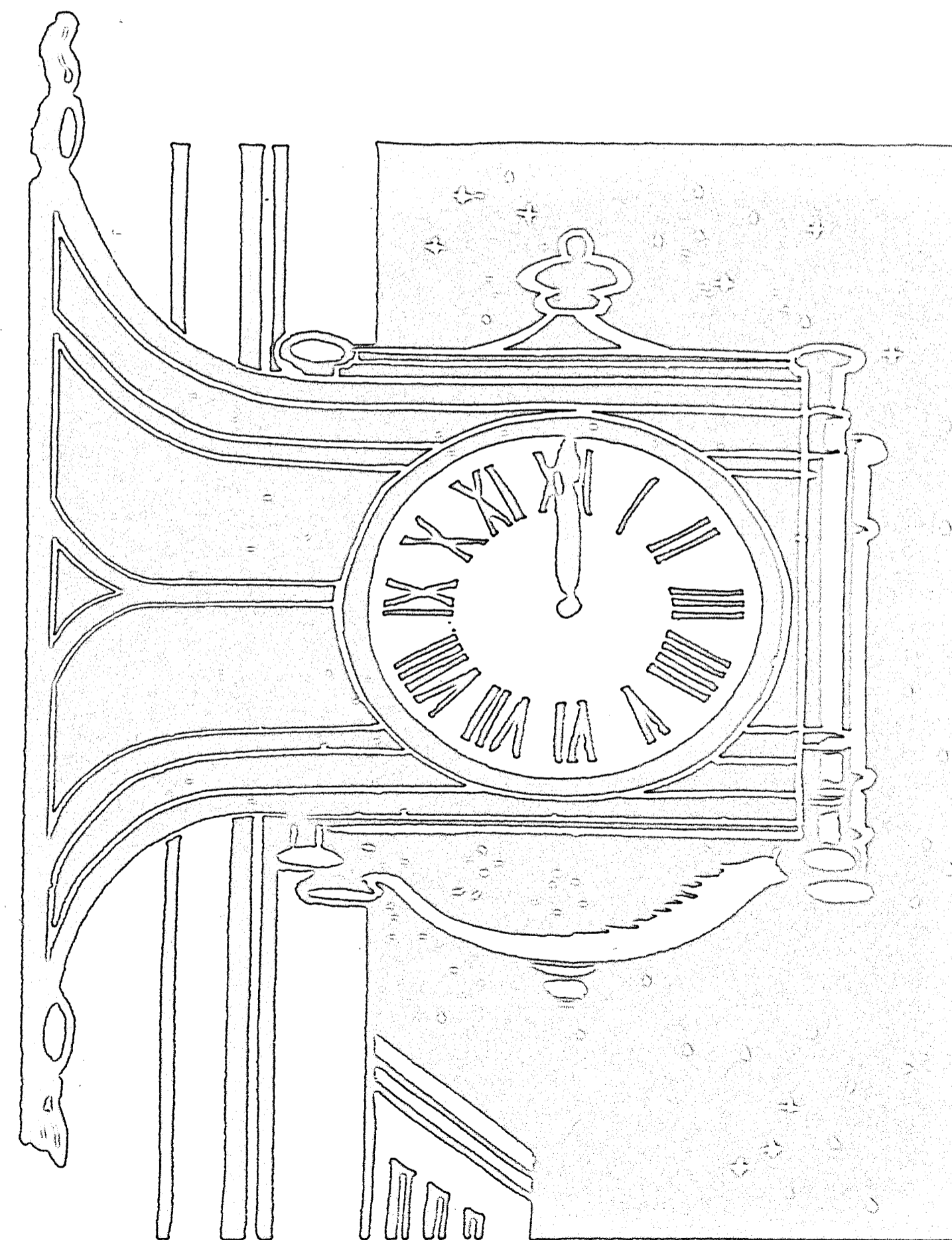


OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of the Treasurer, January 31, 1960

BUDGET RECEIPTS					
	Treasurer's		Boards'		
	Jan.	4 Mos.	4 Mos.	Jan.	4 Mos.
Balance, January 1.. \$	5.73				
Adams Center	42.05	306.25			
Albion		202.39			
Alfred, 1st		1,116.00			
Alfred, 2nd		573.15			
Associations and Groups	20.00	151.26	380.00		
Battle Creek	577.00	2,997.41	10.00		
Berlin	210.92	333.70	63.00		
Boulder	45.70	220.75			
Brookfield, 1st	90.00	235.00	25.00		
Brookfield, 2nd		49.50			
Buffalo		50.00			
Chicago	274.00	533.00	80.00		
Daytona Beach		279.75			
Denver		294.18			
DeRuyter		85.00			
Dodge Center	146.32	341.09			
Edinburg		31.00			
Farina		56.75			
Fouke		25.00			
Hammond	12.17	32.17			
Hebron, 1st	40.96	118.96			
Hopkinton, 1st	156.75	573.20			
Hopkinton, 2nd	4.00	18.50			
Independence	227.00	472.00			
Individuals	235.00	2,422.00	194.88		
Irvington	130.00	430.00			
Jackson Center	15.00	15.00			
Little Genesee	63.52	229.58			
Little Rock	10.00	10.00			
Los Angeles	535.00	1,015.00	15.00		
Los Angeles, Christ's		125.00			
Lost Creek	123.50	628.30			
Marlboro	339.73	1,166.75			
Memorial Fund	1,359.30	1,359.30			
Middle Island	12.00	55.00			
Milton	662.60	1,883.57			
Milton Junction		361.40			
New Auburn		18.75			
North Loup		242.85			
Nortonville		330.50	20.00		
Old Stone Fort		40.00			
Paint Rock	30.00	80.00			
Pawcatuck	514.00	1,564.00	5.00		
Plainfield	780.29	1,703.57			
Richburg	81.00	304.15			
Ritchie	120.00	203.00			
Riverside	796.50	1,080.35			
Roanoke	12.00	68.00			
Rockville	15.67	189.06			
Salem		79.00			
Salemville	47.50	72.50	6.00		
Schenectady		47.00			
Shiloh	565.00	1,635.55			
Tract Society	700.00	700.00	76.50		
Verona	225.85	704.15			
Walworth	29.00	109.00			
Washington	19.00	69.52			
Washington, People's	6.09	21.00			
Waterford	116.58	415.70			
White Cloud	96.87	245.59			
				\$9,493.51	\$28,720.15 \$875.38

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TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

	Budget Designated & Undesignated
Missionary Society	\$3,829.34
Board of Christian Education	667.36
Ministerial Training	2,198.42
Ministerial Retirement	694.50
Historical Society	141.91
Women's Society	181.06
General Conference	758.91
Tract Society	890.63
Trustees of General Conference	55.53
World Fellowship & Service	43.19
American Bible Society	24.50
	\$9,485.35
Balance, January 31	8.16

Non-Budget Gifts

January Receipts	\$96.32
January Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	\$84.32
Salem College	12.00
	\$96.32

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$108,022.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 4 mos.	28,720.15
Boards' budget receipts 4 mos.	875.38
	\$ 29,595.53
Remainder required in 8 months	\$ 78,426.47
Percentage of budget year elapsed	33.33%
Percentage of budget raised	27.40%

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Tithing Answers Inflation

Churches are not immune to the disease of inflation. Indeed, the church is among the first stricken — unless the people of the church take the advice of the Great Physician and the prophets of old and immunize their work and mission by the practice of tithing.

We look at expanded church budgets and larger contributions with a kind of satisfaction and pride that often prove to be unjustified. In times of inflation such as we have been experiencing for a number of years we are aware that our dollar buys less and less. We vaguely sense that we ought to give more to the church and the denomination so that our workers can maintain a normal standard of living and our buildings can be purchased or maintained at current high prices. But always the general response lags far behind the needs if our practice is to give out of that which we have left over. We cannot bring ourselves to a full realization that the expenses of the Lord's work have increased as much as our own.

There is one bright spot in the total picture. Mission work costs in some foreign fields have not increased as much as home mission work. There are still some dollar bargains in far-off places, and we ought to exploit them to the glory of God while they still exist. However, the American dollar is in danger of losing its purchasing power abroad as our national gold reserves diminish. At the present rate of gold export, caused in part by pricing ourselves out of world markets, we have only a few years in which to do foreign mission work at bargain prices.

But, to return to the local congregation's problem of how to get enough money to carry on its work, is there anything we can suggest? Will a more systematic every-member canvass yield enough? Not without far greater motivation than is apparent. Can we persuade ourselves to progressively increase our weekly or monthly pledges over a period of years? Perhaps, but it will hurt, for we think that we have already given all we can, living costs being as they are.

There is an answer — a system that is mathematically simple — and a program that takes the hurt out of increased giving.

Everyone knows of that system but may not have realized how important and blessed it is during times of inflation. It is tithing — giving one tenth of income. Our society is now so closely gear-meshed that almost everyone is receiving and spending much more than a few years ago.

Our government can spend ever increasing billions and still hope for a balanced budget because the income tax is figured on a percentage basis. Tithing is equitable; it does not go out of date; it is really no harder under inflation than in normal times. The tither with normal income can feel like a philanthropist, for he has almost more money set aside than he wants to put into one or two Christian enterprises.

Yes, tithing is the answer to the adverse effects of inflation on our church work. We who said no to self when we took Christ as Savior, how can we — so many of us — refuse to say no to self in the matter of proportionate giving. The first step is the only one that is hard; after that we experience only joy and blessing.

The Altar in the Church

There is a tendency in the non-liturgical churches, which includes our denomination, to follow the liturgical churches in the matter of altar-centered worship. Committees and architects planning church interiors sometimes depart from the traditional Baptist simplicity of design, pushing the pulpit to one side and centering attention on some modified form of altar, perhaps using the communion table for that purpose. In our system each congregation is at liberty to arrange the building and conduct the service in ways that may to it seem best.

It could be noted that our fathers did not neglect the idea of an altar as much as we might think. They were perhaps more consistent than the present generation for they had one altar where we split the attention of the worshipers with two. The pulpit was not a mere lectern; it resembled an altar far more than do our present worship centers. On this prominent altar rested the treasured pulpit Bible. The concept was that worship was centered in the Word and the spoken exposition of it. Preaching was not lec-

MEMORY TEXT

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6: 8.

turing but expounding the Word. Therefore the pulpit-altar was located in such a position that the whole congregation could readily hear.

There is serious question whether the altar in either the older or the newer form has much place in Protestant symbolism. A prominent Lutheran leader in Europe has recently called to the attention of an ecumenical gathering the archeological discoveries of early Eastern churches in which the communion table was in the center of the church where all the worshipers could gather around it. He contends that it was not moved to the front of the church until the Roman idea of the mass as a sacrifice developed. He thinks that if Luther had been a little more careful in making innovations he could have turned the church away from the symbolism of sacrifice in the front-placed altar. Be that as it may, a free church ought to be free to change its architectural designs and ought to avoid any return to a symbolism that either tends to make the minister a priest or detracts from the idea that in the church we are to draw near to God who speaks to us through His Word.

Our Cover

The hour has struck. This symbolism of the beginning of a new day may well be applied in many areas. The impersonal, unimpassioned clock overhanging a busy city street could remind us that it is time to make a new start in evangelism, a fresh beginning of love for suffering, hopeless mankind, a more earnest effort to resolve racial and international tensions; or the midnight hour may signify the need to watch and pray, to renew our prayer for the soon coming of that day in which the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord at His appearing.

Zondervan,
A Name to Remember

Some books can be judged by their publishers, others cannot. Without fear or favor your editor would suggest that when wanting to judge whether or not a new religious book might be worth looking into, you can be reasonably sure if it is published by Zondervan of Grand Rapids, Mich. We would not venture to say that all of their books would be entirely acceptable to Seventh Day Baptist readers, but the name stands for a quality that most would appreciate.

More than 100 new books came from the presses of the Zondervan Publishing House during 1959, among them such outstanding and best-selling titles as *The Berkeley Version of the Holy Bible*, *Woman to Woman* by Eugenia Price, *The Evangelical Commentary on the Acts* by Charles W. Carter and Ralph Earle, *Prayer-Conversing with God* by Rosalind Rinker, *All the Prayers of the Bible* by Herbert Lockyer, and *The Other Side of Rome* by John Wilder. The great majority of these new titles were sizable books rather than booklets, ranging in subject matter all the way from religious fiction to scholarly theological treatises.

Zondervan's all-time best seller in its 28-year history is *The Amplified New Testament*, which will hit the mark of 500,000 copies in print in February, a goal achieved within just 20 months of first publication. *Woman to Woman*, by Eugenia Price, just issued last July, will hit the 50,000 mark in February, and a number of other recently published titles are showing five-figure sales totals.

Tract Board to Meet

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society holds its quarterly meeting at Shiloh, N. J., Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 2 o'clock. In addition to reports of officers and committees with their recommendations for the work, there will be further consideration of the budget for the fiscal year June 1, 1960-May 31, 1961. The meeting, as always, is open to visitors.

The Holy Spirit
By Stanley C. Page*

The Holy Spirit discerns, decrees, and delivers the sinner by leading him to repent and to accept the salvation provided through the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ by His death on the cross for the sins of the world, resulting in a new creature with old things passed away, replaced by the new fruits of righteousness with an inward peace and joy, and outward acts revealing the change.

Still something more lies ahead for one whom the Lord is calling to the work of the ministry and who responds to that call, for actually all born-again ones are called to a ministry. But as Jesus said, "Many are called but few chosen."

In order to be chosen by the Lord for a ministry, we must receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the question arises, "How do we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?" Well, first we must desire to receive it and knowing it is for us, we should ask Him for it, for His service and glory, then we must continue to keep asking and waiting until we receive, as Paul says, "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Rom. 8: 25), and he goes on, "the Spirit himself makes intercession for us."

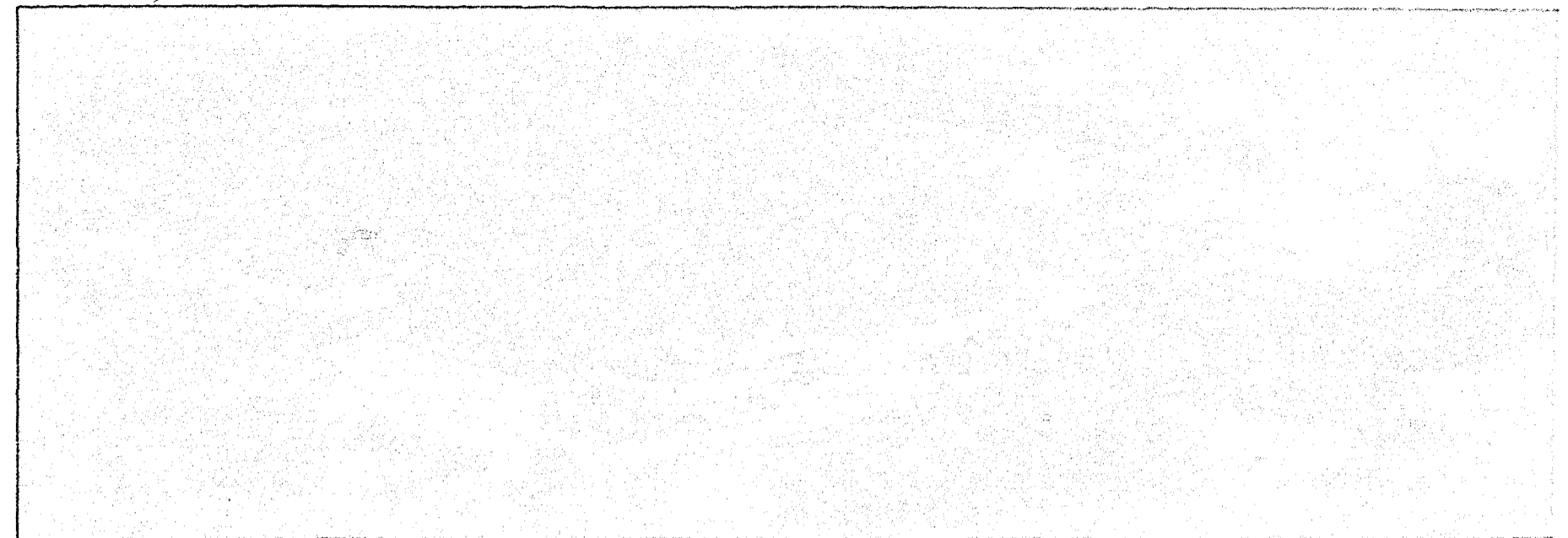
Then the question may be asked, "How will we know when we have received?" This will vary with people but all will sense the presence of God in an extraordinary way with great joy and very often, if not always, some spiritual gifts will be operating through the receiver.

That is what the Holy Spirit does; He makes us a channel, an instrument He can work through. That is the purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and it is for us (Acts 2: 38, 39).

For the various ministries read 1 Corinthians 12.

*Stanley Page, Th.M. (age 70), formerly an active minister in the Presbyterian Church is now a Sabbathkeeper. His past experiences of unusual powers of speech resulting from the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" are a favorite topic of conversation and witness with him. He is critical, however, of much of that which passes as "speaking in tongues" in Pentecostal groups but which has no direct benefit to the hearers.

1960 General Conference Grounds



Afternoon aerial view of a part of the John Brown University Campus which is located at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where Conference is to be held August 15 to 20, 1960.

Situated in Benton County, northwest Arkansas, Siloam Springs is a small city of about 5,000 people. A number of small industries make it an important center for a considerable area. The community in the early days was built up around a group of springs, 28 of them. Someway the idea was conceived that the waters of the largest of these was beneficial to the eyesight. It was soon given the name of Siloam Spring, from the New Testament story of Jesus' having anointed the eyes of the blind man and sending him to bathe in the Pool of Siloam.

The agriculture of the surrounding county has an estimated annual production as follows: poultry \$15 million; dairying \$5 million; beef cattle and hogs \$1 million; fruits and vegetables \$300,000; other crops \$700,000.

One of the largest poultry plants in the country, the Plus Poultry Co., is located in Siloam. Other industries are Allen Canning Co., Bear Brand Hosiery, Ozark Poultry Products, Pet Milk Co., Robinson Canning, Webb Wheel Division of American Steel and Pump. Smaller concerns manufacture Venetian blinds, plastic pipe, brooms, feeds, etc.

The area of the city is 49½ square miles. The elevation is 1,183 feet. It is located in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. John Brown University is located in its western edge, about one mile from the center of the city.

Denominational
Planning Committee

The spring meeting of the Planning Committee involving a representative of the Women's Board, the employed secretaries of the Missionary, Tract, and Christian Education Boards under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, executive secretary, will be held at Shiloh, N. J., March 10 and 11. It is expected that the president of General Conference, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, will also attend to help work out plans for the next year of the Seventh Day Baptist Advance program.

ELI F. LOOFBORO

Word has been received of the death of the Rev. Eli F. Loofboro at Westerly, R. I., on February 26, following a brief illness. Mr. Loofboro had been on retired status, but active, since leaving the pastorate of the Waterford, Conn., Church in 1945.

JAY W. CROFOOT

The Rev. Jay W. Crofoot who, up until six weeks ago, had enjoyed reasonably good health was called to be with the Lord early Sabbath morning, February 27. He had made his home for several years with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. North at Plainfield, N. J. A review of his lifework will appear in a later issue.

President's Message

Bible Study

At the Salem sessions of the General Conference in 1959, your Conference president for 1959-60 requested that during this year the churches do some study in Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This study may be approached in several ways. It might, for example, be a doctrinal study, delving into the theology of Paul and clarifying some of the New Testament message. Or, it might be a historical study, revealing the circumstances of the Philippians and giving birth to a better understanding of their problems and their failures and their faith.

Our Conference theme is "For Jesus' Sake." This theme is particularly aimed at personal dedication and personal devotion. For this reason I recommend to all that we begin a "devotional" study of Philippians. Such a study will not disregard some important doctrinal bases of the book, nor will it forget the historical influences on Paul and this early church, but it will concentrate on the values of this letter to the devotional life of the modern Christian and his church. The Rev. Carroll E. Simcox has written "A Devotional Commentary on Philippians," entitled, "They Met At Philippi." It was published in 1958 by the Oxford University Press, New York. It contains some very helpful insights. "There is . . . a meeting at Philippi, which this book tries to effect: a meeting of God, Christ, Paul, the Christians at Philippi, and ourselves. . . ." I commend this book to you for it may assist you in thoughtful and prayerful acceptance of the truths and admonitions of God, given to the Philippians through Paul.

A World Conference of Pentecostal Churches will be held in Jerusalem, May 18-21, 1961, on the invitation of the government of Israel. The climax of the meeting will be on Whitsunday, in commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus in Jerusalem.

GATHERING LIFE'S ABUNDANCE

By Duane L. Davis

I enjoy watching squirrels in the summer and fall dashing here and there as they collect nuts and acorns, and as they store away seeds and pods for the cold winter days ahead. Did you ever think how man is like a squirrel? He, too, is a being that spends a lot of time gathering and collecting.

The teachings of Jesus warn us against collecting the wrong kind of things. Jesus pointed out that "treasures in heaven" are far more important than "treasures on earth." But this is not to say that life is made up of sitting with a long face doing nothing, and merely looking forward to death and a new life beyond. The "treasures of heaven" are treasures of abundant living here and now.

One of the stories in Jesus' teachings points out the kind of treasure we should spend our time in gathering. Jesus told His listeners that a "man's real life has nothing to do with how much he possesses." Then He told this story, that sounds as if it could happen as easily in the United States today as in the Palestine of long ago:

Once upon a time, a rich man's farmland produced heavy crops. So he said to himself, "What shall I do, for I have no room to store this harvest?" Then he said, "I know what I'll do. I'll pull down my barns and build bigger ones where I can store all my grain and my goods and I can say to my soul, 'Soul, you have plenty stored up there for years to come. Relax! Eat, drink, and have a good time!'" But God, said to him, "You fool, this very night you will be asked for your soul! Then who is going to have all that you have prepared?"

Then Jesus said, "This is what happens to the man who hoards things for himself and is not rich where God is concerned" (Luke 12: 15-21, translated by J. B. Phillips).

We do not call this the parable of the rich fool because the farmer produced good crops. God expects us to use wisely all the abilities we have to do the best job we possibly can in life. If a man farms, he needs to use the best methods of modern agriculture and soil conservation to produce the best crop possible. If he is in

industry, or in a profession, he needs to use his abilities for the best that he can produce. The man in the story was foolish because he was emphasizing the wrong part of life, and was thinking only of himself.

Notice how he said, "What shall I do? . . . I will do this . . . I will build bigger barns . . . I will say to myself. . . ." In those three sentences that make up the story of the man's experience and thought, we find him using the personal pronouns, I and my, and referring to himself fourteen times! He was completely pre-occupied with himself and with the idea that alone he had accomplished all this great harvest and that he alone would benefit from it.

Wherever we turn in life, we are confronted with the truth that one person can not depend on himself alone. Whether it is in the list of places around the world that our groceries for this week came from, or in the many things we depend upon others for in keeping our homes warm and light and clean, or in a community incorporating for mutual protection and aid, we quickly see that we belong to each other. There is no such thing as a self-sufficient person. John Donne said it more than 300 years ago, when he declared, "No man is an ilande entire of it-self." We simply do not stand alone in the world!

Self-sufficiency might well be called the greatest sin of our time. How easy it is to act as if we believe the sun, moon, and planets are revolving around us as individuals — that we are the center of the universe. We forget to admit our dependence upon our God and upon our fellow men. We forget that we do not live alone and cannot live alone in the universe today.

Once we discover that we do depend on others, we also realize that we have a purpose beyond ourselves. Albert Einstein once spoke of how much he was in debt to others in this way: "Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order

to give in return as much as I have received."

The rich farmer had not grasped the idea that he owed anything to anyone. So he neglected to realize that the good crops his fields had harvested were not just for himself but were his to share with others. "Treasures in heaven" are made up of sharing the goods we have and the accomplishments that are ours with the world in need around us.

The rich farmer thought he had found the greatest security in life. But Jesus saw him as a fool, because he had placed his security in things. Life is not made secure by owning things, but in the development and use we make of the things that are ours. Security must be based upon higher purposes than the things we collect and gather in a material way.

The Christian way points out that life is important and finds its real security in the love of God, and the joy that comes of using the things we have gathered for service to our fellow men in God's name. The Apostle Paul pointed out that through God's love "in all things . . ." we are "more than conquerors!" Life does consist of abundance, but it is an abundance of a different sort than the rich farmer was depending upon. We too, must discover the abundance that is found in the love of God. Then we can affirm with Paul (in Romans 8), "I am sure that neither death, nor life . . . nor things present, nor things to come, . . . nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!"

My prayer is that you may find the security of life that comes from collecting — not things for themselves, but gathering through service in the love of God and Christ Jesus our Lord!

Communism and freedom cannot and do not mix. If the nation is to remain free, then it must guard against any infiltration of communistic ideology. It is not sudden death — it just slowly, inch by inch, snuffs out the freedom in people.

— Robert Schafer.

Activities of

Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley

Although the Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley are not employed by the Missionary Board, we are all deeply interested in their continuing services to Seventh Day Baptist churches of this country.

Word has been received that Pastor Hurley spent four Sabbaths (January 23 - February 13) with the Farina, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church. "Besides his sermons," we read, "he made a number of calls both locally and at a distance and gave Bible studies on Sabbath afternoons, which he plans to continue when he returns later."

Pastor Hurley is presently assisting the Shiloh, N. J., pastor and church in a seventeen-day campaign of preaching and visitation (February 19 - March 6).

The Farina Church has requested that he return there for a few weeks when he has completed his services in the New Jersey churches. They write: "We pray that we may be inspired to better Christian service by his presence with us."

Many of us are thanking God that the Hurleys keep well and are continuing to offer their talents and service in His kingdom work.

Pearsons to Visit Churches

The Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and four-year-old daughter, Deborah, will soon begin their schedule of visits to the churches of this country. Having completed special services with the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, W. Va., they have been visiting for a few days with Mrs. Pearson's parents at Woodville, Alabama.

It is expected that the missionaries will arrive at Daytona Beach, Fla., for Sabbath services on March 19. They may travel by way of Hayesville, N. C., providing an opportunity to visit with the Yonah Mountain Church group.

A schedule of proposed dates for these visits was prepared and sent to church "contact leaders" several weeks ago. The schedule covered the intervening months

until General Conference convenes at Siloam Springs, Ark., in August. It is expected that Pastor Pearson and family will be leaving for Nyasaland and a second term of missionary service early in September, 1960.

The church "contact leaders" have been requested to make the necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the Pearsons while they are in the church community. It is being suggested that the church plan for more than one speaking appointment for our missionaries, giving ample time for them to present their message, as well as to show slides of the Nyasaland mission field. Mr. Pearson has consented to encourage greater participation in the Lay Development Program currently being sponsored and promoted by the Missionary Board.

A partial schedule of visits will follow which will show only the Sabbath services attended by the Pearsons. For obvious reasons, it will be necessary for many churches to be visited on weekdays. We are sorry about this but it cannot be helped. We do encourage those churches thus visited to make every effort to have a full attendance and receive the inspiration which these dedicated servants of Christ can give.

Following is the schedule of Sabbath visits: March 19, Daytona Beach, Fla.; March 26, Hammond, La.; April 2, Edinburg, Tex.; April 9 and 16, Riverside and Los Angeles, Calif.; April 23, Boulder, Colo.; April 30, North Loup, Neb.; May 7, Dodge Center, Minn.; May 14, Albion, Wis.; May 21, Milton, Wis.; May 28, Battle Creek, Mich.; June 4, Central Association at Verona, N. Y.; June 11, a church in Central Association; June 18, Western Association at Independence, N. Y.; June 25, Southeastern Association at Salem, W. Va.; July 2, Washington, D. C.; July 9, Farina, Ill.; July 16, 23, and 30, Arkansas churches; August 10-14, Pre-Con at John Brown University; August 15-20, General Conference at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark.

We cannot turn the worship day into a work day, the holy day into a holiday, without suffering spiritually.

Youth Speaks Out

The Lord Our King

By Wayne Hambleton

(One of two Christian Endeavor Day talks on the theme "Thy Kingdom on Earth" at the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church)

The Scripture I am using is Psalm 24, which begins: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein."

What is a kingdom? What comprises a kingdom? The way I see it, there are four essential elements in a kingdom: first, there is the king; second, there is the territory that he rules over; third, the people; and fourth, the laws. There are also two kinds of kingdoms, the earthly and the heavenly. Let's compare them.

As our earthly kingdom, let's use England. For their king, they have an English monarch. The territory he rules over is England. The people of England are mostly British or English. Between the King or Queen, the Parliament and the House of Commons, all the laws are made and carried out, and those who break the laws are punished according to the laws.

Now let's take the heavenly kingdom. The King over all is God our Heavenly Father. He doesn't rule over just a small area like England, but He rules over all the earth. Yes, we have our leaders over each individual country, but God is the Supreme Ruler over all. We might think that we are the rulers, but we aren't. God is the ruler of all races. He doesn't care if we are red, yellow, black, or white. He is concerned with everybody. Just like England, He has set up laws for us to live by and where else do we have a better expression of the laws of God than those He gave us in the Ten Commandments and amplified in the Sermon on the Mount?

Why has God prepared laws for us to live by?

1. One of the most important purposes is to prepare us to follow Him. He does not say exactly when He will come, but He has given us many signs, such as the

one in Matthew 24, where it says, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars . . . and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Even so, we can't sit back and wait. We aren't going to be warned ahead of time when He comes, so we should be prepared at all times.

2. He also wants us to be the happiest, most prosperous and peaceful people on earth. With all these laws, God expects to have a kingdom of order (1 Cor. 14: 33), and He is willing to reward us if we obey Him. We will receive blessings for obeying the laws. Conversely, we are punished if we sin, that is if we break the law — because sin is nothing more or less than breaking the laws.

The territory that God rules over is earth. In the beginning God created heaven and earth (Gen. 1: 1). The Word "created" in this sense means to make or organize. If you were to make something, don't you think that it would belong to you? That is the way it is with God. He made this earth and it is His. But, God didn't make this earth just for Himself, He made it for you and me so that we may have a place in which to live. God worked hard for five days to create this earth we live on. Then He created Adam and Eve in His own image and told them to multiply and replenish the earth and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth (Gen. 1: 26-28).

Psalm 24: 1 "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Every little thing on this earth is His, including all people everywhere. It all belongs to Him now even though Satan is exercising a considerable amount of influence over the lives and affairs of men.

You know, there are two great powers on this earth. One is of God and the other is of Satan. Everybody has to choose between the two. If Adam and Eve had restrained themselves from listening to Satan in the beginning, there wouldn't be need for earthly laws, because there would be no sin. Because of that first sin there are over 100,000,000 laws trying to enforce the Ten Commandments. But God knew there was a lot of sin on earth. That is why He sent His Son to die on the cross to bear our sins and to prepare us for the new heaven and earth that He has prepared for us. Revelation 21 describes the heavenly Jerusalem where God is with men and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them and shall be their God. It is in the blessed "here and now" that we prepare by following Jesus' example for the "sweet by-and-by" (Luke 17: 21 and 23).

Room Enough for All

There is room for everybody in God's kingdom. God's kingdom is not just heaven and earth. His real kingdom is within your heart. But for you to enter His kingdom, you must have clean hands and a pure heart. You must be one "who

hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (Psalm 24: 3-4).

In this generation, there are just as many people seeking the Lord as in any other generation, and for this we should rejoice. But, there are still many who have not sought the Lord's way and who have not manifested interest in entering into God's kingdom (Matt. 7: 13-14). All must be witnesses and, for those who have not found the Lord's way, you must go out and tell them to open up their hearts and let the Lord come in (Psalm 24: 7). We must show them by the things we do and the way we act what God's way is really like.

Why can't the Protestant churches expand like the Communists? Because we don't work. Let's all go out and try to win more lives to Christ and make all our churches flourish. But, remember above all, God's kingdom is not just on earth, but within your heart. Don't let Satan tempt you and turn you the wrong way. Always keep God in your heart and you will live a blessed life.

In conclusion may I leave you with this thought by Billy Graham:

"Prayer is the rope that pulls God and man together. But it doesn't pull God down to us; it pulls us to Him."



The above picture sent in by the pastor, F. B. Eke (seated left front), tells a story of organized Seventh Day Baptist work in southern Nigeria in the Ahoada district, eastern region. Correspondence from several leaders gives indication that the work in that area, which has had its ups and downs, is again prospering. Local pastors speak of a number of congregations under the Seventh Day Baptist name.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

Items from Women's Board

Are you in need of someone to help in your summer program of Bible School and camp? The Women's Board is planning to lend assistance by bringing together the churches and fellowships who need help and young men and women of college age and over who are capable and willing to help.

Where churches are able to help with the transportation costs the limited budget of the board can be made to stretch just that much farther. This year we would like to interest young men as well as young women in giving their assistance.

It would be wonderful to have a long list of men and women to make the 1960 plans function properly. If you know of willing workers who can make Bible School or camp a success ask them if they will share their abilities with others and send us their names and addresses. We will contact them.

If your church or fellowship would like to have a helper this year please let us know at the earliest opportunity. Write to Mrs. Herbert Bennett, 65 Hamilton Drive, Battle Creek, Mich.

The first conference of the newly-organized National Women's Organization, designated NOW opened a three-day session at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., on February 17. Mrs. Harmon Dickinson, of Plainfield, N. J., and the Rev. Elizabeth Randolph, of Washington, D. C., signified their willingness to represent us at that conference. We shall all be interested to know more of the plans and accomplishments of this new organization, whose seventeen member groups include national women's organizations of varying interests and affiliation.

Have you had an opportunity to study the posters sent out by the Women's Board? They are being circulated by your Associational representative and need your consideration. Your comments and criticisms would be welcome. Our hope is that they make clear what women are doing and will encourage continued support of OWM, which will keep our work moving.

At the February meeting of the board word was received that a severe storm on the island of Jamaica has caused the loss of home and possessions of some of our church people there. The board voted to send the sum of \$50 to the Rev. Leon Lawton, director of the mission, to help supply immediate needs.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Oscar Burdick, of El Cerrito, California, has consented to conduct a music contest this year. Mrs. Burdick is sending out information about the contest to pastors and will publicize rules regarding it so that anyone interested may enter. Watch for announcements and let's have a large number of entries this year.

The following appeared in the Michigan Church Woman and is a prayer we can all enter into with sincerity. May it be our humble petition.

Give us, O Heavenly Father, a creative spirit to do our common, often unexciting tasks, in uncommon growth-inspiring ways.

Equip us with an inexhaustible patience to sustain us through the sometimes needed long reaches of time from one point of progress to the next. Grant unto us the mood of praise and the spirit of gratitude to match our privilege of being entrusted with the service in which we are engaged.

Re-dedicate us to the work and the faith to which we have committed ourselves, and may we never suffer between our ideals and conduct. Re-enforce our duty with loyalty. Lift it to the high plane of a Christian calling — rooted in Thy will and inspired by the life of our Lord.

Grant that we may be kept ever discontent with an inadequate performance of our tasks or the momentary fulfillment of our mission. May we "steer for the deep waters" to the region of the spiritually indispensable.

Help us, O God, in all that we do to strive only to bring honor and glory to Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 19, 1960

Paul's Voyage to Rome

Lesson Scripture: Acts 27: 1, 21-26.

Great St. Louis Convention Of Education Executives

Secretary Zwiebel attended the annual convention of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, February 15-18, at St. Louis, Mo. The sessions attended included two with the National Denominational Executives in Christian Education, three with the Administration and Leadership Section, three with the Commission on General Christian Education, the worship program for the entire delegation, and three dinner meetings. There were more in attendance at the convention than any year previous, approximately 2,300 persons.

All of the sessions were thought-provoking. A unique worship service was led for the Administration and Leadership Section by Dr. Harold Ehrensperger, Boston University School of Theology. Contrasting the good life with hell, Dr. Ehrensperger said: "Hell is life without a looking-glass; it is life without books; it is a place where you can't close your eyes; hell is other people; hell is outwardness only." One's imagination immediately starts working with such statements. Dr. Ehrensperger developed each statement thoroughly. (Topics could be made of each statement for sermons, discussions, etc.) Needless to say, there was much discussion following the meeting.

Dr. Joseph Sittler, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Federated Theological Faculties, was the main speaker for the all-delegate worship service held in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium. His subject was the convention theme, "Believe and Belong," and he based his sermon on Romans 6: 13-23. Special music was furnished by a brass quartet from the St. Louis Symphony and by the Washington University Choir. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch was the song leader. Something happens to a person when she leads so many voices in "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian."

Three of the meetings of the Administration and Leadership Section were workshops with field trips to such places as the new Christian Education buildings

of local churches, small churches with adequate Christian education facilities, Radio and Television Station KETC, and Washington University. (At the annual business meeting of this section, your delegate was elected recording secretary for a two-year term.)

Dr. A. L. Roberts, General Director of the Commission on General Christian Education, announced that the 24th Quadrennial Convention (a Christian Education Assembly and a successor to the International Sunday School Convention, last held in Cleveland, Ohio) would be held in San Francisco, December 4-9, 1960. Three of the six sessions will be held in cooperation with each of the other three divisions of the National Council: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Christian Life and Work. (We hope that many of our West Coast Seventh Day Baptists will attend this Christian Education convention. It's for all who are interested in teaching the way of Christ.) The fee is \$6. Further information may be secured from Mrs. Emily Paky, registrar, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

There is no way to express adequately the inspiration and knowledge gained in attending and participating in such a convention. Your delegate felt that he was unable to make a significant contribution to so great a gathering, though we think of our presence as an offering by Seventh Day Baptists to be used in the great ecumenical work of the Church of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat

Two leaders who have agreed to serve for the second annual Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat are Dr. Loyal F. Hurley and Dr. Melvin G. Nida. Dr. Hurley will lead a quest on "Evangelism and Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs," and Dr. Nida will lead a quest for those of the retreat who are married called "Making Good As Married Couples."

A quest for single retreaters will be conducted at the same time as the one for married couples. It is called "Courtship and Marriage."

The age limits this year are 20 to 45 years, and the fee is \$19. This includes insurance. Now is the time to make plans to attend. Watch for additional notice

New Filmstrip

As a part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program, the American Baptists have made a filmstrip that describes the relationship between church growth and contributing factors. The filmstrip, called "Let's Face It," is the result of many years of research conducted among 800 churches on the West Coast by Richard Myers. Any of our churches may borrow it from our Board of Christian Education. It is a gift from our American Baptist brethren.

Salem College Draws Noted Speaker

When a small college can secure such an internationally known speaker as Dr. Kurt D. Singer it is newsworthy. He was scheduled to address the public in the college auditorium at a lyceum program February 24 on the subject "I Led Three Lives."

Dr. Singer, one of the foremost authors of our day, has been in the "treason business" for 20 years and has been of valuable assistance to the American counterintelligence agencies. Such an eminent authority on espionage and communism commands a respectful hearing at an institution that is training the thinkers of tomorrow.

Dr. Singer has appeared on some of the largest college seminars in this country. He has also had many of his articles and stories printed in such publications as *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Reader's Digest*, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*. He is also the author of a syndicated column in both the United States and the Reuter Features in England.

Books written by Dr. Singer include: *The World's 30 Greatest Women Spies*, *Spies and Traitors*, *Three Thousand Years of Espionage*, *Gentlemen Spies*, *Spies and Traitors of World War II*, *Duel for the Northland*, and *The Story of a Hypnotist*.

— Adapted from a college press release.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Rome Studies Ecumenical Movement

Dr. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, pointed out that the Pope's call for an Ecumenical Council on Christian Unity had led to "a great uncertainty in the Roman Catholic Church about the best way to proceed."

He observed that "the Roman Catholic Church and its leaders now want a much greater role in ecumenical affairs, but don't know how to do it. They have lived all their long history in a state of monologue."

Dr. Visser 't Hooft acknowledged, however, that there was "a tremendous upsurge of interest in the ecumenical movement within the Church of Rome. We cannot remain indifferent to it," he said, "especially in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany."

He indicated that there were "more thorough studies on the ecumenical movement by Roman Catholics than by Protestants, because of the number who spend much time on it."

New Rules for Rome

The first meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Rome of the Roman Catholic Church in more than five hundred years was called January 25 by Pope John XXIII.

The week-long session made recommendations on nearly 800 articles which constitute a disciplinary code covering every activity connected with the duties of priesthood and the propagation of the faith.

Although the recommendations apply only to the Rome Diocese, it is expected that other dioceses throughout the world will follow suit. They provide among other things: Priests are forbidden to smoke or go to theatres even if the presentations are morally unobjectionable. They may not buy or drive automobiles without permission of their superiors. Women with bare arms or male clothing will be denied the sacraments. This applies to all Romans and tourists.

All Catholic laymen will be obliged on pain of excommunication to enact no laws

harmful to the Church. They are forbidden to read publications inspired by Protestantism, Illuminism, existentialism, atheism or materialism; forbidden to take part in services, sermons, or discussions of non-Catholic cults or in sessions of spiritism, magic, or divination; liable to excommunication if they join or vote for political parties or persons that promote heretical principles or doctrines even though they may not go so far as apostasy and atheism. They are subject to excommunication also if they back doctrines or views in contrast with the Catholic dogma in the press, in lectures or public spectacles.

20,000 Baptists Expected

The Chairman of Arrangements for the Tenth Baptist World Congress, Rio de Janeiro, June 26 - July 3, 1960, announces these figures:

"The best we can judge, it seems there will be about 20,000 or 25,000 registered delegates. We look for 4,000 from North America, 1,000 from other parts of the world, 5,000 to 10,000 from Brazil outside of Rio, and some 10,000 registered delegates from Rio itself."

Edgar F. Hallock, the chairman, also tells Baptist visitors what will be expected of them in behavior and appearance:

Be Christian. Please don't be impatient because a Brazilian waiter takes longer to serve you than you are accustomed to waiting for your food in the United States. Eating is an art, not a duty, in Latin America. Avoid the use of tobacco, because to most Baptists in Latin America tobacco takes its place along with beverage alcohol as a thing that Christians do not use. Women should go light on cosmetics. If you have any race prejudices, leave them at home; there is no color line in Brazil. Let us show by our every action that we Baptists are a people seeking to do the will of Christ.

The Methodist Church, through its Board of Missions, spent almost \$29,000,000 at home and overseas during the fiscal year 1959, a record amount. The year's report shows that the board spent \$15,665,000 on mission work in 44 countries overseas. That represented 54 percent of all expenditures. Disbursements for home missions (United States and Puerto Rico) were \$9,724,000, or 24 percent of all expenditures.

Women of the Cloth in Sweden

Sweden has a state church. In 1958 Parliament passed a law authorizing the ordination of women, but this could not be put in effect until it was endorsed by the General Assembly of the church. That decision was announced about February 1 by Archbishop Hultgren, primate of the church. It was followed by widespread opposition sparked by the clergy. Leaders do not feel that it will split the church.

It is estimated that within the whole Swedish church one quarter are in favor of women's ordination, one quarter against, and half undecided. Three women are scheduled to be ordained in March, one of whom is a member of the Central Committee of WCC.

The opposition, led by Bishop Giertz of Gothenburg, issued a manifesto two hours after the decision was announced, urging clergymen to refuse to work with a woman minister and urging laymen to refuse priestly ministrations from women or to attend services conducted by them. But, since it is now the law of the land, the opponents may face prosecution.

[This type of church-state relation and this sort of church government are far removed from the Baptist concept.]

Faith and Works



Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father in this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1: 27.

Just A Moment, Please

By G. M. Dyce-Keele

When Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, the Master looked him through and through. Then, seeing plainly what he was, Jesus said: "Thou shalt be called Cephas . . . a stone." I guarantee that if anyone else had said that to Simon, the rough and headstrong fisherman, it would have been either a sneer or a jest. If he had said it of himself it would have been a pious hope or a mere empty assertion. But when Jesus said it, those same words expressed a promise with divine power behind it.

Rather like when a sculptor says to a rough and awkward lump of stone: "Thou shalt be" — and by his genius, patience, and labor brings forth a noble statue. Or when an artist says to a square of plain unlovely canvas: "Thou shalt be" — and sets to work upon a picture which will make men marvel. Or when a master musician says to an empty page of his manuscript: "Thou shalt be" — and then works hard to create such music as sends its lovely echoes ringing through the ages.

Just as the sculptor creates a masterpiece in form, just as the artist creates a masterpiece in color, and just as the musician creates a masterpiece in sound, even so Jesus our Master performs miracles in creating new character and personality. He restores, renews, and regenerates all that is within us. It takes time but so does every lesser work of art.

We can watch the Master working upon this rough fisherman, using every means (yes, even his failure) to make him strong where he had been weak; humble where he had been boastful; controlled where he had been headstrong and hasty, until at last we read: "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Truly they had been with Jesus — the Maker of men then and now.

Some years ago at an auction in London the bidding for one book reached the figure of £6,800; it was a first edition of "The Pilgrim's Progress." What a rough cus-

tomer young John Bunyan was, among the troopers in the time of Oliver Cromwell! But there came a day when Jesus said to him: "Thou shalt be" — and what a splendid man the Master made him! And even today we find Him ready to do the same for me — and for you.

— Sabbath Observer.

Sabbath desecration is a step down the ladder of conformity to God's will, to seek a lower plane of living.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J. — The camp development progress from week to week is amazing. People from several miles around and from other churches regard this new camp site a place of interest. Each Sunday finds new people visiting the lake-side camp to see how we are coming along with the work. The church bulletin each week announces what was accomplished the week before and what sort of work is in prospect for the volunteers the next day.

At the time of writing the major emphasis of the church is on the current Preaching Crusade with the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley as guest speaker. Much preparation was made in advance. In connection with the personal visitation program before the public meetings started, meals were served each evening during the week with the preparation divided up as follows: Monday, Tri-C Class; Tuesday, Mothers' and Teachers' Class; Wednesday, Willing Workers; Thursday, C.M.C.

On February 7 Christian Endeavor Day was recognized with the three societies taking part in the morning service. It is felt that by encouraging the young folks to take over the morning service good leadership and cooperation are developed.

This winter our church has had a bowling team and plays every Wednesday night. Also the youth have two basketball teams practicing on Sunday nights in the Stow Creek School and playing their games on Tuesday nights with the other churches of West District. The boys' team is coached by Owen Probasco and the girls by Miss Louise Coursen, a physical education teacher in Bridgeton High.

— Correspondent.

The Sabbath Recorder

Saints in Aprons and Overalls

A few years ago in Pasadena, California, a young Negro boy began to get into trouble with the law. He had a strong grudge against society and was heading for real danger. A judge asked a young Methodist minister named Karl Downs to take personal responsibility in helping that boy to overcome his bitterness. The minister agreed, and spent a great deal of time with the boy. The result? The boy turned out to be a credit to his race and to the sports world. You now know this boy as Jackie Robinson. And who is Karl Downs? Just another Lydia — one of the quiet people who move the world forward.

William P. Barker in Saints in Aprons and Overalls (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Service Hymnals Needed

Word comes from Mrs. Grover Brissey of 29 Charles Street, Kingston, Jamaica, W. I., that The Service Hymnals (Hope Publishing Co.) which have been used for a number of years for chapel services at Crandall High School are wearing out. This particular book is very popular with the students. Perhaps there are churches or individuals having extra copies that could be sent to Jamaica to increase the number available for use. They would not need to be in perfect condition. Contact Mrs. Brissey (Air Mail 10 cents).

Marriages

Konop-Kenyon. — Philip L. Konop, Jr., of Dearborn, Mich., and Phyllis Kenyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arling Kenyon of Hopkinton, R. I., were married in the St. Elizabeth Chapel in Sudbury, Mass., December 12, 1959.

Evans-Fargo. — William Evans and Vic Ann Fargo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fargo, both of Rome, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church October 10, 1959, by the bride's pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick.

Owen-Davis. — J. Foster Owen and Jean Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Rollo Davis, both of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church, Feb. 7, with the bride's pastor, the Rev. Paul B. Osborn, and a former pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, participating in the ceremony.

Obituaries

Alderson. — Clara Alice Hennesey, daughter of Patrick and Mary Cornelia Richards Hennesey, was born Feb. 22, 1874, at Wolf-town, Virginia, and died at her home in Lost Creek, W. Va., February 8, 1960.

Her husband, Henley O. Alderson, died in September, 1954. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Khale (Alpha) Bond, Lost Creek, and Mrs. Edna Setty, Van Nuys, Calif.; one son, Thomas D., of Chicago, Ill.; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Clarksburg, W. Va., by the Rev. Duane L. Davis, and interment was in the Masonic Cemetery, Weston, W. Va.

— D.L.D.

Bond. — L. Esle, son of Levi D. and Berdie Queen Bond, was born on Hackers Creek, Upshur County, W. Va., July 15, 1895, and died at Weston, W. Va., Feb. 19, 1960.

Esle spent his entire life on his family farm. He was a half brother to the late Emry and S. Orestes Bond. On December 19, 1936, he was married to Mildred Virginia Myers, who survives. Also surviving are one son, Paul Douglas Bond, stationed at the Elgin Air Force Base in Florida, and two nephews: Carroll Bond of Jane Lew, W. Va and Randolph Bond of Lost Creek, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. James Reinhold at Weston, W. Va., and interment was in the Fairview Cemetery of Berlin, W. Va.

— D.L.D.

Kennedy. — Russell M., son of Jesse D. and Ella Freeman Kennedy, was born at Lost Creek, W. Va., on June 30, 1885, and died at Clarksburg, W. Va., February 10, 1960.

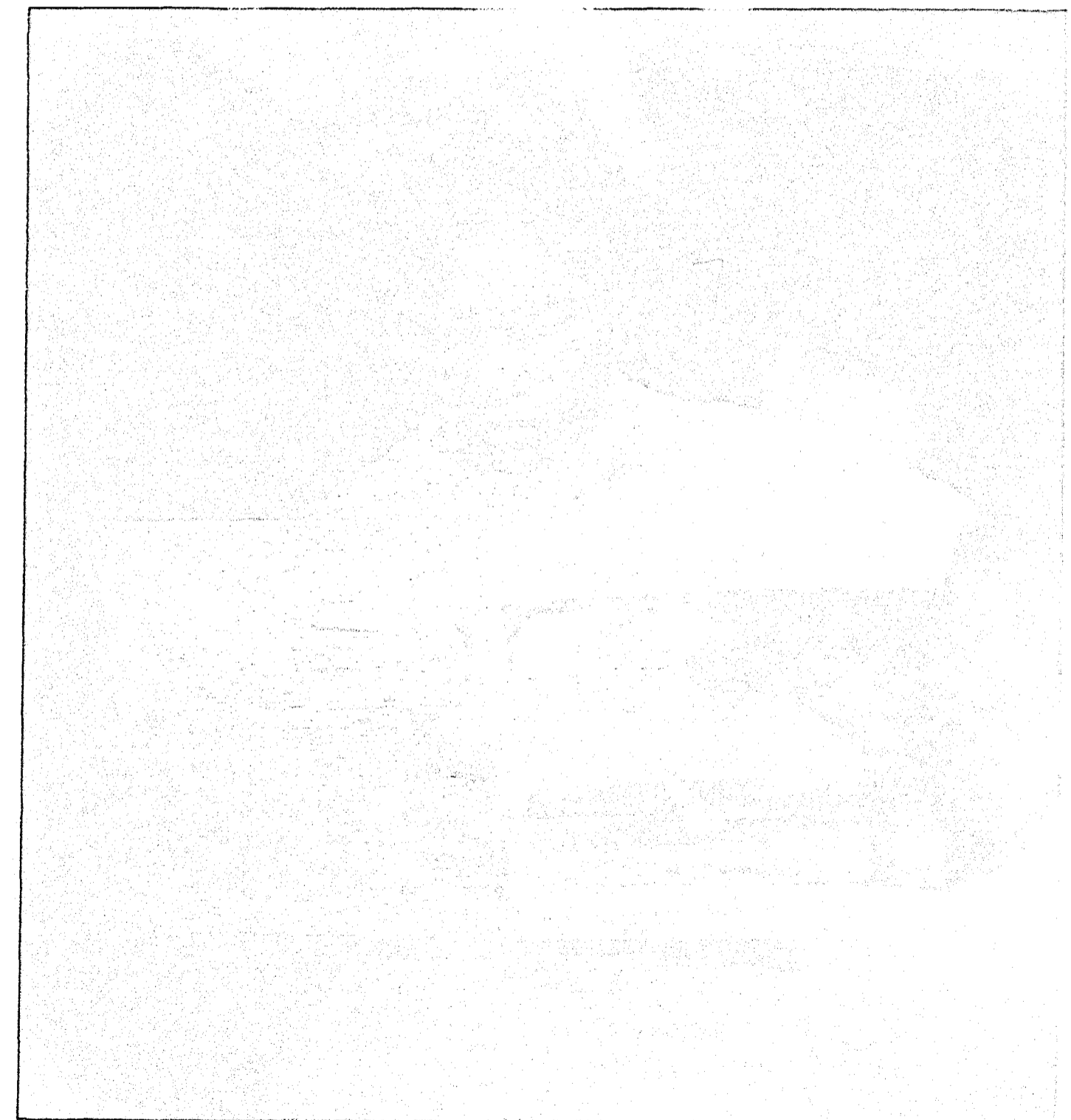
Russell spent all of his life in the Lost Creek vicinity. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for 62 years. For many years he was a carpenter in the coal mines. For over 15 years he had been crippled by arthritis; in recent years an invalid who nevertheless maintained his interest in his church and community and the lives of his children.

Surviving are his wife, Glenn Queen Kennedy; three sons: Manning H., of Rockville, Md., Jesse W., of Lost Creek, and Harry G., of Georgetown, Ohio; two daughters: Emma (Mrs. C. J. J. Vos), of Arlington, Va., and Joan (Mrs. William P. Burgz), of Nashville, Tenn.; and eight grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor at Clarksburg, W. Va., and burial was in the "Brick Church" Cemetery.

— D.L.D.

Seventh Day Baptist young man, preferably single, to work on dairy farm. — Ralph Green Milton Junction, Wisconsin.



BIBLE READING IN AFRICA

A girl in the Congo is absorbed in the reading of an illustrated portion of the Scriptures in her own language — a new tool in hands of missionaries in numerous African countries, produced by the American Bible Society.

— from "Congo Close-Up" a filmstrip available from the Tract Society.