

The Sabbath Recorder

Wells, and presented with unusual effectiveness. Leading characters were Philip Lewis, Norma Hambleton, Jane Frazier, Evelyn Rymer, Sheila Chapman, Jack Jensen, and Pastor Wheeler. Settings, costuming, and lighting added realism.

Tuesday evening, December 23, the Junior and Senior young people's groups met at the parish house as the starting point for a round of Christmas caroling.

The closing Sabbath of the year was given to a reflective sermon based upon the words of the Apostle Paul, "... forgetting those things which are behind, I press on to the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." — Correspondent.

Accessions

Alfred Station, N. Y.

By Baptism:
Edward Bond
Eric Bond
Fred Bond
Donna Davis
Donald Ormsby
Eugene Ormsby
Lynn Shaw
Mrs. Lynn (Ruth) Shaw
John Woodruff

Battle Creek, Mich.

By Baptism:
Miss Kathleen Stouten

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Testimony:
William B. Arbegust, Lafayette, Ind.

Obituaries

Henry. — John Alexander, son of John and Barbara Davidson Henry, was born in Mount Forest, Canada, Sept. 21, 1878, and died at Fontana, Calif., July 1, 1958.

On June 29, 1904, he was married to Ethel Hunt. In 1939 a paralytic stroke rendered him speechless for his remaining years.

After moving to Fontana he became an active and loyal member of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Redlands, Calif.; a son, George, of Glendale, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Florence E. Lien, of Great Falls, Mont.; eight brothers and sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, Mrs. Isabell Castell, Mrs. Barbara Palmer, Mrs. Edith Bryan, Mrs. Katherine Robinson, Mrs. Ethel White, all of Glendale, Calif.; A. D. Henry of Pasadena, Calif., and Robert S. Henry of Fontana, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Montecito Park Cemetery near Loma Linda, Calif. — A.L.W.

Farley. — Minnie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Mizer, was born in Independence, Kan., April 28, 1892, and died at Riverside, Calif., Aug. 17, 1958.

She was married to the late Arthur Farley in 1908. After continuing in business for some twenty-one years in Riverside, she worked at a local hospital and later did practical nursing in homes.

Having been active most of her life in religious work, she was baptized in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church in April of 1958 and became a member of that church.

Besides her two daughters, Mrs. Opal Jensen of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Ruby Bunch of Sacramento, Calif., she leaves two grandsons, Jack Julian Jensen and Freddy Jensen, both of Riverside.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. — A.L.W.

Livermore. — Edna Brown, daughter of George Taylor and Emily Dowes Brown, was born in Bridgewater, N. Y., June 13, 1877, and died at Plattsburg, N. Y., November 26, 1958.

After being graduated from Geneseo State Normal School in 1899, she taught school for seven years at New Rochelle, N. Y.

On August 15, 1906, she was married to Louis C. Livermore. To this union were born a son and a daughter, Wayland B., superintendent of schools, Malone, N. Y., and Margaret (Mrs. Kenneth E. Kenyon), Plattsburg, N. Y.

Upon the death of Mr. Livermore, Mrs. Livermore moved from Independence to Alfred in 1925 to educate her children.

Although she retained her membership in the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church, she was active in the First Alfred Church and its women's organizations.

Survivors include beside her son and daughter, two sisters, the Misses Myra and Helen Brown of Leonardville; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

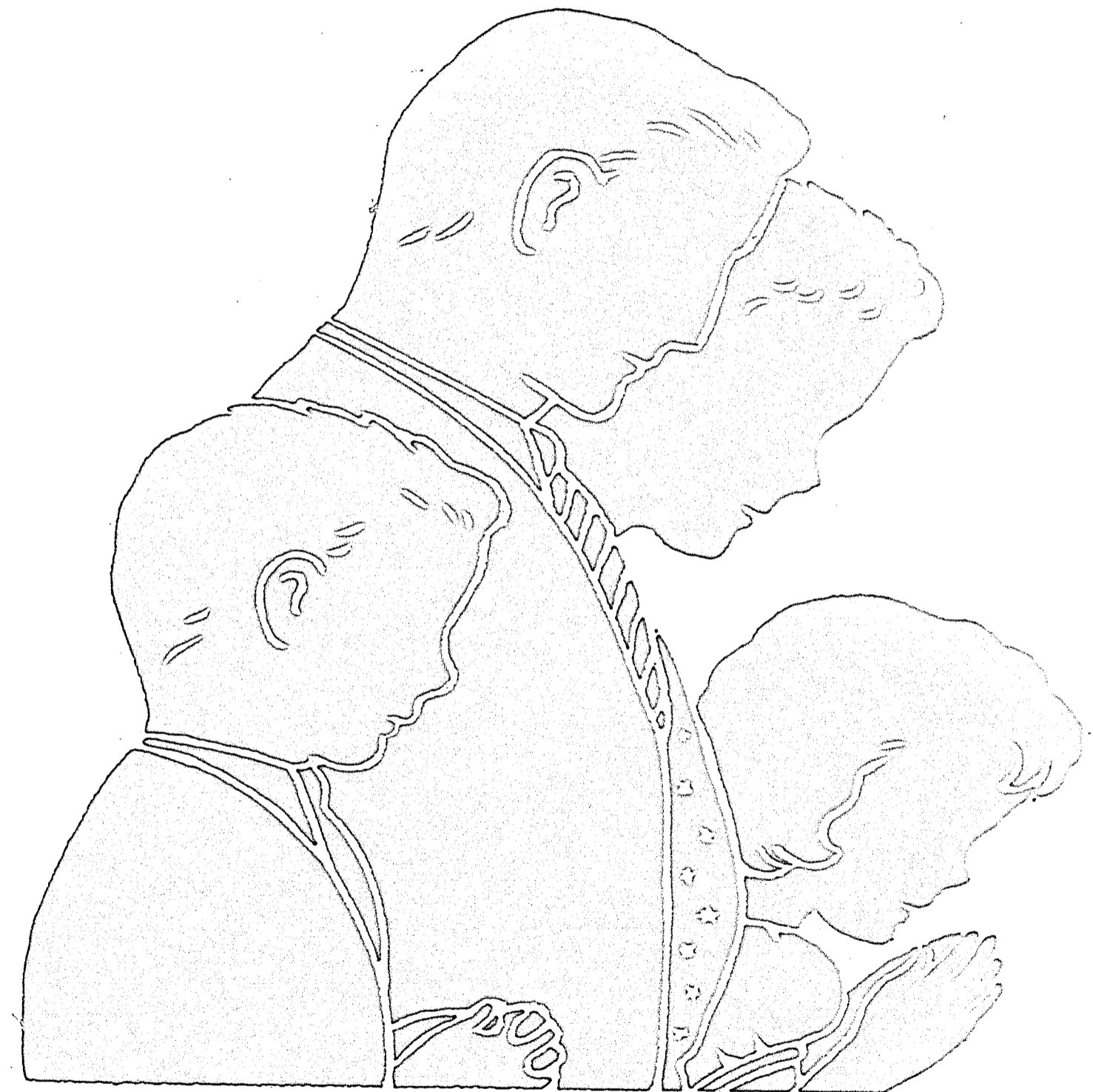
Memorial services were conducted from the First Alfred Church by Pastor Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in the Independence Cemetery. — H.S.W.

Simpson. — Olive V., daughter of George and Susan (Christman) Jahraus, was born Jan. 21, 1893, in Farina, Ill., and died Oct. 23, 1958, in Battle Creek, Mich.

She was married to Gael V. Simpson July 18, 1916. Since 1934 she was employed by the Battle Creek Food Co. She was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Ladies' Aid Society.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. H. M. (Avonelle) Hotkin, of Jackson, Mich.; a son, Hugh A., of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a sister, Mrs. William (Matilda) Gabby, of Manawa Wis.; two brothers, George and Carl Jahraus, both of Farina, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were conducted at the Farley Funeral Home in Battle Creek, with her pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. — L.E.D.



Worship the Lord - in the House of the Lord

O come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

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Highway Hypocrites

We have heard a great deal about business hypocrites. They have been active much longer than some other kinds. Moses, Isaiah, and the other prophets cried out against that lack of business ethics which we call hypocrisy. In fact, the term is found 15 times in the Old Testament, mostly in Job and Isaiah. Perhaps more familiar are the New Testament references (21), such as, "Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men" (Matt. 6: 2). Jesus also spoke strongly against those "who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers."

This kind of business hypocrisy is well recognized. Some famous religious novelists have labored the point through long volumes and have stirred up our righteous indignation against divorced businessmen — those who have divorced their Christianity during the week and have attempted to remarry it on Sunday. There is reason to believe that the number of Christians who oppress the poor in their business dealings has greatly diminished. We have ceased to hurl the "hypocrite" epithet indiscriminately because so many businessmen are definitely Christian in their everyday life.

There is another area of modern life in which we have been slow to apply our Christianity or our Christian leadership. It is high time for those who are Christians to make it apparent that they are different from others. Have we been innocent of a charge that might well be called "highway hypocrisy"? It is not hard to understand what is meant by the term. We get to church (and in increasing numbers, according to statistics), but how many unchristian acts do we commit on the highway and at intersections on the way? When we take a business or pleasure trip during the week, do we drive like selfish heathen or murderers? Do we divorce Christian ethics the moment we leave home in the family car?

An affirmative answer to the above questions appears to be indicated by statistics. There has not been time yet to analyze the traffic fatalities and injuries for 1958 but on the basis of 1957 reports it would seem that there must be a good many

professing Christians responsible for the accidents and near accidents that result from selfishness on the highway. We are told that 2,525,000 were injured and 38,700 killed. The accidents are not caused by faulty brakes or bad road conditions but by bad-driver conditions. The statistics point to driver responsibility, with speeding listed as the greatest factor. Over 95 percent of the vehicles involved were in good condition. More than 85 percent of fatal accidents came during clear weather and 79.6 percent on dry roads. Almost all of the drivers involved had over one year's experience.

The figures quoted in this source do not attempt to show the relation between alcohol and the 80 percent driver error. We know that relation is strong, but we would like to rule it out for the Christian. There is still the possibility of much highway hypocrisy. That is something for many of us to think about.

In the midst of writing this editorial the morning mail brought a card from an unknown man in Los Angeles who would like to have the press lay stress on the financial advantages of alert driving. They are apparent. Governor Ribicoff of Connecticut expressed it thus in an address a few months ago:

Multiply the heartbreak of one violent death. Multiply the suffering of one broken body. Calculate the dollar cost of each day of slow, pain-wracked recovery. It adds up to a shameful drain on our physical and economic resources. It represents a shameful waste of money that could be used to build schools, sponsor medical research, redevelop communities, strengthen national defense.

Salute to Youth

There are two times during the year when the youth of our churches are more prominent in our thinking that at other times, at camp time in the summer and at the time of Youth Week in the winter. We save and plan and spend in connection with that summer program, but on Christian Endeavor Day, the culmination of Youth Week, we sit back and listen to our young folks taking prominent parts in the services of the day.

We salute our youth, appreciating the progress they have made. From year to

year we mark their growth in leadership ability. We rejoice that some, perhaps many, of them show decided ability. They learn by doing, so we encourage them to speak out for Christ with prepared talks, to read the Scripture, and to lead in prayer. In so doing we re-live our own youthful experiences and thank the Lord that His Spirit still moves in the hearts of a budding new generation.

In saluting our youth we seek to give them due praise for their efforts but not to praise them unduly. They and we are aware of some inconsistencies in their lives. We would not want to stultify growth by pointing out those inconsistencies too often. By the same token we do not want them to see our own too constantly. It takes much parental and pastoral love to keep the good uppermost in the lives of our offspring. Today we salute our youth for their Christian accomplishments. We pray that their growth in stature and wisdom may continue.

Soviet and American Foreign Aid

Economic Review, published by AFL-CIO, strikes a Christian note when it emphasizes that the U. S. should not formulate its economic assistance program on the basis of domestic economic considerations. It points out that our present program conforms to the principle of helping underprivileged countries just because they need help. Incidentally, benefits do accrue to us. We have to import (largely from such countries) 100 percent of our natural rubber and tin, 99 percent of our chromite, 95 percent of our manganese, 72 percent of our tungsten, and 70 percent of our bauxite. (Much bauxite comes from Jamaica, W. I.)

The same article points out a different principle governing Soviet economic assistance, which has been greatly increased in the past two or three years. No longer does the USSR content itself to help the countries in its Communist orbit but spends nearly \$2 billion helping other countries. The aim is political as Khrushchev admitted to a group of U. S. Congressmen in 1955: "We value trade least

The Bible and "Unclean Foods"

By Thelma Tarbox

(Continued from last issue)

Jesus and the Unclean Foods

In His wonderful way, Jesus highlighted many a parable by making use of the popular conception of the hog. For example, He emphasized in the most colorful way possible that faith, like pearls, is not to be trampled under swine's feet — in other words, greedy people can never find the Kingdom of Heaven! On a number of occasions, Jesus mentioned swine, but did He ever mention any of the other "unclean" foods? One "unclean" food was as unclean as another. The fact that of all the foods unclean to the Jew, only the hog was mentioned by Jesus, indicates that Jesus was not establishing "unclean" foods for Christians but He was trying to get across to His followers that they should have no "unclean" qualities — no greed, no covetousness, no selfishness — none of the characteristics popularly attributed to the hog. Likewise, the Christian should not be fearful, not timid like a mouse, afraid to testify of his faith. Isaiah's prophecy, examined in the light of the New Testament, undoubtedly means that all people who are swine-like and mouse-like will perish. Those people who "consume" Christ and thereby are filled with His compassionate love will live forever.

Jesus, a Jew and "under the law" until the crucifixion ushered in the New Covenant, never ate "unclean" food. He did eat lamb and other flesh food which He gave to His disciples before and after His resurrection. Those Christians who insist upon a vegetarian diet are not following the example of Christ. There are many texts in the Bible which uphold the belief that the crucifixion took away the "unclean" foods along with the rest of the laws given specifically to the Israelites — for example, the purification ritual for new mothers, circumcision, the sacrificial rites, and the feast days.

Jesus said, "There is nothing from within a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him" (Mark 7: 15). Some claim that

Jesus was talking about tradition and not about food. It was, however, because the disciples had eaten bread with unwashed hands that Jesus made this statement. And it is not traditions but food which "entereth not into the heart, but into the belly and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats" (Mark 7: 19) but "that which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within and defile the man" (Mark 7: 20-23).

It seems clear from this, that Jesus believed that evil thoughts and deeds made a man wicked — but that what he ate could not make him wicked. If the food a person eats cannot make a believer wicked, why should God wish to destroy, because of his eating habits, a man who is filled full of faith and love of God and a compassionate love for his fellow men?

Examine the Acts and the Epistles

Acts 10: 9-16 tells of Peter's vision of "clean" and "unclean" foods and Peter's refusal to eat anything "unclean." At this time (perhaps eight years after the resurrection) Peter did not know that the crucifixion had annulled the "unclean" foods. Also, Peter did not know that Christ had died for others besides the Jews. So Peter's ignorance concerning the cleansing of "unclean" food is no proof that these foods are still forbidden to Christians. Certainly, in spite of Peter's ignorance at that time, Gentiles are as clean in God's sight as are the Jews. And Gentiles, as well as Jews, are precious to Christ and worthy of the Gospel message.

The "unclean" thing which is mentioned in 2 Corinthians 6: 16 is a reference to idols and marriage with unbelievers — not a reference to certain foods. The text reads: "What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them. . . . Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing."

If the law on "unclean" foods applied to

Christians, it would have been only natural to find considerable discussion about it in the New Testament because the Gentiles, accustomed to eating pork, etc., would not have liked being denied these foods. The New Testament is silent — not one word to the Gentiles explaining the "unclean" foods. The Council at Jerusalem which met to settle the quarrel over circumcision had an excellent opportunity to teach "unclean" foods. Instead, the Council explicitly decreed: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication" (Acts 15: 28, 29). As for meat offered to idols, new Christians, fresh from paganism, might be drawn back into idol worship if they got close enough to pagan orgies to eat the sacrificed animals. How strange that nowhere in the New Testament do the Gentiles complain of having to give up pork and other foods. Surely the Gentiles were the same then as people are today — changes in diet are not readily accepted!

Colossians 2: 8-16 clearly shows that the law of "unclean" food was included with those laws nailed to the cross:

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit . . . ye are complete in him . . . Christ . . . having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross. . . . Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days. . . .

Hebrews 8: 13; 9: 8-12 adds:

In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. . . . Which (the first tabernacle) was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect . . . which stood only in meats and drinks and in divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

1 Timothy 4: 1-4 says:

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doc-

trines of devils . . . forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving.

Romans 14: 14 makes unmistakably plain:

I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

Colossians 2: 20-22 states:

Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (touch not; taste not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

It is comparatively easy to "touch not" and "taste not." On the other hand, perfect love is very difficult to acquire. Who but the most devoted followers of Christ can resist the temptation to "get even" with someone who has hurt them? How many so-called Christians can go out of their way to do a loving kindness to an "enemy"? When a church embraces ordinances of "touch not — taste not" which Paul calls a "shew in will worship and humility" there is the danger that members in following these "outward" rules will feel that they are in complete harmony with God. When the truth may be that many members are far from favor with God because they are neglecting mercy and love for all people. Another danger inherent in adding dietary laws to the "fruits of the spirit and the flesh" is the fact that many people are turned entirely away from Christ by those who place a "food barrier" around the Kingdom of Heaven.

Apparently Jewish converts did try to force "unclean" food laws upon Christians and this is what Paul answered: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. . . . For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offense" (Rom. 14: 17, 20).

From Quarterly Reports
of Missionary Pastors

As previously stated, the Rev. Herbert L. Polan is serving the Daytona Beach Church during the winter months. He writes: "We were happy to have the Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley with us. He preached to the church on several occasions and brought help and inspiration to all." Plans are under consideration for Evangelist Hurley to assist the Daytona Beach Church in special meetings upon his return from Jamaica.

A baptismal service was held on Sabbath, January 3, when two candidates were baptized. Pastor Polan writes, "We had a wonderful day yesterday at the baptism, reception of members, and communion service. There is a very fine spirit and fellowship here."

The average congregation for the past quarter has been approximately 47. Pastor Polan has made 83 calls during his six weeks of work.

The Rev. Lester G. Osborn, missionary pastor at Schenectady, N. Y., writes: "The people are earnest and interested; they tithe and seem willing to tackle anything." Besides the Sabbath morning services, prayer meetings are held regularly on Sabbath eve. Recently hymn sings on Sabbath eve for seven weeks were held, "putting out announcement cards in the community. Our music director, Lawrence Fatato, prepared fine programs. I gave picture studies each night. It did bring out some of our own people who do not attend on Sabbath eve." It was hoped that these hymn sings would reach outsiders. The plan is "to try it again when the weather gets more settled."

Pastor Osborn reports having made 30 calls during the past quarter. Plans call for getting "the people to calling" where contacts have already been made.

Missionary pastor, Montie Slusher, of the Jackson Center, Ohio, Church, reports having made 40 calls during the quarter. He further reports:

"Plans are at present to hold the special meetings of Northern Association Churches

here in Jackson Center, the theme being 'Revival.' We intend to have three evenings of revival services — on Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday nights. The Northern Association has voted \$50 to help with the program. As yet we do not have definite dates set."

Pastor Slusher attends Ohio Northern University three nights a week. He works at the Airstream Trailer Shop during the week besides serving the Jackson Center Church as pastor.

Evangelistic Services
at Hebron, Pa.

Mention has previously been made in the Sabbath Recorder of special evangelistic efforts at Hebron, Pa., November 7-23, with Evangelist Loyal F. Hurley assisting. In a recent letter the Rev. Delmer Van Horn, who serves the Hebron Church as pastor, writes:

"The weather has been quite difficult to deal with in finishing the follow-up work at Hebron. Baptism will follow as soon as the roads clear up and it is warm enough to control the temperature in the baptistry at Little Genesee. There are nine who are to be baptized representing three generations, a grandfather, his son, and two grandsons. One is joining the church by testimony, having previously accepted Christ and been baptized by immersion in another denomination. There are four who are to become associate members.

"Dr. Hurley's visit was a real lift to both church and pastor. The meetings were well attended by the community people as well as the church. Some people drove for some distance to come to the meetings.

"One can see many intangible results as well as tangible ones. Dr. Hurley, as always, gave freely of his time and effort, and the Hebron Church people entered into the program of visitation and prayer wholeheartedly. The people themselves, by their visitation, opened the doors for many of Dr. Hurley's and my calls."

"Every person who isn't interested in missions is living a waning spiritual life."
— Dr. Harold S. Miller.

ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW

By Dr. Willis E. Garrett

(Continued from January 12 issue)

A New Future
GROWING UP SPIRITUALLY

It must be made clear that salvation includes more than just the act of being saved. You have taken the first step, but it is only a step. Salvation in its fullness embraces the experience of conversion, the subsequent earthly life in which the sanctifying power of God is made real, and at last the infinite glories of the eternal future. You have crossed the threshold, you have entered upon a great venture, you have begun a new life.

It will be your privilege and God-given responsibility to "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. . . . As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (2 Peter 3: 18; 1 Peter 2: 2). "Let us go on unto perfection (i.e., full maturity in spiritual things)" (Hebrews 6: 1). Be careful not to make the mistake of becoming a stunted, dwarfed spiritual monstrosity. A tiny baby is adorable and precious but if he continues to be a baby month after month and year after year he becomes the object of pity and the source of grief. Christianity is a LIFE and in life there is growth and development.

However, no growth is possible without nourishment. As your body must be fed wisely and regularly if it is to develop, even so your soul must be nurtured with spiritual vitamins. God's divine food for the soul is His Word, which presents so clearly Him who is the Bread of Life, upon whom our souls must feed. I cannot urge you too strongly to pay special heed to this means of growth in grace. To neglect Bible study is to insure yourself of backsliding, spiritual malnutrition, ignorance in the tenets of the Christian faith, weakness of testimony, and lack of acquaintance with the Lord of life whose majestic march across its pages so vitally affects the type of Christian you will be.

The Bible is a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path; it is a sharp sword that will cut away sinful habits and un-

Christlike traits; it is a hammer that breaks the stony heart in pieces, and a fire that cleanses and purifies the life; it is sweeter than honey in the honeycomb; it is the Christian's guidebook and weapon, his storehouse, his university. The Devil will contrive all sorts of excuses to keep you away from The Book; do not allow him to get the advantage in this regard. Keep your Bible study time inviolate. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2: 15).

Together with this regular attention to the Word of God you will want to have a definite prayer period each day. Prayer and Bible study are companion graces which cannot profitably be divorced from one another. They are the Siamese twins of Christian nurture. Prayer is simply talking and listening to God the Father; it is communion with Him; it is laying bare your heart before a loving and understanding Father. It does not require flowery language or stilted phrases; it requires only a sincere unfolding of the deep feelings of your heart in praise, supplication, thanksgiving, and a mutual sharing of plans and desires.

It is into this sacred place of prayer, upon this holy ground of communion with God, that the Devil will make his most obnoxious intrusions. He will invent all sorts of cunningly devised and apparently logical reasons for you to put off your prayer season until "some more convenient time," which time will never come. As you pray he will inject irrelevant thoughts into your mind to distract you from your heavenly conversation.

During World War II the writer was a chaplain overseas. I frequently listened to a short-wave broadcast of soothing and inspiring music. What happened? Over the waves came a blatant, raucous noise that had been beamed in by the enemy to disrupt the broadcast, and he succeeded in doing just that. What an illustration it is of many experiences you will have! When your soul is overflowing with the sweet music of divine fellowship with the Father in prayer the enemy will beam his interference on to your prayer-waves and

there will enter your mind the most ridiculous and farfetched thoughts imaginable and your train of thought will be completely wrecked. When such interference comes DON'T GIVE UP!! Pray through, and yours will be the victory.

"Satan flees
When he sees
The weakest saint
Upon his knees."

God does answer prayer — believing prayer that is humbly offered in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in accord with His perfect and holy will. Borrow a good book on the subject of prayer from your pastor or some other Christian friend and come into a real understanding of this marvelous privilege that is now yours; study the Psalms as model prayers; examine the outstanding prayers of the holy characters of Scripture.

Whatever you do, do not slight this all-important means of spiritual growth. A praying Christian is a powerful Christian; the Christian who neglects prayer is weak and ineffectual. "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18: 1). "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4: 2).

There are other means of growth in the things of the Lord which we will just mention. Fellowship with other Christians will do much toward a richer and fuller development in worth-while things. Form the habit of cultivating Christian friends. A willingness to testify to others as to what the Lord has done for you will do much in building you up in the faith and in strengthening your spiritual muscles. We do not necessarily mean that you are expected to mount a pulpit and deliver profound sermons on theological subjects, but rather that you quietly share with others the joy you have found in the Savior who is now your best friend. Regular church attendance, taking an active part in Christian service, reading Christian books and periodicals, all work together to make you a virile and robust child of God.

A New Nature

TWO NATURES

There is one phase of the Christian life you must understand or Satan will be able to discourage you and frighten you and destroy your joy and usefulness. Before you were saved you had one nature, often referred to in Scripture as the Adam nature or "the flesh." This nature is the root of trouble in your life; it is the polluted fountain from which the stream of evil flows. Ungodly habits, thoughts, motives, and actions spring from this nature.

When you accepted the Lord as your Savior and were born again you received another nature, the divine nature. Now you possess both of the natures, the good and the evil, and both will be constantly striving for the ascendancy in your life and for mastery over it. Good inclinations, pure thoughts, noble aspirations, and godly desires will come from your divine nature, while from your old nature there will spring unkindnesses, rebellion against the will of God, evil thoughts and actions.

Do not be unduly alarmed and think you have lost your salvation or have "fallen from grace" if you find yourself giving in to this old nature. However, always be on your guard against it; keep it in subjection, rely so entirely upon the victory-giving power of the indwelling Spirit that there will be no room in your life for an expression of the sin-nature. Christ has defeated this enemy within you and when you accepted Him you accepted His victory; you died to this old nature. That is why Paul could say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2: 20).

We can do no better than to bring to your attention another section from Paul's writings on this vital subject:

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those

that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace (Romans 6: 11-14).

As a Christian you have to contend with three enemies: the world, the flesh, and the Devil. By using the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, by claiming the shield of faith in casting yourself utterly upon the Lord and taking His victory as your very own, you can defeat these enemies and live the triumphant Christian life.

In the concluding portion of this article Dr. Garrett will discuss Christian conduct and rewards under the headings, "A New Standard," and "A New Goal." The whole presentation has been printed in a 24-page booklet which is available from the American Tract Society, 513 West 166th St., New York 32, N. Y.

TV Drama

"You Can Take It with You"

Can a businessman keep a high standard of ethics and still survive in today's competitive commercial "jungle"? This American problem of everyday business morality is given a sharp look in the dramatic television series "This Is the Answer" on Sunday, February 1.

The drama, "You Can Take It with You," will be seen on key TV stations throughout the country. It concerns a real-estate salesman who is caught in a dilemma when he questions the ethics of a fast, tricky deal. Despite the warnings of his hard-driving boss, he seeks to solve the problem in an unusual and risky way that brings surprising results to all involved.

German Baptists Give \$4,000,000

Baptists in Germany contributed more than \$4,000,000 during the past ten years for construction and rebuilding of 180 places of worship throughout the country. Future plans call for the building of 80 more churches, including 20 in the Soviet Zone.

There are about 100,000 active Baptists in Germany in 530 congregations served by 370 pastors. Some 35,000 Baptists live in the Soviet Zone. — BWA News Service.

Leadership Training

The Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church is planning a local program of teacher training during February and March. Under the leadership of Pastor Smith six consecutive Wednesday nights have been set aside for study and discussion.

The Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church has started its own Leadership Training School, and it will run for six Sunday nights through February 22. The sessions will be two hours long. The Sabbath School teachers attended a city-wide Leadership Training School on six Monday nights during October and November.

A Leadership Training School sponsored by the Allegany County (N. Y.) Council of Churches was attended by seven teachers and leaders from the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and by eight from the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. The school was held January 5-7 in Wellsville, with a total attendance of 85 persons.

Like any other worth-while enterprise, Leadership schools take a lot of time and energy, but if they are well done, much good can come from them. Very much depends on the student in the school. He must be sold on his mission as a teacher of Christ and must be willing to sacrifice other endeavors to learn and teach.

Most any Christian can "give a little one a cup of water," but a good teacher spreads a full meal. "What do ye more than these?"

A College

From the "Trustee," a quarterly letter to trustees of church-related institutions of higher learning, comes this quotation from F. Gerald Ensley's new book, The Marks of Christian Education: "A college does not really consist of dormitories, lecture halls, and stadia. A college is an invisible web of personal relationships — of midnight vigils, plighted troths, quiet sacrifice, unspoken longings, and visions that await their realization in the long future. Where the final moving force of

this invisible realm is a faith in the Christian scheme of things and a loyalty to the God who is at once its source and the earnest of its fulfillment — there is Christian education. The subject matter, the teaching methods, and the ecclesiastical connections are incidentals."

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

WOMEN'S BOARD ITEMS

The devotional thought for the January board meeting was brought by Mrs. DeLand on "Enthusiasm, the Spark of Life." Opening with the reminder that this beginning of the calendar year is a good time to evaluate the program of our board, we were asked to consider whether all our projects are worth while, and where our aim should be still higher goals.

Enthusiasm, that spark which lifts us out of the humdrum of daily tasks and makes each day something to look forward to with eagerness and zest — this quality of spirit we need to cultivate in all our endeavors.

An old Negro shoveling coal on a Great Lakes steamer was heard singing: "Oh you gotta get a glory in the work you do,

A hallelujah chorus in the heart of you. Paint or tell a story, sing or shovel coal; But you gotta get a glory, or the job lacks soul."

We each have to get a glory in the work we do. Colossians 3: 17 exhorts us, "And whatsoever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." And from 2 Timothy 1: 7 we get: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, grant us Thy presence in the work of our board. Arouse in us a keen awareness of Thy will, that we may not miss Thy purpose in what needs to be done. We do not want to bury any talents and leave them unused because we lack the spark of enthusiasm. Grant us eyes that see and ears that hear so that we may be eager to do Thy work. May the prayer of each one be: "Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and

know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting" (Ps. 139: 23, 24). Amen.

News Briefs

The first in the 1959 series of special church covers for church bulletins has been prepared and mailed out with the hope that they will reach every church in time for use in January.

The November meeting of the Women's Board opened with a brisk session of brain storming, on the subject of "Building up Interest of Our Women in the Denomination and Our Board," a rather new idea of putting our creative minds to work. We were able to come up with 47 ideas to relay to the Executive Committee for further study.

With the help of every woman in the denomination we hope to have a fine celebration of our 75th anniversary at Conference in Salem, W. Va., next August. Each women's group has been asked to provide a short history of their own group in scrapbook or poster form for the exhibit. Favorable replies to the request are coming in daily. Some are starting on it at once so as to have it all finished in advance of the summer rush of activities. We are looking forward to this exhibit.

Bible Society Gifts

In all fairness to one of our churches and to the American Bible Society there should be a little explanation of the large amount (\$540.94) reported by our OWM treasurer as having been given during December to the Bible Society. Almost all of that amount appears to have come from the Marlboro, N. J., Church. The treasurer of that church in his annual report shows \$518.73 given to the American Bible Society (in December). Probably there were gifts from other churches during December totaling more than the difference between these two figures. If not, our church people (other than one individual at Marlboro) did not give enough to pay for the bulletin covers received. It is a worthy cause and should be supported by all, not just a few generous individuals.

Teen Talk

Remember Now

Do you know the Bible verse that begins "Remember now"? I think there is only one verse in all the Bible that begins just like that. There are many, many that call us to remember, like the one that asks God's people to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20: 8). Then there are some where people lift up their voices in prayer asking God to remember, like when Hezekiah prayed, "I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart." It was on the occasion when the prophet Isaiah had told the king he was going to die.

But let's get back to that verse. Do you need another clue? It says, "Remember now thy Creator. . . ." Probably you can finish it and can tell me that it is found in Ecclesiastes 12: 1. It is the conclusion of the whole book; it is the best of advice from a wise king who had tried every other way to find happiness. Solomon says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

I wonder why he put it that way. Why didn't he tell the old people? Aren't they the ones that ought to be reminded about the Creator? Why not let the young folks have their good time? Well that's just the point. The wise king did not want people to search for happiness the hard way as he had done. He was sure that real happiness would fill the whole life of one who remembered his Creator in the days of his youth.

Do you think it is enough just to remember that there is a God? Certainly not. The verse must mean much more than that. It is not a thought that passes through your mind at lightning speed. "In the days of your youth" means every day, every hour, and perhaps every moment. How often is God close to you? How much of the time are you trying to keep close to God? I think that is what it means. It is Jesus who brings us near to the heavenly Father. When we love Jesus we love God and the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with peace and joy.

Local Church

Radio Programs

The question is occasionally asked by those who are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists and wondering why they had not heard about the denomination earlier, "Don't you have any radio programs?" The answer is, of course, that there are such programs. From time to time Seventh Day Baptist ministers appear on strong stations as they take their turns on sustaining time broadcasts sponsored cooperatively by local or national church organizations. In addition there are some local churches paying for regular time on a weekly basis.

The Shiloh, N. J., Church has long maintained a Friday broadcast over a Bridgeton station.

At Riverside, Calif., the church has also sponsored a Sunday morning broadcast by the pastor.

The new pastor at Paint Rock, Ala., Carlton Wilson, is picking up the practice of Mr. Soper in presenting the message of Seventh Day Baptists over the air, with encouraging comments.

Newest among Seventh Day Baptist broadcasts is "Sabbath Vespers," a radio program which began broadcasting on Sabbath afternoon, January 3, on Radio Station WPDX, Clarksburg, W. Va., at the close of their broadcast day. This devotional service is being produced by the Salem Church in the name of the Southeastern Association's Coordinating Council, with the Rev. C. W. P. Hansen, pastor, in charge.

C. E. WEEK

Young people in thousands of Protestant churches throughout North America will observe Christian Endeavor Week, January 25 - February 1.

Preparations are under way for special rallies, church services, conferences, banquets, radio and television broadcasts, and other projects, according to Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The theme for the celebration, which will mark the 78th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor, is "In the Household of God."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — It has been some time since any items from North Loup have appeared in the Sabbath Recorder, so I shall try to "re-cap" briefly some of the highlights of the past few months.

Union Vacation Bible School followed the closing of public school. Our first pre-teen summer camp was held near the North Loup River on the Elery King farm. The Sabbath School picnic was held at the same location on the Fourth of July. Needless to say, both events were enjoyed by those attending.

Our women's societies have, for several years, been affiliated with other church women of the area in United Council of Church Women, thus making possible the meeting and making of many new friends.

In August Pastor Soper and family, in company with the Rev. Mr. Buehler and family of the North Loup-Scotia M.E. Churches, drove with a station wagon and a trailer to California, the Sopers going to Conference and the Buehlers to a Family Relations meeting. En route they did some camping and sightseeing. Our pulpit was filled by the various church organizations during the pastor's absence.

During the fall a Bible study was held, with Pastors Soper and Buehler conducting the series of lessons. About 60 persons responded — being quite equally divided between the two groups. Meetings were held alternately at the Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist churches.

September's biggest event was Popcorn Days, when the Sabbath School had a float in the parade, and the two missionary societies and Brotherhood, as has been our custom for many years, served food from a well-equipped stand on the street to the hungry crowds. Each lady of our congregation was asked to furnish three or more pies. Other food was mostly purchased by the committee. As always, chili soup and hamburgers were high on the list. One half of the proceeds went into the church funds, and the other half was divided among the three organizations. Incidentally, about 20,000 sacks of popped corn were given away during the 3-day Home-Coming Celebration.

October's most important date was Mid-Continent Association at Nortonville. That meeting has already been reported. About 15 persons attended from North Loup.

November 20 was the date of the Lord's Acre chicken supper and auction sale. Around 225 suppers were served, many participants coming from several nearby towns. The union Thanksgiving service, which has become sort of a tradition, was held this year at the Methodist Church, with Pastor Soper bringing the message. Our fellowship together is most gratifying.

December brought the usual beautiful music by the choir and the story of Jesus' birth as given by the Sabbath School. The offerings from the union Thanksgiving services and our Christmas programs for the past 50 years or more have gone to the Nebraska Children's Home Society at Omaha.

Pastor Soper has brought very inspiring messages during the year and a half he has been with us. A recent series of sermons on the Beatitudes has given new meaning to the familiar verses. On a recent Sabbath his father, the Rev. Ralph Soper, was guest speaker. For a time Pastor Soper supplied two of our nearby towns with Sunday morning services.

I hope soon to report on the Youth and Jet Cadet activities.

We ask God's blessing on our nation and its leaders, and all nations everywhere.

We are always happy to welcome our friends and guests who may be traveling across country. Several from our congregation are spending some time in warmer climates. — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — At the annual business meeting on January 6, officers of the church were elected for the coming year as follows: president, Earl Burdick; vice-president, Orson Randolph; secretary, Mrs. L. E. Babcock; and treasurer, Dr. Ruth T. Rogers. The trustees elected were Raymond Kenyon, Winfield Randolph, Dr. Josie Rogers, Dr. J. N. Norwood, and G. F. Bakker. The meeting was followed by a luncheon with about thirty-five present.

Attendance at the church this season is exceptionally good, and members of Seventh Day Baptist churches in Wiscon-

sin, Michigan, West Virginia, New Jersey, and New York are present each week, beside frequent visitors whose stays are shorter.

The church is grateful to be enjoying again the pastoral services of the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Polan. The Rev. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley spent some time here before they left for Jamaica, and Mr. Hurley preached one Sabbath and spoke at a special afternoon meeting. It is hoped they may return for a period when they come back to the States from Jamaica.

— Correspondent.

LOST CREEK, W. VA. — The Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church began the Christmas observance by a Family Night which was held in the social rooms, December 20. The Christian Education Committee and Ladies' Aid Society sponsored the get-together. The filmstrip, "Joy to the World," was presented prior to a series of games. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Members of the Youth Fellowship with their sponsors and Pastor Duane Davis went caroling on Sunday, December 22. The young people visited several homes and their songs brought cheer to many shut-ins. The carolers returned to the parsonage where they enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies.

The annual Christmas program was given December 23, at the church. The Christian Education Committee planned the program and members of the Youth Fellowship, Junior Christian Endeavor, and nursery department participated. Slides accompanied by a narrative describing highlights in the life of Jesus were shown.

The Junior Christian Endeavor meets regularly on Friday night in the social rooms for a song service directed by Ernest Bond, followed by a worship service. Sometimes the service is led by one of the Juniors.

One of the goals this year is to have a monthly get-together for the children in one of the children's homes. The February meeting will be held at the home of Marie Barnes.

The Ladies' Aid meets regularly each month in one of the homes. The January meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Hugh Davis. — Correspondent.

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Obituaries

Bond. — S. Orestes, President-Emeritus of Salem College, the son of Levi D. and Victoria Arnold Bond, was born on Hackers Creek, West Virginia, August 12, 1877, and died at his home in Salem, W. Va., January 11, 1959.

His early training in the Christian faith led him to accept the Lord and to become a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church where he remained active and loyal for 69 years until his death. He always stood by his Christian principles and was a leader in many movements for Christian good.

Surviving are his wife, Venie Hagerty Bond; a half-brother, Esle Bond, of Hackers Creek, Buckhannon, W. Va.; and three nephews, B. Randolph Bond, of Lost Creek, Carroll A., of Jane Lew, and Paul Douglass Bond who is with the U.S. Air Force in Arabia.

Funeral services were conducted in the Salem College Chapel, by the Revs. Duane L. Davis, C. W. P. Hansen, James L. Skaggs, and Dr. K. Duane Hurley. Burial was in Lost Creek's "Brick Church Cemetery." — D.L.D.

Copeland. — Theodore Elbert, was born April 22, 1870, in Dublin, Ind., and died in Riverside, Calif., Dec. 8, 1958. His parents were Miles and Catherine Copeland.

Having been employed as an undertaker in the Middle West for a number of years, he moved to Riverside, Calif., in 1906, with his wife, the former Anna Van Pitt whom he had married in 1894.

Throughout the years he was known as one who stood consistently and courageously for his convictions. As the years passed, the Lord came more and more to have direction of his life.

In 1931, some years after the passing of his first wife, he married Ethlyn Davis, daughter of the Rev. John T. Davis, and later joined the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, in which he was to participate as an active, supporting, and praying member for some twenty years.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Montecito Cemetery located between Riverside and Loma Linda, Calif.

Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. May A. Young, of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother, C. P. Copeland, of Atlanta, Ga.

— A.L.W.

OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of the Treasurer, December 31, 1958

		Budget Receipts				
	Treasurer's December	3 mos.	Boards' 3 mos.	Treasurer's December	3 mos.	Boards' 3 mos.
Balance, Dec. 1	\$ 9.70			Lost Creek	110.87	393.52
Adams Center		261.58		Marlboro	284.01	935.19
Albion	127.26	179.89		Middle Island	13.50	42.50
Alfred, 1st		537.90	5.00	Milton	565.56	921.39
Alfred, 2nd	169.95	580.17	39.00	Milton Junction	142.80	559.80
Associations & groups	25.00	149.31	45.62	New Auburn	13.00	13.00
Battle Creek	644.55	1,707.32	11.20	North Loup	187.13	187.13
Berlin	33.80	185.37	63.00	Nortonville	121.42	462.92
Boulder	80.20	158.40		Old Stone Fort		20.00
Brookfield, 1st	80.00	198.00		Paint Rock		50.00
Brookfield, 2nd	104.65	104.65		Pawcatuck	325.00	1,111.10
Buffalo	50.00	50.00		Plainfield	159.56	548.46
Chicago	75.00	197.00	80.00	Richburg	48.00	360.50
Daytona Beach	35.75	137.00		Ritchie	50.00	80.00
Denver	110.64	110.64		Riverside	406.91	1,981.71
Dodge Center	155.24	282.90		Roanoke	20.00	40.00
Edinburg	43.00	43.00		Rockville	13.72	49.09
Farina	23.25	57.00		Salem	227.00	577.00
Fouke		16.00		Salemville	31.45	31.45
Hebron, 1st	25.00	25.00		Schenectady	58.00	58.00
Hopkinton, 1st	123.80	421.40		Shiloh	1,146.05	1,331.55
Hopkinton, 2nd	19.00	19.00		Texarkana	5.00	11.00
Independence	225.00	378.00		Tract Society		1,000.00
Individuals	25.00	2,303.00	137.06	Twin Cities		50.00
Irvington		300.00		Verona	369.13	616.13
Jackson Center	10.00	10.00		Walworth	32.00	96.00
Little Genesee	152.26	152.26	10.00	Washington	70.00	140.00
Los Angeles	665.00	665.00		Waterford	70.56	252.54
Los Angeles Christ's	45.00	78.00		White Cloud	81.37	128.13
					\$ 7,610.09	\$21,355.90
						\$ 702.52

Treasurer's Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & Undesignated)
Missionary Society	\$3,319.45
Board of Christian Education	630.88
Ministerial Training	820.98
Ministerial Retirement	960.13
Historical Society	137.31
Women's Society	123.49
General Conference	656.70
Tract Society	847.74
Trustees of General Conference	59.70
World Fellowship and Service	43.85
	\$7,600.23
Balance on hand, December 31	9.86

NON-BUDGET GIFTS

December Receipts	\$553.83
December Disbursements:	
American Bible Society	540.94
Salem College	6.75
CARE	4.01
UNICEF	2.13
	\$553.83

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$99,735.00
Treas. budget receipts 3 months	21,355.90
Boards' budget receipts 3 months	702.52
	\$22,058.42
Remainder required in 9 months	\$77,676.58
Percentage of budget year elapsed	25.00%
Percentage of budget raised	22.12%

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Parkersburg, W. Va. Treasurer.

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Lincoln
Found
Faith

Lincoln's faith did not come to him by reasoning, but in the stress and strain of life. He laid hold upon great truths with the grip of a hungering and thirsting nature. It is in this way, I believe, that the strongest faith is attained. With his whole nature stretched to its highest tension, no man can avoid conviction. So long as he merely rests, remains inactive, passive, he may get along without a faith; but when his soul is awakened and his feeling is aroused, believe he must.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETS AT SALEM, W. VA., AUGUST 17-22.