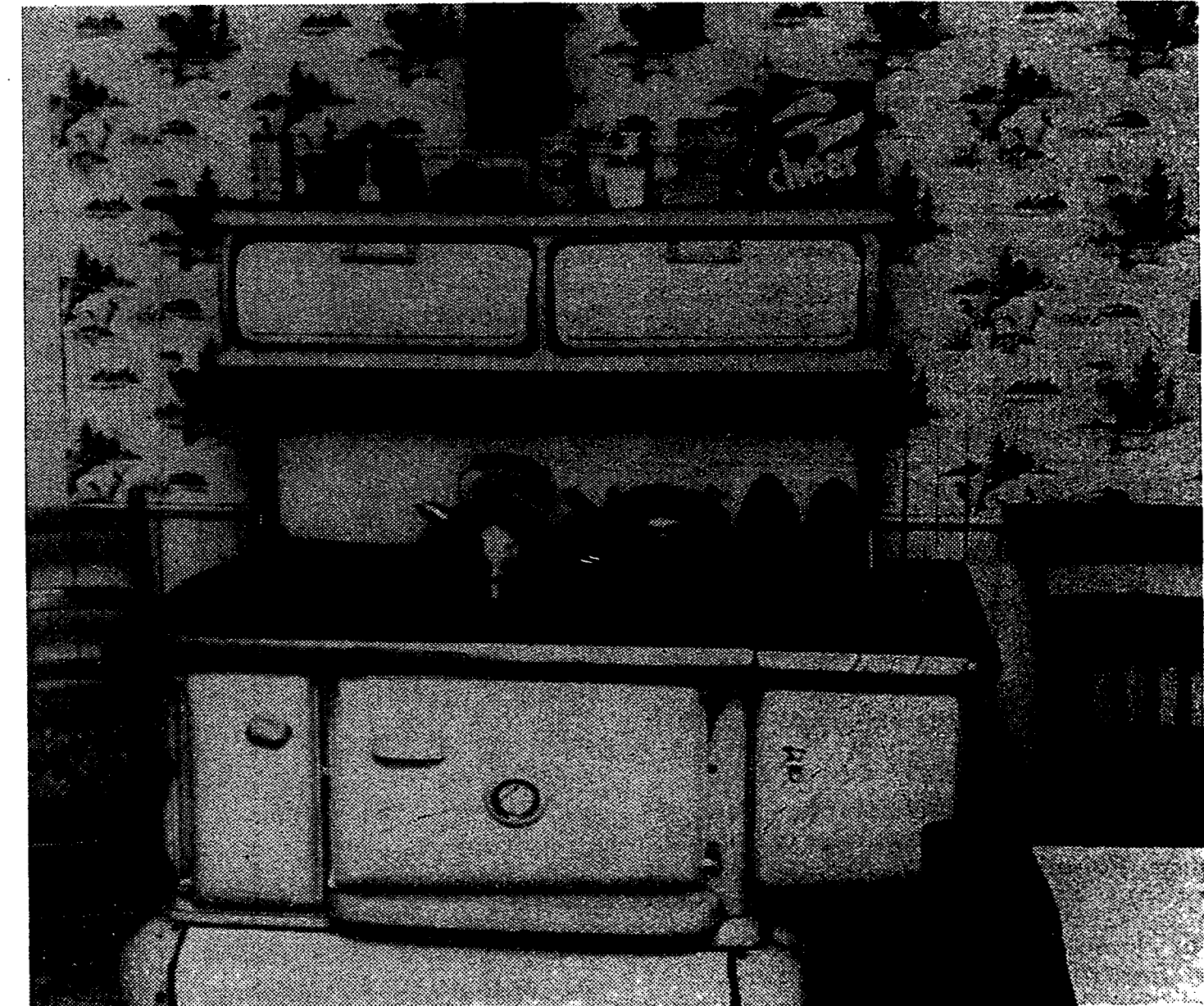
Conference collection figures	\$ 4,552.52
Current annual budget	90,000.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 11 months	78,864.79
Boards' budget receipts 11 months	4,140.47
	\$83,005.26
Remainder required to raise budget	\$ 6,994.74
Percentage of budget year elapsed	91.66%
Percentage of budget raised	92.22%

Olin C. Davis,
Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

"BRING YE ALL THE TITHES INTO THE STOREHOUSE . . . AND PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS IF I WILL NOT OPEN YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN. . . ."

The Sabbath Recorder



KEEP THE HOME-FIRES BURNING

There is warmth in the kitchen range that still cooks the meals in many a farm home. The frosty fall mornings and the chill of the evenings bring back memories to large numbers of people who now have more comfortable but less appreciated heating arrangements. Perhaps the kitchen range for some recalls a day when more effort was put forth to keep the home Bible-centered and warmed with family prayers.