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overseas. He is technical medical advisor to the American Leprosy Mission and was for many years principal of the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India. The microscope is ideally suited for use in jungle heat or freezing temperatures, he said, and was part of the equipment taken on a recent Antarctic expedition.

— Religious Newsweekly.

Church World Service in Jamaica

Wherever there is a need or a potential need Church World Service seems to have an appointed representative on the job. It is interesting to note that the Rev. Raymond W. Sember (United Presbyterian) has been assigned to Jamaica, W. I., where he has been elected secretary of the Jamaica Christian Council. In addition to administering the Church World Service Relief program, which feeds more than 135,000 children and indigent old people and assists victims of hurricanes and other disasters, Mr. Sember is directing youth work and cooperative interdenominational programs for the council.

Accessions

Coudersport, Pa. (First Hebron)

By Testimony:

Mrs. Ronald Brock

By Testimony (Associate Members):

Mrs. Leta Burdick

Mrs. William Thompson

Mrs. Roy Tompson

Mrs. Leonard Kenyon

By Baptism:

Alva Thompson

Roy Thompson

Jack Thompson

George Tompson

Joan Brock

Betty Brock

Julia Knowlton

Jacqueline Swift

Paul Snyder

Keith Kenyon

Little Genesee, N. Y.

By Baptism:

David Whitney

Douglas Traver

Linda Traver

Carlene Polen

David Sanford

Cynthia Sanford

Stonefort, Ill.

By Baptism:

Leland L. Lewis

Benjamin B. Lewis

Vocational Committee News

Correspondence received from the Vocational Committee which serves the whole denomination indicates at least two areas of activity. Steps are being taken to get someone to develop and maintain a file of vocational interests and opportunities.

The committee "is interested in sponsoring the formation of a Federal Credit Union, or some type of credit union in order to have available some funds for productive purposes." A government pamphlet explaining how such credit unions can be formed and supervised is available to all who are interested. Send 15 cents to Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Ask for "Federal Credit Union Bylaws."

Marriages

Wells-Siler. — Leland Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wells of Farina, Ill., and Miss Bernadine Siler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Siler of Bradford, Ark., were married at the First Baptist Church in Bradford, on Sunday, May 31, 1959.

Spaur-Bond. — Ronald Eugene Spaur, of Ireland, W. Va., and Anna Margaret Bond, daughter of L. Main and Gertrude Bond, were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Roanoke, W. Va., at the close of the Sabbath, June 20, 1959, by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Duane L. Davis.

Cutsforth-Ling. — Allan L. Cutsforth, of New Auburn, Wis., and Wanda L. Ling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ling of New Auburn, were united in marriage May 16, 1959, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Don A. Sanford.

Obituaries

Blough. — Anna M., daughter of Isaac P. and Mary Reighard Burkheimer, was born at Cessna, Pa., November 3, 1874, and died at Roaring Spring, Pa., June 15, 1959.

She was married at Johnstown, Pa., to Charles K. Blough on June 3, 1896. Mr. Blough died in 1923.

She was a faithful member of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she served in many ways, including many years as president of the Ladies' Aid, treasurer of the Sabbath School, and a Sabbath School teacher.

Surviving are one son, Deacon Albert C. Blough of Salemville (New Enterprise, Pa.), where she made her home, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held in the "Brick" Seventh Day Baptist Church at Salemville, conducted by the Rev. Duane L. Davis, of Lost Creek, W. Va., and burial was in the Salemville Cemetery. — D.L.D.



Nyasaland Missionaries

On furlough after nearly four years as head of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Nyasaland, Africa, is the Rev. David Pearson, and his family. Missionary work in that little tropical country is arduous. We salute this couple upon their arrival for a year of rest, study, and speaking. Let all Christians strive to match the devotion of our missionaries and give prayer-support to the work.

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Jehovah's Witnesses

What is the Christian attitude to take toward the "Witnesses" who come to our doors? Can we turn them brusquely away as if they were salesmen of pernicious literature or unwanted merchandise? How nice can one be without giving them an undue advantage in their carefully rehearsed propaganda efforts? Are you sure enough of your own Bible knowledge to detect the on-sidedness of theirs?

Most of those we have seen in recent years have been minors or members of minority groups or races. It has appeared to us that they were chosen for door-to-door work with that in mind — to appeal to the sensitiveness of the Christian conscience. Good people would not be impolite to such. If our estimate is correct and representatives are indeed chosen with a view to playing on our sympathies, then we should act in accordance with the errors of the Jehovah's Witness system as well as in accordance with Christian courtesy.

The best defense against accepting counterfeits is a thorough knowledge of the true coin of the realm. Do we know what we believe and why? Are we swept off balance by the winds and waves of false doctrine? We have no one to blame but ourselves. Too little attention has been given to Bible study and the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith — our faith. If we cannot perceive the cleverly covered up weaknesses of the Watch Tower (Jehovah's Witness) system of belief we must study more in order to teach our children more carefully the distinctions between that which appears to be Biblical and that which is Biblical.

These people (good people) who come to us as wolves in sheep's clothing think that they are presenting truth in a positive way even though their teaching denies that we are members of Christ's Kingdom. We do well to confront them with something positive. They are vulnerable on the Sabbath question, for one thing. We may ask them how they can be in the Kingdom and fail to keep the laws of the Kingdom (Ten Commandments). How can they be witnesses for Jehovah and not bear witness to the Sabbath of the Lord? Their answers to such questions must, of necessity, be evasive.

When we are tempted to think that there is no stopping of this movement we do well to remember that half-truths gain credence for a time but that the whole truth will ultimately triumph if those who hold it preach and live it as earnestly as those who propagate the mixture of truth and error.

Within the ranks of Jehovah's Witnesses not everything is rosy; the errors are beginning to be brought to light. One of the effective tools in this process is the book *Thirty Years a Watch Tower Slave* by William J. Schnell. It has had a tremendous sale. The writer now claims to have in his possession 2,179 testimonies from men and women who were associated with the Watch Tower organization and have from a reading of his testimony in the above book left the organization. They are now, he states, testifying of Jesus and for the Word of God in place of "witnessing for the Kingdom of the New World Society" (another name for the group).

Rakes and Hoes, Scythes and Thistles

"Cleanliness is next to godliness," we often hear. The house of God has to be kept clean to encourage godliness. The news that comes in church bulletins often mentions the cooperative efforts to keep the church and its grounds clean. When people are proud of their church property they do not mind seeing in their weekly bulletins some reference to little jobs that need to be done and the tools required for doing them. The faraway readers also feel a little pardonable homesickness when they read of the things they could help with if they lived closer.

When a church or group of churches owns a camp, cleaning takes on new dimensions and calls for a wider range of useful activity by willing church members. From Milton, Wis., comes a weekly bulletin mentioning the urgency of straightening up the camp property — getting it ready for summer use. The notice mentions rakes and hoes and scythes. It adds, "Thistles need removing from pines set out last year."

The problems may not be identical in

every camp, but they are similar. The effort spent to provide the best possible atmosphere for the evangelization and the training of youth is well worth while.

We do not like to think of dedicated ground bringing forth thistles, but the story is as old as Genesis 3: 18 where we read of the garden of paradise becoming infested with thistles. Sometimes we discover thistles in the lives of the campers as well as among the newly planted pines. Consecrated leaders equipped with tools they have used in their own lives are needed to bring about transformations of character by the power of the Holy Spirit. Scythes and thistles and other commonplace things are not mentioned just in church bulletins; they are used in the Bible to teach spiritual lessons.

How Are You With Figures?

Our denominational treasurer is good with figures — as a faithful treasure has to be. One may suppose that he writes figures with a pencil when he is compiling and arranging the gifts that he records and summarizes each month. Again with this issue he has presented an account of what he had received and paid out at the end of another month. He closed the books a little earlier than usual this time, which may account for gaps after the names of some churches whose treasurers always send their receipts in monthly.

As we study the material on the back of this issue it might be well for many of us to remind ourselves that the treasurer would do better with his pencil if we did better with our pens. What we obviously mean is that checks are written with ink. Too many of us are still harboring the idea that the offering plate is something with which to collect spare coins rather than something on which to dedicate a substantial percentage of our weekly earnings.

We can be happy to have the June receipts printed at least a week earlier than usual. Now we know where we stand. It is not altogether encouraging but it does seem to indicate an increase in personal giving during June. Fourteen of the reporting churches had sent in more than \$100; two were just under. Percentage-wise we are not climbing as we should be. The

MEMORY TEXT

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55: 11.

Prayer and Worry

Occasionally the pictures that get in the papers have a religious significance. Take the one that originated in Watertown, Wisconsin. A movie house was bought to serve as a church, Evangelistic Temple. With a ready-made, giant advertising space under the theater name, the church decided to use the facilities. In addition to the name of the temple and the hour of the evening service a huge-letter question was arranged. It read: "Why Pray When You Can Worry?"

It is probable that the man who carried the words up the ladder got the order mixed a little. We wonder, however, if there are not a good many Christians who might not admit the attitude but who, in practice, shove prayer aside as if worrying were more pleasant. Those who write books on prayer testify that there is a naturalness about prayer — and there is. On the other hand, prayer is supernatural; worry is natural.

Some people are content to spend a weekend with Jesus, but balk at having Him as a permanent guest.

figures tell us rather clearly the financial task that yet lies ahead of us. To raise \$38,885 in three months when in recent months we have contributed only about \$6,000 per month means some real effort and sacrifice — a sacrifice comparable to what some of our poorly paid representatives on home and foreign fields are making.

As soon as possible the treasurer will let us know how we did as a whole on that special denominational day, July 11. It will be interesting to read what others have done, but let's make it personal. What did I do on July 11? What am I going to do by the end of the month?

General Conference At Salem, W. Va. August 17 - 22

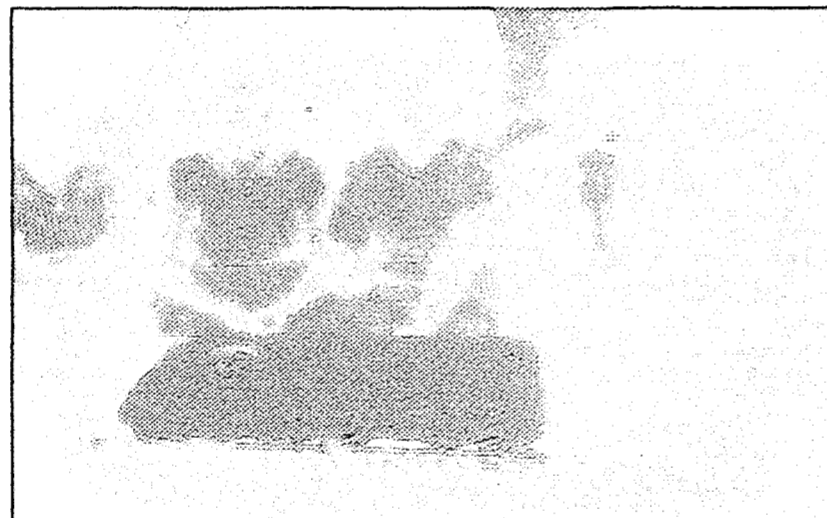
The "Conference at Prayer" is the first order on the program on Monday morning, August 17, at nine o'clock — an appropriate start for a great Conference! This will be followed in order with a selection by the Conference choir, the welcome to delegates and responses, an address by the president of Conference, appointment of committees, reports of boards, and Bible Study under the leadership of Charles D. Swing, pastor at De Ruyter, N. Y.

You are urged to help give the Conference a good start by being present at this first session.

— The Publicity Committee.

Surprise Party

Pastor Earl Cruzan and family (one not showing in snapshot) were surprised at the social hour following the evening-



after-the-Sabbath program of the Central (New York) Association. The big cake in front of them (and a purse of money) symbolized the appreciation of the churches of the Association for the work done not only by the pastor but also by the older children and his wife. The family has now been duly welcomed by the church at Westerly, R. I., where the Westerly Sun has given good coverage to the installing of the new pastor.

ALMOND, N. Y. — Reader Response:

I am a lone Sabbathkeeper and depend on the Recorder for denominational news. Have especially enjoyed the last year's editions.

What Happens In Our Historical Library By Miss Evalois St. John*

The librarian has spent a very busy year and yet when she begins to list what has been done, very little seems to have been accomplished.

The correspondence which one must carry on in this work takes a great deal of time. Some requests can be answered quickly, others require days and sometimes weeks to fulfill. In past years most of the correspondence seemed to concern genealogy, etc. While there have been many such requests this year, there have been even more requests for information about the history and background of the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination, the history of individual churches, or requests for aid in making special studies of a denominational nature. Such requests require hours to complete, yet they do indicate that the real value of the society is being realized to some extent, and this brings a feeling of satisfaction.

One such request came from a Methodist minister in Sciota, Ill., who was doing research work on churches in the United States. Another was from a student in Mobile, Ala., who was writing a paper on the Baptist churches. Recently a British clergyman asked for "information on a very famous Seventh Day Baptist of the 18th century, Nathan Bailey." His letter of appreciation for our help closed with these words: "May I say how splendid it is to me to find such help and co-operation from a Christian body differing from our own, and too, to find the age-old tradition of the Church in preserving old records and books, and fostering and nurturing learning and culture."

The librarian has worked with the Committee on Sabbath Research and helped individual members in their particular field of Sabbath study. She has made some of the society's books available to these men.

*The Report of the Librarian of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society on Sunday, May 31, 1959.

She was asked to give a paper on "The Sabbath Reform Movement Among Seventh Day Baptists" before the Ministers Conference in April. This required much research and study on her part. The appreciation which so many of the ministers expressed to her, and the eagerness with which many of them sought more information made up for the long hours.

The Lost Creek Women's Society was asked by the Women's Board to prepare a short play depicting the beginnings of the Women's Board. (The board was organized at the General Conference of 1884 which met in Lost Creek.) As a society the women felt they could not do the task with the material at hand. The librarian was requested by the society to write the sketch for them. This was done and in appreciation the Lost Creek Society sent a monetary gift to the Historical Society.

Three students have been given assistance in preparing course papers, a Sabbath school teacher has consulted with the librarian concerning a course in Denominational History for a Junior group, and material has been loaned her for that purpose. Three of the boards as well as the denominational secretary have used our services.

Indexing of the Sabbath Recorder both old and current continues. This task alone could keep one busy.

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society is listed in the Directory of Historical Societies and Agencies in U.S. and Canada, 1959. Recently the society received a request from James V. Geisendorfer, Litt.D., Minneapolis, Minn., for information concerning our work. One wonders if this is the result of such a listing.

The Plainfield Courier-News celebrates its 75th anniversary in June with a special issue. The Historical Society arranged for a card in this issue telling something about our work and inviting the public to visit our museum and library.

Accessions

The Record Book of the Delaware, Mo., Seventh Day Baptist Church has recently been sent to our society by the Rev. James

L. Skaggs. This church was known as the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Delaware, Christian County, Mo. It was organized April 29, 1882, by the Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler. The leader of the group was the Rev. Leroy F. Skaggs, a Baptist minister, who accepted the Sabbath truth in 1882, and in turn influenced others. The following resolution was adopted by the group at their first business meeting.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board for their love of the great cause of Christ in this part of God's vineyard in that they sent our beloved brother — Elder Samuel R. Wheeler — to aid in this our time of great need to organize us into a Seventh Day Baptist Church and thus planting the standard of truth more fully, and our prayer to Almighty God is that the Board may continue in this great work in other parts of God's vineyard, and we resolve to do all we can to aid in this great work, God being our Helper."

This church had an active existence of some 20 years and exerted considerable influence in the community.

Another interesting and valuable accession was a file of letters from Milton College. These had been written to the Rev. and Mrs. Solomon Carpenter and they cover a period from 1847 into the 1870's. It is very evident that the Carpenters had urged their friends in the homeland to write of the every-day, simple happenings. This many of their friends did and as the letters come from different sections, they give an interesting picture of events and people in Westerly, Ashaway, Plainfield, New Market, Shiloh, De Ruyter, Brookfield, Berlin, Alfred, Milton, and New York City. Even politics have a place. Quotations from one letter formed the basis for an article on the Westerly (Pawcatuck) Church which appeared in the Sabbath Recorder a few weeks ago. We hope to use others from time to time.

Milton College also recently sent some valuable books and manuscripts which had been housed in their library, among them a complete file of *The Peculiar People*, a weekly journal "devoted to Jewish interests, political, social, literary, and religious." Vol. 1, No. 1, is dated New York, Aug. 3, 1888, and is edited by H. Friedlaender, a Sabbathkeeping Christian

One in Seven

Editorial in Church and State*

The recent controversy in the Maryland legislature over a Sunday closing law has its counterparts in an increasing number of states. There is a disposition for Protestant and Roman Catholic to combine in campaigns for such legislation. The opposition, composed of Adventists, Jews, Seventh Day Baptists, and a few others, is in a hopeless minority.

Advocates of the law argue that it is for health purposes only and that religious considerations are not involved. Opponents contend that a Sunday closing law does, nevertheless, impinge upon their religious freedom since it crimps their means of livelihood.

There is force in both arguments. People who don't have sense enough to quit business in one day in the week ought to be made to by law. But why prescribe the day this has to be? Only at that point, it would seem, are religious implications involved.

Let there be not Sunday laws, but "one in seven" laws. This leaves choice of the day for rest and worship up to the individual where it properly belongs.

*The editors of *Church and State* are Glenn L. Archer and C. Stanley Lowell, men who have spoken in Seventh Day Baptist churches. Our people may well express appreciation for the stand taken by the editor of this POAU organ.

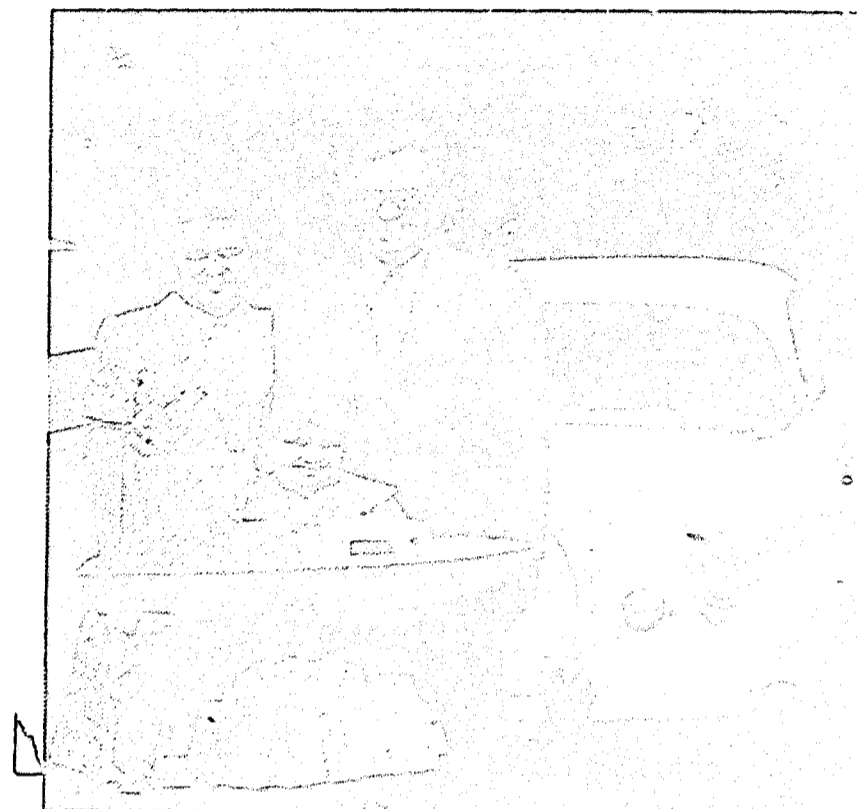
Jew, assisted by Ch. Th. Lucky. After Mr. Friedlaender's death about a year later, the Tract Society assumed its publication, with the Rev. William C. Daland, as editor. In 1894 the Revs. S. S. Powell and William C. Whitford were added to the editorial staff.

The librarian is thoroughly convinced that we as a people need to be more aware of our heritage and our responsibility. We need to stress the facts of which we have every reason to be proud, and not emphasize alone the amusing features or eccentricities of the leaders of old. It is the function of the Historical Society to lead in this. One individual cannot do it alone. We need enthusiastic backers as well as workers. I truly feel this is very vital to the denomination's future.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Missionaries Visiting Churches

A letter has been received from Missionary-elect Rene Mauch, telling of the cordial reception accorded him and Mrs. Mauch and daughter, Esther, as they have visited certain Seventh Day Baptist churches and Associations.



Small car, small boat, big hearts

A report indicates the following places visited up to the time of writing: Adams Center, Schenectady, Berlin, Plainfield, Irvington, Shiloh, Westerly, Rockville, Ashaway, Second Hopkinton, and Waterford.

For those who wish to follow the proposed future schedule of Sabbath visits see the *Sabbath Recorder* issue of June 1 for a published list of churches the Mauches may contact. Many will plan to meet our missionaries-elect to British Guiana in August at Salem, W. Va., during General Conference. Mr. Mauch has written as follows:

"Dear Brother Harris:

"As we proceed on our way to Battle Creek some of the impressions that have come to us along our voyage are recalled so forcefully that we would like to share them.

"Our journey, which is to last over two months, started on June 5 with a visit to the Central (New York) Association convening in Adams Center. This gathering has been a spiritual experience

of particular value to us as we stand at the beginning of a new missionary endeavor. The meetings were certainly a source of deep inspiration to everyone present and for me an occasion to reconsecrate myself to the cause and service of God and of mankind.

"During the following weeks several churches were visited until we reached Westerly. Our little car took us faithfully to Schenectady, Berlin, Plainfield, Shiloh (where we had the pleasure of attending Eastern Association), Irvington, Rockville, Waterford, Ashaway, and Second Hopkinton. A time was set apart both at Plainfield and Westerly for studies of material inherent to the work in British Guiana.

"In every place we have felt much cheered by the hospitality extended to us along our itinerary. We can testify to the kindness and helpfulness of everyone whom we have met. The pastors and their families as well as the church members have done their very best to make our stay an agreeable and spiritually profitable one in each local church contacted. The tight schedule will make it hard to send an individual reply to the messages which follow and catch up with us on our trip, but we are most thankful for being able to make new acquaintances and would indeed like people to feel in a tangible way all the pleasure and joy we derive in our lives from meeting with them.

"We look forward to a fruitful continuation of this trip. May God richly bless you and yours, dear Brother Harris, for the hospitality extended to us and which we enjoyed for nearly a week. We remain yours with our best Christian greetings.

"Rene Mauch and family."

World Council

Miss Umeko Kagawa of Tokyo, Japan, daughter of Toyohiko Kogawa, has been appointed secretary of World Youth Projects, a joint enterprise of the World Council of Churches and the World Council of Christian Education with offices in New York and Geneva.

Miss Kagawa will direct a program which involves 40 projects in 24 countries.

REVIEW OF SDBYF

For many years several persons in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination wished for an organization that would draw our youth closer together. It seemed that the natural agency to accomplish the wish would be a national organization of the young people. When the Rev. Harley Sutton was secretary of the Board of Christian Education, he carried the idea and had it well on its way until he was forced by ill health to resign his position. (No doubt the Young People's Board, which operated for many years before it was merged with other boards to become the Board of Christian Education, had visions of some such organization. We would be glad to hear from Seventh Day Baptists who were members of the Young People's Board regarding the work that they did in regard to national organization.)

Various steps were taken under succeeding board secretaries. As I remember it, officers were elected at the 1946 Pre-Con, and then again at the 1947 meeting in Ashaway, R. I. This idea was abandoned because of a lack of cohesiveness. The officers were too widely scattered for effective action.

With the present Youth Work Committee chairman, J. Paul Green, Jr., in charge, under the leadership of the board secretary, the Rev. Neal D. Mills, the present venture was launched. A letter with suggestions for organizing was sent to the local churches. Later a questionnaire was circulated asking the opinions of our youth societies as to name, dues, aims, etc.

All who replied agreed that the name should be Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship. The name applies to the national organization, to Associational groups, and to local societies as well. The aims were developed and presented. The dues were set at \$1.00 per year payable in January.

The national officers are the members of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education. The officers this year are S. Kenneth Davis, Dick Stearns, Ernest K. Bee, Carol Harris, Roberta Armstrong, Luan Sutton, James

Burdick, Alise Ogden, Hillar Ilves, J. Paul Green, chairman, and Rex Zwiebel, ex officio. Some of these folk will have to be replaced as they do not plan to be in the Alfred area next year.

The committee members come from high school, college, and seminary, and two are youthful public school teachers. They serve an average of 2-3 years. Others who have served on the committee in recent years include the Revs. Charles Bond and Victor Skaggs, Mrs. Lola Sutton Webster, the Rev. Donald E. Richards, Everett Harris, Jr., and Mrs. Harris (Barbara Warren), Lyle Sutton, Camille Crofoot Harris, and Marilyn Osborn Davis. It is expected that Barbara Cruzan and Helena Knox will agree to become members this fall.

The Youth Work Committee meets monthly, and its chief concerns are planning Pre-Con activities for youth and young adults, planning and arranging for youth activities at General Conference, working on SDBYF policy and activity, promoting Youth Week and Camper exchange, and securing and sending out field workers. The publication of the *Beacon*, our youth magazine, always is of great concern to the committee.

There are approximately 150 members of the National SDBYF. It is our hope that that number may be doubled in 1960.

After having been in effect for almost one year, the organization will be under concerned discussion in the General Conference committee to review the work of the Youth Work Committee.

It is our prayer that greater service might be rendered to God and man through our SDBYF program. Every youth is needed.

A formal invitation has been sent jointly by the National Christian Council and the Nippon Fukuin Domei to the Rev. Billy Graham to visit Japan in October, 1959, as one of the highlights of the Centennial Year. — W. W. Reid.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

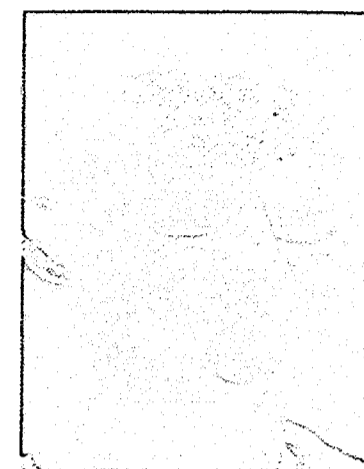
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Courage in Crisis

Lesson Scripture: Esther 4: 1-3, 10-16.

New Minister
Tells Experiences

Leroy Bass who is this month completing a minister's training course (master's degree) at Washington, D. C., attended the Tract Board meeting in March and the Ministers Conference



at Alfred in April. This story of his experiences was written a few days after he and his wife were welcomed into the Washington, D.C., Church and the denomination at large by the Revs. C. Harmon Dickinson and Elizabeth F. Randolph on June 29. He comments that transition periods in our lives are not usually easy and that this change of membership was in some ways a hard step.

It was in Calcutta, India, and in 1945 that I first learned about Saturday being the true seventh-day Sabbath of God. I had supposed that Sunday was the seventh day, but when I learned the truth I wondered if there were such a thing as a church that actually honored this holy day. And then, providentially, God led me to notice that there in that city was a church that actually conducted its worship on the true day.

For a soldier to change his day of worship in the army was not too easy, but God worked it out for me when a real test came, for I had determined in my heart to be true to God at all costs. It has been a joy to keep this holy Sabbath ever since then. Subsequently, when the war was over, and several years later, I married a fine Christian girl, who had had the privilege of being a Sabbathkeeper all her life.

Before I had been drafted, I felt the conviction that God was calling me to become a minister of the Gospel. I didn't believe I had any abilities along this wonderful line, and I sometimes still wonder. Nevertheless, I felt constrained to answer the call. When my military service was over I went to a Seventh-day Adventist college in Massachusetts, and began study toward the ministry. I really learned to know the Bible as a living Book — full of meaning for us. Graduation came in 1955. Following graduation there were three

years of self-supporting ministry for the Master in a county in Connecticut where there were no Sabbathkeeping churches. God blessed in this, and plans were made for further education at the theological seminary here in Washington. The enriching values obtained from this study have made our struggles to obtain it so very worth while. May Jesus Christ be praised!

What is it that has now led us to cast our lot with the Seventh Day Baptist church? Our reasons are not of personal feeling or prejudice. Over the past several years we have been building concepts of the ministry of Jesus Christ. The out-working of some of these concepts in the pastoral and evangelistic ministry I feel could not be carried out in the organized work of our former church without conflict. We feel we cannot serve the cause of Christ in a Spirit-led way most effectively if we are in a church that has a centrally organized, rigidly controlled ministry. Then, too, the congregational form of government with local church autonomy appeals to me, and I think is more in harmony with the New Testament principles of religious liberty and freedom of conscience. I recognize advantages and disadvantages in each type of church government, however.

We pray that our affiliation with our new church will be mutually helpful and spiritually rewarding.

— Leroy and Marjorie Bass.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

WCC Meeting in Greece

The policy-making 90 member Central Committee of the World Council of Churches will meet August 19-27 on the Island of Rhodes, Greece. This will be the first time the committee has met in a country where the predominant church is the Eastern Orthodox. Two of the papers to be considered are on the topic "The Significance of the Eastern and Western Traditions Within Christianity." Details of plans for the Third Assembly (in Asia in 1961) will be presented. Another item on the agenda is a review of the theological basis for membership in the World Council. The present criterion is acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. There has been some discussion that this

basis is "not altogether satisfactory theologically" and requires clarification. It is also expected that the committee will send out an appeal to its 173 member churches to support the United Nations-sponsored World Refugee Year (June 28, 1959, to June 30, 1960). The WCC presidents have already published such a document.

Central Committee meetings are held annually between World Council assemblies in various countries at the invitation of the churches of those countries.

Action Patterns in School Desegregation

A Review by Courtland V. Davis

Action Patterns in School Desegregation, "intended to aid school officials with desegregation problems," appears to be a valuable 288-page source book of information and precedent for the guidance of those trying to follow the instructions of the Supreme Court for integration "with all deliberate speed." Communities now in the throes of this trying and difficult situation will find here many reports of successful (and unsuccessful) ways of solving the problems it presents. Assembled and edited by a professor of education at Miami University in Florida and an instructor in a North Carolina Teachers College, the viewpoint is strictly that of those who are living and working with segregation in the process of becoming integration.

Phi Delta Kappa, a national fraternity of leaders in education, appointed from its members the Commission responsible for initiating this study. The Commission began and ended believing "that the problems of desegregation vary greatly with each community and that any final satisfactory solution must come as a result of the efforts of the people of **both races in that community**" (emphasis is the reviewer's). The authors have tried to report the experiences of many communities so as to show: 1. This is what happened. 2. This is the way it happened. 3. Here are some of the lessons in it for us.

The book is available in paper cover from Phi Delta Kappa, Bloomington, Indiana, at \$1.50, free to school officials and other individuals and groups actively engaged in promoting orderly desegregation.

Dr. Earle W. Gates Opens C.E. Convention

"Forward is the vision, and forward is the movement of Christian Endeavor today," Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, told some 3,500 young people and their adult leaders Monday night, July 6, as the convention opened in Philadelphia.

Dr. Gates keynoted the opening mass meeting of the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in the Baptist Temple in the City of Brotherly Love. In his address he lifted up the current theme of Christian Endeavor, which will continue for the next two years: "For Christ and the Church."

In speaking of the convention theme, "Forward — For Christ and the Church," Dr. Gates said: "This theme takes the traditional motto of the movement and propels it into new action. Assuredly, such action is our divine responsibility, first in this convention, and even more as we move out from it. Countless decisions will be made here, some affecting the lives of individuals, others the life of the total church. Prepare now for dedication of the highest and best."

He challenged them to "advance in the area of recruitment" and pointed out that a recent survey shows that by 1970 the teenage population will be double that of 1955. "Let us be ready to bring these young people into the Christian life," Dr. Gates said.

"The growing needs of the day challenge us to a massive campaign for temperance," Dr. Gates continued. "The dangers of the use of alcohol and tobacco, as well as narcotics, must be made clear to the youth of the continent. Christ-centered citizenship and effective leadership training are our imperatives today.

"It is not enough to merely maintain our status quo; the mandate of the day is 'Advance!' " concluded Dr. Gates. "To this end we must re-study our heritage and resources, we must determine to take positive new steps, and we must ever affirm, ' . . . I will do whatever He would like to have me do.' "

The trouble today is that parents in many, many homes have given the training of their children over to "George," because we live in a fast-moving world.

George can't do it in the home!

By Victoria Burdick*

My topic being about training in the home I would like to use Isaiah 54: 13: "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord: and great shall be the peace of thy children."

The suggestions here given may not work in every family. Parents are different; children are different; so are circumstances and environments. Parents do need help today. Many are at their wit's end to know what to do with their children. In their hearts they long to bring them up right and they try to do it, if it is a Christian home. But they stand by helpless as their boys and girls get "out of hand," and join the boys and girls brought up in non-Christian homes. We seem to have a generation of rebellious children. Youth rebels against all types of authority; so parents should work hard. It means being everlastingly on the job day and night from childhood to youth, from youth to manhood and womanhood. We must watch over our children with ceaseless vigilance. If we want to bring up our children right, we cannot leave them half the time with the neighbors, or the best babysitter we know. Neighbors or babysitters are not a substitute for a mother. Do I hear you say, "In our family mother has to go out to work? More's the pity!" If at all possible — and I know that sometimes it is impossible — she should stay home with the children, rather than "let George do it."

But you argue, "How else can we make our monthly payments on the car, the refrigerator, the radio, the TV, etc.?" Many a mother has given up some of these and stayed with her family. I only know

*Mrs. Burdick in previous years has written for the Recorder. A resident of Bolivar, N. Y., she gave this talk to the adults at the Sabbath eve meeting of the Western Association. Her years of experience and thought should command a thoughtful reading of this article.

you will have to choose between these and your children. The interests of your children should come first. Mother should be in the home when the children come home from school; she should be interested in all that concerns them — ready to meet their needs, answer their questions, help them to make right decisions, and warn them against temptations. No mother home from a hard day's work can do a job like this properly.

"Train up a child . . ."

I am one of those old-fashioned folk who still believes that God intends that parents, not children, shall direct the household, and if we as parents value the peace and happiness of our homes we will not surrender this leadership. After all what are parents for if not to give direction to their children's lives from babyhood to manhood and womanhood? We are to guide, counsel, train, and lead. If we fail to live up to this responsibility we invite calamity and sorrow. Parents have a long-time job on their hands, for they are preparing their children not only for this present life, but also for the life to come.

The word which no one likes to hear used any more is discipline. But discipline is necessary. It's part of the parent's job, not George's. It calls for the application of gentle but determined pressure when necessary. Discipline makes all the difference between an orderly home and bedlam. Dispense with it for fear of some "complex" and you will pay for your slackness the rest of your life. The children will never know the kind of home God planned for them, and will try in one way or another to escape from it as soon as possible.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick tells the story of his boyhood that applies to us all. As his father said good-bye to his mother one morning, he remarked, "Tell Harry he can mow the lawn today if he

feels like it." Then noting how the grass was growing, he paused at the front gate and called back, "Tell Harry he had better feel like it." Dr. Fosdick never forgot that remark. Many a time he wanted to relax, especially on Monday morning when the thought of beginning work on the next sermon was not inviting. At such times he remembered his father's words, and discipline through the years kept him at his task.

Let your children's earliest thoughts be about Jesus and His love. As soon as they can read, teach them to study their weekly Bible lesson. Urge them to say their prayers every night before they go to sleep and each morning when they get up. These are priceless habits which will stay with them through life. As often as you can gather the children around, read the grand old Bible stories in family worship. Have them pray aloud and repeat the Lord's Prayer together at the close. United prayer binds a family together in their love and in service to God. Teach private Bible study and prayer so that each child builds up his own connections with God. Children who come to regard Jesus as their firm, true friend in their earliest days will turn to Him in periods of stress and strain in years to come.

Keep Them Busy

Keep your children and young folk busy. The old saying that "Satan finds some evil always, for idle hands to do" is true. Children and youth are normally so full of life that if they are not engaged in something good they will surely be up to mischief. I don't mean parents should be thinking up one job after another for their children to do. That doesn't make for a happy family. Children must have time to play. But as soon as they are old enough to do little jobs they should be taught to do them. It isn't right that mother should get the supper ready and wash the dishes while John and Mary run the streets or watch TV. Children can be a marvelous help around the place if you get across the idea that it is their duty and privilege to keep the home running and nice, because it is their home. When they catch this idea they will help without holding out their hands to be paid for every little service.

Lay responsibilities upon your children and youth and see that they carry them out. This will teach self-reliance and make them trustworthy in days to come. This will take time, too. It is easy enough to give a child a job, but considerably more difficult to see that it is done, and it takes real perseverance to insist that it be done over and over until it is done right.

One of the curses of the present age is "passing the buck," known as, "Let George do it." Work is regarded as something to be by-passed if possible, or hurried through, no matter how slipshod the task is done. The remedy for this disease of irresponsibility must be applied in childhood. Children trained in the ways I have suggested will grow into dependable youth. As parents we know that such basic character traits as honesty, dependability, and courage are the qualities our children and youth need in order to meet life's later demands; yet we neglect to develop these traits because we are so busy.

As soon as children can read, introduce them to good books and magazines. This will take more time, for you will have to read the books and magazines yourself to find out which are good and which are not. Remember that one bad book or comic can poison a child's mind for life. Keep a strong control on reading matter that comes into your home. This is not an easy task. Then explain why some things are good and others are bad. As parents it is our duty to teach our children how to be alone and have fun reading.

Keep control of the knob on the TV. As divinely appointed leaders of the home parents have the right and the duty to decide on the kind of programs the children shall look at.

Help them to listen to good music, to do things with their hands, to soak in the beauty of a sunset or a song of a bird. If you do this, in later years when there is no grown-up around to tell them, they will make the right choices.

Setting an Example

In her home a mother can do the two things which are most likely to safeguard young people from forming the drink habit. She can set an example and establish

an ideal. Young adults and teenagers who enjoy the gracious hospitality of the abstaining mother recognize that there is no truth in the oft-repeated propaganda that alcoholic beverages increase the zest and glamor of social occasions. In recent surveys of the attitudes of high school students toward alcoholic beverages, the effect of the example set in the home is clearly reflected in the standard observed by the young people. So make home the central attraction; plan things to make the young folks happy. Take time to show interest in them; make them feel they are wanted; and let them know you love them. Tell them to invite their friends — at proper times of course. Above all, read to them. There is no sound like mother's voice. The result of all of this will be that children will look upon the home as the most beautiful place in the world.

More than ever we must try to inculcate in the younger generation the desire and determination to carry on the way of life revered by our pioneer mothers and fathers, which forces in devious ways are seeking to undermine. In accomplishing this, our small towns and cities — along with our churches and homes — are our chief hope for our young people.

Youth News

Camp MILES

1959

By Janet VanHorn

Eighteen Seventh Day Baptist youth, each of them bubbling over with excitement and anticipation, arrived at Chemin-A-Haut State Park in northern Louisiana on June 15, for the 13th Southwestern Association Camp MILES. Ahead of them was a week packed full of experiences, which, when shared together in the spirit of worship, study, fun, and Christian fellowship, proved to be a true adventure in Christian living.

The theme, "Fishers of Men," was carried out in study classes, alone hours, and camper-planned vesper services. Other parts of the program were a class on Seventh Day Baptist Youth Work by Helena Knox, a wide variety of active recreation,

campfire programs of games, stunts, and challenges, daily singspiration, craft work, and a guidance film workshop.

Our two exchange campers from West Virginia added to our "miles" so that the campers and staff (representing the Paint Rock, Fouke, Metaire, Hammond, Texarkana, Walker, Lost Creek, and Salem Churches) traveled a total of 21,790 miles to camp and back.

The concluding consecration service, the spiritual high point of the week, sent each camper home determined and better prepared to go fishing — for men, in answer to Christ's call.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — Five people from the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Hopkinton Church at Ashaway stopped for a brief tour of the denominational publishing house at Plainfield Monday noon, July 6, en route to the International C. E. Convention in Philadelphia. They were escorted by their pastor and Mrs. Biswurm, mother of one of the girls. Joyce Biswurm, who will receive an award at the convention for an essay, produced a personal invitation to meet Vice-President Nixon, one of the speakers.

Another item from Ashaway was noted in the *Westerly Sun*. Miss Georgia Fish of High Street, a 14-year-old girl with a good eye and unusual skill, with bow and arrow recently shot and killed a woodchuck in her back yard with a target arrow, a feat to be proud of. In last week's issue a boy was pictured with a new, high-powered rifle. He had just killed a woodchuck at a considerable distance. Georgia Fish won a championship recently in Ashaway with her straight shooting.

There are few thrills which equal the thrills of well-developed skills. Young David mastered the skill of the sling and of the harp. The one prepared him to become a national hero and king; the other led to the writing of many psalms which are sung even to this day.

In apostolic times Christians were expected to grow all their lives; no premium was given to dwarfs.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Special Meeting Of Missionary Board

A special meeting of board members is being called, as voted at the April 26 board meeting, to welcome home the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson, and to consider matters affecting our Nyasaland Mission which may grow out of their reports.

This special meeting was to have been held on Sunday evening, July 12, at 7:30 o'clock in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. It now seems better to designate the meeting date as "two days after the arrival in this country of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson."

The indefiniteness as to date of arrival is caused by the most recent word from Farrell Lines. They have stated, through Macpherson Travel Bureau, "The African Lightning is due to arrive on or about July 14 at either Baltimore, Boston or New York."

All friends of the Pearsons are invited to the reception to be held the same evening as the board meeting.

They Read the Recorder

Members of the Old Stone Fort Church read the Sabbath Recorder and take notice that our churches in general have not been keeping the support of Our World Mission up to the need. Last year their church was complimented for over-subscribing. Recently they have voted another \$25 to the budget.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, professor of English Bible at Fuller Theological Seminary, was featured on the cover of the May United Evangelical Action magazine standing in the midst of the stacks of his personal theological library of 24,000 volumes which supplements the larger seminary library. Dr. Smith discourages students from trying to build up unusually large libraries although he becomes almost ecstatic over a long-sought book which states some element of Christian truth better than anything else in his great library. To appreciate large numbers of books one needs a little of the reading power of Dr.

Smith which is almost unequalled. Many of the books from Wilbur Smith's pen (and there are usually two or three a year) are highly prized. He says he has such a large library in order to have material available for Peloubert's Notes.

New Bible Institute in Germany

The Greater Europe Mission is probably not very well known to readers of this periodical. It is one of those faith missions, interdenominational in appeal, which appears to throb with life and zeal. It has work in a number of European countries and is now rejoicing in the opportunity to start the German Bible Institute with suitable property. The U.S. address of Greater Europe Mission is 650 South Clark St., Chicago 5, Ill. It has Bible Institutes in several countries, one of the best established being the European Bible Institute of France — well known to a number of Seventh Day Baptists who have visited it or have met some of its faculty.

Seventh-day Adventists used this idea for many years and built up a great worldwide work. Now, however, they are stressing the training of ministers and maintaining paid pastors in most local churches.

Who is thinking the matter through more clearly, the bishop who has been accustomed to perhaps too much emphasis on the priestly function of a pastor or the Adventists who have through most of their history depended largely on unpaid local leadership? Which is more up to date? Or is it a question of reaction and faraway pastures looking greener? What lessons, if any, are there for Seventh Day Baptists?

If You Stick Out Your Tongue

With her arms around her father's neck, Mary was speaking words of endearment to him. But her mother noticed that over her father's shoulder she was sticking out her tongue at her brother Tom. The mother said, "Take your arms down from your father's neck, Mary; your father loves Tom as much as he loves you, and you can't stick out your tongue at your brother and love your father." When you hurl your curses, by word or deed, at those of

another race or class, you must take your arms from around the neck of God. — Louis H. Evans in *Make Your Faith Work* (The Fleming H. Revell Company).

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The Rev. Rhodes Thompson of the First Christian Church of Daytona Beach is supplying our pulpit at present. At a recent church meeting it was voted to hold no church services from August 8 to September 12 while Mr. Thompson is on vacation.

The Church Aid Society held two meetings in June, the first one to plan their summer work and the second one to begin work on their poster and banner for Conference. They also cut out and did some sewing on blankets and nighties for infants, a World Community Day Project which should be completed by November first. They plan to meet during July to continue this work.

Our church address is 145 First Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. Those visiting Florida are cordially invited to worship with us.

We miss our friends who return north during the summer season, but those living here the year around are faithful in their attendance at the services.

— Correspondent.

DENVER, COLO. — We in the Denver Church are happy to make a progress report on the work here.

On Sabbath, June 27, our regular church service was held outdoors at our new building site. Pastor Kenneth Smith spoke on the theme, "This Is Holy Ground." Following a picnic dinner, an impressive service of dedication of the parsonage and the church building site was held.

Greetings were extended by the Rev. Maurice Palmquist, president of Lakewood Ministerial Association, and by Oz Black, extension director of the Denver Council of Churches. Dr. Erlo E. Sutton of Boulder, a former pastor here, spoke briefly of the beginnings and progress of the Denver Church, and commended the congregation for taking this great step forward. We were reminded by several of the speakers

that we could dedicate the ground to God only as we dedicate our individual lives to Him and to the tasks that lie ahead.

Our Planning Committee is hard at work drawing plans for the new buildings. We hope soon to consummate the sale of our present church property and to be able to start construction at our new site.

Our camp dates this year are July 1-8 for junior age and July 8-15 for the senior camp. Pastor Mynor Soper of North Loup, Neb., will direct the senior camp with assistance from the Revs. Robert Lippincott, David Clarke, Kenneth Smith, and Miss Geri Hargis.

The last ten days of July we plan to hold a cooperative Vacation Bible School with St. Paul's Community Church which is located near our new site. We are providing three staff members and will prorate the expense. We felt this was an excellent opportunity to become acquainted in a new neighborhood and to practice ecumenicity.

We have a busy schedule and ask the prayers of each of you that we may all be led to do His will. — Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The Our World Mission program for the past quarter was held on May 23 and concerned our Nyasaland Mission. The committee had prepared several maps showing the location of various churches and groups with which our missionaries work on the northern circuit. Excerpts from books, letters, and news notes covering the field from the period of Dr. Livingstone to the present date were read or given. A fellowship dinner in the church basement preceded the program.

The Sabbath Rally Day activities on May 16 were concluded with a church social in the basement with an unusually good attendance.

Bible School was in session from May 25 through June 5 with the closing program on Sabbath morning, June 6. Twenty children were enrolled for the period. Teachers were Sharon Bond, Rose Stephan, Floreen Bond, Marie Lippincott, and Pastor Lippincott. Mrs. Merlin Wheeler was supervisor. Carol Wheeler assisted with the music.

— Correspondent.

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OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, June 30, 1959

BUDGET RECEIPTS

	Treasurer's		Boards' 9 months	Treasurer's		Boards' 9 months
	June	9 months		June	9 months	
Bal., June 1 ...\$	5.05					
Adams Center ..	141.37	782.95				
Albion		422.99				
Alfred, 1st	657.65	3,072.39	5.00			
Alfred, 2nd	222.75	1,586.02	39.00			
Associations & Groups	467.18	626.49	247.04			
Battle Creek	535.26	4,259.34	64.39			
Bay Area			50.00			
Berlin	21.43	581.16	156.00			
Boulder	48.20	494.01	25.00			
Brookfield, 1st ..		450.75	55.00			
Brookfield, 2nd ..		318.55				
Buffalo		150.00				
Chicago	69.59	761.34	420.00			
Daytona Beach ..	75.25	588.75				
Denver	144.15	489.51	50.00			
DeRuyter		415.77	14.00			
Dodge Center ..	58.03	893.96	700.00			
Edinburg		105.00				
Farina		168.05				
Fouke	30.00	151.90				
Hebron, 1st		165.67				
Hopkinton, 1st ..	76.70	1,426.00				
Hopkinton, 2nd ..		46.00				
Independence		809.00				
Individuals	58.00	2,712.00	384.06			
Irvington		800.00				
Jackson Center ..		10.00				
Little Genesee ..		302.26	15.00			
Los Angeles	860.00	2,205.00	25.00			
L. A., Christ's ..		125.00				
				\$5,897.19	\$57,448.12	\$3,401.27

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

	Budget (Designated & Undesig.)
Missionary Society	\$2,592.67
Board of Christian Education	474.04
Ministerial Training	637.34
Ministerial Retirement	770.51
Historical Society	103.73
Women's Society	98.67
General Conference	496.10
Tract Society	655.42
Trustees of General Conference	45.10
World Fellowship and Service	23.55
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Balance, June 30	\$5,897.13
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NON-BUDGET GIFTS

June Receipts	\$10.00
June Disbursements:	
Salem College	\$10.00

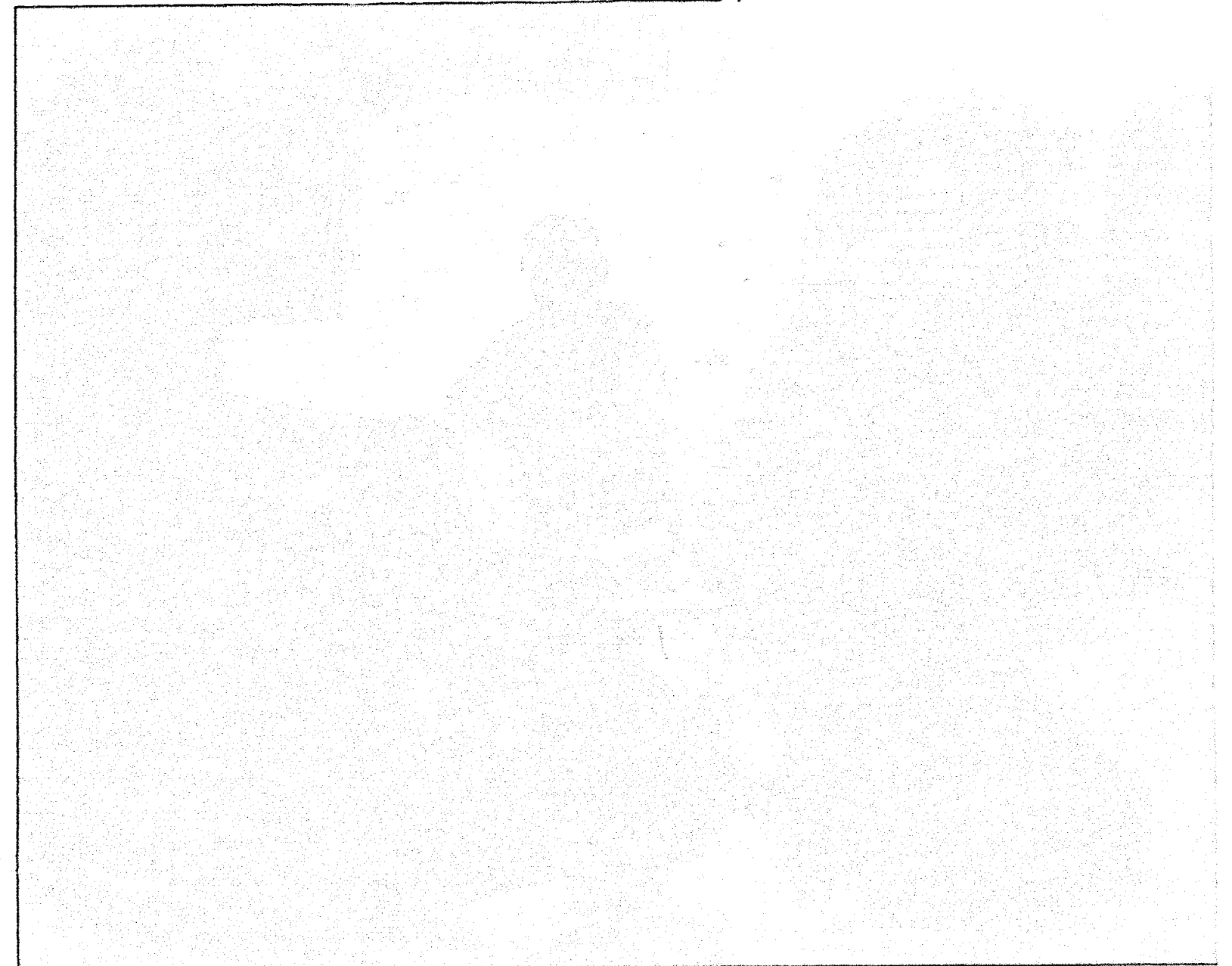
SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$99,735.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 9 mos.	57,448.12
Boards' budget receipts 9 mos.	3,401.27
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Remainder required in 3 mos.	\$38,885.61
Percentage of budget yr. elapsed	75.00%
Percentage of budget raised	61.01%

Eldred H. Batson,
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The Sabbath Recorder



THEY TOO MUST BE TAUGHT

World Refugee Year, just begun, is a time when Christians remind themselves to deal out their bread to the hungry and to teach the untaught how to read the message of God's Word. Schools in India on the primary level often consist of only a Christian teacher and a small group of children.

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