

The Sabbath Recorder

the organization of the Chicago Church, which had its beginning, September 8, 1883.

The meeting was held in the beautiful new Howel Chapel at Northern Baptist Seminary, 3040 W. Washington Blvd. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor of the Milton Junction and Albion, Wis., Churches, gave the sermon at the morning worship service and John Conrod, student pastor of the Chicago Church, at the afternoon rededication service.

The midday meal was served in the seminary dining room, also coffee and milk in the lounge at another building.

Greetings were received from the former pastors and wives, Rev. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley, Dr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Nida, Rev. and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton, and Chaplain and Mrs. David J. Williams.

MARLBORO, N. J. — Our annual Harvest Home Sabbath is scheduled for November 1. It is an occasion at which the church is decorated with the bounties of a productive farm land. During the day two newly chosen deacons, David Sheppard and Jonathan Davis, will be ordained. Visitors are invited. Seating space may be at a premium, for the church is growing. The morning speaker will be the Rev. Earl Cruzan. He and his wife were married in this church.

BERLIN, N. Y. — On September 27 the Sabbath School observed Recognition Day and honored the teachers of the school. Arlie Greene, superintendent of the Sabbath School for 18 consecutive years, was in charge of the service.

Mrs. Joseph Bullock, teacher of the adult class, was recognized for having taught the longest. The ages of those

attending the service from her class ranged from 72 to 91. Mrs. Bullock and each member of her class were presented with a red rose. Some of the class members told of their early days in Sabbath School. Other teachers recognized were Mrs. Carleton Greene, Mrs. Delmar Ellis, Mrs. Arlie Greene, and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Maxson. During the service Althea Greene sang "Some Day He'll Make It Plain," and the Scripture reading was by Mrs. Maxson. Earle Hewitt, a teacher and former principal of the Berlin Central School, who devotes much of his time to Bible work, was a guest at the service and offered a prayer of recognition. — From Hoosick Falls Standard Press.

LOST CREEK, W. VA. — This church has a very nice custom of giving annual recognition to those who have been members for the greatest number of years. Probably it has a longer list than any other church of people who have been faithful through two or three generations. Such a recognition service was held on October 11. The list of names with the number of years of membership down to 50 is as follows (younger ones are honored for their work at other times): 79, Mrs. Mary Elva Davis Bond and Mrs. Althea J. Davis Randolph; 69, Dr. S. Orestes Bond, Mrs. Lora Antha Bond Davis, Miss Girthea Davis, Deacon Stephen G. Kennedy; 67, Miss Josie Paugh; 66, Deacon S. Erlow Davis; 64, Deacon Harvey O. Van Horn; 61, Russell Kennedy; 56, Ezra B. Paugh; 54, Miss Cretah Randolph; 52, Mrs. Venie Bond; 50, Mrs. Jessie S. Kennedy, Max H. Davis, Mrs. Georgia A. Davis Barnes. — Editor Church Bulletin.

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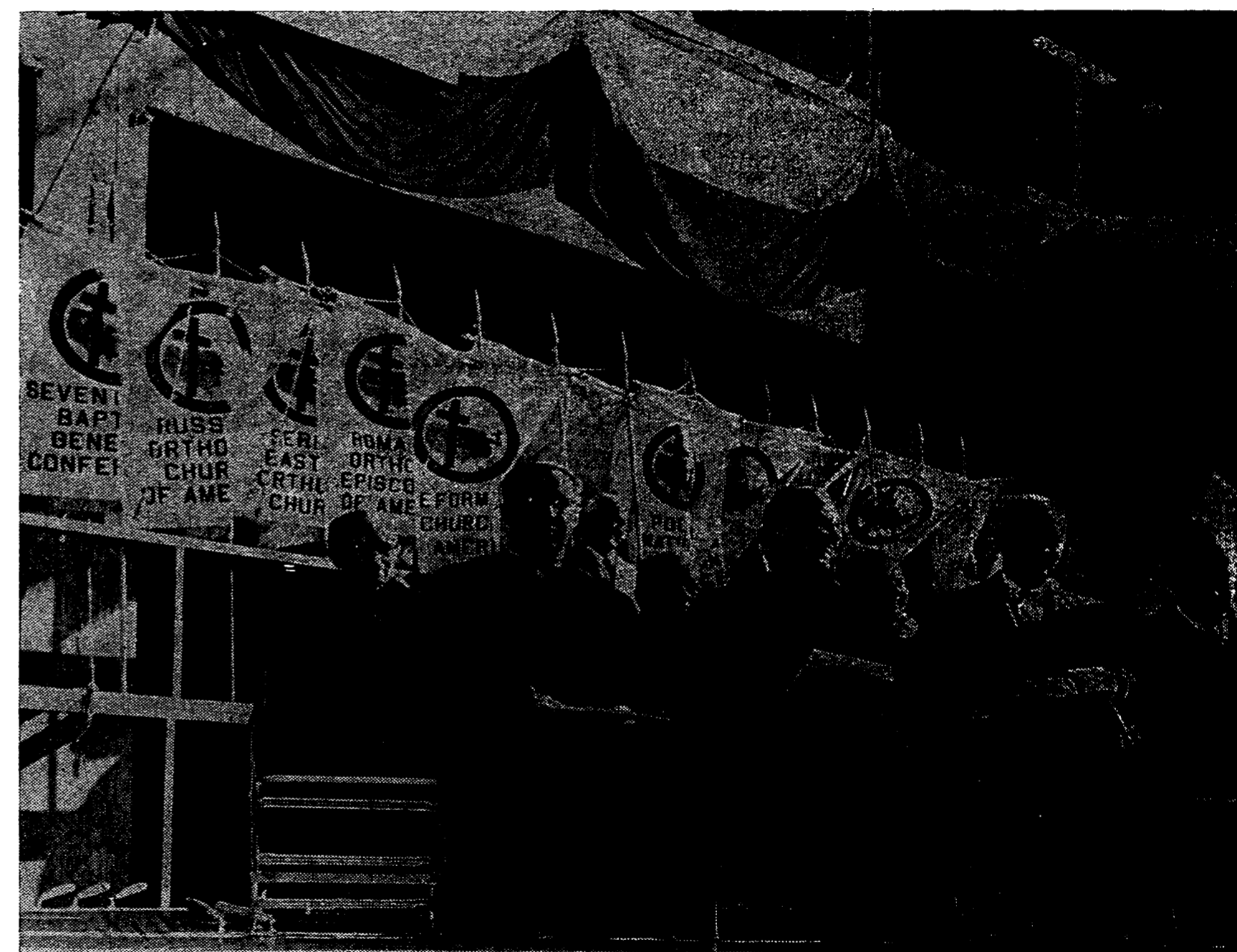
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Featured speaker at the laying of the cornerstone of the \$20,000,000 Interchurch Center on October 12 in New York was President Eisenhower. At the left may be seen the standard of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. The robed procession included an impressive number of dignitaries.

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Special Issue Next Week

Next week's *Sabbath Recorder* (dated Nov. 10) will be the fall evangelistic special that so many have been looking forward to. Edited by the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, now of Ashaway, R. I., the two-color edition will have 24 pages instead of the usual 16, and is designed as a magazine to be distributed to those who have not yet found Christ as their Savior and have not yet discovered the joy of observing the Sabbath of the Bible.

This will be the fourth quarterly special issue offered without additional charge to regular subscribers and made available for wider distribution at 15 cents per copy, 10 for \$1.00, or 100 for \$8.50. The regular departments, news items, and statistics will be omitted next week.

Stewardship Sabbath November 8

The second Sabbath of November is being observed this year by a large number (perhaps nearly all) of our churches as Stewardship Sabbath. It is an observance encouraged and sponsored by the newly created Conference Committee on Stewardship Promotion, of which George Parrish of Battle Creek is chairman.

An emphasis on stewardship on this particular day in so many churches may do much to keep alive the sense of financial responsibility which must have gripped Seventh Day Baptists in the closing weeks of the budget year. As previously announced, the people had something to crow about when the word was published as a flash announcement in the October 13 issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* that Our World Mission was "in the black" instead of "in the red" at the end of September. Now the more detailed figures show just how we finished the year in our giving.

Those who are in a position to know how the people in their own local church give to the Lord's work are amazed and greatly challenged by the consecrated giving of a certain few of the members. There is also another feeling that lurks in the minds of people who by office and by love of the work study the stewardship habits of church members. It is a feeling that borders on guilt or shame. How can local church leaders face God in prayer when they have failed to help

the great majority of their fellow members to gain the joy of giving back to the Lord a just portion (a tithe) of their income? Coupled with such feelings is a groping or a prayer for a way to present this tithing privilege in an effective way. Why should so many of our people put self-interest above soul-interest? How can we teach ourselves and others to turn over our own poor management of personal finances to Christ? These are stewardship questions on which our Christian joy depends and which will make or break our efforts to extend the Lord's work.

Agreement and Argument

Have you noticed how frequently it happens that in all good conscience we find ourselves both in agreement and in argument with certain organizations which are considered by some to be based on motives that are wholly good? As a matter of fact, there are many well-meaning efforts that are ill-considered at least in part.

For example, on the same day there comes to the desk a monthly publication from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and a release from the National Reform Association, good organizations with both of which the editor is in at least partial agreement.

R. H. Martin, president emeritus of the National Reform Association, Pittsburgh, Pa., writes a good article on God and Segregation. He observes that Abraham Lincoln put God into the slavery question in his second Inaugural, calling the scourge of civil war a judgment of God on the nation for so long permitting the sin of slavery to continue. Mr. Martin regrets that the prolonged segregation which is related to the slavery issue of the past century is not discussed in terms of God and His will. "In leaving Him out," he asks, "are we not ignoring the determining factor in this issue?" He concludes,

In this matter, as with slavery, we are under the judgment of God. Has not God's appointed time for removing segregation arrived? Not that He expects it to be achieved overnight, but gradually, though surely, and on the basis that integration not segregation is His will? And let us be on the way, for though God is patient, we may exhaust His patience.

This idea of a progressively awakened

conscience on moral issues strikes a responsive chord with many of us. Where then is the argument? It comes in connection with some of the other specific objects listed by this non-denominational Christian citizens' organization. Here follows the list:

1. The liquor problem, and other narcotics.
2. The Bible and nonsectarian religion in our public schools.
3. The Christian Sabbath and the civil laws that protect it.
4. Christian standards in family life and the divorce problem.
5. Gambling — legalized and illegal.
6. International peace on the basis of the principles of the Prince of Peace.
7. Adoption of a Christian Amendment to the U. S. Constitution to give our Christian laws and customs a secure legal basis in the fundamental law of our land.

Among the doubtful objectives is number 3, **the Christian Sabbath and the civil laws that protect it**. Many of those laws do not unduly restrict those who observe the Bible Sabbath, and they should not be opposed on the basis of how they affect our own way of life. The question in opposing them is one of principle, as we have before pointed out.

Another object of the National Reform Association is number 7, **Adoption of a Christian Amendment**. For a discussion of that we turn to the material sent out by the Baptist Joint Committee mentioned above.

The Baptists are engaged in some self-examination in regard to the proposed Christian Amendment which would declare that ours is a Christian nation. Baptist congressmen have been among those who have introduced the amendment in the past several years. It probably has little hope of passing, but those who seek to be consistent in their belief in the separation of church and state need to consider the implications of declaring that the law of Jesus Christ is the basic law of the land. At least this Baptist committee thinks so.

M. Searle Bates in the above-mentioned paper sets forth what he thinks the Baptist position should be, and your editor

reach and many areas in which materials are being made available for the use of local churches. Limited financial resources and, in some instances, no personnel available, make it impossible at present to undertake work that is open to us in one or two fields.

Time was spent in considering possibilities for future expansion of work. Effort will be made to join in the program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The yearly emphases as suggested by that program will be given consideration as plans are made.

Information concerning Our World Mission program through the work of our boards will be made available to every Seventh Day Baptist by the furnishing of bulletin covers for the use of our churches the third Sabbath of four different months of the year. The Women's Board will be featured in January, the Missionary Board in March, the Tract Board in May, and the Board of Christian Education in July.

The matter of studying into the advisability of the establishment of a "Department of Extension and Growth" referred by Conference to this committee and the Commission was discussed in some detail. Specific areas of need in the field of extension and growth were considered as well as ways of implementing a program for meeting these needs. Progress was made in seeing the over-all problem as facts and thoughts were shared by the group, but much more study and prayerful consideration was felt necessary before any specific recommendations could be made. Ideas coming out of the discussion will be made available to the Commission at its midyear meeting.

Tentative plans call for the next meeting of the committee on April 27 and 28, 1959, in Westerly, R. I.

Minister Gets Advanced Degree

The Rev. Oscar Burdick who for two years has been assistant librarian at the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, Calif., was awarded the degree of Master of Library Science last June upon the completion of a course of study in the Library School of the University of California.

Special Meeting of Historical Society

A Special Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, Nov. 23, 1958, at 2 p.m., prevailing time, to take up the following proposed amendments to the constitution:

ARTICLE III

Section 2. a. **Contributing (or Annual) Members.** A contributing (or annual) member shall pay dues of two dollars per year, the first of each fiscal year of the corporation in advance. Any contributing (or annual) member who is in arrears two full years in payment of dues automatically ceases to be a member.

New Subsections to Article III
Section 2. d. **Individual Junior Member.** Individual junior members may be elected and may attend the meetings of the board and corporation, but without the right to vote.

Section 2. e. **Group Junior Member.** Group junior member may be elected and may attend the meetings of the board and corporation but without the right to vote.

Section 2. f. **Group Adult Member.** Group adult member may be elected and may attend the meetings of the board and corporation and shall be authorized to cast that number of votes as is equivalent to the dues paid divided by two.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. **Place of Meeting.** All meetings of members shall be held in the Board Rooms of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Section 2. **Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held on the third First-day of the week in the month of May at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, prevailing time.

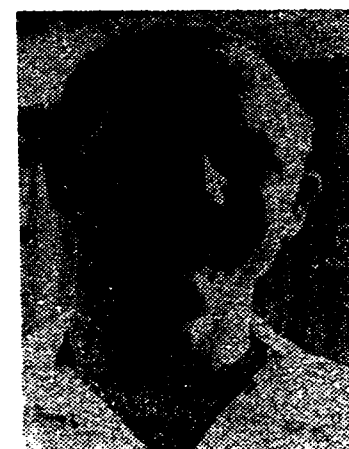
ARTICLE VIII

Sections 2, 3, and 4 shall be deleted.
Section 5 shall be renumbered Section 2.
Albert N. Rogers, president,
Frederik J. Bakker, secretary.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

THE CALLING OF A STEWARD

By William Rymer*
Riverside, Calif.



In this day of specialization we speak of men being called to be ministers, doctors, or lawyers. Have you ever thought that each Christian has received a specialized calling, a calling to be a steward for the Lord?

Let us first look for the meaning of the word "steward." In the Old Testament Hebrew we get the idea of prince. In the Greek of the New Testament the word is related to "house" and means manager, preacher, chamberlain, governor, or overseer. Now if we were to combine a few of these meanings we would come up with an idea of what a Christian steward should be. He is — a prince who is over the house as a manager or overseer; he is a guardian and governor of God's children. CHRIST is the Lord and Master of this household and we, His servants, must accept the responsible position of trust that we have been given.

To us who have been called to manage the work for the Lord the term steward should take on a special meaning, even greater than words alone can express. In fact, it must take on a deep spiritual meaning. We are sons of a King; therefore we are princes, and brothers to Christ, the Prince of Peace. Being sons we are expected, and needed, to care for our Father's Kingdom.

*Mr. Rymer delivered this stewardship message in his home church at Riverside, where he has preached on several occasions. As indicated in the article, he is a new Sabbath-keeper. His wife, nee Evelyn Ritz, has been a strong worker in the church since moving with the family from Berkeley a number of years ago. They have two young children. William is currently employed in a local manufacturing plant but looks forward to the day when he may be prepared to devote more time to the preaching of the Gospel. He heads the Tract Committee of the Riverside Church.

What Romans 12 Teaches Us

Romans 12: 1-21 describes the duties of Christians and exhorts us to righteousness. We are to present ourselves as "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Here I want to bring to your attention these words, "your reasonable service." Paul did not say, "This is your extreme duty"; nor did he say, "This is a difficult, unreasonable service." To him it was the easiest, simplest service that we could render to Christ. Only in this way can we prove what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

"We all have been given gifts according to the grace that is in us." Again notice that Paul does not say some of us, but all have been given gifts.

1. **We are all teachers**, showing the light of the Word to all who will listen — to our friends, loved ones, and others whom we contact in daily living.
2. **We are doctors**, called to give medication and healing to sinsick souls.
3. Last, and greatest of all, **we are called as ministers**. Here let me differentiate between minister and preacher. One who ministers is a person who cares for the lost, ministering to their spiritual needs, and a preacher is one who preaches the Gospel from the pulpit. This, at least, is my personal interpretation.

What We Find in Other Scriptures

Let us now look at what the Lord requires of a steward as found in 1 Corinthians 4: 1-2: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

In Titus 1: 7-9 we read: "For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; **not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre**; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able . . . to convince the gainsayers."

What command does the Bible give to us as Christians? From 1 Peter 4: 10 we

learn: "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Then in James 5: 19-20, we find, praise God, the results of this stewardship: "He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death." Could there be any greater reward for faithful stewardship than to hear God say, "A job well done, my true and faithful servant"?

Are We Faithful Stewards?

Many of us are members of this church, but how faithful is our stewardship to Christ and the church? I have just finished reading a short and challenging book, titled, "For Christ and Church," in which the story starts with a minister in his study preparing his sermon. A visitor calls on him. The visitor turns out to be Satan, who informs the preacher that his congregation is composed of a group of liars. (I feel that some, myself included, might be surprised at what others think of the pledges we make as Christians.) Satan proceeds to inform the minister that he, Satan, has quite a stronghold here. For an example he asks, "How many members attend the prayer meeting?" "Not many," is the answer. Satan then names certain of the members and demands to know why they are absent. The object of the story is to show that allegiance to the church is often considered to consist of attending one service a week — if it doesn't take too long.

We are members of this church and, as such, pledge to support it not only with our tithes but with our time. We pledge to attend all services when possible. In the by-laws of our church, Article VII, Duties of Members, I read:

It is the obligation of the members of this church to watch over each other for good, and to pray for each other to the intent that we may abound in wisdom and understanding, growing in spiritual experience, being "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." It shall be the duty of the members to bear equally, according to their ability, the necessary expenses of the church, to attend when practicable all the meetings with punctuality, especially the Sabbath meetings, and including meetings for the transaction of business.

The phrase "when practicable" does not mean when we have nothing else to

do. We find no trouble attending a social gathering, going to a show, visiting relatives, or entertaining friends, yet we are too busy with lodge or a club meeting to attend such things as prayer meetings, choir practice, church business meetings, Association meetings, and General Conference. We must first seek the Kingdom of God and let all else revolve around service to the Lord. I for one am tired of saying to the Lord, "I am sorry but I have other plans." How can I have the nerve to turn to Him in time of trouble and expect immediate help when I reject all that He asks me to do!

How Do We Answer the Stewardship Call?

What is our answer when approached by the Nominating Committee to fill a vacancy? The answer usually sounds something like this, "But Brother — can do so much better than I," or, "But Sister — is so much better qualified for the job than I." Do we really and honestly believe this or is it the easy way out? I have been told that most people are egotistical, but apparently these statistics were not gathered from among church members.

There is no job too great or too small for a Christian to undertake or to successfully complete with the proper faith in God's ability. As stewards we must be ready to say with Paul, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." And, being ready, we will be more than willing to accept and complete any and all jobs assigned by Christ and His church.

There is a denomination whose members know the true meaning of stewardship. Their young people give a year of their time for church work, regardless of what it may be. They are continually working by giving Bible studies, studies about their faith. They are not ashamed of the Gospel as they see it.

I came from a section of the country where I had never heard of Seventh Day Baptists. I spent many a summer in West Virginia and still heard nothing of this denomination. Is it because the members are ashamed of the Gospel as they know it? I pray not, but what is the answer? If we as laymen were to show half as much interest and enthusiasm for the Gospel and the spreading of our faith

as we show for the world of sports, politics, and entertainment there could be a great surge in our faith. Our children can tell us on an hourly basis what program is next on TV; our menfolk can tell what ballplayer has the best record; and our women can give all the latest news on who is going with whom. We are those who claim to be Christian workers. If we were we could forward Christ and this church until the world would have to listen.

We must take hold of ourselves, not wait like Sampson and shake ourselves too late. Shake off the temptations of the world and listen to the call of God, the call is individual and personal. You will find it in the Bible, in the prayer room on your knees, and in the church.

This is an individual call and yet also universal, no one has a monopoly on it. Let us not flatter ourselves that we are more to God than others. All souls are the interest of God and it is our duty to help bring the truth to them.

How does God call?

I will say in three ways:

1. He calls within — in conscience.
2. He calls without — in providence.
3. He calls from above — in revelation.

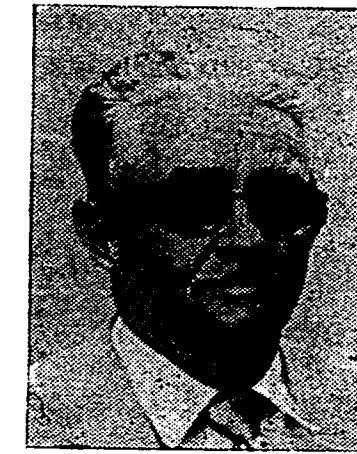
The Stewardship Call Includes Money

We are going to be called to account for our stewardship. Are we ready? The church budget is not being met; the Denominational Budget is short; we have great camp plans ahead to finance! God challenges us as stewards to fill these obligations.

Jesus teaches in Luke 12: 8-12 that we are to confess Him to our fellow man if we expect Him to confess us before God. We are called of God to witness for God. We must not ignore this call. How can a man believe in Christ and His teachings and not tell others, not work for Him?

Where do we stand, we who belong to the church? Does the church belong to us or to God? If it is ours then we dictate what it should do. If God's then let us do as He commands. Let us show the community and the world that we are not ashamed of being called as STEWARDS of GOD.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris



WARDNER T. FITZRANDOLPH

The Rev. Wardner T. FitzRandolph, son of Rev. and Mrs. Gideon H. FitzRandolph was born in China on June 25, 1892, where his parents were Seventh Day Baptist missionaries. He passed away

in Daytona Beach, Fla., October 4, 1958. Funeral services were held in Texarkana, Ark., Friday, October 10, with the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn officiating.

The Rev. Mr. FitzRandolph was a graduate of Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., and taught school for a time in the schools of Miller County, Ark. In 1913 he married Miss Bertha Pierce of Fouke, Ark., who survives him. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on September 17, 1958. He was a veteran of World War I and was later employed in the mail service.

Mr. and Mrs. FitzRandolph served two five-year terms as our missionaries in Jamaica, B.W.I., going there in February, 1945, and returning to this country on July 19, 1956. During his years of service as supervisor of Seventh Day Baptist missions he also assisted in the establishment of Crandall High School and served as headmaster of the school. He also helped forward the Maiden Hall Country School project. Both Mr. and Mrs. FitzRandolph gave of their very strength and life to the work of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist churches, providing leadership and encouraging an evangelistic spirit among the brethren of the island. He also made several supervisory trips to give help and encouragement to our pastors and workers in British Guiana, S. A., as requested by the Missionary Board. His relationship with the Board of Managers was always cooperative and helpful.

Since retiring from the employment of the Missionary Society the Rev. Mr. FitzRandolph had accepted the pastorate of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church. We record the death of this brother in Christ with sorrow and a sense of loss but bow to the will of our Heavenly Father in all things. We express to his family our deepest sympathy.

**Quarterly Meeting
of Missionary Board**

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board was held Sunday, October 26, with the newly elected president, George V. Crandall, presiding. Mr. Crandall resides at Wakefield, R. I. For many years he has served as president of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church. He has also served as moderator of Eastern Association.

Mr. Crandall is presently employed as County Office Manager for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee of Washington and Kent Counties. A Certificate of Service was awarded to Mr. Crandall on April 17, 1958, for fifteen years of service.

Among the many items of business discussed during the three-hour meeting was the approval of arrangements for service with the Rev. René Mauch as our missionary to British Guiana. Further details of board actions will be reviewed later.

**Weekend Services
at Richburg, N. Y.**

Evangelist Loyal Hurley assisted the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church in special weekend services October 3-5, 1958. Pastor Doyle Zwiebel writes concerning the services, "Although we did not have large crowds, those who did attend certainly felt the encouragement and inspiration which the Rev. Loyal Hurley always brings." Pastor Zwiebel adds, "I was especially happy to have Mr. Hurley here. We talked over the various problems of the church and then Mr. Hurley did a good job of presenting some of these to the congregation."

**Nurses Arrive Safely
at Makapwa Mission**

Word has come from the head of our mission in Nyasaland, the Rev. David C. Pearson, of the safe arrival at the mission on October 10 of Nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement. The nurses arrived a bit ahead of schedule, reaching Makapwa a month from the day they sailed from New York. (They had expected the journey to take 35 days.) Pastor Pearson writes, "We thank God for their ministry of consecra-

tion to those at home. We praise Him for their safe travel and we anticipate a fruitful future here, as they resume their tasks."

**Gleanings
From Reports
of Nyasaland Workers**

The Rev. David C. Pearson of Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, Africa, writes under date of October 9, 1958: "An executive meeting is slated for October 19 at which time the nurses will be present. An interesting agenda is prepared and awaits us.

"We now have our new roof on the school-church building, all but the ridges. We are surely indebted to the Milton Church for their contribution. Early rains have already begun to fall."

From Pastor Pearson's quarterly report we note that besides making trips to churches and conducting meetings, he has spent two weeks in teaching pastoral classes in July, given considerable time to the preparation of adult Sabbath School quarterly, written "nine brief devotionals for 'Think on This,' a column in our Nyasaland Times, directed some of the building operations, and carried on office work." He adds, "The work is hard but enjoyable indeed!"

Dr. Victor H. Burdick writes, "School has started well and we all have our hands full with teaching; so we're looking forward to replacements soon."

In Dr. Burdick's quarterly report he also mentions visits to churches and conducting services in nearby villages, assisting in teaching in the "Pastors' School" two weeks in July, besides carrying on his medical duties. For the quarter he reports the following averages: 28 new cases daily; 52 return cases daily; an average of 18 deliveries monthly; and having performed two major surgery operations in September.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for November 15, 1958**

Christian Concern for Health
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 8: 5-17

for November 22, 1958

Why Men Oppose Jesus
Lesson Scripture: Mark 2: 18-28.

November Is RIAL Month

November will be observed as Religion In American Life Month. It has been so proclaimed by the governors of most states and by the mayors of hundreds of communities.

Backed by nationwide advertising valued at over \$8,000,000, the tenth annual Religion In American Life campaign to urge all Americans to attend regularly the church or synagogue of their choice was launched November 1.

Local campaigns will be held in several hundred communities throughout the nation. Messages on billboards, car cards, television and radio, and in newspapers and magazines will feature the campaign theme, "Find the Strength for Your Life . . . Worship Together This Week."

Increasing international tensions, the threat of nuclear war, and the need for national solidarity on U.S. efforts to attain world peace were cited by Robert T. Stevens, national RIAL chairman, as the prime reasons for continuance and expansion of the worship attendance drive.

Mr. Stevens, president of J. P. Stevens and Co., Inc., and former Secretary of the Army, said that "never before in the history of our country have the moral and ethical essentials of good citizenship been so important."

He declared that "a nation at worship is a nation that acknowledges the guidance and providence of God in all its affairs, national and international."

Attendance Increased

The Gallup Poll has reported that a million more Americans attended worship services regularly during 1957 than had attended in 1956. The report said that 48,500,000 adults attended worship during an average week last year — or 47 per cent of the total U.S. adult civilian population.

One of the most unusual annual contributions to the RIAL campaign is made by two firms which produce end labels for loaves of bread. The Pollock Paper Corp. of Columbus, Ohio, and the Marathon Corp. of Menasha, Wis., will again distribute end labels for 30,000,000 loaves of bread. Each label bears a reproduction of the RIAL poster and theme.

**Quarterly Meeting,
Board of Christian Education**

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was held October 19, 1958, in the School of Theology, at Alfred, N. Y. Guests included Dr. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley, Dr. E. T. Harris, Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, and Mrs. R. T. Fetherston.

The following officers were elected: president, the Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn; vice-president, George Potter; recording secretary, Mrs. E. O. Reynolds; treasurer, L. Eugene Reynolds; representative to the Coordinating Council, President Van Horn; executive and corresponding secretary, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

The tentative budget for 1959-1960 was approved.

Reports were accepted from the executive secretary and the chairmen of the standing committees.

The Executive Committee presented the projected three-year program of board work and, after additions were made, it was accepted. Besides the current publications, a "Guide for Church Membership" is being written, and a special quarter of study material to supplement present study books is being planned.

The executive secretary plans to work with the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn in the Southwestern Association from November 5 to 23. On November 24 and 25, he will attend the annual meeting of the National Denominational Executives in Christian Education at Nashville, Tenn.

Youth Work Committee

The monthly meeting of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education was held October 19 with all but one member present. Executive Secretary Mrs. R. T. Fetherston was our guest.

It was noted that the first issue of the new **Beacon** had been mailed the first of the month, and discussion followed concerning the makeup of the issue to be published the first of December. That issue will launch the official inauguration

of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship program development.

Looking ahead into the three-year proposed activity, the committee was enthusiastic about hiring a Field Worker for Youth, and hopes to have that person on the job during the summer of 1959.

Special Camp Committee

From the Pawcatuck Post, official organ of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, we glean the following account: "The Camp Committee was established to encourage the present church camping program and to prepare for the camping facilities and needs for the future. The committee has made much progress toward making specific recommendations to the church for their action."

The committee noted, "Among the most notable improvements at Lewis Camp made this year were a new tent platform and another gas refrigerator. The response (to the camping program) was most gratifying as nearly 75 Seventh Day Baptist young people took advantage of the camp program offered, probably the largest attendance ever. The committee is thus encouraged in its efforts to improve our camping facilities and expand the camp program."

Committee members are Donald Lewis, Elwin Kenyon, Jr., Elston Van Horn, Loren Osborn, and Bill Barber.

Law and Gospel

"All Scripture passages, warning Christians or admonishing them, belong to the category of the Law. It is true, the believer as a believer does not need the Law, but only the Gospel (Gal. 5: 22-24). However, inasmuch as the believer is still burdened with the 'flesh' or corrupt nature, he needs also the Law (Gal. 5: 24-26). Thus the Christian, being divided between two times — the earthly and the heavenly — needs the Law to restrain his flesh and the Gospel to comfort his spirit. The paradox of the Law and the Gospel finds its explanation in the believer's paradox of flesh and spirit, and to this twofold nature the merciful God appeals at the same time by the Law and the Gospel (Rom. 7: 25)." — Dr. J. T. Mueller in *Christianity Today*.

Seminary Professor Addresses Convocation

By Albert N. Rogers

"American activism and European quietism are the two legs on which Protestantism in the West stands," declared Dr. Alfred J. Gross, Professor of Theology, at the Alfred University School of Theology convocation in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred on October 21.

Doctor Gross traced the development of religious attitudes on the continent of Europe following World War I, and the characteristics of futility and the other-worldiness common there and in the writings of Karl Barth, who is the outstanding modern European theologian. He showed how the World Council of Churches assembly at Evanston, Ill., brought this position face to face with the optimism and practical churchmanship found in America. "Each view has its adherents who need to learn from the other," he said.

At the invitation of the World Council of Churches Professor Gross spent several weeks at Geneva, Switzerland, during the past summer sharing in seminars conducted at the Institute for Ecumenical Studies. He is currently teaching a course on the Ecumenical Movement.

The convocation exercises were conducted by Dean Albert N. Rogers, with President M. Ellis Drake of the university and the Rev. Hurley S. Warren of the church participating. An anthem was sung by the Alfred University Chapel Choir under the direction of Dr. David N. Johnson.

Before and after the convocation the School of Theology building was open to visitors with Mrs. Albert N. Rogers, Mrs. Melvin G. Nida, Mrs. Alfred J. Gross, and Mrs. Eugene N. Fatato serving as hostesses.

Recorder Comment

Los Angeles — It is a great pleasure to me to read and re-read many of the good things that it contains.

Philadelphia — We continue to enjoy the Recorder and to benefit from its pages.

Teen Talk

Testing Our Endurance

Can you finish the quotation, "He that shall endure . . ." (Matt. 24: 13)? It was Jesus who said it. A similar passage can be found in Matthew 10: 22. There is really a good deal said in the Bible about testing our endurance. You might like to take a concordance and look up more verses which show a close connection between it and salvation.



What has this picture to do with endurance? Perhaps quite a bit. These two boys, Alfred and Mervin Dickinson, of Plainfield, N. J., do not appear to be ready to give up. They were not. At this point they had ridden their bicycles about 15 miles and were ready to push on into another state.

If you look closely you may be able to read two signs "New Jersey," "New York." The picture is taken from the highest point on Goethal's Bridge which spans the waterway separating New Jersey from Staten Island. It is more than twice as high as the five-story buildings on the shore. The spars and masts of cargo-bearing ships are far below. From here the skyline of New York is clearly visible. The city beckons and might be reached by riding on across the island to the ferry.

The time is not yet one o'clock. The

younger boy, Mervin, suggests that we go farther in this direction or some other. It is a place for decision, a question of endurance. We must judge the strength and direction of the strong wind. We must try to determine when we have spent half the energy and time available. In other words, we have to think not just how we feel at this point of the trip but how we will feel the last few miles on the way back home. We dare not go beyond the halfway point of what our muscles will stand. A decision was reached. This bridge became our goal. We decided that we would first test our endurance on 30 miles and later perhaps try a longer trip.

Many a boy has become discouraged in the Christian life and has failed because his ambition was greater than his endurance, because he did not have the patience to test himself in the smaller tasks and trials before venturing into the larger ones. There is thrill in achievement whether it be in riding, in giving, or in living. None are too young to think of the end of the journey or the difficulties along the way. With trust in Christ and by constantly putting forth our best, we will grow stronger in the Lord's work.

Beaming the Gospel to Russia

The Light and Life Hour, world-wide radio broadcast of the Free Methodist Church, will begin broadcasting in Russian to Russia about November 1. The 210 million people of Russia need the message of the Gospel. Missionaries are not allowed entrance, but radio pierces the iron curtain. There are 47 million radios in Russia, and Gospel broadcasts are not being intercepted at present.

The Rev. George J. Lambert has been secured to translate and deliver especially selected and edited messages. He was born, educated, and converted to Christ in Russia. Four times he faced the firing squad for preaching the Word of God. In 1944, to escape Soviet terror, he traveled 400 miles in a fishing vessel over stormy sea without food or water. He later immigrated to the United States and became a naturalized citizen.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

COUDERSPORT, PA. — First Hebron Church celebrated its 125th anniversary October 11, 1958, and the regular meeting of the Western Association met at the church the same day. The attendance for the day was approximately 250. However, not all attended both forenoon and afternoon services. The morning offering was \$113.06.

The members of the church appreciate their newly acquired tract rack, which hangs in the vestibule. This was given to the church by the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church which recently closed.

Everyone is pleased with the new Sabbath School officers who began their duties October 4. Why? Because all with exception of the assistant superintendent are the youth of the Sabbath School: superintendent, Evelyn Kenyon; assistant, Mrs. Don Stearns; secretary, Judy Knowlton; librarian, Betty Brock; treasurer, Roy Thompson, Jr. The following young people take turns as organists: Carol Metzger, Joan Brock, Betty Brock, and William Thompson, Jr.

On November 7 the First Hebron Church will be host to the Coudersport Council of Church Women. Mrs. Kathryn Thompson is in charge of the program.

Much interest is being shown as everyone plans for the "Sharing Our Faith Crusade" with Evangelist Loyal Hurley. These meetings will be held November 7 through 23. The newly formed adult Bible School group, which includes the regular adult Sabbath School class as well as Pastor Van Horn and all the Sabbath School teachers, is in charge of the special prayer for our Crusade. — Correspondent.

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — Our church year draws to a close and we think of the many blessings that have been ours. Pastor Swing directed the Union Bible School which was held in cooperation with the Federated Church. There was an enrollment of 125. Eight of our young people went with the pastor to Camp Harmony at Redwood, N. Y.

It was good to have Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Coon and the pastor in attendance at Conference in Covina.

Our church and pastor cooperate with the Calvary Baptist Church in the released-time religious education program at the Town Hall.

Several from here journeyed to Verona the evening of October 3 to join with them in a baptismal service. Three persons were baptized by Pastor Swing. The following morning four new members were given the right hand of fellowship. Eleven children and their parents came to the altar for dedication, after which we joined in the communion service.

The following Sabbath we joined with the other churches of the Central Association in the fall meeting at Leonardsville. President Wayne Crandall gave us a challenging message. After a fellowship luncheon, our past president, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, held a panel discussion on problems of Seventh Day Baptists and some of their possible solutions.

The yearly business meeting of the church began with a fellowship luncheon on October 19. Pastor Swing was asked to continue the work here, and was given an increase in salary. Officers elected for the coming year were: moderator, Warren Brannon; assistant, Wayne Burdick; clerk, Isabel Burdick; assistant, Nina Coon; treasurer, Harry Parker; assistant, Lester Meldrim.

We pray God's guidance as we begin another year. — Correspondent.

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — The past few months have been busy ones for our church members though lack of news in the Recorder may not so indicate. About a dozen of our children attended Bible School at Albion in June with our church furnishing three of the teachers. We took advantage of the longer evenings by having our Sabbath School picnic after supper this year. A group of about forty gathered at a nearby park for an evening in late June.

Delegates who represented us at Conference in Covina have brought back interesting and stimulating reports of their experiences there and en route. Some traveled by car and some by train.

The third division of Ladies' Aid reported \$161 earned during the quarter from all sources. We have had several interesting programs in the group recently.

At one meeting Mrs. John Randolph presented a summarized history of the Ephrata Cloister and Mrs. Don Gray showed slides which she and her husband had taken of the Cloister and the Amish people on a recent trip to Pennsylvania. The division also sponsored an evening of entertainment July 26 which consisted of slides of many of the churches in the denomination, shown by Pastor Skaggs, and a silent auction. The evening was profitable both educationally and financially. At our last meeting Pastor and Mrs. Skaggs presented a program of slides from the Tract Society illustrating ways in which tracts have helped many and can help us in presenting the truths of the Bible to others.

Several of our members attended the Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches at Chicago on October 4. Those who traveled on the chartered bus enjoyed that fellowship as well as the meetings of the day.

At the quarterly business meeting of the church in October, the Board of Trustees was authorized to proceed with the necessary arrangements to purchase and install a new heating system in the church.

Build your life on the firm foundation of faith. Faith that gives you hope and courage to face each day. Worship together this week — every week — and in turn you will enrich your life.

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Accessions

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Horace Burdick
Bonita Burdick

By Letter:

Mr. and Mrs. Re Rogers Baker
2nd Hopkinton, R. I.

By Baptism:

Marylin Joubert
Susan Mills
Richard Prescott
Marcia Wright

1st Hopkinton, R. I.

By Letter:

Pastor and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler

Marriages

Todd-Perry. — Clark Milton Todd of Milton, Wis., and Mabel Langworthy Perry of Brookfield, N. Y., were united in marriage October 9, 1958, at the home of the groom's son, Loyal Todd, at Elkhorn, Wis. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs officiated.

Burrows-Carlson. — At the West Henrietta, N. Y., Baptist Church, September 20, 1958, Harold William Burrows, son of Mrs. Gertrude Burrows of Friendship, N. Y., and Judith Ann Carlson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carlson of Rush, N. Y., were united in marriage by the Rev. Fred Dean.

Births

Bowyer. — A daughter, Ellen Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. William Bowyer of Ashaway, R. I., September 13, 1958.

Stanley. — A son, Jack Aaron, to Harloan A. and Hope (Crandall) Stanley of Narragansett, R. I., on August 26, 1958.

Godbout. — A son, Joseph Philip, to Philip L. and Abby (Crandall) Godbout of Hope Valley, R. I., on Sept. 5, 1958.

Palmer. — A son, James William, to Richard G. and Dorothy (Kenyon) Palmer of Wyoming, R. I., on Sept. 9, 1958.

Harris. — A daughter, Valerie Dawn, to John L. and Lucy (Gray) Harris, Salem, W. Va., on Oct. 11, 1958.

Obituaries

Bonham. — Mary M. (Matie), daughter of the late Isaac and Hannah (Bacon) Bonham, was born in Shiloh 81 years ago, and died suddenly at her home in Shiloh on October 15, 1958.

She had been under a doctor's care but had been able to be around. Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Freda L. Duke, of Carney's Point, N. J.

The deceased was a beloved and active member of the Shiloh Church. She was also a charter member of Alfahrita Council, Pocahontas, of the community.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, in the Shiloh Church, and interment was made in the Shiloh Cemetery. — C.H.B.

Loofboro. — Phyllis Jane, daughter of Carroll Wesley and Iva Belle Lippincott Loofboro, was born October 26, 1956, at Edgerton, Wis., and died September 18, 1958. Memorial services were held in the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, Victor W. Skaggs, officiating. Burial was in the Milton Junction Cemetery. — V.W.S.

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, September 30, 1958

		Budget Receipts				
		Treasurer's	Boards'		Treasurer's	Boards'
		Sept.	12 mos.	12 mos.	Sept.	12 mos.
Balance, Sept. 1	\$ 56.81					
Adams Center	161.15	1,088.78		Los Angeles, Christ's	110.00	
Albion	94.26	629.89		Lost Creek	556.76	55.00
Alfred, 1st	466.10	5,452.50	100.00	Marlboro	70.60	80.00
Alfred, 2nd	363.65	2,254.73	11.85	Middle Island	30.00	
Associations & groups		2,331.36	2,882.47	Milton	1,023.60	235.00
Battle Creek	672.21	6,881.39	161.40	Milton Jct.		40.00
Bay Area	100.00	127.00		New Auburn	42.00	10.00
Berlin	28.00	822.40	83.95	New Orleans		233.91
Boulder	51.19	950.87	60.00	North Loup	162.60	940.41
Brookfield, 1st	45.00	907.62	20.50	Nortonville	153.50	105.00
Brookfield, 2nd	89.00	475.11	30.50	Old Stone Fort		117.00
Buffalo		172.00		Paint Rock		100.00
Chicago	62.00	1,596.50	160.00	Pawcatuck	650.00	211.00
Daytona Beach	88.50	880.97	30.48	Plainfield	162.15	4,602.28
Denver	260.58	811.09	50.00	Richburg	45.00	658.00
De Ruyter	274.00	1,057.38	14.13	Ritchie	144.00	325.00
Dodge Center		1,324.92	20.00	Riverside	751.60	3,617.68
Edinburg	38.00	307.50		Roanoke	18.00	327.00
Farina	20.25	336.90		Rockville	31.01	373.72
Fouke	23.50	280.25		Salem	27.00	1,837.00
Friendship	40.00	258.00		Salemville		188.33
Hammond		80.92		Schenectady		211.15
Hebron		379.90	2.00	Shiloh	873.65	4,866.99
Hopkinton, 1st	57.70	1,639.49	175.00	Texarkana		67.07
Hopkinton, 2nd	9.00	300.00		Tract Society		5,191.56
Independence		1,194.00	75.00	Twin Cities	25.00	270.00
Individuals	70.00	2,860.39	1,088.17	Verona	181.00	1,806.81
Irvington		730.00		Walworth	23.00	321.30
Jackson Center		20.00		Washington	25.00	349.00
Kansas City		140.00		Washington People's		20.00
Little Genesee	43.16	606.50	31.00	Waterford	105.23	1,124.12
Little Rock		80.15		White Cloud	39.48	711.22
Los Angeles	310.28	2,479.28	25.00	Yonah Mt.		3.00
					\$ 8,564.52	\$87,372.50
						\$6,089.95

Treasurer's Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)
Missionary Society	\$3,601.47
Board of Christian Education	868.50
Ministerial Training	794.42
Ministerial Retirement	1,142.90
Historical Society	154.09
Women's Society	90.02
General Conference	875.52
Tract Society	918.53
Trustees of General Conference	77.05
World Fellowship and Service	42.02

Balance, Sept. 30 \$8,564.52
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NON - BUDGET

September Receipts	\$1,182.00
September Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	1,182.00

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$90,000.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 12 months	87,372.50
Boards' budget receipts 12 months	6,089.95
	\$93,462.45
Raised above budget	\$ 3,462.45
Percentage of budget raised	103.85%

Olin C. Davis,
Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

The Sabbath Recorder

"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. . ."