

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

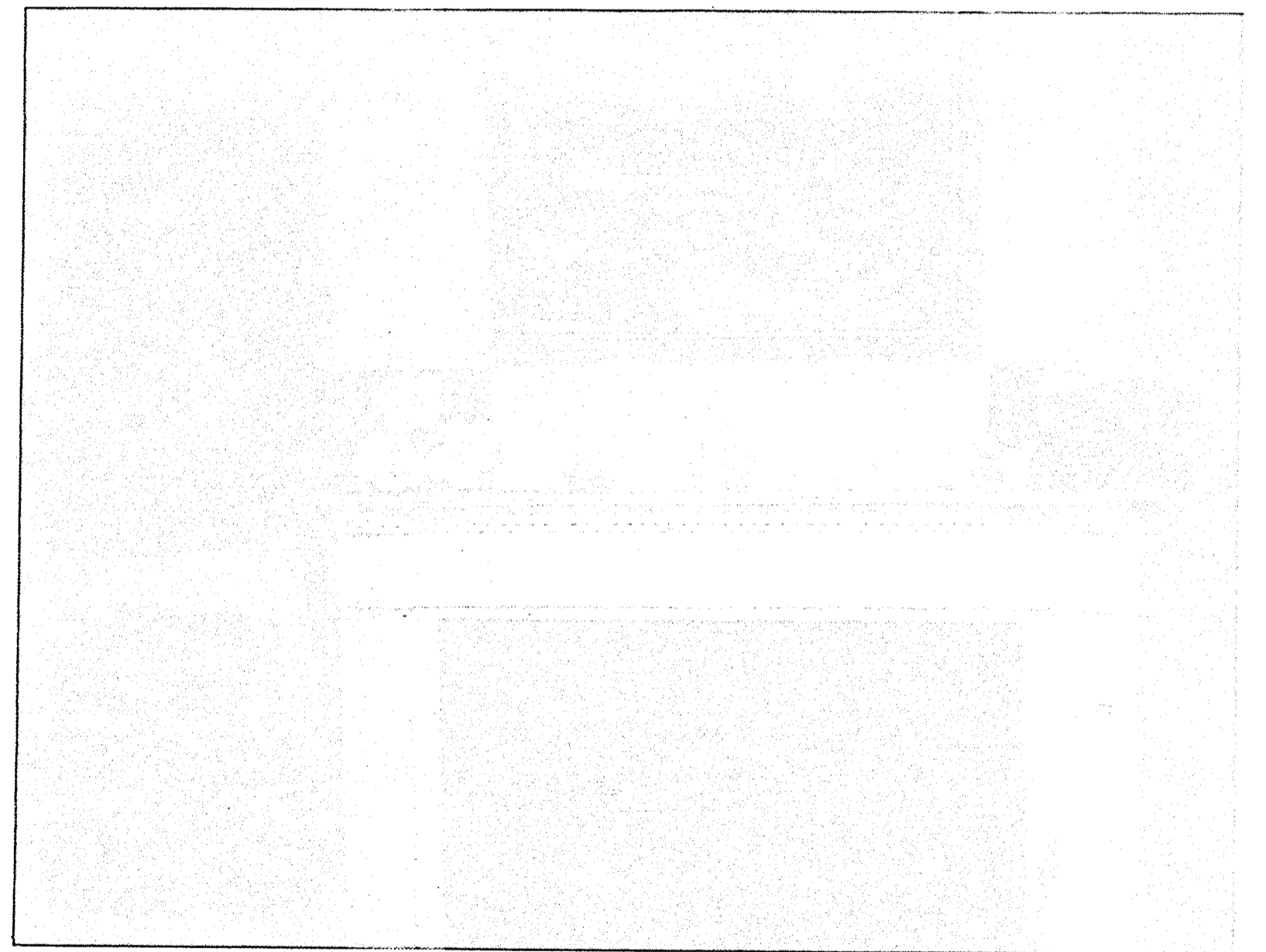
SUMMARY

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%

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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.

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FAMILY WEEK 1960

On what basis can we speak of "Family Week 1960" as being different from similar weeks in the preceding years? Perhaps the distinctions that could be mentioned are not entirely clear-cut but more a matter of feeling that this year we have greater cause than ever before to stress the need for solidarity in the American family. Some of us are not quite weaned away from thinking in terms of Mother's Day the second week-end of May rather than Family Week. The larger concept is admittedly good, but when we think of family we still have a nostalgic regard for that one member of the family whom most of us remember as having the greatest influence in shaping our young lives. Mother somehow deserves a place of honor and a day to be called hers.

The average American home has been gradually undergoing changes, some good, some bad. Here is a time to take stock of the general situation and to examine the trends in our own homes to see if the next generation in our family will have the same spiritual resources which have been ours by heritage from parents who practiced and taught godliness around the hearthstone.

We decry the juvenile delinquency which, in the opinion of many competent observers, is often traceable to lack of parental responsibility when it occurs in the average families. Its proportions have indeed grown to such an extent as to make Family Week more important than ever before. The solution to the problem is being sought both by the churches and civic organizations. When we come again to this special week we do well to avoid amplifying the faults of other families and to be as constructively critical of our shortcomings as we can profitably be.

There is hope that this and succeeding generations of parents will do better. There should be some profiting by the mistakes of the present indulgent mothers and fathers of teenagers. The greater attendance at church services, the larger facilities in church schools and camps, and the better training of those who have something to impart to children and youth should bear fruit in the homes of the future.

There are more mothers in this land than ever before in history. The upsurge of the population which followed World War II seems to continue. We await with interest the tabulation of the 1960 census figures. The high principles of motherhood which seem sometimes to have been lost sight of will, we believe, be reasserted. A growing percentage of the oncoming mothers are voicing their faith in Christ, are taking maternity seriously, and are attempting to bring their children up, as the Scripture says, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. When children are wanted, rather than merely accepted, responsibility for their training is more keenly felt. This seems to be the case even though a growing number of young mothers are finding it desirable to work in office or shop.

We can well hope that Family Week 1960 will find us hopeful for better days ahead. The honoring of the mothers who have gone before with their staunch faith and adherence to the high principles of the Word of God is one of the ways of influencing the next generation. In these strenuous and uncertain days every influence for good must be used to the utmost.

Planned Parenthood

Some months ago in this column there was comment about the "population explosion" in some of the oriental countries such as India where the humanitarian projects to reduce the terribly high infant mortality rate have resulted in aggravating the problem of overpopulation to a great extent.

Your editor feels with a great many others that our humanitarian efforts to help the starving, poorly educated people of India should take in the whole problem and that we should cooperate with the government in its efforts to help families who plead for help in this matter of planned parenthood. Whether or not such help should be given officially by our government in response to the request of B. K. Nehru, India's Commissioner General for Economic Affairs, has become something of a political football in recent

MEMORY TEXT

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother. . . . When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

John 19: 25a, 26.

months. Vice-President Nixon in response to a question by editors of Protestant journals stated recently that he did not think it wise or expedient for our government to do so. Other presidential candidates have expressed themselves on one side or the other. This particular issue does not seem to your editor to be big enough to engender a crusading spirit. Compassion for the multitudes of any overpopulated land, however, is a Christian virtue and ought to include social betterment as well as salvation of souls. Whether or not our government or the United Nations comes to the assistance of India in this matter, it is interesting to note that the Indian Government's Central Family Planning Board received in March a report recommending the expenditure of \$210,000,000 in the next five-year plan for birth control. This is more than twenty times the amount in the current plan.

Planned parenthood in this and other lands is a subject much discussed by highly recognized church leaders. We refrain from taking much space for information on the subject but would call to the attention of those who would like to keep up with the latest thinking of religious leaders the publication, Planned Parenthood News, put out by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., 501 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y. A catalog of available publications on various phases of the subject is also available from the same address.

Let us be sure that our attitude toward this question, like that toward social health and various other problems, is distinctly Christian; and may we pray for grace to keep them in proper balance with our primary objective, the transformation of lives through Christ.

MAY 2, 1960

Enlarged Issue Next Week

The May special issue of the Sabbath Recorder will replace the regular issue of May 9, which would normally reach those on the regular mailing list a week after this one is received. Those who are familiar with the policy of the American Sabbath Tract Society in regard to special issues three times a year will be happy, but not surprised, to get this one-third larger periodical which will have color on many pages. New readers and old will be thrilled, we believe, with the larger number of articles on timely subjects.

Mrs. Stanley Rasmussen, the editor of the May special issue, has chosen blue as the distinctive color for the cover and the illustrations (which she prepared herself). She has attempted to use writers of representative viewpoints and does not necessarily agree with all that is expressed in her issue. It was necessary, in order to meet her deadline and to conform to space limitation, to omit one or two articles solicited and to shorten several considerably (her own among them).

In conformity with the plan to make these special issues dateless so that they can be distributed over a period of several months, church and denominational news will be omitted, and the various departments will not appear. The following week the usual space will be given to missions, Christian education, women's work, and material of particular interest to youth.

A steady flow of Bible study articles, other feature articles, editorials, and news may be expected in the weeks to come. Those who distribute special issues may in many cases have occasion to remind their friends and acquaintances of the value of having the Sabbath Recorder on a weekly basis. Its size, its quality, and its cost to the publishers have been increasing during these many years in which the price has remained the same, a low \$3 per year.

"Until we, as a nation, can give our youth some sense of purpose beyond material advance, there is little hope of solving the problem of delinquency."

— Dr. Roy G. Ross.

A Spiritual Inventory of 1852

Evalo St. John, Librarian

(Again, in 1960, members of all our churches are urged to take spiritual inventory and follow it for five years.)

Among the collections of the Historical Society is a small book — 3-1/4 by 4-3/4 inches — neatly bound in black leather, the back cover of which is extended and folds to the front. Its flap slips under a narrow leather strap on the front cover. The paper is of excellent quality, the edges full gilt. The title — "Church Manual" — is lettered in gold on the back. This manual was prepared by order of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1852 for the use of its members. "It is earnestly hoped," writes the committee, "that members will . . . give this a place with the books which are often seen and read by them." A line drawing of the church building as it appeared in 1848 precedes the title page. Then follows the usual information one would find in a manual: the Covenant "subscribed to by fifty brethren and sisters at the organization" in 1840; the Confession of Faith; Act of Incorporation; By-Laws; Rules of Order; Time of Stated Meetings; Resolutions, and so on.

However, some matter found in this manual seems to us unique. It is given the title — "Practical Questions" — and is a kind of spiritual inventory which the members were encouraged to keep ever before them. We give them below.

Practical Questions

Let the Church members frequently read and prayerfully consider the following Practical Questions:

Am I as constant and punctual in my attendance on the PUBLIC Worship of God as I ought to be?

Do I pray as often and as fervently as I should for the success of the preached word?

Is it my chief object in hearing the

Gospel, to learn my duty to God, and to be thereby better prepared to glorify Him?

Do I love to mingle with my brethren and sisters in the conference and prayer meetings, and do I make it a principle to be present as often as is practicable, and faithfully discharge my duty; or, do I suffer trifling excuses to prevent my attendance?

Would my example in this respect, if followed by every member of the church, promote or destroy these important meetings?

Do I, as often as is my privilege, celebrate that most solemn and important ordinance — the Lord's Supper?

Do I endeavor, when about to partake, to examine myself agreeable to the apostolic injunction, and so "eat of that bread and drink of that cup discerning the Lord's body"?

Do I properly prize the Holy Scriptures, and faithfully employ the means within my reach to understand the will of God as therein revealed; and, also, to teach them to my children, or others under my care?

As a parent, do I strive to train up my children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

As the head of a family, do I maintain, uniformly and consistently, the worship of God in my family and before my household?

Am I as deeply interested as I ought to be in the religious instruction of the children in the congregation; and do I labor as diligently and pray as fervently as I should for the prosperity of the Sabbath School of the church?

Do I remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy, by hallowing it personally, and seeing that it is properly observed by those under my charge, or "within my gates"?

Do I contribute according to the ability which God has given me, to sustain and promote the interests of the church of which I am a member, and for the relief of the poor, and the advancement of the kingdom of Christ in the earth?

Am I as constant in watchfulness and in secret prayer, as is necessary in order to my spiritual prosperity?

Do I adopt and faithfully adhere to the rule laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, in cases of trespass?

Do I aim to cultivate the spirit of brotherly love, and strive so to walk before the world and with my brethren as to increase this holy affection?

Registering for Rio 10th Baptist World Congress Rio de Janeiro, June 26-July 3

Thousands of Baptists from all over the world have registered for the great gathering to be held there the last of June. In fact, The Baptist World, in its current issue, pictures part of a delegation of 40 Australian Baptists who have already boarded the Steamship Himalaya for the long trip to Brazil. The publicity from Baptist World Alliance headquarters, quite naturally, is urging immediate registration of those from this country who plan to attend.

When such a great congress is being held this year in this western hemisphere it is well to remind ourselves that Seventh Day Baptists are an integral part of BWA, supporting its work in a very modest way, and becoming much better known among the participating Baptist conventions in this country through official representation. The president of BWA has expressed concern that financial limitations have prevented our denomination from sending official delegates to Rio, where representation would mean something to the World Alliance as well as to our church.

It will be recalled that our General Conference last summer accepted that portion of the Ecumenical Relations Committee's report that urged "the importance of these meetings upon the General Conference and would earnestly hope that some way might open up for us in this matter." This hope is still a lively hope although as yet a suitable representative

able to finance such a trip has not been found. Time is now of the essence, and anyone who can go as an official representative should notify the Commission through Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, 476 North Washington Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. It is now possible to say that BWA and an interested individual within our denomination have offered enough funds to meet about one third of the cost.



The picture here depicts Brazil receiving the world at the foot of the Cross.

The question might be asked as to why one should go to Rio — if it is possible to do so. Cyril E. Bryant, in an editorial in *The Baptist World* has some things to say under the heading, "Our Hopes at Rio."

"Of course, the meeting could be just another convention with its throngs of people going through the routine outlined on a printed program. Or it could be — with all the Baptists in the world praying for God's blessings — an epochal event that would speed heavenly sunshine to the hearts of men throughout our earth."

He goes on to say that this is the first such congress to be held in the southern hemisphere or in mission territory. It is in a land that is nominally Catholic but a country where certain Protestant churches

are growing rapidly. Although our own denomination has no missionaries in Brazil and the neighboring countries, we hear of quite a few church leaders who claim that their congregations are Seventh Day Baptist, which would be another reason why we should seek to understand the thinking of such people — which a visit in their midst might help us to do.

Dr. Bryant in his editorial expresses the hope of the planners that this will be "an evangelistic congress . . . a missionary congress . . . a strong witness for liberty and peace."

With such a great gathering dedicated to the realization of hopes like these there could be great values for any of our people who could attend and could both grasp the spirit of it and also impart their convictions to leaders as occasion might arise. It is expected that 20,000 will be housed during the week and 150,000 will attend the week-end rallies.

L. M. M.

From a Pastor's Report

Nine special Prayer Services were held (during the winter quarter), three of which were in the home of non-members, with an average attendance of eleven. Through this prayer effort and Bible meditation, it is hoped that our own faith has been strengthened and we have helped someone else to draw closer to God.

Two hundred thirty-six pastoral calls were made, conferences held, and Bible studies conducted as follows:

Active Members 81, of which:

- 35 were regular calls
- 26 were sick calls
- 20 were conferences

Inactive Members 40, of which:

- 28 were on non-attending members
- 12 were on shut-ins

Non-Members 115, of which:

- 48 were on the sick
- 36 were of an evangelistic nature
- 19 were more of a pastoral nature
- 12 were studies and conferences

— Extracts from the 2-page mimeographed report of Pastor Leland Davis, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Forgiveness?

A Sermon

By the Rev. Earl Cruzan

Jesus told a parable of a king who had a day of reckoning among his servants to see how much they owed him. He called them before him for a settling of all outstanding accounts. Among those who passed by him that day there was one who found himself in a very unfortunate situation. He owed a greater debt than it was possible for him to pay. The amount of the debt has been variously expressed in current exchange. Some have estimated that it would have amounted to around two million dollars in our day. This is an impossible debt in any day. It is a debt which no man can really pay. The only recourse left to the king was to throw the servant into prison and to sell his family into servitude. It would not have paid the debt, but that was the way the unpaid debts were settled in that time.

The man begged for time, saying that if he were given time, that he would pay it all. The king must have known that he could never pay the debt even if he had two lifetimes in which to live. The man also must have known this as he begged for mercy. The king forgave him his debt. I think that Jesus used this huge debt because He wanted us to think of the enormity of our debt to God. As this was a debt that the servant could not pay, likewise our debt to God is greater than we can repay.

The pardoned servant went out rejoicing, I think he went out exulting, thinking that he had put on a pretty good act and had come out on top. It certainly didn't create a humble spirit in him; nor did it give him any compassion for his fellow men.

He was reminded that one of his fellow servants owed him something too. So one of the first things that he did was to hunt up the one who owed him and demand repayment. This amounted to about \$20. It was a sum of money that almost anyone could pay if given a little time. His

fellow servant asked for time, for mercy, but the pardoned servant was unwilling to have mercy upon him and had him placed in prison. Word traveled to the king. He knew what had happened so he called this servant back into his presence. He reminded him of his entreaties of a short time before. Then he spoke to him after this manner: "Because you have not had the kindred spirit of forgiveness, I command that you be cast to the tormentors until you pay all."

We have in this parable three things: man before God; man with his fellow man, and the final judgment.

Man Before God

Forgiveness is free. This is a part of the glorious message of salvation. God holds out His forgiveness to you. This is the message which must continue to be proclaimed. Christ has paid the price for every person's sin. He died on Calvary's tree for the sins of mankind. He stands outside of the door of each heart knocking, waiting for a man to let Him in. His pardon is held out to you. If you believe in Christ, your sins are forgiven. This is the great assurance of our faith. But what do we mean by faith in Christ? Do we merely recognize that He is the Son of God — that He died for the sins of mankind? Many people recognize that, but that doesn't mean that they know God's forgiveness.

As you stand before God you stand as the servant did before his king — he owed two million dollars which was impossible for him to repay. You owe before God a greater debt than it is possible for you to pay. There is absolutely no possibility of your paying it. To be able to pay your debt, you would be able to stand before God and on your own merit claim sonship to Him. We know that this is impossible. The slightest sin alienates one from God. And what do we have of ourselves with which we can redeem our wrongdoing before God? There is absolutely nothing. We can't even start to pay.

Clothed in our own righteousness, we would stand naked before God, or worse than that, be "clothed with filthy rags" of our own character and our own life. We stand in a very serious condition before God. We want to live in His Kingdom; of this we are sure, and yet our very lives condemn us. We have but one recourse: we can pray to God for forgiveness. And if we pray with sincerity, God will hear us and He will forgive our debt. He will wipe it off the books and we will stand as sons before Him.

This He has done — He has reached out to man — to every sinner who has fallen short of the glory of God — and He has said in effect: "Here is the sacrifice — here is the payment for your debt. My own Son paid it when He died on the cross — His blood has obliterated your sin and you are whiter than snow when you stand before Me with faith in Christ."

Yes, God holds forth His forgiveness. It is there for the taking. Confess God and Jesus Christ and you have salvation. All this is true, but left by itself, it is rather insipid. This knowledge may do strange things to you. It may make you smug and may make you want to put off the taking of this forgiveness until near the end of your days. It may be an unrealized factor in your life that you have the knowledge, but you don't use it. Either of these attitudes will leave you out in the cold.

We so often say that God's forgiveness is free, and so it is; for we don't earn it, and we can't pay for it. If we could either earn it or pay for it, it would be through the goodness of our lives and there is not enough goodness there.

God's forgiveness is conditional. Are you forgiven? You may well answer that question, for there is no reason why you should not know. But just because you believe in God and claim the sacrifice of Christ does not assure your forgiveness.

Why did Christ live and teach upon this earth for three years before He was crucified? Why didn't He just come upon this earth, die, and depart? If His sacrifice is all that is necessary, that is all that He would have needed to do.

Are you forgiven? God's forgiveness is held out to you. Will you receive it — will it change your life? If it doesn't change your life, you aren't forgiven.

Man with His Fellow Man

As the forgiven servant went out and made an unmerciful demand upon a fellow servant, and was for this called back before his king; so your relationship to your fellow man determines whether you may walk in the forgiveness of your God.

We pray the Lord's Prayer; and in it we pray this phrase: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Our very prayer is conditional. And yet we may pray it without thinking. Do we really mean it — to ask for forgiveness only in like portion as we are willing to forgive?

Would we ever stand with God under these conditions? Only you can answer for yourself. And you can answer for yourself, for you know whether you possess a spirit of forgiveness. You know whether there is a certain pride or delight in your heart in deliberately hurting someone because he has stepped on your toes in some way.

How many times we hear in the course of a lifetime: "Well, I got even that time; I guess they won't do that again." Or we deliberately do something mean and spiteful; or we hear the remark: "Forgive you? Well, I guess not!"

Peter wanted to know how many times we should forgive. He suggested seven; the Pharisees said three; Jesus said: "Until seventy times seven." Then He told the parable of the unmerciful servant.

We emphasize this same truth over and over again: there must be a spirit of forgiveness in our lives — we must not let anger build up, resentments control our lives, and spite keep us from a harmonious relationship with God.

We find even in the Old Testament the need for forgiveness. For although the old code was an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth — the law of retaliation — the Book of Proverbs tells us: "The discretion

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Missionary Pastors Report

Several items of interest and information have been gleaned from the quarterly reports of missionary pastors for the quarter ending March 31, 1960. All have used the revised report form which now carries two columns of items on activities and services rendered.

The first column on "Pastoral Services" requests information as to number of weeks of work, number of sermons delivered, number of prayer meetings led and number attending, average Sabbath morning congregation, number of pastoral calls made (including evangelistic calls), and number baptized and joining the church.

The second column is something new. It requests information on "Extension and Growth." It requests information on the following: number of meetings of the church Evangelistic Committee held during the quarter, number of evangelistic calls made by the pastor, number of evangelistic calls made by laymen, number of evangelistic leaflets and tracts distributed, number of decisions for Christ made, and finally, the number of rededications of members made during the past quarter.

Perhaps some other pastors and churches not considered "missionary churches" could profitably check these lists and learn just how we stand in this matter of extension and growth.

The new report forms are to be used as a basis for one of the discussion periods of the Missionary Pastors' Institute to be held at Westerly, May 2-5. You are urged to remember these meetings in your prayers.

Training Leaders For African Churches

A Survey Commission of the International Missionary Council has reported on the inadequate facilities and resources for training the future leaders of Christian churches in Africa. The Commission urges that "not less than one fourth of the total resources of the mission in staff and

funds should be applied to leadership training at all levels."

As the results of an intensified leadership training program become evident and as African pastors and trained laymen become ready and able to take over administrative positions, then the missionaries are urged to "withdraw sideways." This term is used to indicate a change in the usual custom of missionaries withdrawing "upward."

Such a plan indicates that the missionary is still needed but in an advisory capacity and as a true yokefellow rather than as leader or master.

A recent book by Dr. George Wayland Carpenter, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, entitled, "The Way in Africa," has brought out the above truths in a forcible and convincing way. This book is highly recommended for those who would keep informed on Christian trends in Africa today.

Reports of Jamaica Missionaries

The quarterly reports of Missionary Leon Lawton and Headmaster Grover Brissey indicate the continued heavy schedules carried by these dedicated Christian workers. They have perplexing problems but they have also great faith in God and able assistance from fellow workers in church and school.

Headmaster Brissey tells of his use of the Easter vacation days to make needed repairs to the Crandall High School buildings and tiling the floors of two classrooms. He writes that he hopes to finance the repairing and painting project within the regular appropriation for upkeep of the property. He writes also that the first term of school was thirteen weeks in length, carrying up to the Easter vacation. "We are having only eleven weeks this coming term," he informs us (April 18-July 1).

Pastor Leon Lawton writes concerning a theological division which has caused some members to withdraw from the Kingston Church. He is counseling the church leaders to act with restraint and Christian compassion toward each other.

Pastor Lawton's quarterly report as pastor of the Kingston Church states in part:

"We thank God for His leading and strength during the past quarter and especially are thankful for the Committee Meeting Day and the beginning of the brethren in the work of these various committees. But this alone is not our greatest need. We need to be more loving, less critical, less talkative about others when not in their presence, and more ready to call sin, sin, and seek in love to help brethren who are taken therein.

"We pray that God may be allowed to revive our hearts and give of the fullness of His Spirit that we might have the power to live aright for Him in these trying days. May he bring us together more and more as brethren in the Spirit that we might dwell together in love."

Former Indianapolis Lay Leader Dies

A telegram received from Mrs. Leo Wright of 7460 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Ind., informs us of the death of her husband. Although Mr. Wright has not been active in Seventh Day Baptist work during the past seven or eight years, those who were associated with him in his strenuous efforts leading up to the organizing of the Indianapolis Church still held him in high regard. Mr. Wright was a man of strong convictions and was not afraid to stand by them even if it meant taking a minority position and separating himself from those with whom he had been in close fellowship.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for May 14, 1960

Lesson VII — Sin and Salvation

for May 21, 1960

Lesson VIII — The Sabbath
(Sabbath Rally Day)

(Taken from Statement of Belief)

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

BIBLE SCHOOL TIME

By Mrs. John Nagel*

Baltimore, Md.

I once met a young fellow of fifteen while I was teaching Vacation Bible School. He became curious when the neighboring children came to the school. His curiosity finally brought him to our sessions. He enjoyed his first day enough to come back the next. "Besides," he said, "I want to finish my craft!" Later, after the final program, the boy came to me and said, "Miss Pearl, I didn't know Christians could have so much fun."

Christians are a happy people and can have a great deal of fun when in the right fellowship. Who, though, knows this? These children were under the impression that Christianity is a bore and a bother because of so many restrictions. They had no idea of the love and joy that comes of devoted Christians.

For five years I have been honored to be able to serve by teaching and helping with Vacation Bible Schools all over the eastern states. I have seen children really hunger and thirst after righteousness. Some knew nothing of a Bible except a momentary glance at its cover. To be able to see them open their eyes as if for the first time in their lives when they learn about Jesus is the only reward one's heart would need.

On Keel Mountain at Paint Rock, Alabama, there were such children. They did all they could to attend our afternoon sessions held in a home. When they found that Jesus loved them and would save them, they yearned for more knowledge.

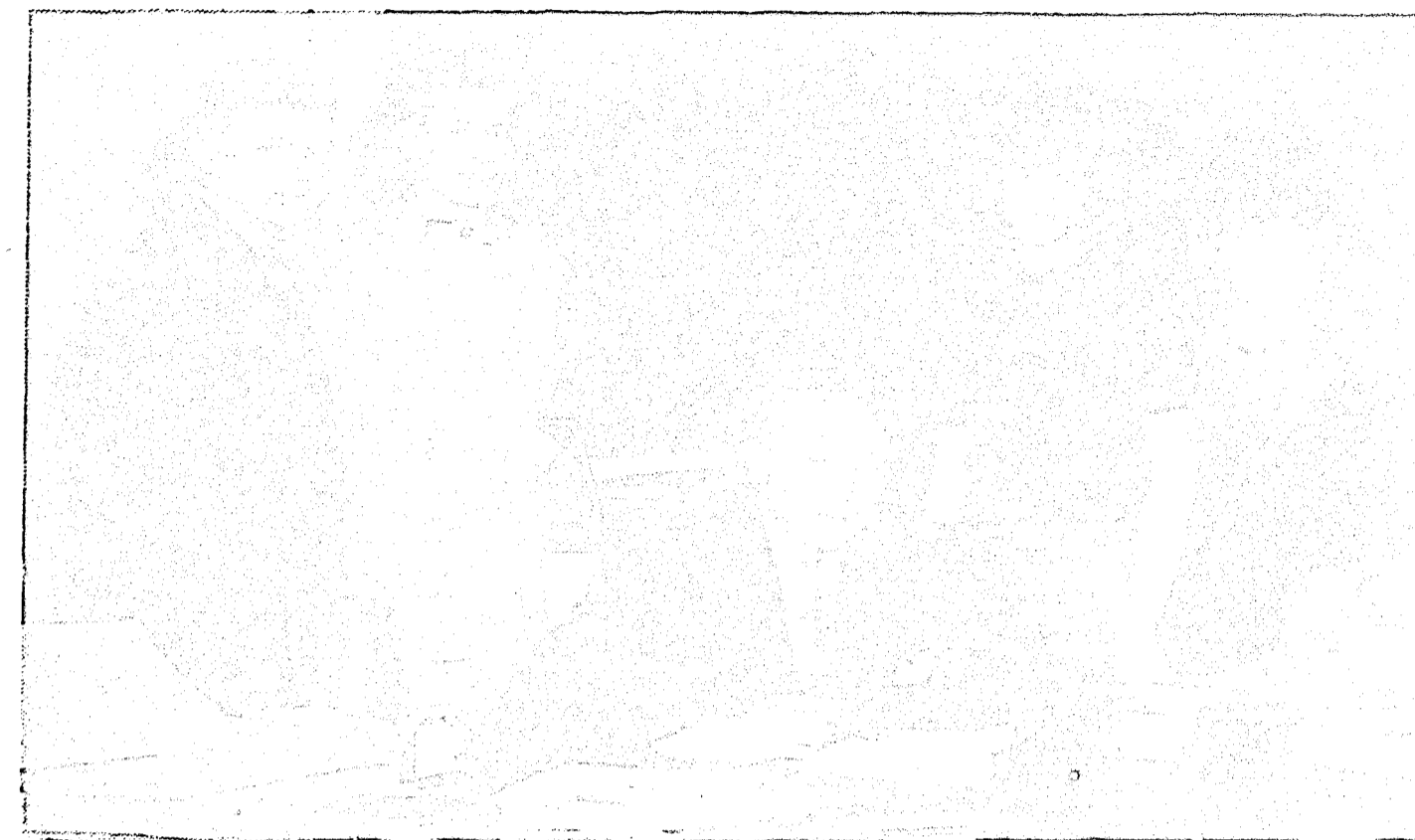
It was not until last year, June, 1959, that I learned that children in my own back yard were also willing to learn. In

*We know Mrs. Nagel better as Pearl Hibbard Nagel, daughter of the Rev. Theodore Hibbard, of Walker, Louisiana. As she indicates above, she speaks out of considerable experience in summer work with children and young people.

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Good Backing For Colorado Governor



Governor Steve McNichols of Colorado had some interesting callers on March 3, 1960. On that day he was backed up in the signing of a proclamation by Mrs. Clara Rasmussen, president of the state Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and three other Seventh Day Baptists of the Denver-Boulder area. In the above picture friends will recognize Robert Stephan of the Denver Church, Robert White of Boulder, and Roberta Clarke, daughter of the Boulder pastor. These young people are active in Youth Temperance Council work. Robert White was winner of the W. C. T. U. speech contest of 1959.

The significant proclamation which the governor was signing in the presence of these witnesses and to which he affixed his official seal was sent to the Sabbath Recorder and is quoted below.

WHEREAS, The Youth Temperance Council is to unite the young people of the community, state, and nation in a program of Christian citizenship, to build better character, and train good citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of our elder citizens to provide youth with the proper guidance in the value of temperance; and

WHEREAS, the object of the Temperance Legion is to carry on the principles of Christian leadership; and

WHEREAS, the penalty of intemperance takes a terrible toll in economic and human potentials,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve McNichols, Governor of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the week of April 24 to 30, 1960, as

YOUTH TEMPERANCE EDUCATION WEEK

in Colorado, and urge our citizens to cooperate as individuals and through schools, religious and other groups in spreading the Gospel of Temperance Education among all our young people.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of Colorado, this Third Day of March, A. D., 1960.

No activity of men or the institutions of men is free from God's ethical commands. Nor may any individual or institution create a private or special set of ethical laws to govern its public conduct. Religious ethics, divinely ordained, are universally applicable.

— Rabbi Eugene J. Lipman.

International C. E. Meeting
To Be Held in Ottawa

Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Convocation for youth will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, July 1-3, according to an announcement by Delno W. Brown, citizenship director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The featured speaker at the Convocation will be the Right Honorable John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, an outstanding Baptist leader.

Sessions of the Youth Assembly are scheduled on July 3 after the close of the Convocation, with official meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Corporation of the International Society following on July 4.

The Convocation and Citizenship Contest, along with a clean-up campaign against obscene literature, are part of Christian Endeavor's current Citizenship Crusade. Headquarters of Christian Endeavor International is located at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Summer Camps at Pacific Pines

Pacific Pines is the name of a well-appointed camp grounds owned by the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, and it serves the churches of the Pacific Coast Association. The camping schedule for this summer is as follows:

Intermediates — June 19-26 — for those now in the 7th-9th grades in school, ages 12-14 as of December 1, 1959. Fee, \$12.

Seniors — July 1-4 — for those in the 10th grade and up, ages 15 and up as of December 1, 1959. Fee, \$6.50.

Primaries — July 5-8 — for those now in 1st through the 3rd grades, ages 6-8 as of December 1, 1959. Fee, \$6.

Juniors — July 10-17 — for those now in the 4th through the 6th grades, ages 9-11 as of December 1, 1959. Fee, \$12.

Quarterly Meeting of the
Board of Christian Education

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was held April 17, 1960, in the Alfred School of Theology building with George Potter presiding. Thirteen members of the board were present. Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston, executive secretary of the denomination, and Miss Lynn Casler were our guests.

It was voted that we cooperate with other Baptist Boards of Christian Education in sending our executive secretary to attend an organizational meeting of the executive secretaries of said boards for the purpose of sharing materials, objectives, problems, and inspiration among those observing Baptist principles. The meeting is set tentatively in Nashville with the Southern Baptist Board as host.

Announcement was made that a legacy of \$40,000 has been given to the Memorial Fund to be used by our Board of Christian Education. It was voted that our Finance Committee study the intent of the stipulations of the bequest and bring recommendations to the board.

The Youth Work Committee recommended that we purchase an addressograph. The recommendation was referred to the Finance Committee.

George Potter presented his resignation as president of the board. It was accepted with deep regret. Our prayer follows him as he moves to Norwich, Connecticut. Dr. Hurley S. Warren was elected acting president for the balance of the fiscal year.

Executive Secretary Fetherston spoke briefly at the close of the meeting.

The Sabbath Visitor

The May issue of the Sabbath Visitor for Boys and Girls was mailed from Alfred on April 19. Along with the mailing went a letter explaining the policy regarding publication and subscription rates. All magazines require that the subscriptions be paid in advance, and it is the wish of the Publications Committee of the Board of Chris-

tian Education that this be the way to handle the money for the Sabbath Visitor. It is our hope that those who pay will understand that which we are trying to do — to publish by the accepted standards of business — yet we do not wish to work a hardship on any Sabbath School or individual.

The May issue is coming out under a new format. Instead of 5 x 7 inches, the paper is 6 x 9, and the change is from an 8-page to a 4-page copy. The above-mentioned letter asks for reactions to this change. If this does not meet with general approval, we will return to the former setup. Write the editor of the Sabbath Visitor or the chairman of the Publications Committee, S. Kenneth Davis, Box 473, Alfred, N. Y., expressing your opinion.

AT MEETINGS' END

Evangelistic Services at Ashaway, R. I.

Another special effort has come to a close. Our purpose during this series of meetings has been to bring into clearer focus the fundamentals of Christian faith, to re-affirm believers in the faith, to bring about deeper dedication to Christ and His cause, and to win sinners to faith and salvation in Jesus Christ. We believe that to some degree these goals have been reached. We would not claim that the results stem from any excellence in the messages or speakers, but through the enlightening presence of the Holy Spirit, and through the fellowship of believers.

Lives have been re-dedicated, faith deepened and clarified, love for Christ sharpened, high and holy resolves awakened. May we not let these things slip, but "go on unto perfection," carrying into life all that we have received. In the words of Scripture: "Besides this . . . add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness . . ." (See 2 Peter 1: 5-8).

— Church bulletin.

Youth News

Christian Endeavor Essay Winners

DENVER, COLO. — In the Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest, held nationwide, one of our boys, Melvin (Bud) Stephan, Jr., won first prize in Colorado. (It is hoped that this contest-winning essay may be made available to our readers in the near future.)

WESTERLY, R. I. — At a meeting of some 125 editors of religious journals in Washington recently, the editor of the Christian Endeavor World reminded the Sabbath Recorder editor that Wayne Cruzan, of Westerly, R. I., had won first place in the state and in the whole New England region in the citizenship essay contest. This is now confirmed by the Rev. Earl Cruzan, Wayne's father. The essay is titled, "Christian Citizenship Unlimited." It will now enter into competition with other regional winners in the International C. E. judging. Delivered as a Christian Endeavor Day talk in the Pawcatuck Church, the essay was printed in the February 29 Recorder on the Christian Education Page.

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Walker, Louisiana, we went to the surrounding homes to children in school and to those of friends of the church members to begin what I hope is a yearly experience to look forward to. These young people enjoyed the Christian fellowship offered through Bible School. How very surprised I was to find that this was the first Vacation Bible School many had ever attended. Surely there was no excuse for this.

Young people of high school sophomore age through college age should be out seeking service of this kind in the summer. With your talents (No talent? Read what Edmund Steimle has to say in the March 21 issue) you can teach these children and young people what you know and gain experience in many fields. Why not help some children learn what you learned in Vacation Bible School?

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of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression" (19: 11).

Again, "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth" (24: 17). "Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me. I will render to the man according to his work" (25: 21). Jesus tells us: "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matt. 6: 14). "When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (Mark 11: 25).

Reconciliation and Acceptable Worship

Again, Jesus gives us the picture of a man in the act of supreme devotion to God. This is the man who is bringing a gift to place upon God's altar. This is the man who comes in the act of worship before Almighty God, and to give of himself in this act of worship. And in his act of worship this man is stopped. He is reminded by the Lord that he has a matter between himself and a brother. There is a trouble that has not been made right. He is commanded: "Leave your gift, go be reconciled with thy brother and then come and offer thy gift."

Why is this necessary? What should his relationship to his brother have to do with his worshipping God? Isn't a man's worship between himself and God?

God is personal — He works in all of life and one cannot separate his daily life from his attitude toward God. One is not made fit to appear before God by changing the attitude of mind for a moment as he would change from work clothes into something better for church.

There is that characteristic which makes a man able to approach unto God, something that is needed of God in all. It cannot be taken off and put on a shelf until it is needed again. It must be a part of a man's total life. One should so appreciate the forgiveness that comes from God, that it would kindle within him a compassionate response to life and to his fellow men.

What about the person who will not receive forgiveness? You may find such a person and if he will not receive your forgiveness when offered sincerely, the only recourse that you have left is to pray for him. You have humbly offered forgiveness. You have done your part; yet you should never withdraw that forgiveness simply because it has not been accepted.

Paul says: "Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not" (Rom. 12: 14). "Avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12: 19). "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4: 32). Remember the king who when he heard of the unmerciful conduct of the forgiven servant delivered him to his tormentors? Christ also adds: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Something Unique At Alfred

Alfred (N. Y.) would seem to be too small a village to be nationally known but it is not. Of course the College of Liberal Art and the Seventh Day Baptist School of Theology are widely known by the scattering of graduates through many years and by the service rendered by many of them. But there is another extremely unique thing about Alfred at the present time. The College of Ceramics is the only one in the nation at which recipients of scholarships provided under the National Defense Education Act of 1958 can study in a doctoral program in ceramics. The U. S. Office of Education has recently announced grants for two such students.

The pioneering educational activities of early Seventh Day Baptists in this small village met a crying need at the time and, in a sense, fathered the state colleges that now combine to put Alfred on the national map.

A High Sabbath at Milton

By Marjorie J. Burdick

The Sabbath has come to a close, but its glow lingers on even into the rain of the evening (the Sabbath of April 16, 1960). The final community Lenten service was held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church last night, with a soul-searching sermon by Dr. Merrill Abbey of Garrett Biblical Institute of Chicago, on the theme, "Strength to Go all the Way." It was good to have this fellowship with other Christians of Milton and Milton Junction in worship together in these annual services. Then, too, this was a splendid beginning of a happy Sabbath.

This morning at 9:15 we were together for a baptismal service. We were touched by the very sincere statements made by the twenty-three candidates for baptism, with twenty-two asking for church membership. Their sincerity was evident again as each entered the baptism and came from the waters with a radiance that showed the depth of his experience in Christ.

The pattern of the day followed with happy, deep experiences in Sabbath School. Then came the morning worship service with the reception of these new members, plus four who joined by letter. Pastor Randolph spoke briefly to all of this large group on the meaning of this step in their spiritual life and growth. Then he followed with a special word of greeting to each as he extended the right hand of fellowship. There were tears in many an eye as memories, hopes, and prayers mingled in one's thoughts.

The sermon, "The Christ Who Stands among Us," renewed our faith in the risen Christ, and brought us the joy that has been a distinguishing mark of the true Christian worshiper from the time of the first followers of Christ.

I am afraid of any religious movement that does not arouse the bitter opposition of entrenched evil. . . . A real revival today would cause a commotion in the traffic of evil. — Vance Havner in *Repent or Else!*

Annual Meeting of Historical Society

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held on Sunday, May 15, 1960, at 11 A. M. The place — Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Frederik J. Bakker,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J. — The children of the late Deacon John T. Harris have offered to donate a new Christian flag to be displayed in the sanctuary in memory of their father. William Richardson, Jr., offered to provide two new American flags with the proper number of stars, one for use inside and the other outside the church, in memory of his father, a veteran of World War I. These offers were accepted with thanks at the March business meeting of the church.

The Tri-C Class, one of seven whose activities were noted in the Shiloh SDB Reporter, purchased 100 copies of "He Is Risen," Scripture story of the resurrection, for distribution at the County Home on April 17. The class also voted at its March meeting to give \$50 to the general camp fund and \$127 for the building of tables and benches for the dining room of the camp.

— From Shiloh SDB Report.

WESTERLY, R. I. — The 120th Annual Meeting of the Pawcatuck church was held on Sunday evening, April 10, preceded by a delicious ham dinner served by the Woman's Aid Society.

Officers elected for the coming year were Karl G. Stillman, president; Elston H. Van Horn, treasurer; Loren Osborn, clerk; Wilfred B. Utter and Clifford Langworthy, trustees; Miss Lucinda Barber, historian; Norman F. Loofboro, auditor, with Dwight Wilson as collector.

The trustees' report outlined improvements that had been made during the past year, including the black-topping of the parking area at the rear of the church. The Church Advisory Board gave a resume of the Lay Development workshops which had been held in January and February,

with many recommendations made to a special church meeting that were adopted and put into effect.

Plans are being made to entertain the Eastern Association in Westerly in June.

The choir presented a cantata, "The Crucifixion," on Friday evening, April 15, as our church participated in traditional Holy Week joint services with the other churches in Westerly. The junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Dwight Wilson, joined the senior choir on Easter Sabbath morning in one of the anthems appropriate to the season.

ALBION, WIS. — At the annual church business meeting Pastor Victor Skaggs received a unanimous call for 1960.

After the fellowship dinner, January 30, the first workshop in the Program for Advance was held. The beginning of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination in America was considered. The second workshop was February 13 with discussion of the church and emphasis on the work of the members. A pot-luck dinner followed the regular morning service to enable people to stay. These workshops were led by Pastor Skaggs.

After the fellowship dinner, February 27, a workshop on church organization was conducted by Mrs. Eleanor Walters. On March 12 Pastor Skaggs was in New Jersey on Conference business. The Sabbath morning service was conducted by the young people with Miss Donna Reiersen as leader. She was assisted by Miss Nina Skaggs who gave the junior message; also by Miss Margaret Slagg, Miss Barbara Green, Miss Barbara Kenyon, Rollin Williams, and Robert Kenyon, Jr. The senior and junior choirs both sang during the service.

The Lay Development Workshop, April 9, was the third session on the organization of a Seventh Day Baptist church. Plans had called for two sessions but due to interest and discussion a third session was held. This was conducted by Mrs. Eleanor Walters, and was of special importance to us as the church voted at the quarterly business meeting to revise and rewrite its constitution.

— Correspondent.

Accessions

Daytona Beach, Fla.

By Baptism:

Charles B. Brossier II
Louise E. Brossier
Joy Kenyon
John Leonard

By Letter:

Mrs. John (Geraldine Thorngate) Leonard

Shiloh, N. J.

By Baptism:

Betty Mae Davis
Jane Ellen Harris
Clara Regenia Richardson
Miriam Ann Richardson
Darleen Elaine Wendell
Philip Clifford Davis
Jeffrey Randolph Fogg

Births

Babcock. — A son, Charles William, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Babcock of Battle Creek, Mich., April 11, 1960.

Fisher. — A son, Michael Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Fisher of Houston, Texas, on March 27, 1960.

Maxson. — A daughter Pamela Jo, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maxson of Lansing, Mich., January 27, 1960.

Parrott. — A son, Matthew Ross, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Bill) Parrott, Jr., of Williamston, Mich., February 1, 1960.

Spells. — A daughter, Pamela Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Errol Spells of Battle Creek, Mich., April 15, 1960.

Obituaries

Hubert. — Jeanette, was born in Haarlem, The Netherlands, July 14, 1881, and died in Battle Creek, Michigan, February 4, 1960.

She was married in Amsterdam in 1907 to Henry J. Hubert. Upon coming to this country in 1913, they made their home in San Diego, California, where Mr. Hubert died in 1918. She came to Battle Creek that same year. A faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, she sang in the Battle Creek Church choir for twenty-six years. She was an enthusiastic home gardener.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Van-Schaardenburg, of Battle Creek; two grandsons; two sisters, Mrs. Nicholas (Marie) Ludwig of Glendale, Calif., and Mrs. Jacob (Elizabeth) Wilderom of The Netherlands.

Farewell services were conducted from the Royal Chapel in Battle Creek with her pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis, officiating. Final resting place, Memorial Park Cemetery, Battle Creek Township.

L. E. D.

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