

# The Sabbath Recorder

## NO TIME TO WASTE

There's so much good that we can do  
 As we the path of life pursue;  
 So much in sermon and in song  
 To help our fellows all along;  
 So much in kindness and in love  
 To point the lost to God above;  
 Much worth-while work where we are placed  
 Until we have no time to waste.

There is so much to pray about,  
 With no time left to fret and doubt;  
 So much our hands may do to bless  
 In times of sorrow and distress;  
 So much for God that should be done  
 Before the setting of life's sun;  
 So many harvest fields to reap  
 And no time left for useless sleep.

No time to waste if we would win  
 The vict'ry over hell and sin;  
 If we would burn, and shine, and glow  
 Along life's journey here below;  
 If we would live a life of worth  
 To help to make this a better earth;  
 If we would see our Savior's face  
 And praise Him for eternal grace.

Rev. Walter R. Isenhour.

Taylorsville, N. C.

somewhat to our local situation. Our Friendly Visitors group, which has been meeting every month for over three years, has undertaken some of the work suggested in the Program, and other matters have been presented on Friday nights through the use of filmstrips from the Tract Society.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan of the Westerly Church met with our group recently to tell us of what was being accomplished in that church. One of our number, Morton Swinney, has been called upon to assist with discussion groups in the Westerly and Ashaway churches.

A service for the dedication of three new babies in our community will be held on Resurrection Sabbath, and the following Sabbath will be devoted to the work of missions. It is expected that Loren Osborn of Westerly will meet with us to help in presenting news from the mission field. He is the new member of the Commission from this area, and is vitally interested in missions due to his chairmanship of the Committee on African Interests of the Missionary Board.

—Correspondent.

### Births

Babcock. — A daughter, Katherine Annette, was born February 12, 1960, to Calvin and Meleta (Monroe) Babcock. (Calvin is on Guam and Meleta and Katherine are at Fouke, Ark.)

Davis. — A son, Dwight Willis, to Olin and Marilyn (Osborn) Davis of Verona, N. Y., on April 2, 1960.

### Obituaries

Crandall. — Samuel B., son of William R. and Emily Jane Benjamin Crandall, was born at Independence, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1874, and died after a brief hospitalization at Wellsville, N. Y., March 6, 1960.

Dr. Crandall (Ph.D. Columbia University) was a life-long member of the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church. A graduate (and for many years a trustee) of Alfred University, he also held a degree in law, practicing in Washington, D.C., from 1910 to 1917, after serving with the State Department and the Attorney General's office for eight years. He was a specialist in international law, writing a highly recognized book on *Treaties, Their Making and Enforcement*. He returned to the farm in 1917

and used his abilities in many constructive ways throughout the remainder of his life. He is survived by a sister, Anna Laura Crandall, who lived with him on the homestead farm. Farewell services were conducted March 8 in the Independence Church by the Rev. O. Blakely Hill, supply pastor.

— From Clippings sent by O.B.H.

Crosley. — John Grant, infant son of Carroll and Wyona Crosley of Lima, Ohio, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crosley of Farina, Ill., was born Jan. 4, 1958, and died Jan. 18, 1960, while his parents were visiting at Kinmundy, Ill. The farewell service and interment were at Kinmundy.

— L.F.H.

Kenyon. — Erwin A., son of Gillette and Hattie (Champlin) Kenyon, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., October 14, 1882, and died in Wyoming, R. I., March 14, 1960.

Mr. Kenyon was a member of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. In September, 1909, he was united in marriage with Miss Agatha Murray of Ashaway. He is survived by his wife; a son, Henry A., of Wyoming, with whom he and Mrs. Kenyon made their home; also by two daughters, Mrs. George E. Reynolds of Hope Valley and Mrs. Joseph C. Janeiro of Pawcatuck; fourteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He leaves three brothers, John S. C., of Hope Valley, Harry G., of Hopkinton, and his twin, Elwin A., of Bradford; two sisters, Mrs. Zoe Crosley and Miss Essie Kenyon, both of Florida; besides nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley, the Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway.

— H.R.C.

Maxson — Albertus Randall, son of Albertus W. and Isabel Randolph Maxson, was born in Westerly, R. I., May 30, 1876, and died at his home in Barrington, R. I., Nov. 18, 1959.

He had long been a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly, R. I. Memorial services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home in Westerly on Nov. 22, 1959, with his pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan, officiating.

— E.C.

Owens. — Joseph, son of Thomas and Mary (Robinson) Owens, was born in Wales, October 24, 1884, and died at his home in Westerly, R. I., March 20, 1960.

He is survived by four sons: Harry, of Hanover, Conn.; Robert, of Charlestown, R. I.; Raymond, of Perryville, R. I.; and Douglas, of Stonington, Conn.; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from The Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly on March 23, 1960, by the Rev. Earl Cruzan. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery.

— E.C.

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## The South Africa Problem

On another page in this issue is an account of what the World Council of Churches is doing under the present emergency in South Africa — first of all, to provide \$10,000 in relief funds and then to extend its good offices in helping resolve the racial crisis in that area.

This is a different occasion for providing relief funds than usual. Great numbers of people are in need, not because of any natural disaster but because they have resisted government attempts to enforce white supremacy and segregation. The situation is complicated by the fact that nearly all of the minority white population is Christian — at least nominally.

The American press, and world opinion in general, has sided with the Africans in the present unequal struggle. The quick offer of WCC to make available \$10,000 seems to be an evidence of this. On the face of it, why should a relatively small number of white people in South Africa, the continent of dark-skinned people, lord it over the majority? Our sympathies must be with the oppressed. Seldom, however, is any problem (much less a racial problem) a simple black and white. There is likely to be some justification for the position taken by the more reasonable people on both sides of the question.

An appeal by nine leaders of the South African Dutch Reformed Church has been received by the World Council, asking church leaders to be on guard against a "slanted picture of South Africa presented by the world press." The appeal admits that there is much to be done to atone for "shortcomings and mistakes made by church people and successive governments in handling our great and extraordinarily complicated national problems."

The appeal also asks for "self-restraint and the retention of Christian balance" in considering South Africa's problems.

The white people in the important centers in South Africa point out that when the majority of their families came to those regions several generations ago the country was virtually uninhabited and that the black people streaming down from the north in such overwhelming numbers came because of economic advantages and had

no prior claim to the country or its administration. Quite naturally the whites fear what might happen if the control of the government went out of their hands. They have a point. The question remains as to whether the measures they are taking to protect their interests can be reconciled with Christian principles. We from the outside do not think so.

British colonialism has often been severely criticized, but history seems to indicate that back of its stiff shirt there has been a good heart and under its top hat a head of wisdom as compared with the colonial policies of the Dutch (who have control in South Africa) and of some of the other European colonial powers.

## Is Methodism Slowing Down?

Bishop William C. Martin of the Dallas-Forth Worth area had the responsibility recently of evaluating the work of the Methodist church over the past four years in what is called the Episcopal address. Methodism is strong in numbers and in program. There have been numerous mergers which have increased its numerical totals. Whether or not the church as a whole is manifesting the evangelistic zeal which characterized the church in earlier days is quite open to question.

It appears that the various pentecostal and other offshoots from the Methodist church have effectively stepped into the gap of a waning evangelism and a waxing Episcopalianism. Southern Baptists also have combined a strong witnessing program with very efficient educational and youth organization — features that have enabled it to burst the bonds of a former provincialism and establish itself in areas where other churches — such as the Methodist — once predominated.

Now Bishop Martin did not say these things. He did say, "For the first time in history, unfortunately, the Methodist church finds itself growing at a slower rate than the U. S. population." He pointed out that in the past quadrennium benevolent giving has shown great increases. The Methodist Christian Advocate (Ala-

bama and West Florida) commenting on the bishop's address picked up an expression, "... and to give some sense of the relative importance of problems facing Methodism." The editor, Dr. T. P. Chalker, was quick to observe, "Methodism's first concern must always be evangelistic: the winning of men and women, boys and girls, to a redemptive relationship with Jesus Christ through every Christian means available."

Other denominations besides our own find themselves by-passed in the steady and, in some cases, amazing growth of denominations which until recent years were on the fringe of the mainstream of Protestant advance. Any denomination, like ours, which contends that it guards and proclaims essential truth needs to constantly take stock and ascertain whether or not it is keeping its first concern evangelistic. What we desire is that kind of growth that comes from evangelistic outreach.

It is our experience that sincere truth seekers who may have been associated with other groups will be attracted to us when they see evidences that the Holy Spirit is working through us for the conversion of sinners. Love sent Christ to the world and love must send us out into the world. As the apostle wrote so eloquently, "Love never faileth." Perhaps he meant that it wins souls and ensures church growth when all other programs fail.

It is not our concern that Methodism may be slowing down. Our concern is to keep our own love from cooling.

## Wee Wisdom

It was early spring, before the trees had budded, before the yards had been raked to make the first green blades of grass look greener. There had not been much evidence of the stirring of those busy subterranean earth movers and fish tantalizers, the little pink worms. Then came a rain pattering down through the night, reviving all those cold-blooded crawlers, inviting them to raise their tiny mounds amid the grass roots and to venture forth in the moist darkness for journeys into the great above-ground.

Most of the worms wisely chose to move only short distances and, after that first meeting with others of their kind, they again successfully returned to their soil-enriching burrowing. But some of these sightless, city dwelling creatures undertook tasks too great for them. If one could be sentimental about the problems of a worm he might observe at eight o'clock in the morning how mightily a four-inch worm had stretched himself to cross a 40-foot paved street and had not quite made it when the bicycle and auto traffic caught him.

Of the numerous passages in the Bible where man is likened to a worm perhaps the most interesting is Isaiah 41:14, "Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel." The worm in the street had no helper other than its built-in guidance system, its God-given endurance, and its uncanny sense of danger. Man, worm though he is, can call upon the Lord for strength and help as Israel did of old when faced with many national adversaries.

We through Christ have become the spiritual Israel. We sometimes feel that the task to which the church has been called is too great for us. How many worms successfully crossed the street in the night? We only saw those that failed. If our call is of God He will sustain and guide us no matter how great the journey or how difficult the task. So we gather from Isaiah. The tenth verse of chapter 41 tells the same story: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

#### Recorder Comment

I appreciate this real Gospel truth-teaching magazine very much, also the special edition. We look forward to receiving and reading every Thursday or Friday this inspiring, spiritual magazine. Many thanks to all who put forth the many efforts in sharing with me.



#### MEMORY TEXT

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Romans 13: 12.



#### EDITORIAL NOTES

##### March Giving Is Better

Judging by the report just received and printed on the back page of this issue the members of our churches did much better in March than in February in their giving to Our World Mission. Church treasurers apparently did better also; there are relatively few gaps in the list of churches. This is as it should be. Many people in foreign lands and many here at home can thank and praise the Lord, knowing that the projects voted by our people are now being supported more substantially. The figures represent a higher-level individual giving since there are no large gifts by agencies as in January and February.

It should be noted that although the total gifts are up from \$5,504 to \$7,372 the amount does not equal one twelfth of our OWM budget, and we have raised only 40.13% of it in six months. Continued faithfulness in the grace of giving is needed. Last August we did not believe the goal was equal to the need or beyond our reach. The same view should be maintained now. The goal can be attained if we put first things first in the months to come.

##### DeRuyter Will Call Pastor To Ordination on May 21

Charles D. Swing, who was called to be a deacon of the Shiloh, N. J., Church when a very young man, has been serving the DeRuyter, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church as a full-time pastor for a number of years. The church has decided to call him to ordination on May 21. It is expected that quite a few churches will encourage members or pastors to be present for the occasion.

#### The Proposed Change In Our Statement of Belief

By Dr. Loyal F. Hurley

An article in the February 22 issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* calls attention to the proposed change of Article VII in our Statement of Belief. Since that proposal was made by myself it would seem that some explanation is only fair and permissible.

On January 28 a letter was sent out from the office of the Executive Secretary quoting the resolution adopted by General Conference last year regarding such proposed changes. Then the change which I proposed was given, but without any of the reasons which were adduced in support of the proposed change.

One church has sent an official request that I write out for the *Recorder* the difference between eternal life and immortality, and state my reasons for the proposed change. I am planning an article, rather extended, on "Eternal Life," and a shorter one to show the difference between "Eternal Life," "Incorruptibility," and "Immortality."

"Eternal Life" is confusing because it is used both of a present possession (John 3: 36; 5: 24; 6: 47; 17: 3) and also a future bestowment (Matt. 10: 30; 25: 46; Luke 10: 25; John 4: 36). It is a faulty translation. This is further complicated by the 1958 revision which concludes with the statement, "and that because he lives, eternal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, is the gift of God to the redeemed." The word "gift" is better than the word "reward" in the older statement, but since the verb here is in the present tense it really makes the amazing statement that the redeemed have "spiritual and glorified bodies" NOW.

I have always been proud to hand out our Statement of Belief as it was before the 1958 revision, not that it was perfect, but in the main accurate and Biblical. I have had folks (not Seventh Day Baptists) tell me that it was the finest statement of belief they had ever read. Will we continue to be proud if it says that we already have "spiritual and glorified bodies"?

The Commission quotes a statement from the 1950 Year Book to the effect that no change in our Statement of Belief is necessary. But that statement in the 1950 Year Book was adopted before the amazing change was made in 1958. A correct Statement of Belief requires not only intelligent thinking, but also accurate use of language. We need to be sure that our statements say what we really mean.

#### Political-Religious Issues

A letter to the editor published recently in *The Standard*, North Kingstown, R. I.

Dear Editor:

Your editorial of March 10 aptly emphasizes the role which the Christian Church can and should play in bringing heaven to earth. I agree wholeheartedly that prejudice and bigotry are still too much with us. The picture today, however, does seem considerably brighter than it was prior to the adoption of the U. S. Constitution, the first document in the world to guarantee equal religious and civil rights. Before 1789 minorities didn't have a legal leg to stand on.

In your editorial you mentioned "the political issue of Senator John Kennedy, a Catholic, running for President." I think there are two main reasons why non-Catholics fear a Catholic President: one reason being that the Roman Church existed for many centuries before democracy and religious freedom became realities; and the second reason being the fact that the American branch of Catholicism is governed by a source outside of the U. S. Major Protestant denominations are either autonomous and managed on the local level, or if authoritarian, the headquarters is in the United States and therefore more easily influenced by American ideals.

It is well and good for a person to say that he believes in separation of church and state — but does it mean the same thing to him that it means to another? The principle of "Separation of Church and State," first successfully put into practice by Roger Williams in Rhode Island, is not only of

comparative recent origin, it is RARE! What other nation allows no overlapping of ecclesiastical and civil affairs? In Great Britain, the Church of England is given tax-support. In Sweden, the Lutheran religion is favored. In Italy, a bill is pending in Parliament which will grant state-paid salaries to Catholic clergymen. Roman Catholic parochial schools recently won state-support in Belgium and France. In Spain, not only is the Catholic religion favored, but Protestants suffer a number of discriminations—they cannot propagandize their beliefs, cannot identify their places of worship as churches, etc. Even Canada does not enjoy separation of church and state. Many Canadian families have no choice but to send their children to schools where they will be taught a religion contrary to their beliefs!

If modern nations having a large Catholic majority were democracies that granted equal privileges to religious minorities, and if during those many centuries when the Roman Church was dominant, democracy and religious freedom had been the rule, there would be no cause to fear Catholicism today. From the time the Roman Catholic religion was made the official religion of the Roman Empire (Union of Church and State), disagreement with the teachings of this church was deemed a crime against both canon and civil law and therefore punishable by the State. Ecclesiastical courts, such as the Roman Inquisition established in 1231, judged religious dissenters, and when found guilty, the "protestant" was yielded to the civil authorities (all rulers and government officials were Roman Catholics) and was punished. Judicial torture in common use in the civil courts was authorized by Pope Innocent IV in 1252.

Is today's Roman Church desirous of using the political power of her members to regain the powerful position she held during the Middle Ages? Some Americans think that steps have already been taken in this direction when they see a Catholic electorate, under the full sanction of Cardinal Cushing, successfully incorporate

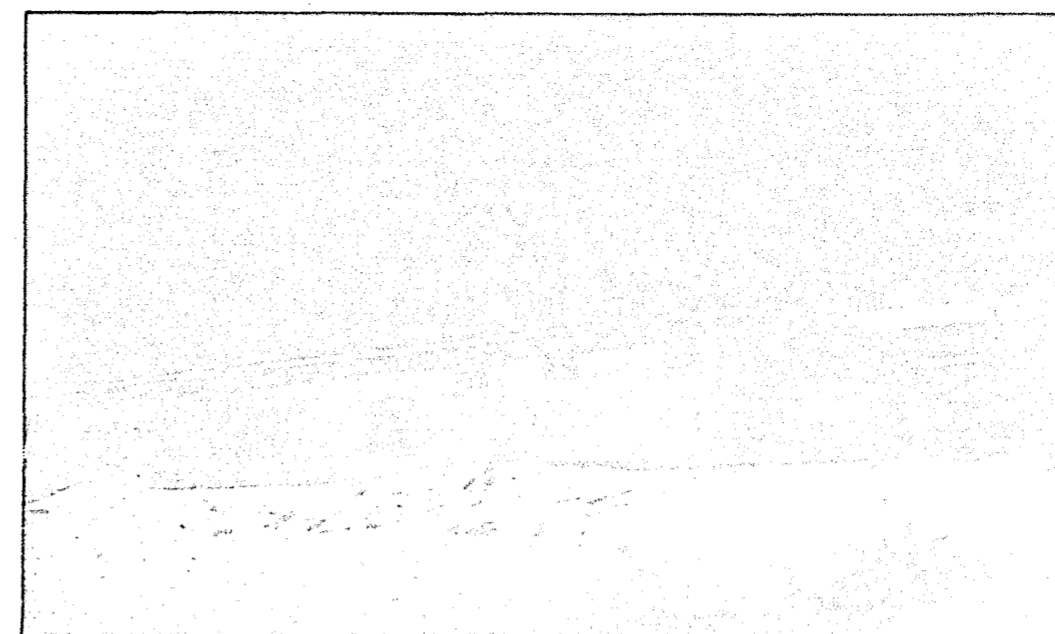
into Massachusetts State Laws the Roman Catholic ban against birth control; then there are the so-called Captive "public" schools in several U. S. towns which minority Protestant parents claim have been taken over by the Catholic Church and though supported by public funds, these schools are teaching the Catholic religion; and how about the Rhode Island Sunday Law (not a health and welfare law as its proponents claim in order to make it appear Constitutional. This is a religious law as clearly seen by the ban against dancing. Sunday dancing is no more strenuous and "unhealthful" than Sunday swimming, skiing, etc.—it's simply that Sunday dancing is thought of as immoral and irreligious)!

If the many American Catholics who do believe in our unique and wonderful system of separation of church and state would use their political power to get rid of these laws which have carried religion into government, and if they would solidly oppose state-aid for church-controlled institutions (hospitals, universities, etc.), and if they would condemn use of public funds for schools which teach religion, then there would be every reason to support a Catholic for the powerful position of President of the United States.

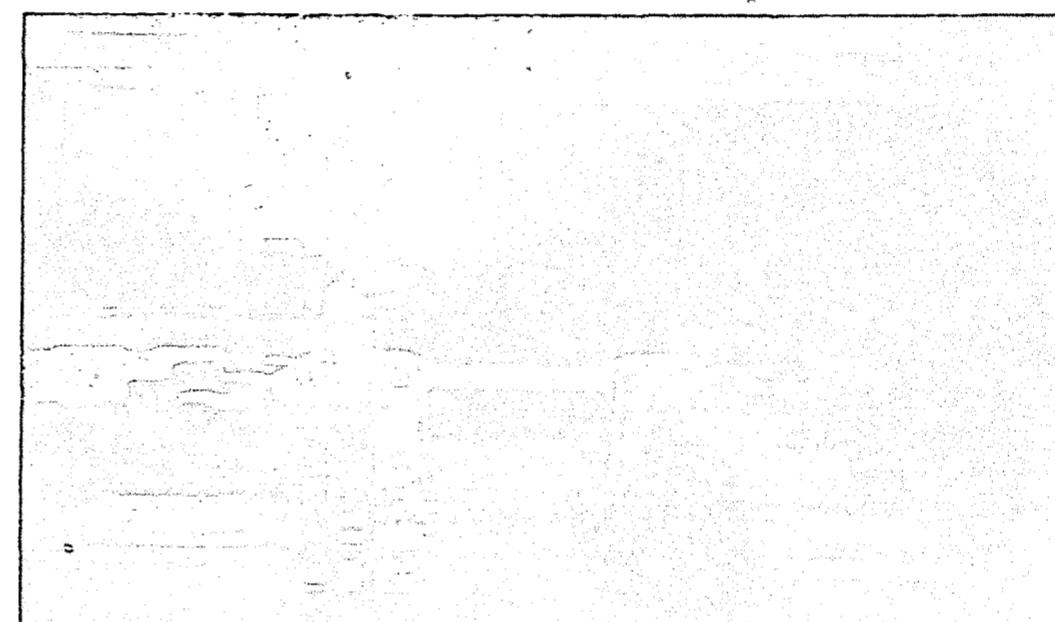
At the recent Washington, D. C., conference of National Organizations of Women, race prejudice was described as being "the desire for unearned superiority, the need for a scapegoat, and the hatred and fear which are products of sick minds." As for religious bigotry, men like Norman Vincent Peale believe that this form of prejudice stems from ignorance of others' beliefs. If each individual makes it his business to study other viewpoints, he may disagree with the doctrines, but at least he can respect the people who believe them because he has learned why they believe as they do.

Respectfully,  
Thelma Tarbox,  
Seventh Day Baptist.

## Denver Church Worships in New Building



This is the way the new Fellowship Hall of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church looked in January when the first worship service was held in it. It will serve as the meeting place of the congregation until the new sanctuary can be built. The old, downtown building was sold. The new location is in the suburbs at 2301 Wadsworth Boulevard.



The interior of the Fellowship Hall is well appointed and will comfortably seat about 150 persons. See the story under "News From the Churches" in the March 28 issue.

## Race Relations in Rhodesia

Dr. R. S. Garfield Todd, a former prime minister of Rhodesia, South Africa, on a visit to the U. S. A., said that the Christian Church will play a key note in the future development of race relations in Africa because "it teaches the white man that all men are equal before God."

Dr. Todd, who headed the government of Southern Rhodesia from 1953 to 1957, and is now leader of the opposition party, spent 26 years as a missionary of Disciples of Christ in that land before entering the government. He is first vice-president of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples). "When the white man came to Africa, the black man was so far below in education, culture, and talent that it was easy to be a missionary and to assume a paternal role," he pointed out. "Now, however, the role must be trans-

formed into a fraternal one, a relationship between equals, and this is a very hard adjustment for the white man to make. In Southern Rhodesia we have 200,000 white residents and a Negro population that has increased from an estimated 500,000 to over 2,000,000 in just 60 years.

The relationship has been a simple one of master and servant but this must now change, and there is a great deal of resistance to the change. Nearly all our white settlers are Christians, and the church is the only agency that can help them meet this crisis. Its message of human brotherhood is the only one which is relevant to the situation and that points a way out for both black man and white. . . . We have seen that the black man does have talents and abilities equal to any of the human race and we know that white and black can work together in harmony."

— W. W. Reid

### Jamaica Mission Experiences

The Rev. Leon R. Lawton wrote that he was expecting to spend "a day of fasting, prayer, and Bible Study" with the Blue Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church members at Blue Mountain, Jamaica, in mid-March.

The church members at Blue Mountain had requested such a day "in order to help those recently received into the church to understand better the Scriptures and basic truths" (of Seventh Day Baptist beliefs). Pastor C. Simeon Lyons was expecting to be present and to assist.

Pastor Lawton continues, "When present at a baptismal service at Blue Mountain late last year I left some enrollment cards for a non-denominational correspondence Bible course and several enrolled and are receiving help from that study. The last young man who responded to the invitation in Kingston and was baptized was one who had been enrolled and has shown real growth in the things of the Lord.

"Recently this young man was asked by his employer to do something that was not honest and he refused, telling his employer that he was a Christian and pointing him to some of the verses of Scripture. As a result he lost his job. But he remained faithful to the Lord and his needs were provided. Just last week he was employed again at a better job and one in his trade. We are praying that he may continue to live and witness for the Lord in this way. How we wish more would really stand for their faith and live it."

### Road Building At Makapwa Mission

The Mission Station at Makapwa is located several miles from the nearest District-supported road. Consequently our mission leaders have carried the burden of building and maintaining a passable road from the Mission Station to the highway. There are several bridges along the road that occasionally are washed out and have to be rebuilt.

Each year an amount has been placed in the mission budget for road upkeep. The amount was set at only \$70.75 during 1960. Dr. Victor Burdick stated in his 1960 budget estimate, "Recently we have started an all-out effort to improve our road. We may go in the red this coming year."

In a letter received March 28, Dr. Burdick writes:

"We've been going over our budget on the road, but may be able to get some help from the District's budget, since we serve the public as a hospital. Another thing which may help us in the future — a large tea estate near us, who has in the past gone the "long-way-around" to town, because of a large river between us, has finally decided to bridge the river, and join our road. They might have gone by way of our old, unimproved road, except for seeing all the work that we have recently put into our road. The one which they're building will also be a shorter way for the many Asians at Sandama to go to town. So with more and more people using this road, our burden of its upkeep will become less, and the government may be more amenable to greater aid. So we feel that the money put into it at this point has been a good investment."

### Disc-Record Plan in Nyasaland

Under the heading, "What Goes on Here," the April issue of *Woman's Day*, a magazine usually purchased in food stores, contains an article about the "disc record" project which is finding wide usage among poorly educated people of the world.

The magazine article states that this portable phonograph plan for telling the Gospel message is currently being used in New Guinea, Borneo, the Philippines, Fiji, Guatemala, Mexico, Chile, the Belgian Congo, and in Kenya Colony. Distributed by 100 missionaries, they play sermons in 64 languages and dialects. For New Guinea alone, records are made in 17 dialects.

The possibilities in the project for Seventh Day Baptist missions has been brought to our attention by the Audio-

### Sabbath School Teachers:

#### Who, What, How?

By Mrs. Ernest Bond

Lost Creek, W. Va.

The desire to share with others the wonderful story of the love of God, manifested to us through the unspeakable gift of His Son, Jesus, should in itself prompt any Christian to want to help in some way with the training of the children, youth, and adults in our churches. No doubt, we have an untapped wealth of capable people who have a great deal to give in helping to encourage, direct, and train others in the religious education field if their interest to do so were only SPARKED.

Active participation in the Lay-Development Program with the Personal Growth Covenant taken seriously should directly result in more consecrated laymen than ever before.

The urgent need for immediate action in the strengthening of our religious education programs in our churches cannot be overemphasized. The message and purpose of Jesus are eternal. They are edequate for the needs of a changing world. It behooves every person calling himself a "Christian" to seek new guidance, a deeper insight into God's will for our people and to listen to His voice when we earnestly desire to find where we can fit into His plan.

The training of leaders in the church should, ideally speaking, begin with our youngsters of junior age. As the children learn to lead in a Junior Christian Endeavor group, the very foundation for leadership begins. A loyal, consecrated adult advisor whose continued participation, based on a love for the children and a

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Visual Aids Committee of the Tract Board.

We understand that the Tract Board has had 100 records of several Bible lessons prepared in Chinyanga for use in Nyasaland. The Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson have spent considerable time editing and re-editing the tapes that have been used in making the records. (The records have been on order for some time and are expected soon.)

commitment to Christ, can serve effectively to nurture these young folks.

The imperative need for the training of our teachers presents a problem which constantly confronts us. Every teacher should have an assistant who works along with him in the weekly Church School work. Both should have the same teacher's helps and guide to help in the preparation for each class. These helps have been well-prepared and have many splendid ideas in them. The assistant teacher can receive on-the-job training with supervision from the regular teacher as they work and plan together.

The superintendent and regular teachers should be encouraged to take training either in leadership training schools set up by the county, local pastor, or the Religious Education Committee at regular intervals. Investment in such training pays large dividends in making their work more effective and satisfactory. The best leadership training is that gained as one participates in each experience to really learn how to relate himself helpfully to others and to make his contribution. It has been said that when a teacher refuses more training to become a better teacher that "he is trifling with men's souls."

Daily devotion and the constant seeking to know God's will in how best He can work through us is very essential in achieving success as a teacher.

A growing leader will take advantage of monthly publications such as the *International Journal of Christian Education*. Each month the best new publications are listed and evaluated in this magazine along with excellent articles. Some of these books should be made available for group or individual study, whichever supplies the need in the local situation. Some churches subscribe for the *Journal* for their leaders. . . .

Good teachers do not "just happen." Much thought, planning, and consecrated effort on the part of all is the only answer in stimulating more interest in the Christian education programs in our churches. We must not be careless in developing the most precious resource in the world, "the human soul." — The Highlighter.

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR MAY  
God Forgives

By Mrs. Henry C. Lewis\*  
Los Angeles, California

Call to worship: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

Hymn: "Though your sins be as scarlet"

Scripture: 1 John 1: 9; 2 Peter 3: 9;  
Isaiah 1: 18.

Meditation:

Our God is merciful and waiting to hear us ask forgiveness, He has made it just that easy, to ask and receive. He sent His beloved Son into the world, to be born and live among us and to be the great sacrifice through death on the cross of Calvary, making forgiveness easier for all mankind, whereas before His death on the cross the blood of lambs and turtle doves was offered to obtain forgiveness. Confession is good for the soul. Forgiveness follows and places one on a higher step and closer to God.

In our daily living we so often fail to keep a promise and find others failing also though our intentions are good. We can rejoice for our Heavenly Father never fails to keep His promise. God forgives and we must be like Him. Let us be forgiving to those around us as we pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

I would like to quote the following, which I think is quite appropriate to our theme: "He knows everything about us, what we have done both good and bad. Forgiveness means the complete restoration of a relationship and from God's side it is restored the moment we want it so. Our forgiven sins can be qualifications enabling us to help others."

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we are thankful for Thy forgiveness of our sins. Give us

\*Mrs. Lewis is the wife of the pastor of Christ's Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California.

strength that we may "go and sin no more." Help us to walk in the light of Thy presence and have fellowship with Thee. Bind us together with sympathy and love and patience. Amen.

Hymn:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

The Lone-Sabbathkeeper Challenge  
In the Southeastern Association

By the Rev. Donald E. Richards

The writer is very thankful for a quickening interest among Seventh Day Baptists in the problems, and in helping to solve them in faith and action, of the lone-Sabbathkeeper and his family. He has greatly enjoyed the fellowship and friendship of many who were strangers, but brothers and sisters in faith. It has been his joy to encourage many lone-Sabbathkeepers in continuing to grow in a deepening development of their Christian faith, and that of their family, while recognizing and facing some very real problems. He has learned to appreciate these brothers of the faith, but senses a personal inadequacy in meeting the challenge which lies before Seventh Day Baptists.

The Christian Education Committee of the Southeastern Association is seeking to know the needs of lone-Sabbathkeepers and their suggestions as to how the churches may help them. The nonresident members of the West Virginia churches received a questionnaire asking for information and suggestions in six specific areas of thought and activity. Returns thus far have not proved very encouraging.

The Coordinating Council of West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist Churches, which also serves as the Missionary Committee of the Association, is contemplating a policy whereby many of the lone-Sabbathkeepers would be contacted by a representative. The church membership rolls are being compiled into a master responsibility list which covers every known Seventh Day Baptist within the Association. These names are grouped in

geographical locations and compiled from several sources.

You, the reader, are important to the success of the developing program. If you are a lone-Sabbathkeeper, your suggestions are urgently needed. If you are not a lone-Sabbathkeeper, you may assist by furnishing names, keeping addresses up to date — which is a basic problem in such contact work — writing letters to lone-Sabbathkeepers known to you, and by considering, perhaps, contacting some of them when on vacation or visiting in an area where they live. Names and addresses can be furnished upon request.

Only a beginning has been made. Let us be praying and building together, both at home and apart from the home church, for Christ, the Church, and the Sabbath.

— The Highlighter.

Sacred Music Contest

Final Suggestions to Contestants

Those of you writing children's songs need to keep the melodic range well within the child's capabilities. The melody should remain basically scalewise with no sudden large intervals. Keep the rhythm and harmony simple and free of unnecessary embellishments. Above all, the text must be within the understanding of the age for which it is written.

In writing anthems and choral responses, one has freedom to use much more variety in terms of harmony, counterpoint, key changes, rhythmic changes, and modal scales. In all instances the proper rules of composition must be maintained. The texts are not limited to lyric poetry, as in hymns, but they need to fit the mood of the music. The textual accents must match the musical accents, as in all good settings.

Keep your work fresh and original. Do not tie yourself down by trying to imitate the stereotyped hymn, children's song, anthem, choral response, or Gospel song. Be willing to experiment with new combinations and sounds which will enhance the over-all religious intent of the composition.

The Ideal Youth Advisor

(The following list of "ideal" qualifications of an advisor for youth fellowships was formulated by the Pilgrim Fellowship of New York State.)

1. Sensitive to what the kids want and need (Advise, don't dictate).
2. Young in attitude, at least.
3. Able to command respect — know how to use authority or give freedom.
4. Religious enough to be able to give spiritual counsel.
5. Have a sense of humor.
6. Know what resources are available, program materials, etc.
7. Have a real interest in the denominational program.
8. Be impartial.
9. Have initiative and drive.
10. Be enthusiastic.
11. Have time to spend in order to do a good job.
12. Have control of group without resorting to threats.
13. Have new ideas.
14. Be able to lead discussions and broad-minded enough to see other views.
15. Have well-rounded abilities — able to lead singing, discussions, etc.
16. Have knowledge of the Bible, generally well-educated.
17. Know how to keep quiet and let the kids do the discussing.
18. Be neat and well-groomed.
19. Have a good memory, especially for names.
20. Be able to furnish or help to provide transportation.
21. Be able to express ideas clearly.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 7, 1960

Lesson VI — Man (Family Week)  
(Taken from Statement of Belief)

### Pre-Con Retreats

More staff members have added to the rosters of the Pre-Con retreats.

S. Kenneth Davis, assistant pastor of the First Alfred Church, will lead a workshop on "Vocations" for the campers of the Youth Pre-Con.

Mrs. Gerald Coalwell of the new church at Metairie, La., has agreed to lead music and worship for the Young Adult Retreat.

Reports are coming in that our churches are working toward sending a record number of youth and young adults to participate in these annual events. Remember, the place is John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, August 10-14, 1960. The fee of \$19 includes insurance for all who are involved.

### Harley Sutton Fund

The Harley Sutton Fund is made up of gifts from friends of the late Rev. Harley Sutton. Mr. Sutton was the first executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. Approximately \$75 of the fund has been used to purchase books, Bibles, and equipment for Camp Harley, and the balance of \$651 has been sent to Salem College for the Harley Sutton Scholarship Fund. Other monies have been added to that fund making a total of \$930. This is a wonderful way to perpetuate the memory of a beloved Christian leader.

The committee in charge of the Harley Sutton Fund is made up of Dean A. N. Rogers, Mrs. Madge Sutton, and the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

"Field service" is rapidly becoming a "vital, relevant, and necessary part of theological education," said Dr. J. Christy Wilson, dean of field service at Princeton Theological Seminary. "Churches need not think of a graduate from theological seminary as a novice in the ministry but rather as a young minister who comes with experience and skills to carry out the services for which he has been trained," he states in a recent article in *Christianity Today*.

### Associated Church Press

#### Adopts Important Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted by the Associated Church Press (over 150 Protestant periodicals) on the final day of the 3-day meeting of editors Friday, April 8. It should be noted that for the past two years no resolutions on public issues were drafted, it being the feeling of many representatives that the editors should speak out in their publications according to their convictions but that resolutions other than those of courtesy did not fit the purpose of the annual assembly. The majority this year felt that there would be value in making statements on current issues. In the consideration of the report of the Committee on Resolutions amendments were proposed, discussion was encouraged, and voting was relatively close on the first three that were approved.

#### Pornographic Material

The Associated Church Press is convinced that the traffic in obscene and pornographic material has reached serious proportions in this country and that public apathy is to be explained largely by a lack of information.

It is recommended, therefore, that member publications of the ACP launch a united program of education in this subject with the purpose of informing church members, and particularly parents, of the extent, severity, and far-reaching consequences of the commerce in this material. It is further recommended that as many publications as possible designate September, 1960 (or the earliest convenient date thereafter), for emphasis upon this issue in order to make a concerted attack upon it.

While we pledge our support to efforts of the U. S. Post Office to identify and bring to the attention of the appropriate authorities those who seek to use the mails both to distribute hard-core pornographic materials and to solicit youthful and other purchasers of these materials, we are also mindful of the hard-won freedoms of thought and of the press and we believe that efforts to uproot this vicious traffic must not become a means of censorship of literature and art on which the judgment

and taste of various segments of our population may differ. We also recognize that the chief defense against the erosive effects of pornography and obscenity is the set of values instilled into the children by the home, school and church. We recognize anew our personal responsibility in this basic task of teaching such values to ourselves and commend it also to our constituents.

#### II

#### False Charges of Communist Sympathy

The Associated Church Press deplures recent irresponsible and unscrupulous attempts to spread suspicion against Protestant clergymen, their churches and their cooperative agencies on the false charge of so-called sympathy for communism; and asserts its conviction that those who originate and spread such unfounded suspicion through the distribution of scurrilous literature and such lucrative devices as defamatory radio broadcasts that include appeals for cash contributions weaken our religious institutions, undermine our free democratic way of life and thereby, wittingly or unwittingly, comfort and encourage communists and communism.

In consonance with the spirit of this resolution, members of the ACP are heartily encouraged to inform their readers of this action and to provide full information on which intelligent judgments of the attacks may be made.

#### III

#### Religious Issue in Presidential Campaign

In view of the possibility of the religion of one or more Presidential candidates becoming an issue in the approaching campaign, members of the ACP are encouraged: (1) to urge their readers to keep their sights high during the campaign, neither supporting nor opposing any candidate because of his religious faith, as such; (2) to raise the "religious issue" for mature and proper discussion by the voters; (3) where the laws of a church to which a candidate belongs could conceivably be at variance with his civil responsibilities, to convey to readers the candidate's attitudes or opinions where these are a matter of record.

#### IV

#### Upholding Citizens' Rights

The ACP recognizes with gratitude new expressions of reconciliation and non-violence evident in our land in the area of human relations in efforts to achieve human dignity and equal opportunity for all citizens. We would encourage member publications to interpret these manifestations in relation to their basis in Christian and democratic principles and to stress the fresh opportunities they offer for creative witnessing both by the spoken and written word.

#### The New Look

#### At Denominational Headquarters

Early in the week of April 10-16 the Seventh Day Baptist Building received a most welcome face-lifting. The plaster walls of the lower hall and the wide stairways leading to the third floor were given two coats of paint, restoring them to their original brightness. Although the lower hall has been painted several times the stairways had been growing dark and dingy through many years. Now the journey to the Board Room, second floor offices, and the third floor historical rooms will be much more pleasant for visitors and those who go up and down the stairs regularly.

The funds for the maintenance of the headquarters building are carefully budgeted. The building is under the supervision of the trustees of the General Conference, whose report may be found on page 24 of the current Year Book. A small portion of the upkeep comes from the Our World Mission giving of all our people, the remainder from the denominational organizations using the building and from a small endowment. Major repairs have to be spread over quite a few years, which explains why the treasury often shows a substantial balance at the beginning of the year. It will be lower this year due to this much appreciated "new look."

## Churches Plan Evangelistic Outreach

By the Editor

Evangelism was never intended by our Lord to be a seasonal program of the church. In season, out of season, His followers are to witness for Him individually and corporately. They ought to scrutinize their programs carefully lest their wheels fall into perennial ruts. To make an effort in the spring when churches of other denominations are conducting catechism classes cannot be criticized except when it leads to an abatement of effort during the remainder of the year. That could happen. All too many church members shirk their responsibility and seek to keep their hands clean in Pilate's washbasin or think of church in terms of a sitting room to be occupied one hour a week.

It is encouraging to note that a number of churches have supplemented their Lay Development Workshops with special meetings and personal witnessing in the months just past. It is also noteworthy that in the weeks and months following Easter a number of churches are engaging in vigorous outreach campaigns of one kind or another and that some have a continuous personal witnessing emphasis. Information is not available on all the churches, and those mentioned may be thought of as examples of what others are doing.

Riverside, Calif., and Shiloh, N. J., are keeping the personal witnessing program active following special meetings or special training sessions.

Lost Creek, W. Va., has invited the Rev. Kenneth Smith of Denver to be the speaker at a special evangelistic preaching mission May 6-15.

The Verona, N. Y., Church brought the Rev. Paul Osborn from another rural church, Marlboro, N. J., to deliver 10 evangelistic messages from April 1-9.

At Ashaway, R. I., Pastor Edgar Wheeler did the evangelistic preaching himself from Tuesday through Sabbath, April 12-16, with the exception of Thursday evening when the Rev. Earl Cruzan spoke.

The Plainfield, N. J., Church looks forward in May to a brief personal evangelism training program under the leadership of Dr. Loyal F. Hurley.

The Paint Rock, Ala., Church leaders are known to be seeking a suitable evangelist for meetings in the near future.

Evangelism is the divinely assigned business of every church. It is not the only activity of the church but it is primary and must not be neglected. It should permeate the whole life of the church. Much of the time classes, groups, and congregation are made up almost entirely of converted, committed people. The underlying purpose of training for evangelistic outreach must be constantly kept in mind by the leadership lest the church fail in its mission, and glorious opportunities are lost. We do well to bear in mind the account of the people who observed some of the disciples of Jesus. "They took knowledge of them," we read, "that they had been with Jesus." Every Christian gathering ought to make enough difference in us so that those who associate with us will be impressed with the thought that we have been with Jesus. Then evangelism will be a continuing thing.

### Relief Work in South Africa

#### World Council Offers Aid

In response to an urgent request from the Christian Council of South Africa, the World Council of Churches has immediately made available \$10,000 to support relief work in the emergency in South Africa, following the recent demonstrations against the government's policy of apartheid (racial segregation).

A continuation committee of a South African conference comprising English and Afrikaans-speaking churches in the Union of South Africa have been informed that the World Council is ready to help financially if the committee can carry out the administration of relief.

The World Council of Churches is presently seeking ways in which it can help in the reconciliation of the South African crisis. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, the

general secretary of the council, has sent a message to the union's eight World Council member churches asking for information about their actions and assuring them of the council's thought and prayer on their behalf. Answers to the message are now being studied at the World Council headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

The World Council of Churches has also received letters and telegrams from other member churches asking it to use its contacts in South Africa to promote the development of a just solution to the problem. These requests are being studied.

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"The Holy Spirit being holy will not fill any unclean vessel. The first step for filling is emptying." — Harold Lindsell in *Missionary Principles and Practice*.

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### Vocational Interests

O. B. Bond

125 Gardenia Drive  
Holly Hill, Florida

Berlin Central School announces the following vacancies for 1960-61:

Senior English teacher

Art teacher K to 12

Junior High English teacher

Junior and Senior High Level Combination teacher for French and Latin

Junior High Math and Science teacher  
Salary schedule for first year: No degree, \$4,000; B. A., \$4,400; M. A., \$4,700.

Anyone interested should make application and present qualifications promptly to Mr. John H. Cornwall, Supervising Principal, Berlin Central School, Berlin, New York.

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Homes for Senior Citizens (retired folks) may be had within easy access of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church. To see is to appreciate. Come visit this area before you locate.

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"When there is a split between the sacred and the secular, there is a curious emptiness about the sacred." — Clifford L. Stanley.

### Members Offer Selves in Dedication

Verona, N. Y.

Looking backward a few months, we remember the challenge which was brought to us by the Rev. Lester G. Osborn when he led us in a weekend of special meetings to help us sense our responsibility for evangelism.

It was thrilling for us to witness the movement of the Holy Spirit when Pastor Osborn called upon all present to dedicate themselves to the task of evangelism. Everyone in the church responded by coming together at the front of the sanctuary as a pledge to share together in the great work to which God has called us as a church.

Again only a few weeks ago, Pastor Burdick spoke during the morning worship service about "Developing a Sense of World Mission." At the close of the service he asked for a decision on the part of each person with these words:

"Once in a while we need to make a decision. I'm asking you to make a decision now. The decision I'm asking you to make is to develop a sense of mission, a sense of purpose for your Christian lives, and then to live by that mission, that purpose.

"If you believe that God has a purpose for your life, if you are willing to seek for it, if you are willing to carry it out, please stand with me."

Everyone in the congregation rose to his feet and joined with the pastor in repeating the simple pledge which is printed below. We hope that all were in earnest when they did it.

We also wish to extend to the rest of you the opportunity to make this same pledge to God and the church.

My Pledge:

I want to do God's work in the world. God helping me, I will find the mission He has for me and I will work at it in earnest.

Signed .....

— The Bell Ringer.



OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of the Treasurer, March 31, 1960

BUDGET RECEIPTS

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	March	6 Mos.			6 Mos.	March	
Balance, March 1	\$ 4.28			Lost Creek	132.40	913.38	
Adams Center	77.80	384.05		Marlboro	303.40	1,768.55	
Albion	26.13	313.27		Memorial Fund		1,359.30	
Alfred, 1st	588.00	2,478.80		Middle Island	20.00	75.00	
Alfred, 2nd	212.95	786.10		Milton	539.43	3,256.47	45.00
Associations and Groups	20.00	171.26	518.00	Milton Junction	113.05	600.25	
Battle Creek	532.43	4,045.59	96.20	New Auburn	33.00	51.75	35.61
Bay Area			50.00	North Loup	273.20	516.05	
Berlin	26.40	417.15	63.00	Nortonville	176.00	583.00	20.00
Boulder	53.70	339.65	35.00	Old Stone Fort	20.00	80.00	
Brookfield, 1st	31.00	311.00	25.00	Paint Rock	70.00	150.00	
Brookfield, 2nd		117.00		Pawcatuck	638.00	2,552.00	55.00
Buffalo	50.00	100.00		Plainfield	326.02	2,185.19	160.00
Chicago	136.00	714.00	160.00	Richburg	77.50	407.65	
Daytona Beach		421.75		Ritchie	19.00	222.00	
Denver	59.41	353.59	25.00	Riverside	376.80	1,457.15	
DeRuyter		85.00		Roanoke	10.00	90.00	
Dodge Center	40.68	417.58		Rockville	29.82	244.76	
Edinburg		80.50		Salem	32.00	111.00	
Farina	21.25	110.00		Salemville		111.66	6.00
Fouke	50.57	75.57		Schenectady	45.00	92.00	21.00
Hammond		32.17		Shiloh	636.00	2,271.55	50.00
Hebron, 1st	37.24	183.44		Texarkana	5.00	30.00	
Hopkinton, 1st	134.35	956.65		Tract Society		1,400.00	76.50
Hopkinton, 2nd	5.00	31.50		Twin Cities	50.00	100.00	
Independence	51.00	586.00		Verona	100.20	939.85	
Individuals	30.00	2,525.00	294.88	Walworth	30.00	169.00	
Irvington	300.00	730.00		Washington	60.43	129.95	
Jackson Center		15.00		Washington, People's	5.00	31.00	
Little Genesee	93.00	322.58	5.00	Waterford	84.12	590.72	
Little Rock		10.00	5.00	White Cloud	165.83	411.42	
Los Angeles	405.00	1,420.00	15.00	Yonah Mountain		10.00	
Los Angeles, Christ's	15.00	140.00					
					\$7,372.39	\$41,584.85	\$1,761.19

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

	Budget Designated & Undesignated
Missionary Society	\$2,934.30
Board of Christian Education	606.96
Ministerial Training	1,115.82
Ministerial Retirement	868.51
Historical Society	129.26
Women's Society	123.16
General Conference	700.26
Tract Society	804.18
Trustees of General Conference	50.58
World Fellowship & Service	39.34
	\$7,372.37
Balance, March 31	.02

Non-Budget Gifts

March Receipts	\$144.00
March Disbursements:	
Missionary Society	\$110.00
Salem College	34.00
	\$144.00

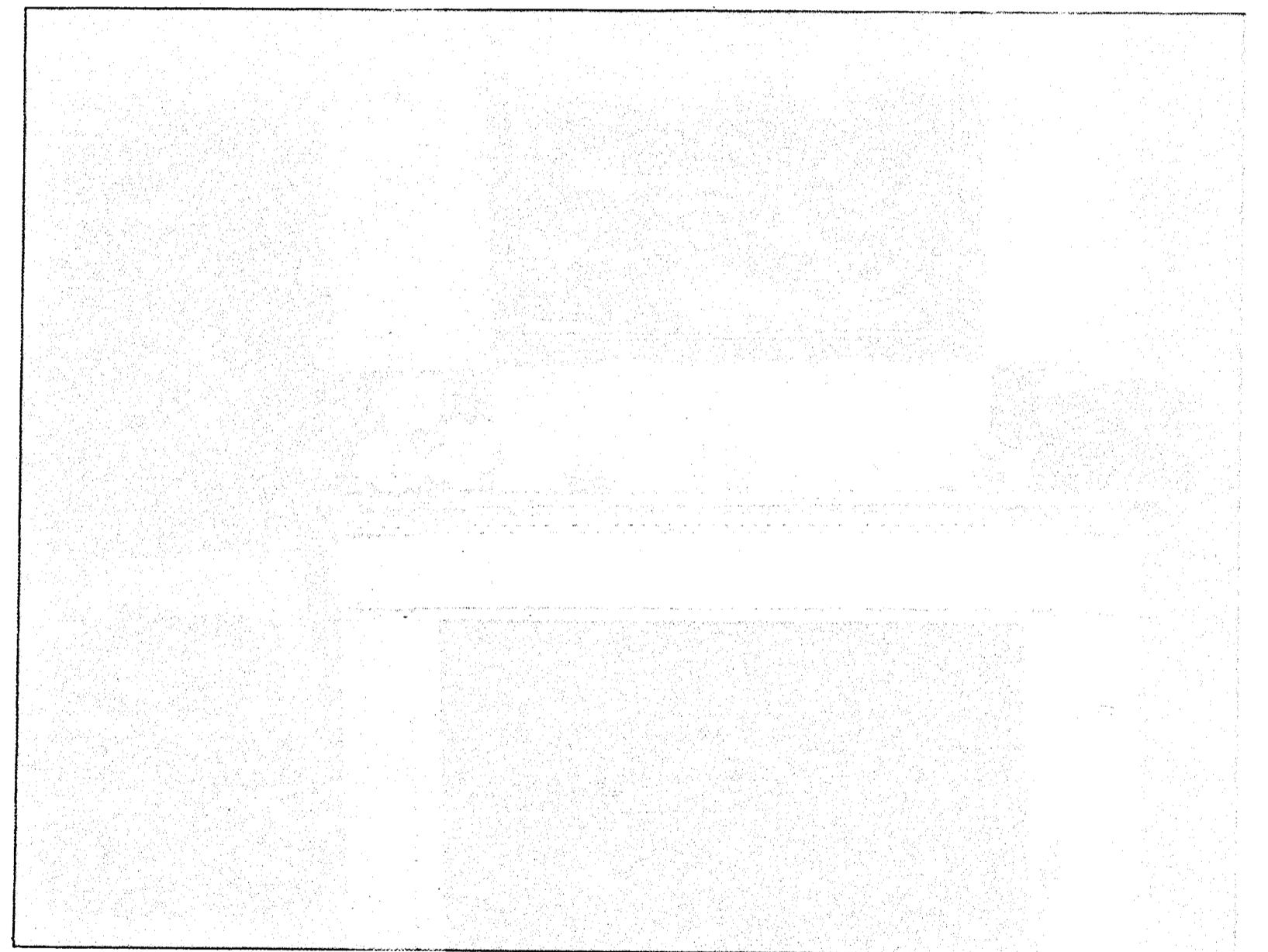
SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$108,022.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 6 mos.	41,584.85
Boards' budget receipts 6 mos.	1,761.19
	\$ 43,346.04
Remainder required in 6 mos.	\$64,675.96
Percentage of budget year elapsed	50.00%
Percentage of budget raised	40.13%

Eldred H. Batson,

1612 Lawrence St.,  
Parkersburg, W. Va. Treasurer.

# The Sabbath Recorder



HOME SWEET HOME

In an old New England home the fireplace and mantel in the parlor are products of bygone days when the parlor was heated with blazing wood fires. Many of us like to enter such a house that has been the home of people of like faith for generations. What memories speak from papered walls and well-trodden floors! Here life budded and blossomed. Here the creativity of the owner with strokes of a brush preserves many forgotten scenes and the natural blessings of the Creator.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

1960 Session — Siloam Springs, Ark. — August 15 - 20