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Statement of the Treasurer, January 31, 1959

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Adams Center	143.85	405.43		Marlboro	237.06	1,172.25	
Albion	27.00	206.89		Middle Island	13.00	55.50	
Alfred, 1st	821.69	1,359.59	5.00	Milton	728.18	1,649.57	
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Berlin	186.56	371.93	63.00	Paint Rock	29.00	50.00	
Boulder	52.82	211.22	02.00	Pawcatuck	456.10	1,567.20	27.14
Brookfield, 1st	60.00	258.00		Plainfield	475.78	1,024.24	150.00
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Daytona Beach .		137.00		Roanoke	10.00	50.00	
Denver	99.39	210.03		Rockville	49.79	98.88	
DeRuyter	133.00	133.00		Salem	200.00	777.00	
Dodge Center	340.36	623.26	200.00	Salemville	27.75	59.20	
Edinburg		43.00		Schenectady		58.00	
Farina	18.75	75.75		Shiloh	10.00	1,341.55	35.00
Fouke	21.00	37.00		Texarkana		11.00	
Hebron, 1st	83.34	108.34		Tract Society		1,000.00	79.50
Hopkinton, 1st	157.75	579.15		Twin Cities		50.00	
Hopkinton, 2nd		19.00		Verona	131.60	747.73	
Independence	64.00	442.00		Walworth	42.00	138.00	
Individuals	76.00	2,379.00	369.06	Washington	10.00	150.00	
Irvington	300.00	600.00		Washington,			
Jackson Center		10.00		People's	5.00	5.00	
Little Genesee		152.26	10.00	Waterford	108.09	360.63	
Los Angeles	20.00	685.00		White Cloud		128.13	
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A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

WALTER E. ISENHOUR

There is a treasure you can own That's greater than a crown or throne; That's richer than a diamond field, Or all the pearls the oceans yield; That's grander than the praise of men That they might give by word or pen; Yes, sweeter to the heart than song Though sung by some angelic throng.

This treasure is a conscience clear That brings the sweetest peace and cheer; A conscience free from guilt and stain, That doesn't trouble, lash, and pain; A conscience that can rest in ease When God beholds what no one sees; A conscience good with which to live, That only God Himself can give.

The Rev. Walter Isenhour is a retired minister of Taylorsville, N. C., who has an unselfish ambition to help people with his simple little poems and Bible articles. He asks nothing in return from us other than a subscription to the Recorder.

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They Met at Calvary

In many communions the weeks before Easter are stressed as an appropriate time to read books centering on the Passion and the Resurrection. Many new devotional books and books of sermons are offered to the public at this time — some valuable and challenging. Certainly we ought to read as many as possible of those that stimulate the soul and increase our love for the Lord.

By way of testimony your editor would commend one that he has just read, They Met at Calvary, by W. E. Sangster (Abingdon Press). The author is English, the general secretary of the Home Mission Department of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Who met at Calvary? The teachers who hated Him, the priests who bought Him, the traitor who sold Him, the crowd who cried, "Crucify Him," the judge who sentenced Him, the thieves who died with Him, and the people who ministered to Him. Last of all, and occupying nearly three times as many pages as the other people, is a chapter which develops the thought, "I Was There Too."

What makes a book good is not new subjects discussed but a certain newness of development and application. Dr. Sangster makes one feel in every chapter an identification, in some measure, with the characters who met at Calvary. He has done remarkably well in showing how we were present at the crucifixion and how we have benefited from the Cross. A sample of his thought taken from page 87 (final chapter) follows:

"He was done to death by an accumulation of ordinary sins, the same sins that you and I have committed, and that some of us, maybe, are committing still.

"There was the bigotry of the Pharisees — and we have been bigoted; there was the self-seeking of the Sadducees - and we have been self-seeking; there was the anxiety of Pilate, when he thought his own position was in peril, to secure himself at the sacrifice of someone else --and we have been guilty of that; there was the cheap taunt of the unreflecting crowd — and all of us have joined in angry clamor at some time or other against men who did not deserve it, men whom we did not know, and could have given no better

reason for our censorious judgment than that other people were saying it too."

A little later comes this thought-provoking paragraph:

"If you come to Calvary with some admiration of His life and some pity at His death, and see in Him nothing but another good man beaten by the wickedness of the world, you have not really come to Calvary at all. No mere man could save you. The teaching of the Church Universal is this: the immortal God has died for you."

"Monumental Absurdity"

It is a monumental absurdity that more that 150 Christian denominations in North America should each claim to be, in some measure, more faithful that the others to "the primitive church," the retiring president of the Canadian Council of Churches, Dr. Emlyn Davies, told the council's twelfth biennial meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dr. Davies, who is pastor of the Yorkminster Baptist Church in Toronto, charged that Canada's churches have created "denominational gods" and some have made idols of the Bible and the Church. All "must carry the shame of our pride, our sin, our stubborn self-will, and of our common denial of the fellowship of Christ," he said.

There is no doubt that some of these things spoken by the council president should be taken to heart. He says that every denomination is equally involved in this monumental absurdity. Perhaps so, but one cannot avoid wondering if Dr. Davies preaches the same in his Baptist pulpit as before the Canadian Council of Churches. Are Baptists ready to confess that their preservation of the doctrine of believers' baptism is absurd or a shameful denial of the fellowship of Christ? Probably the retiring president spoke more strongly than he meant.

More Christians would be quick to agree that many of the things that have separated certain denominations have been shown in the course of history to be inconsequential. But when it comes to applying that to our own denomination, we begin to think twice. Are there no truths vital enough to justify the grouping

MEMORY TEXT

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9: 51.

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together for more intimate fellowship of the people who hold them? Have the reformers labored and suffered in vain? Certainly not all of them. Roger Williams had something. Our Seventh Day Baptist forefathers had convictions which they considered vital enough to empower them to endure prison and martyrdom.

Has our denomination a right to contend that "in some measure" it has been "more faithful than others to 'the primitive church' "? We have. We have preserved the Sabbath of the primitive church more faithfully than Catholics and other Protestants. It would be a "monumental absurdity" to say otherwise. Here is a principle that came from creation, was re-established by the moral law, and was declared by the prophets to outlast the age in which we now live. A literal application of Dr. Davies' statements would mean taking the easy way of silencing conscience and convictions — a step down, not up.

EDITORIAL NOTES Gospel First in Television

It can hardly be said that Gospel programs have the highest popularity rating in television but the Gospel does claim a first. The Saturday night evangelistic meetings of Billy Graham in Australia will be seen on American television screens. It is the first time that the American television industry has attempted such a long-range feat, writes the great evangelist. Into our homes will come the great crowds, great singing, and straightforward preaching of a crusade 10,000 miles away. Ask for it, publicize it, pray for it. When people's hearts are stirred to accept salvation, their minds are stirred to study the Scriptures. If the Bible is studied with an open mind there will be many inquiries about the revealed will of God on the important question of the seventh-day Sabbath.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The publicity through the press and radio for the annual observance of "One Great Hour of Sharing" on March 8 has been sufficient to alert compassionate people everywhere to their Christian responsibility to share with the world's unfortunates the blessings of our greatest abundance. It is a program of Church World Service.

The accompanying picture should speak volumes. It need not be identified, for it



represents a need that is well nigh universal in the lands of refugees and of the poverty-stricken. Such pictures are taken by the representatives of cooperative Christian service. Something is being done for destitute people like these but not enough. The measure of responsibility that is ours should be shouldered willingly. If it calls for a little less indulgence in pleasure, a temporary denial of things we want and perhaps do not need, should we not respond? Generally speaking, our standard of living is constantly going up. Can we not halt that rise temporarily to channel larger gifts to the relief of human suffering? In so doing we should not neglect for a moment the charities and the mission work of our own denomination work which does not receive national recognition or the support of Christians who have no way of becoming familiar with the specific needs known to us.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

By Dr. Melvin G. Nida

Since the last Ministers Conference at Westerly, Rhode Island, two years ago, plans have been developing for a "long" conference during which the ministers of the denomination would study the Sabbath.

It can now be announced that Ministers Conference will be held, April 13-18 (six days), with headquarters in Alfred and that the program will revolve about a study of the Sabbath.

It is hoped that all the churches of our denomination will not only make it financially possible for their pastors to attend, but that they will urge them to do so. This important meeting with its important concern (our Sabbath worship today) should not be relegated to a secondary position because of any other project or meeting.

Announcements of speakers and schedule will follow.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

The Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches in its semiannual meeting February 9-13 at Geneva, Switzerland, issued a statement in which it urged cessation of atomic tests and asked its member churches to build informed public opinion on the issue.

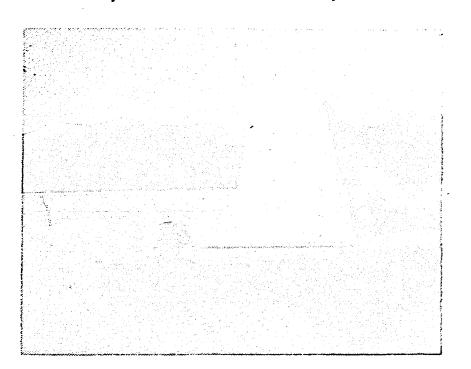
One of the milder paragraphs of the statement follows:

"We realize that the question of international control is the crux. Powers of the control commission as well as composition of inspection teams are in dispute. Perseverance in efforts to resolve these difficulties is the responsibility which negotiating governments bear towards all people."

Special Issue Appreciated

The most recent special issue, I feel, is one of the most valuable for us. This emphasis on the responsibility of the layman in the work of Christ is the thing we need to get the job done. Not only is the content very good, but it is most attractively presented. May I congratulate you and your staff on a job well done. — Wayne N. Crandall, President of General Conference.

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*Mr. Mauch and his family are under ap-pointment by the Missionary Board, expecting to go next fall to British Guiana.

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Past Esperience

By Rene Mauch*

Several months ago I had the pleasure of getting acquainted with the readers of the Sabbath Recorder through its columns. I told in two issues, first, how I became a Christian, then how I got acquainted with and was accepted as a member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. Further progress has been made since then, and we have been able to feel in a special way how God is working in our lives to promote and realize His purposes. We feel that it will be of interest to relate some of the happenings in the past few months.

Before coming to Canada, we had seen missionary service in the Seychelles, an

isolated group of 92 widely scattered islands in the Indian Ocean. This archipelago is populated by about 37,000, persons, most of whom are Roman Catholic natives. There is also a minority of Buddhists, Anglicans, Muslims, and Adventists. Discovered in historical times around the year 1600, the Seychelles were first settled by liberated Africans taken off the slave ships that carried them to the Americas by British men-of-war and left on these islands to fend for themselves by their liberators. At a later date, the French sent political prisoners there. East Indians

and Chinese immigrated to the colony which was definitely turned over to the British after Napoleon's defeat. Nowadays we find every shade of skin between the purest white and the darkest ebony black as a result of intermarriage. The official languages are English and a dialect of French Creole.

Many of the sorcery practices and pagan customs of yesteryear are still upheld in this "Christian" colony and it is only a very few years ago that the buried dead had their graves opened and their bodies stolen. Fat substances and bones were removed and used to cast magic spells on people.

To reach the hearts of "these happy children of nature," different ways are open. It was strongly felt from the beginning of the work that a missionary vessel to serve as a floating dispensary would be a definite asset. While the program of the church would be carried out on Mahé. the main island, in much the same way as here in continental America, a parallel work of visiting the islands would be performed for the physical and spiritual benefit of the isolated natives living off the beaten paths. When we keep in mind that a certain number of the natives are born, live, and die without leaving the shores of their lonely speck of coral once in a lifetime, we understand that any missionary activity is greatly hampered by the lack of a suitable means of transportation.

Again, medical facilities were practically nonexistent away from Mahé, a further reason for bringing some comfort to those who needed it most. A government authority confided to me that a high percentage of the natives were sick with tropical and venereal diseases due largely to their ignorance. In our Christian endeavor this was a real challenge and I set myself the task of preparing a suitable vessel for such a service in the field.

A few years and later experiences and some aspects of the proposition have changed. I have become a Seventh Day Baptist. I decided to build the vessel myself in my spare time to keep down the cost of construction. I had to study a good deal of specialized literature to

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acquire the theory of shipbuilding and navigation, all of which took time but will prove invaluable in the future.

In January, 1958, at last, the preliminary preparations were completed and actual work started. At the same time I had become more familiar with our missionary work in Nyasaland, Jamaica, and British Guiana. When the Lord closed one door, I stepped willingly through the one He opened. I have always been interested in missionary work and have read all I could get hold of, especially as regards our South American mission field. I soon noticed that this territory and the one we worked in previously had much in common: both were British colonies, the conditions of life were much the same, their climate was tropical and both were "maritime fields" (i.e., districts where the work has to be carried out to a great extent by boat). It was logical to consider working there. By and by, I got acquainted with our mission work in Guiana through reading and correspondence and we decided to make plans for working in cooperation with the Missionary Board as self-supporting missionaries, without cost to the board. However, a further development was experienced when the board felt — we are sure by God's providence and guidance — that we should go as the representatives of the denomination. Board meetings and subsequent deliberations have all helped to make this plan a workable and agreeable one.

It is also a matter of record that during the last year two timely decisions were made which were of the highest importance regarding our future missionary activities in British Guiana: One was the launching of the Nortonville project; the other was the adoption, at General Conference, of the budget for the current year which makes it possible for a missionary couple to be sent as a reply to many heartfelt prayers. Only eternity will reveal the good that will be achieved through these sacrificial decisions.

We now look forward to completing our preparation, so that we may be able to serve the cause of God in wholehearted cooperation with our fellow believers here in American and British Guiana.

"Join the Historical Society" By Albert N. Rogers, President

Individuals or groups may now join the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society under new classifications adopted recently. Applications should be sent to Frederik J. Bakker, secretary of the society, at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Young people may now join the society either as individuals or in groups paying a Junior Membership fee. It is hoped that Sabbath School classes and youth groups in the churches may wish to join and receive information and general mailings from the society library. Annual dues are twenty-five cents for Junior Membership and group membership one dollar.

Groups of adults may also be elected upon application to the secretary and may attend meetings and vote under the terms of the revised by-laws. Annual membership dues have been reduced to two dollars payable the first of each calendar year. Group Adult Membership involves one dollar per year dues and groups will cast one half the number of votes represented by their membership.

Upon application to the secretary and payment of dues, membership cards will be issued by the treasurer, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson.

Miss Evalois St. John, librarian of the Historical Society, has been devoting time recently to research needed in the preparation of the Women's Board program for next summer's General Conference. She has also written articles on recent accessions to the Historical Library for publication in the Sabbath Recorder.

The society is beginning to collect material covering the development of Seventh Day Baptist history in the last fifty years. The standard works of our history, "Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America" do not cover developments after 1902.

Tract Board Soon to Meet

According to the new schedule the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held Sunday afternoon, March 8, at Shiloh, N. J.

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MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Preparing for Missionary Service Missionary-elect to British Guiana, the Rev. Rene Mauch, began a study and refresher course at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., on February 10. The course is offered for missionaries under appointment and is sponsored by the Rural Missions Cooperating Committee of the Division of Foreign Missions, NCCC.

After his Ithaca work it is expected that Mr. Mauch will spend some time at Alfred School of Theology pursuing the study of Seventh Day Baptist history and polity and Sabbath philosophy.

Mr. Mauch writes that he secured his Canadian citizenship and confidently expects Mrs. Mauch to secure her citizenship papers by the end of May. They may then travel more freely in visiting the churches of this country.

Plans are being made for Mr. and Mrs. Mauch to attend several Associations as they meet in June, then to undertake a more extended visit to the churches during July and August.

It was announced at the January 25 Missionary Board meeting that the Adams Center Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Mauch are members, plans to call an Ordination Examination Council looking toward recognition of Mr. Mauch's ordination, the council to be called during Central New York Association meetings at Adams Center the first weekend in June,

Pearsons Furlough Plans

Sailing reservations for the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and daughter to return to this country on furlough in June, 1959, have been secured from Farrell Lines. A deposit of \$350 was made for passage on the SS African Rainbow which sails from Beira, Portuguese East Africa, around June 10 and arrives at Boston or New York on or about July 11.

Confirmation of the above arrangements was made by Pastor Pearson at Blantyre, Nyasaland. He now informs us that the ship on which they will actually sail will be the SS African Lightning. His comment: "The name makes little difference. We are truly anticipating this voyage."

Tentative plans have been made for the Pearsons to go to Mrs. Pearson's home at Paint Rock, Ala., soon after their arrival in this country. It is expected that they will take part in Southwestern Association which meets this year with the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Pastor Pearson writes concerning other furlough plans, "You will be interested to know that Bettie and I have both received our acceptance at Gordon Divinity School" (located near Boston, Mass.). It is felt that these studies will better prepare them to return to Nyasaland for a second term of service.

Field Evangelist Hurley Returns to Boulder

After an extended field trip of over four months the Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley have returned to their home at Boulder. Colo., for a few weeks of well-deserved rest and recuperation. Plans for special services at Daytona Beach; Flat, following their return from Jamaica were cut short because of Mrs. Hurley's illness.

Mrs. Hurley became quite ill on the journey to Boulder, and went at once to the hospital where she was placed under an oxygen tent to relieve a congested lung condition. As of most recent word (February 11) she was improving and it was hoped that she could soon return home.

If Mrs. Hurley's health improves sufficiently, it is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Hurley will attend Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference at Alfred, N. Y., April 13-18. They will then attend Northern Association meetings at Jackson Center, Ohio, April 24-26. Mr. Hurley will bring three evangelistic messages during the evening services of Association. The theme of the Association meetings is "Revival."

The Do-gooder —

"This is a fellow who professes to have the highest possible motives. He is ready to solve all human problems with legislation. He tries to reach the promised land by passing laws. — Secretary Benson.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

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To Train Administration Leaders:

A series of three sessions or to be used singly:

Plan — for Christian Education —

The setting up of a Committee of Christian Education in a local church. Also good for a review of the duties of the Christian Education Committee.

Together We Grow —

Program for setting up of teachers' meetings.

A Mirror to Myself —

A teacher looks at herself and finds how to improve and eventually supervise.

These programs center around the Church School Audio-visual Kit — filmstrips with script. The last two use 33 1/3 rpm records. (These may be borrowed from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.)

To Train Teachers:

A series of four sessions or can be used singly:

The Great Adventure —

A teacher's experience on the job — gives the vision of what can happen to a teacher and class.

The Teacher Prepares —

Goes into great detail on lesson planning.

The Teacher Teaches —

How to present the lesson.

The Growing Teacher —

How the teacher can grow in service.

These programs are based on filmstrips from the Leadership Education Audiovisual Kit — records are used. (Usually this kit is available from the State Council of Churches or may be rented from audio-visual outlets.)

Making the Best Use of Rooms and Equipment:

Does just that. (A new filmstrip is in the process of being made to bring the ideas up to date.)

From LEAV Kit.

How to Get and Keep Good Teachers:

A session using two leaflets from Methodist Board of Christian Education.

Teach Christ Now —

A filmstrip session on the necessity of teaching in the church. (This filmstrip with script and 33 1/3 rpm record may be borrowed from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y.)

Sabbath Thoughts by Lester G. Osborn

Jesus, "as his custom was," spent the day in worship, teaching, serving. How wonderful to have a day in which to do the things we don't have time to do - or don't take time to do during the week.

The heart must be right first, then the Sabbath won't be just an arbitrary interruption of our own plans, a hindrance to material advancement but a spiritual benefit, an aid to spiritual growth.

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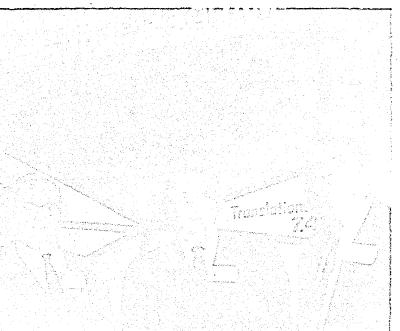
It is quite evident, on the other hand, The above picture taken at the annual that we as a people are not paying our meeting of the Advisory Council of the own way at our present rate of giving. American Bible Society (Nov. 18-19, 1958) The Bible Society is probably spending shows two Seventh Day Baptist ministers, more money on us than we are contrib-C. Harmon Dickinson and Leon M. Maltuting. That ought not be. Ours is by no by, flanking Dr. Theodore F. Adams, means the only denomination of which president of the Baptist World Alliance this is true, but how dare we be among — one of the principal speakers. In the them? This should not be construed as an background is a graphic presentation of appeal for those who have given well to how the Society proposed to use its funds give more but as a reminder to those who in 1959. This picture did not appear in have received their share and have not the Bible Society Record but a larger group given according to their ability. including our representatives, taken at — Editor. the same time, did appear. There is a little story connected with it. Japan Far from Christianized A lady in southern Florida who receives Japan ranks second only to the United

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Scripture Distribution

Through American Bible Society

The work of the American Bible Society deserves frequent mention in our pages because it is the greatest agency in the world for translating, publishing, and distributing Scriptures without note or comment. With such an aim and program its work is sure to benefit the cause of Seventh Day Baptists directly and indirectly.



the Bible Society Record read the identifying caption under the above-mentioned picture. She had not previously heard of Seventh Day Baptists but had become interested in the Sabbath and was anxious to learn more about such a denomination. Her second letter to the Tract Society called for a wide selection of our tracts and a subscription to the Sabbath Recorder.

Faraway in Northern Luzon, P. I., a farmer-preacher learned about Seventh Day Baptists from the American Bible than in 1957.

Society and writes of a church with about 70 adults and children which now calls itself by our name as a result of learning of our existence in this way.

What does the Bible Society do for us more directly? It offers some of the best Bibles at the most moderate prices. It furnishes Bible portions cheaper than almost any other source. It puts at our disposal bulletin covers, Bible reading programs, and many other helps to godliness and church growth at no cost to us. We derive help from its radio and television programs and its ministry to the blind, to mention but a few things.

What do we give in return? Individuals and some organizations make contributions. either directly or through local treasurers. The total of gifts credited (and the Society tries hard to credit everything to the denominations) is not very impressive on a per capita basis. It is hard to avoid the thought that ministers and local leaders. are afraid to lay emphasis on gifts for this cause lest they detract from other projects.

States in Bible distribution according to 1958 figures recently released. The Japan Bible Society reported 1,800,000 Bibles or portions circulated last year. Other figures, however, are not so encouraging. The percentage of Christians in Japan is still about one-half of one percent — the same as it was at the close of World War II. This does not mean that church membership is not increasing. It is, but United Church figures show only. 3,500 more

WOMEN'S WORK - Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE FOR MARCH

A Heart of Devotion

By Mrs. Leland Davis*

Scripture: Luke 10: 38-42; Ps. 42: 1-2 Invitation Hymn: "Give Me Thy Heart" Meditation:

There are few stories more touching than that of Mary sitting at the feet of Christ. Mary chose that good part, the part that pleased the Lord the most. She chose from the depths of her heart to be devoted to the Lord, not by desire alone. Here in her humble attitude she received life eternal, instruction, comfort, and power to serve.

Nothing is needed more in the lives of Christians today than a real devotion to Christ. We hastily read what someone else says of Christ, or we listen to snatches of a prayer on the radio, but we have very little time to be alone with God. We need time to meditate upon His Word (Ps.1: 2), time to examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13: 5), time to sing His praises, time to be constrained with His love, and time to make those important decisions that need to be made. It doesn't take a cloistered saint to find time to pray. In these pre-Easter weeks may we sit at His feet to attain deeper commitment of life and purpose. Every church woman should study again our goals to "Pray, Go, Do," If each of us would devote new effort to carrying out these goals, we would see a miraculous change in the home and church.

As you plan for action, ask yourself these questions: When did I last go out of my way to help some one in need? Am I willing to do the small as well as the large task? Did I do the job out of compulsion to duty or love?

Am I a good committee member who tolerates and encourages others' suggestions? Or do I say the word that "dampens" a new idea? Do I say "yes" or "no" when asked to serve?

When did I last cheer my pastor by showing my friendliness and concern for him? Do I uphold my pastor in prayer? Am I too critical of him and other leaders?

What part which only I can fill can I play to please the Lord? One volunteer in our church is an inspiration to many because he devotes his Sabbath afternoons to taking the recording of the morning service to the homes of shut-ins and the sick. With a heart full of devotion let us "Pray, Go, Do."

Consecration Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me"

Theological Student

To Serve at Battle Creek

By Albert N. Rogers

Ernest K. Bee, Jr., theological student at Alfred, will serve as assistant pastor of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church this summer.

Working under the supervision of the Rev. Leland E. Davis he will take part in the Vacation Bible Schools and the summer camping program of the church. Mr. Bee is finishing his first year of training in the Alfred University School of Theology.

The Battle Creek Church has employed student assistants for a number of years and regards its summer program as a form of missionary outreach and community service. A recent report from Pastor Davis indicates that a number of families are associated with the year-round church activities who were initially reached through the vacation program.

Mr. Bee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Bee of Reform, Alabama, and a graduate of Salem College. His engagement to Miss Marie Hutson of Salem was recently announced.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The spring meeting of the Planning Committee of the denomination is being held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., Wednesday and Thursday, March 4-5. In addition to the four employed secretaries and the president of the Women's Board the chairman of Commission will be taking part in the highlevel planning.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Basic Research in Family Life Education

One portion of the program in which members of the National Denominational Executives Section of the Division of Christian Education, NCC, participated during the meetings in Omaha, Nebraska, February 8-12, included a report from Dr. Roy W. Fairchild, research executive for the United Presbyterian Church. His staff has been gathering data from the members of families of his church, and the following are a few of the results of their survey.

In the order, one to seven, parents were helped by the church thus:

1. Through congregational worship and the morning sermon.

- 2. The fellowship of church members. 3. Participating in the Church School with groups.
 - 4. Teaching in the Church School.

5. Reading their denominational church paper, "Presbyterian Life."

6. Counseling with the pastor.

7. Reading the Parent-Teacher teaching magazine.

The literature that was not used for class or other discussion work was of very little help. Women read their church literature much more than the men did.

Three out of four of the families surveyed said they had grace before each meal; less than one out of five have family devotions daily.

Most frequent family problems included: Television and radio habits, too little time spent together, little family recreation, discipline, behavior characteristics of children, husbands' jobs, lack of closeness, income, health, and children's achievements. They felt they were trapped by community activities --- not clubs and lodges so much as children's organizations, PTA, and the like. It seemed as though there were always schedules to be faced with no answer to "where shall we cut down?"

Most active Seventh Day Baptist families have a lot in common with those who answered Dr. Fairchild's questionnaire.

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Dedge Center, Minn.

Youth Week began in our church lanuary 31 when Pastor Van Horn preached a special sermon as the young people sat in a body at the Sabbath morning worship service. He spoke on the necessary qualities a young person should have and cultivate to become a Christian leader. A choir made up of the older singers furnished the anthem for the service in the absence of the younger members. That evening a box social was held in the church parlors. Prizes were given the children who brought unusually decorated boxes as well as to the adults who participated.

Sabbath day, February 7. the youth under the able guidance of Claston Bond and Donald Payne, SDBYF leaders, had complete charge of the morning service. Music was furnished instrumentally by Arlouine Van Horn, Lorna Greene, Barbara Greene, and Marietta Gray. Vivian (Bonser) Kloppstein accompanied the Junior Choir who sang the anthem "There Will Be One Song." Steven Greene and Diane Lippincott led in Scripture reading and prayer. Dennis Lippincott and Robert Bonser were ushers. Floyd Van Horn gave the children's message, "This Little Light of Mine." Phyllis Payne gave the church calendar.

The following messages were well given: "Worship," Arlouine Van Horn: "Stewardship," Philip Greene; "Importance of the Word," David Payne; "Fellowship," Bruce Greene; "Witnessing," Barbara Greene; "Experience," Wayne Van Horn.

The "divine rhythm of a healthy life" is six days' work and one day's rest. Desire to work seven days a week indicates greed; less than six, folly. Innumerable tests have proved that six days' work with one day's rest is ideal for both man and beast.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for March 14, 1959 What Will You Do with Jesus? Lesson Scripture: Mark 15: 1-15.

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^{*} Mrs. Davis, besides being the wife of a busy pastor and mother of three, finds many ways to serve in church and community. She is at present chaplain of the PTA of Washington School in Battle Creek, Mich.

Youth Speales

Let Us Hold Fast By Daren Williams*

(One of several talks given by young people on Youth Sabbath in the Battle Creek Church.)

Let us hold fast. Acts 16: 31 says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." What is it to believe? To believe is to take a man at his word. When I say, "I believe you," I take your words. Accepting your words, I accept you. In like manner, to take God at His word is to accept Him. To believe God is to take Him at His word. It is to trust Him completely.

Something More Than Knowledge Needed

To believe on Christ means more than to know about Him. Devils know about Him, but they do not believe in Him. Many men through the ages have known about Him, yet did not believe in Him. There are many today who know about Him, who recognize Him as a great man and as a good man, yet do not believe in Him. If you were dying of thirst and some one held out to you a glass of water, telling you to drink it, it would be worth nothing to you if you didn't take it and drink it. To quench your thirst, you must receive the water. To know about Christ is essential but this knowledge does not save you.

Faith Is More Than Agreement.

To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ means more than to agree with Him. There are many who believe that His teachings are true, that what He said is right, that all men would do well to follow His teachings. But it is not enough to believe that He was a teacher of the greatest truths. To agree that Jesus is the Savior of all sinners is needful, but still not enough.

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To believe on Christ means to take Him at His word. I know He can save, I know that He can save me. Peter walked on the sea until he turned his eyes from Christ. Turning from his own attempts, he cried, "Lord, save me!" His cry did not save him. Only when Jesus took his hand was he saved. Repentance alone does not save. Only Jesus saves. But Jesus saves only those who cry to Him for help.

Growth in Christlikeness

Christlikeness will help you become more conscientious in doing your work. You will be more thorough and efficient. You will not perform duties that are not characteristic of good Christians.

Growth in Christlikeness means also that you become more gentle. Jesus was exceedingly gentle. As vou become more like Him, you will be less quick to criticize and condemn others, even in thought. You will be more patient with the faults of others, more sympathetic with those who fail, more lenient toward those who do not meet their obligations, and more forgiving toward those who oppose you.

Grasp Present Opportunities

Ecclesiastes 9: 10 says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." This refers to works acceptable to God. You are not to do at all, let alone with all your might, anything you know to be against the will of God. This also refers to works that are possible for you to do. In your heart are many things you will never be able to do. It is well that they are there, for when your reach exceeds your power to hold, you accomplish more. Your usefulness does not depend upon what you have in your heart, but upon what you do. You must carry out in works whatever your hand finds to do.

One good deed is worth more than any number of visionary possibilities. Do not wait for large opportunities. Waste no time wishing for a different kind of work. Day by day, do what comes to you to do. You have no other time in which to do it. Larger opportunities may never come The best way to prepare yourself for other work is to do faithfully your present work. It may be that the Lord will not call you to do things that are great in the eyes of

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Don't wait until you become older to serve God. Serve Him now. Be careful as to how you serve Him; do it with your might. Put your whole being into whatever you do. What you do thus will be well done and will not fail in its effect. It may never be given to you to see the effect. It is not necessary that you should see the outcome of what you do. Your part is to be faithful in doing unto the Lord whatever He allows your hand to do. Revelation 2: 10 says, "Be thou faithful unto death."

little things you can do, you may end by doing nothing.

Serve Him Now

"DAWN OF THE SABBATH"

By Ahva J. C. Bond

- The western sun still stood above the Lost Creek hills —
 - The Friday's sun that ushers in the Sabbath day;
- The valley voices softly told the holy eve, The eastern hills smiled back the sun's last fading ray.
- I thought to make one final twilight pastoral call,
 - And chose the little shop beside the railroad track
- Where he who made and mended leather boots and shoes
 - Could visit, and a final shoe sole stitch or tack.
- The shop door stood wide open to the summer breeze;
 - My quiet footsteps led me-to it unperceived
- By him who sat alone within still at his bench,
 - In laboring clothes his job befitting, and shirt-sleeved.
- His back was toward me as I stood to view the scene.
 - Transfixed by what there met my pleased and wondering eyes:
- This aged saint sat framed in rosy glowing evening light
 - Through windows tinted with the pink of evening skies.

- men. Therefore, if you refuse to do the His apron lay beside him on his cobbler's bench,
 - His lasts were shelved, and awls put in their proper place;
 - His clamps and boot trees, too, in orderly array,
 - Bespoke an ordered life of calm, unhurried pace.
 - But then, what is this tool I see him bent above?
 - Though back was arrow straight, the greying head was bent.
 - clearly saw a book spread upon on his knee:
 - As clearly saw what all this peace and order meant.
 - The coming day of rest would find him full prepared,
 - For in the Book he had converse with Him, unseen,
 - Who speaks in Holy Book and in the Holy Day —
 - With Him he was communing in his soul serene.
 - He did not wait until the Friday sun had set
 - To quit his work and put his working tools away.
 - Six working days had given time for one full week of toil,
 - He gladly welcomed now the sacred Seventh Day.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Administration has issued the following reminder to clergymen:

Any clergyman who has not yet elected coverage under the social security law must file a waiver certificate with the District Director of Internal Revenue on or béfore the due date of his income tax return for his second taxable year after 1956. This deadline is April 15, 1959, for many clergymen who file income tax returns on a calendar-year basis.

If a waiver certificate is not filed within the legal time limit, it can never be filed. Were this to happen, the clergyman's earnings from the ministry can never be counted toward social security benefits.

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^{*} Daren Williams is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Williams. The family are converts to the Sabbath — his grandmother, Mrs. Nell Williams, joining first; then his mother, Mrs. Leida Williams, joining next; then Daren; and final-ly his younger sister, Patsy. The father, Ellis (Bud) Williams, is not a member as yet but is active, serving as a teacher of the Senior-High Class and co-sponsor of the C. E. Daren himself is a talented musician, and serves now as one of our regular organists in the church.

A Clear Conscience

A little boy was seen one day lounging around a circus tent. If there is anything in the world tempting to a boy it is a circus, and, knowing this, a gentleman said:

"Come, Johnny, let us go into the circus.'

"No," said the boy, "Father would not like it.'

"But your father need not know it," said the man.

"But I will know it," said the boy, "and when Father comes home to-night, I could not look up into his face."

Ah, how important! Able to look into our Father's face! He has been very good to us. No good thing has He withheld from us, and yet so many times we find ourselves unable to look into His face. God help us to live so close to Himself, so pure, and so holy, that all the time we can be able to look into His face. — L. G. Broughton.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

FARINA, ILL. — Our Christmas program was given on December 24. After music and recitations by young people of the church a film was shown with the reading by Mrs. Jack Diss.

We were glad to have the Appel family with us on December 27. The Rev. Addison Appel, our former pastor, conducted the church service including Communion. After the service there was a potluck dinner at the parish house and Pastor Appel showed pictures taken at Stonefort and in New York State.

At our yearly business meeting Glen Wells was elected moderator, Miss Lena Wells, clerk; Harry Coon, treasurer; and Mrs. Kathleen Crandall, chorister. Leigh Stewart was elected trustee for three years and Kenneth Crandall for one year.

Some papering and painting has been done at the parsonage. — Correspondent.

Saunders was elected to the office of Fowler, and Orville Babcock, has enlisted president of the Highland Park Ministerial Association for the year 1959.

had the privilege of speaking before the the meetings inspirational.

Christian Business Men's Breakfast Club, explaining the beliefs and practices of Seventh Day Baptists and relating something of their history, and answering questions concerning their faith.

The Young Adult Sabbath School Class of the church is having its regular monthly meetings and enjoying a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration.

The Publicity Committee has begun the groundwork for the publication of The Angelus with Sabbath and evangelistic material for the promotion of the Kingdom of our Lord.

In the evening of January 31 we had a Family Night service in which Mrs. Geneva Saunders, formerly of Nortonville, Kan., gave a very interesting lecture on her journey through the Holy Land, and showed slides of her trip around the world. I am sure all of us feel that this was a day that we shall remember for a long time. — Correspondent.

WALKER, LA. — The church at Walker has not previously been mentioned in this department. Correspondence from the new secretary-treasurer of the Hammond Church and from the Rev. Theodore Hibbard provides news that ought to be published. Mr. Hibbard and his family have recently moved to Walker which is 25 miles from Hammond (no street address needed), where he is buying a house. Walker is closer to his civilian (welfare) employment. He expresses willingness to continue to serve the Hammond Church on Sabbaths until someone else can be secured. In the meantime he is encouraging Walker Church in its building program. At present, he says, the church is modest, with homemade benches. He reports 32 people present at the prayer meeting on January 23. No need to be modest about that! — Editor.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — At the annual meeting in October, a committee was appointed to arrange for a series of vespers at the close of the Sabbath. The com-LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Pastor mittee, composed of Dora Siems, Nettie the help of the church members, appointing certain individuals to conduct the On Friday, January 30, Pastor Saunders services. The interest has been good and

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The Junior Sabbath School Christmas program was given on December 20, beginning with a candlelight vesper service, followed by recitations and songs in the church basement near the Christmas tree. Cheryl Cruzan announced the program; Betty Babcock accompanied the singing. At this time, also, the pastor's family was presented gifts of food, toys, and a blanket. At the Sabbath morning service on December 27, Pastor Huntington read his resignation, to be effective April 1, 1959. This was accepted at the quarterly business meeting in January.

The Ladies' Aid as its chief source of income continues to serve the monthly Chamber of Commerce dinners. Among its activities on the spiritual side, a community World Day of Prayer service is being planned, to which the ladies of the churches in the community have been invited. Nettie Fowler, president, is making the arrangements for the meeting.

— Correspondent.

LEONARDSVILLE, N. Y. — This is not a letter from "Little America," but somewhere along the line, it seems, we have been a little remiss in sending any report to the Sabbath Recorder. We have been inhaling and exhaling as usual but when we learned that we were to have a pastor and family in our parsonage again after ten years and more of renting, fresh vigor was given to all of us I am sure.

There are only fifteen in our Women's Society and half of those live out of town but under the able leadership of our president, Miss Helen Brown, we carry on a pattern of activities rather well.

I have read: "The lace makers of Belgium make the finest lace in the world. Each workroom is completely dark except for a tiny window which admits light directly on the pattern of lace. The spinner sits where the narrow stream of light falls on the threads of his handiwork. The choicest lace is wrought when the worker himself is in the dark and only his pattern is in the light. Many times we may seem to sit in darkness. We are perplexed and puzzled. In such hours we may not know all the answers. But the light of God shines through upon the task at hand. The darkness may not lift

but we can at least pinpoint our efforts on some one thing in particular and solve at least one problem. When this is our aim, God will send a shaft of light to show the way." So we have pinpointed our aims this past year.

We have held our regular monthly meetings in the homes with the exception of the September meeting held at the church (that is our annual Sunshine Party) and the Christmas Party that was held jointly with the Christian Comrades of both churches.

The sale of greeting cards has proven very profitable. Our Sunshine Project has taken care of gifts of flowers, cards, and other items to the sick and shut-ins. We now are sending around to all members a "Traveling Basket."

We contribute as usual to the Red Cross, March of Dimes, denominational budget, and any other worthy causes that might arise locally.

The rent money from the parsonage, over the years we have been without a local pastor, has been sufficient to pay taxes and make the necessary repairs. We painted and papered the interior of the parsonage, put up new shades throughout, and purchased two new rugs and stair treads. We also made a new utility room out of the backroom by laying a new floor and painting the same. This room, incidentally, was financed by our president. Our members also contributed to a small supply of groceries for the pastor upon his arrival.

Now as to our church improvements, they have progressed, too. We put in an oil burner in the furnace; drilled a well back of the church, enabling us to install rest rooms for the recent Association, and are now in the process of insulating the ceiling in the main body of the church. This steady heat in the church makes it possible for us to hold services in the church throughout the winter. It is also good for the organ.

Pastor Appel and his fine family came to us on July 5 and should give us all an incentive to work a little more and a little harder.

We alternate our service with the Brookfield Church and find it very satisfactory. The youth groups from both churches furnish music for our Sabbath service and recently there were about twenty boys and girls in the choir. This alone should be an inspiration for us all.

So let us hope that we continue to:

"Spin cheerfully, not tearfully Though wearily we plod Spin cheerfully, not tearfully But leave the thread with God."

— Secretary.

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Baptism: James Gregory John Gregory Daniel Saunders Mrs. Velma Wright

By Profession of Faith: Mrs. Paul (Floy) Owen

- Brauer. A son, Roger Ernest, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brauer, of Urbana, Ohio, November 29, 1958. Mrs. Brauer is the former Alice Hemminger.
- Cornish. A daughter, Janet Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cornish, of St. Clair, Mich., January 11, 1959.
- deLuke. A son, Dominic, to Dominic and Edith (Nieukirk) deLuke, Bridgeton, N. J., on February 8, 1959.
- Fogg. A daughter, Diane Carol, to Harold and Doris (Carter) Fogg, Shiloh, N. J., on January 12, 1959.
- Lawton. A son, Jeffrey Glen, to the Rev. Leon R. and Dorothy Lawton of Kingston, Jamaica, January 19, 1959.
- Newkirk. A son, Everett Glen, to Everett and Helen (Hawkins) Newkirk, Bossier City, La., on January 28, 1959.
- Palmiter. A son, Roger Van, to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Palmiter, of Battle Creek, Mich., December 2, 1958. Mrs. Palmiter is the former Lois Langworthy.
- Parrott. A daughter, Ann Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Bill) Parrott of Mason, Mich., January 17, 1959.

Main. — George Arthur, son of Dr. A. E. and Lucie Carr Main, was born July 6, 1878, at Ashaway, R. I., and died at Pomona, Fla., Jan. 31, 1959.

When 17 years of age he began work as a machinist in the C. B. Cottrell & Sons Company, later working for the Potter Printing Press Company of Plainfield. He was graduated from Alfred University in 1903. Most of his life from then on was spent in mechanical and professional engineering. He joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, his membership later being transferred to Daytona Beach. His interest in the perpetuation of the Sabbath and his denomination continued from his college days until his death. During this period he wrote many articles and tracts in support of the Sabbath, also a book, "The Sabbath in Divine Revelation and Human History," which classified all Scriptural passages pertaining to the Sabbath, the law, commandments, etc., under specific headings.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Dixon Main, Alfred 1907; two daughters, Mrs. Rex Ayars (Earline) of Shiloh, N. J., and Mrs. Alton Wheeler (Ethel) of Riverside, Calif.; five grandchildren; several nephews, and a niece.

Memorial services will be held at the Shiloh, N. J., Church with a former Daytona Beach pastor, the Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, officiating, assisted by the Shiloh pastor. Interment will be in the Shiloh Cemetery. E.F.R.

Pangburn. — Wilmina Doughty, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Atkinson Doughty, was born in Clayton, N. J., 85 years ago, and died January 18, 1959, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. LeRoy Rainear, Shiloh, N. J., after several weeks of illness.

In addition to her daughter she is survived by two sons: Ernest, of Salem, and Norman, of Tabernacle, N. J.; ten grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

It was only in recent years that Mrs. Pangburn embraced the Sabbath, becoming a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, but she has been a Christian since girlhood.

Memorial services were conducted at the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton by her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond. Interment was in the Fernwood Memorial Cemetery. — C. H. B.

Titsworth. — Sarah Babcock, daughter of Henry Dwight and Nancy Brown Babcock, was born March 4, 1883, and died at Plainfield, N. J., October 9, 1958.

She was married to Charles Potter Titsworth on October 14, 1909. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Titsworth was baptized in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., about the year 1916. Surviving are nieces and nephews.

The farewell service was conducted by the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, and interment was at Rosehill Crematory, Linden, N. J. -- C. H. D.

Wofford. — Mrs. Lela Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wilson, was born June 8, 1874, at Attalla, Ala., and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. S. Mills, Jan. 16, 1959.

She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Cornelia Vernon, Altoona, Ala., Mrs. Della Burgess, Fort Payne, Ala., Mrs. O. S. Mills, Attalla, Ala.; two brothers: D. C. Wilson, Ocean Springs, Miss., and L. L. Wilson, Birmingham, Ala.; and fifteen nieces and nephews. Burial was in Shilo Cemetery near Attalla.

Farewell services were held from the Stower's Hill Baptist Church, the Rev. J. P. Ables officiating. — Mrs. O. S. Mills.

