

" 'For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect,' Paul reminds us, and we should never forget it. This thought should temper every discussion, every conflict which rages among the sons of God.

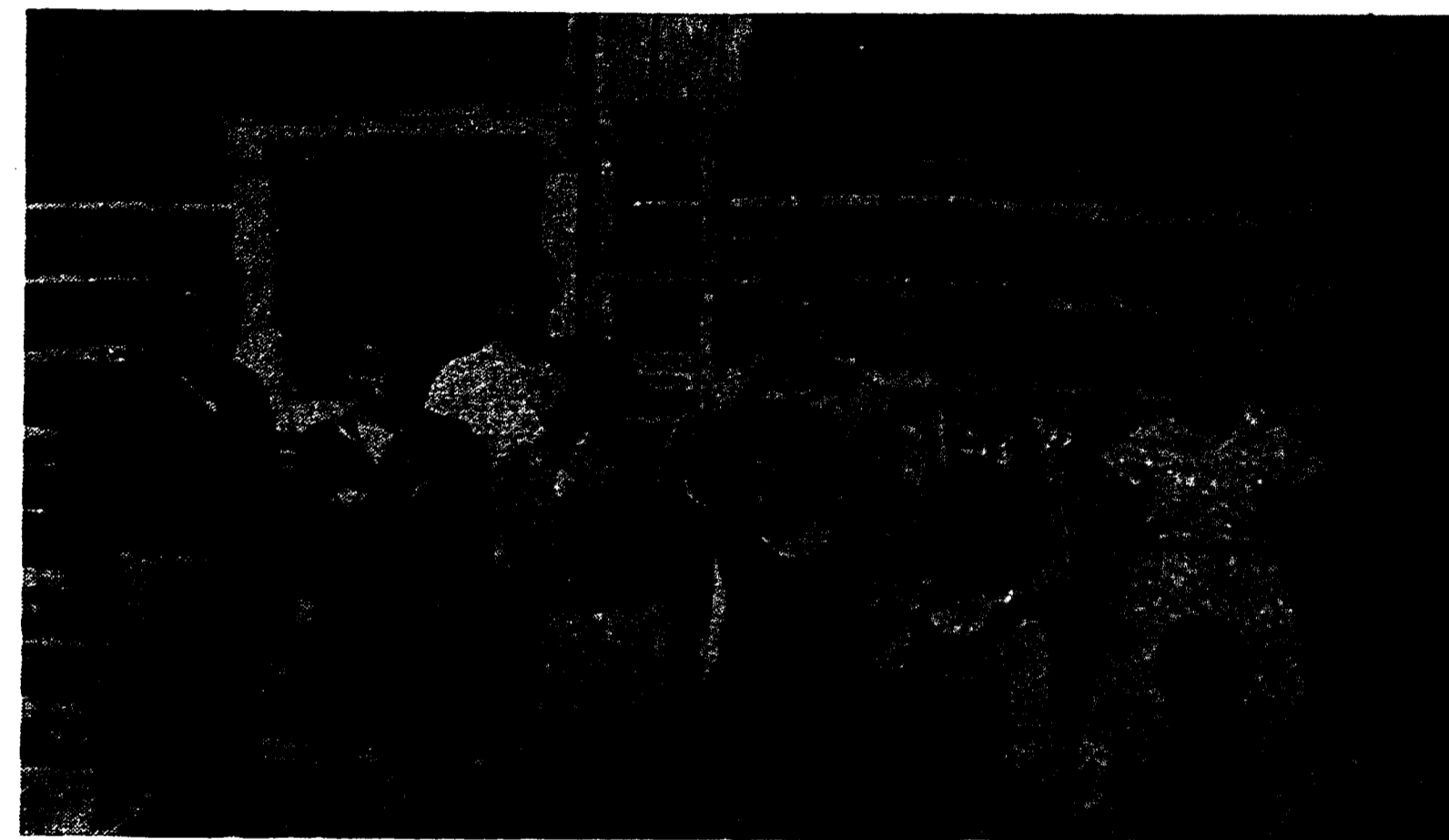
"Man's knowledge is always limited by the circumstances of culture. To be man is to be finite, to be unable to reach beyond the realm of human understanding and emotion into that which is Absolute and True. If this is so, is there any wonder that we disagree? The remarkable thing is that we can find any agreement whatsoever.

"And this measure of agreement — is it not given by God as we stand together in His presence? Let us then stand together in love, confident that God will grant us that measure of truth which is necessary to the task at hand, and that measure of light which guides our next step."

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THANKFUL FOR BOUNTEOUS BLESSINGS

When our forefathers attempted to settle on a rugged New England coast they faced hunger, disease and cold weather without adequate shelter. Those who survived and saw better times were more thankful for their blessings because of the deprivations they had endured. We of this generation have few reminders of hard times though we are prone to complain far more than our forefathers.

A log cabin picture taken a few weeks ago on Crites Mountain, West Virginia, shows a Seventh Day Baptist pastor ministering to people of like faith whose economic circumstances are little better than of those who landed at Plymouth Rock and established Thanksgiving Day. When spiritual needs are felt and supplied the heart is thankful in spite of the shortage of the comforts of life. Thanksgiving Day should be a day of remembrance for all and, for those who live in abundance, a day of remembering those who have little of this world's goods.

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The Heavens Declare

Since time immemorial thoughtful men have watched the heavens to discover if they could see something of the creative plan of God. The men of old viewed through clean air brilliant skies as they came from the hand of the Almighty and all uncluttered by the hand of man, undimmed by his industrial smoke. Such views seldom meet the eye of the modern city dweller. Occasionally, however, a momentary combination of the handiwork of man and of God creates a view that is most stimulating.

Such a view greeted the eye of the editor on the last morning of October as he came to the open corner of Watchung and Seventh, a block and a half from the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield. It was a once-in-a-lifetime picture that ought to be preserved; but the two minutes required to get a camera from the office was too long; the striking aspects of the picture were gone long before the camera could be unlimbered. It reminds us that the most satisfying pictures are those instantly painted on the retina of the eye and recorded in the recesses of the brain. We are reminded that man is spoken of as the crowning act of creation and that only he has the faculty of appreciation and thankfulness for the glory of God declared by the heavens and perfectly revealed in Christ.

Word pictures can convey but vaguely the symbolic view seen for a moment of time on the cool, crisp morning. For weeks there had been warm, dry, windless weather during which the polluted air had hung heavy with the haze of industry and autos. Then came a day of rain, of low-hanging, folded black clouds driven by a blustering wind. This was the morning after when all the sky was swept clean and fresh, and the leaves threshed from spreading oaks had been pushed into windrows and hedgerows and were at rest.

In such a spotless sky the activity of man could be seen. The giant planes on unexplained missions were riding high and forging their four-barreled vapor trails all unconscious of how they looked from this particular street corner. A tall-spired church close at hand split the crystal sky, itself looking black against the glaring morning sun that lighted its roof. In the

foreground also was the city's American flag just hoisted high above the memorial of men who had died for their country. What a combination of religious and national symbols! But this view frequently meets the eye at this location. What was different was the framing of the picture in the sky. The invisible plane, gracefully turning, had inscribed a circle with its vapor trails, a circle that had almost at its center the sun, the towering steeple and a full-blown flag. It was this beautiful white halo that dissipated before a camera could record the total picture.

How glorious it would be if all men could see, not momentarily at high points of experience, but continually the proper relation between patriotism, the church, and God. Let us endeavor more earnestly to see in the clear atmosphere of biblical revelation the creative, redemptive, sustaining handiwork of God. May all our human efforts show to Him our appreciation and thankfulness as we raise our flags, erect our churches, and cast the patterns of our lives against the eternal blue.

Changing the Image of the Cigarette Smoker

The tobacco companies have labored consistently during the past generation or more to create an image of the cigarette smoker which is desirable enough to fix the habit on a vast majority of the young men and women of our country. With unlimited resources they have been able to secure the services of the most clever advertising men and to sponsor the most popular sports events and entertainment programs on television and radio.

The voices of reformers opposing the habit have been earnest and right but sadly low in volume because they have lacked the finances of self-interest. Advertising laws have been lax enough to allow the cigarette people sufficient leeway to make false claims or to deceitfully skirt the truth about their products and their filters. They seem to have reasoned that once the habit is fixed the smoker will not listen to the facts of medical science. They concentrate their advertising on the choice of brands, and each of the few companies has a vari-

MEMORY TEXT

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. — Psalm 107: 1, 2.

ety of them. It is all part of the pocket-lining plan of maintaining the pleasing image of the smoker, a plan that catches the unwary youth.

Can this image of the socially acceptable man and woman be changed? Not by a single voice of pulpit and pen or a campaign of health experts but perhaps by a combination of the two. Such a combination of forces is gaining momentum. The time should come when the self-interest of every smoker will outweigh the self-interest of the relatively small number who make their living and their fortunes at the expense of the health and life of those caught in the cancer-fostering habit.

A new advertising campaign has been started by the American Cancer Society. Its purpose is "to build the image of the nonsmokers." We find the campaign featured in a story three columns wide in the New York Times of October 29. It pictures Bob Mathias, twice Olympic decathlon champion, saying "I don't smoke . . . Athletes in top condition don't smoke — they can't afford to." A long list of best-known athletes are making similar statements in this effort to change the image of the smoker. Whitey Ford, for instance, who last year did testimonials for a popular brand of cigarettes, is now in a series in which he discusses the evils of smoking.

More and more religious journals are taking a new and positive stand on cigarette smoking now that its dangers to health and life are being so positively demonstrated by scientific research. Christianity Today boldly states in a recent issue that habitual use of cigarettes is incompatible with biblical principle. The reasoning is that mounting medical evidence linking it with lung cancer has moved the habit "from a optional indulgence to a question of the stewardship of the body."

The editorial calls attention to our indefensible double standard in these words,

"When areas stricken by natural disaster need aid or when our imagination is captured by the plight of miners trapped underground, we are capable of showing 'reverence for life,' yet at the same time we continue strangely apathetic to much needless suffering and loss of life right on our doorstep."

The editorial added:

"On the scriptural ground that the God who gives us our bodies requires accountability for their use, none of us has the right to contract any habit that has been shown to lead to grave illness and premature death."

We who are Christians can no more take a neutral view on death-producing smoking habits than death-producing driving or drinking habits. Let others preach nonsmoking on the basis of fear; let the Christian preach it on the basis of Christian principle — our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Such preaching has been going on for generations. The difference now is that the temperance people have more pointed illustrations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Bible as a Textbook

Some jittery teachers and principals of public schools are reported to have gone far beyond reason in attempting to comply with the Supreme Court's ruling that compulsory reading of the Bible in public schools as an act of worship is unconstitutional. It is reported, for instance, that some librarians have removed the Bibles from the bookshelves. Other reports have it that students have been forbidden to carry a Bible. Such actions are not worthy of those who are required to have "higher education" before being allowed to teach. Perhaps timid and less educated Boards of Education have applied pressure. Whatever the reason, the action is deplorable.

We wonder if the schoolmen who try to ban the Bible from the library, the classroom, and the student's pocket or desk are as ardent in keeping pornographic literature out of the reach of our adolescents? Religious liberty is well on the way to extinction when student expression of religious conviction (as by carrying a

Bible) is repressed and brought into ridicule by school officials.

The Supreme Court did not contemplate a banning of religious faith and expression. The Bible may still be read in school, and certain kinds of Bible courses can be required by law. A prominent church leader, Dr. Rolfe Hunt, says, "I hear the Court as saying that tax funds may be used to pay the teacher in public schools for Bible courses, when done for the purposes of general education." A knowledge of the Bible is generally recognized to be far more important to a liberal education than the study of Shakespeare or any combination of authors of literature.

Let's Count the Negroes Too

A Baptist news item under a Knoxville, Tenn., dateline opens with these striking figures: "More than 84 per cent of Knoxville's 200,000 residents over nine years of age are church members." It goes on to speak of the splendid co-operation of church people in making the survey that showed this southern city so far above the national average (63.4%). The survey was taken by 5,000 workers representing 117 churches. Orrin Morris of Atlanta, survey specialist, commented, "We had 93 per cent of the homes visited to give us complete information." The last sentence of the news release added this bit of information: "Although Negro churches were invited, they did not participate and the figures do not include the Negro population."

Of what statistical value is the "complete information" and the 84 per cent figure when a whole segment of the population is omitted? How can these figures be compared, as Mr. Morris does, with the national percentages which include the non-white population? Let's survey the church membership and attendance of the Negroes too — they are people. Such a survey might reveal a need for more home mission work than is indicated by the gratifying results recorded.

"These who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

— Thomas Paine.

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Conference President's Corner

Dear Friends of the Faith:

Let us study Colossians!

The Colossian epistle has been chosen as the Bible book for study during the current Conference year. This study is not meant to replace the use in our churches of the study book, *The Bible Calls For Action*, which has been suggested for study by our people during the fifth year of the Program for Advance. Rather it is to be understood as an additional study. Surely there is room in our church programs for the study of both these books.

It is good for us as a people to be tied together by the systematic study of some portion of the sacred Scriptures in which all of us throughout the denomination may participate. Pastors of churches are also urged to prepare a series of sermons from Colossians to emphasize and reinforce the small group studies. Lone Sab-

bathkeepers and others unable to participate in the group studies will find a blessing in personal study of the book. This program for denomination-wide Bible study will be climaxed at the General Conference sessions in Salem, W. Va., August 17-22, when the conferees will study Colossians together under the leadership of one of our able pastors.

Why Colossians? The Colossian epistle has been chosen for study because it rounds out and explains the Conference theme, *Christ Is the Answer*. It has been chosen because Colossians exalts Christ, proclaiming Him as the divine Son of God, Savior of the world, and hope of the Christian in whom Christ resides. It is our sincere hope that through this study each Christian will find more meaning and satisfaction in his personal relationship with Christ, will experience personally the assertion of St. Paul that it is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27b), and will find that in every circumstance of life **CHRIST IS THE ANSWER**.

Sincerely yours and HIS,
C. Rex Burdick.

Does our devotion equal our profession?

Denominational Giving Comparisons

By Harley D. Bond

Statistics released by the Office of Information of the National Council of Churches as of November 2 1963, show some very interesting comparisons. In 1961 Seventh Day Baptists ranked 42nd in comparison with 45 denominations, with a per member giving of \$60.94. As reported for the calendar year 1962 (our report was to June 30, 1963) we ranked 34th in comparison with 41 denominations, with an average giving of \$68.44. The Reformed Church in America topped the list of giving for the fourth straight year with a per member giving of \$110.16.

As reported from the 41 denominations the giving for all benevolences was reduced by 3.9%. As reported by our churches Seventh Day Baptists showed an increase of 1.1%. We, more decidedly than other denominations, showed a decrease in giving to foreign missions. Our major increase for 1962, as reported by our churches, was for local congregational items where the per member giving increased from \$43.68 to \$50.84, or an increase of 16.1%.

On the back page of the Sabbath Recorder is found the Our World Mission treasurer's report for October. As we began the year there was need for \$8,375.83 monthly to reach our already reduced budget. October showed giving amounting to \$5,505.85, short \$2,869.98 of the monthly goal. This shortage increased monthly needs by \$260.91 or a total needed each month for the next eleven months of \$8,636.74.

The chairman of the Home Field Committee of the Missionary Board in this solicited article suggests accepting responsibility in

Building New Congregations

By Earl Cruzan

"The church that is in your house." This was a common expression in New Testament times before the local congregations began to think in terms of buildings which signified the presence of the church in the community and within which confines the activities of the church were carried out. I believe that this need is still before us, especially as Seventh Day Baptists. We have become so used to identifying "church" with a building, a pastor, and all the related programs, that we may be guilty of not seeing the need for, nor the benefit to be gained from numerically small groups of people meeting together in a home to share in Christian study and fellowship.

To establish a certain number of new congregations within a given period of time may seem like an ambitious goal. However, it is not to be commended in itself. If it is done to meet a numerical goal, the purpose is unworthy. To establish a congregation wherever there are those who have a conviction — here is a truth that is vital, a truth which needs to be shared; this is a worthy objective. To fail to establish such a congregation is a neglect of a God-given commission. How many people make a congregation? "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18: 20).

Sabbathkeeping is not a popular Christian witness today. To keep a sabbath is roughly defined in practice today as "attending church service when it is convenient, and spending the rest of the day in doing what seems to be the most pressing task around the home, or engaging in the activity which offers the greatest pleasure outing for the family." And oftentimes members of the family go their separate ways in this search for pleasure.

To keep "the Sabbath of God," the seventh day, requires conviction — a conviction

that is specifically designated by Him, hallowed, sanctified, and set apart as the Sabbath. It means to recognize that of which God spoke through Isaiah: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 58: 13-14).

Jesus said "The son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day," and "The sabbath was made for man." Wherever there is the conviction that the Sabbath is still made for man there is a need for fellowship. There is a need for sharing together in this conviction. This sharing helps to strengthen a conviction and provides a means to help others find this truth also.

For this reason, I believe that there is a need for families to get together on the Sabbath in every community where there are two or more families who hold such beliefs. This is especially true where they are too far away from an established church to worship with that church regularly. And where there are more than two families, a fellowship or a church should be established. The term we use is not too important, nor is the formal organization as important as is the purpose which it fulfills. The fellowship and service of meeting together, of studying together, of talking together about the things of God are important. Even when we may meet with a church of another faith on another day for the fellowship and inspiration of a formal church service there is a need to meet together and to share on the Sabbath.

We have become so used to thinking of a church in terms of a minister, a pastor, that we forget that we too are ministers. We forget that the Word of God is capable of being understood by any serious student. We are inclined to think that to be a church, a formal service, with preaching, must be held. But this is not true. The fellowship and service of meeting together, of studying together, of sharing our ideas with one another can add a religious dimension to our lives that even a church service sometimes fails to give. To a great extent the service of a church is primarily monologue — the preacher speaking to the congregation with no opportunity for the congregation to reply or to ask questions. Dialogue is important in Christian growth. And dialogue can be realized much more readily in the small group meeting than it can in the services of a large church. A monologue becomes sterile, while dialogue breeds life. There is a need for more dialogue in all church services. There is a need for an opportunity to share with one another the issues of life and religion.

Let's Meet Present Needs, Not Past

In this day of population moving from place to place according to job requirements or for other reasons, the stability of a community is often not as strong as it was in other times. And a group of people coming together out of common conviction at one time, may find that in a year or so the group no longer exists because many of its original members have gone elsewhere. Thus, it may happen that a year from now or five years from now the situation in a particular community may be far different from what it is today; and it may be that the service of a particular congregation may be no longer needed. On the other hand, if the congregation has really served the needs of those in its community it may have grown beyond all expectations.

We have been more concerned about the church which seems to be dying than we have about the establishing of new congregations. We would like to feel that the need of a church in any community

might always exist. We should also encourage new groups in every place where there is a possibility of two or more families coming together for a sharing of study and religious conviction on the Sabbath.

If you are a Seventh Day Baptist living in a community apart from the church, find out if there are other Seventh Day Baptists living in your community. The Woman's Board, the Missionary Society and others have a master list of addresses. They would help you out in this regard. From our executive secretary, Harley D. Bond, or the corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, Leon M. Maltby, you may find if there is anyone in your community who has inquired about Seventh Day Baptists. These you may also contact. Find out who lives in your community, make their acquaintance, invite them to your home on the Sabbath. Study together and talk together about the things of God. You will find an enriching fellowship. You may be able to have a church in your house. You may be able to offer a ministry to others in your community who are searching for the truth that you hold.

And to our established churches: you need to become aware of these groups, you need to encourage your members to become a part of them when they live away from the home church. When you can, you should visit them, give them assistance in a special service and share your pastor as a pastor, and as a preacher as the occasion demands.

In another year, our Director of Evangelism will be available to give assistance to the organization of such groups. He will not become a settled pastor for any group for his area of responsibility is wider than that. The whole United States will be his concern. It will also be impossible for him to visit in person every group that should be formed. He will give direction and guidance to such groups. He may have opportunity to visit many of them. Where there is a large enough group to organize a church, he will give assistance.

Will you meet the challenge to establish a church in "your house," a group who may need to eventually seek larger quarters? Will you assume a personal respons-

ibility to share your faith with others, to study with them the things of God?

Churches: Will you train and equip your members that when they move to another community, they are concerned to form a group for fellowship and for study?

It is only as we build new congregations, regardless of size, that we will fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ to share the Gospel with others. Each person has a responsibility to God to share the truth which he believes with others. How many places are there in this country where there is a need for Seventh Day Baptists to meet together in study and in fellowship where there is now no established church? You who live away from the church know the need, and you must assume the responsibility in the name of the commission of Jesus Christ.

Tract Board Committee Work

The weekend of November 2 and 3 was an unusually busy one for committees of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society. The Supervisory Committee, charged with working out the problems of the Publishing House, had called a full meeting of South Jersey and Plainfield members to consider important matters. It was also the regular time of meeting for the Advisory Committee, which makes decisions relating to the editing of the *Sabbath Recorder* and the activities of the corresponding secretary.

Between these two large committee meetings came the supper hour and a meeting of the heads of all committees to consider the current budget and a tentative budget for 1964-65 to present to the Commission. Invited guests at this supper meeting brought the attendance to fourteen. Taking advantage of the presence of a member from Pennsylvania, the Audio-Visual Aids Committee also had a meeting to consider ways of rendering further assistance to the British Guiana field.

A number of people were in consecutive committee meetings from 4 p. m. to 9:45 p. m., giving their best thought to the various aspects of the work of the board.

The Advisory Committee now has a sub-committee to investigate the possibility of engaging an outside agency to carry out one of the recommendations of General Conference, namely, surveying the purpose, content and effectiveness of the *Sabbath Recorder*. It is composed of Harley D. Bond (chairman) and Everett T. Harris, Jr., consultant members of the board, plus Charles H. North and the editor. It held its second meeting Sunday evening, November 3, to review answers to correspondence and to work on a definition of *Recorder* purpose. The committee will be able to report some progress to the Advisory Committee at its December 7 meeting.

Baptist Conversation Progress

By Wayne R. Rood

The Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations has been in correspondence among its own members and with representatives of the American Baptist Convention. This correspondence represents two lines of preparation which are being followed concurrently.

(1) Committee members have been invited by the chairman to state their interpretations of Seventh Day Baptist tradition regarding both separatism and cooperation, and their own convictions concerning what is negotiable and what is not negotiable in present Seventh Day Baptist belief and practice. From these responses, the committee will develop a posture with which to approach the American Baptist Convention Committee.

(2) Preliminary conversations will be held during the National Council of Churches assembly sessions in Philadelphia early in December. The participants will be Dr. Edwin H. Tuller and Harley D. Bond, executive secretaries, and Drs. E. T. Dahlberg and Wayne R. Rood, chairmen of the two committees.

The interest and prayers of Seventh Day Baptists are requested, especially for guidance and wisdom and particularly during the first week of December as the representatives meet.

Mission Work On Crites Mountain

By Clifford A. Beebe

The Crites Mountain mission field first came to our attention about twenty-five years ago through information from the Misses Maggie and Ozina Bee, loyal lone Sabbathkeepers of Cowen, W. Va.

A number of families on this isolated mountain had come to the knowledge of the Sabbath through the Seventh-day Adventists, who had failed to establish a permanent work here. So, although some of the older folks still held to Adventist doctrine, they welcomed Seventh Day Baptists, and we and others of the Ritchie church were able in occasional visits to establish a mission with a little log church. There was a good group of young folks, mostly of the Sartin and Rhodes families.

In the intervening years since 1941, the mission was almost completely neglected. Meanwhile the log church burned; most of the old folks passed away; the young folks grew up and married; and we have now a new generation, thoroughly Seventh Day Baptist in belief, if not always in practice.

In the late fifties, due to repeated pleas from the one Seventh Day Baptist member here, a number of Salem College students became interested. More recently the sponsorship of the work was taken up by the Lost Creek church, and two years ago a lively interest was stirred up when Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beebe conducted a Vacation Bible School for children and adults alike at the local schoolhouse.

This fall, at the invitation of the Lost Creek church, and with expenses paid by the Lost Creek and Yonah Mountain churches, Mrs. Beebe and I have spent six weeks on Crites Mountain, a good house being provided. Because the schoolhouse is not available all our meetings have been held in homes. But there has been a good interest shown, especially in filmstrips from our Tract Society, shown with a small projector given for the work by Pastors Paul Beebe and Don Richards.

This is a very needy community, every family being on some form of government

relief. Heads of families are willing to work, but little work is to be had. It is also needy spiritually. These people look to Seventh Day Baptists for spiritual help. If we fail to give it, they have nowhere else to look. We cannot build up here, in this generation, a self-supporting church. But no one can look into the faces of these thirty eager children and young folks, all cousins or double cousins, and all growing up to the belief of Seventh Day Baptists — no one can look at them and think only of the present generation.

Six weeks has been altogether too little time. It was climaxed on October 26, when we took Alva Sartin and eight young folks from three families to the Homecoming of the Lost Creek church. It was a long rough ride in a truck, but an experience to remember, as none of these young folks had ever been in a Seventh Day Baptist church before; and they were made royally welcome.

Plans are already being made here for carrying on the work next year. The people want us to come back in the spring, and we hope to do so. Also plans are being made either for securing a little vacant one-room house for church purposes, or for building one of logs. A real opportunity presents itself for a loyal Seventh Day Baptist teacher to secure the one-room school here; and the position will probably be open next year. There are about twenty pupils in all grades, most of them from our mission homes.

If we cannot come back next spring another worker should be found; or else these young folks will grow up without the influence of the church, and our opportunity will pass away.

Blessed are the Meek

Meekness is not just niceness, not weakness or compromise. It is controlled strength made available for God's use.

— Raymond C. Ortlund.

Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board

There was something of a record broken in the attendance at the Missionary Board meeting Sunday, October 27. Church members were present from eight Seventh Day Baptist churches of the East as follows: First Hopkinton, Pawcatuck, Rockville, Waterford, Berlin, Plainfield, Irvington, Salem and Verona. When it is recalled that the Missionary Board offers no assistance on travel expense, this attendance of twenty-one members and nine visitors indicates an interest in missionary work which is very encouraging.

Quarterly reports of the treasurer and secretary were presented by Treasurer Stillman and Secretary Harris respectively. The treasurer stated he has been able to pay all outstanding bills and salaries, as a result largely of the special Our World Mission appeal in September.

It was noted that Secretary E. T. Harris has been nominated to serve as recording secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions and to its Executive Committee and will be installed on December 6, 1963, at the annual sessions of the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches and its related divisions of service at Philadelphia, Pa.

It was pointed out by the chairman of the Home Field Committee that due to the cut-back in the OWM budget, changes would be necessary in the support of the Home Field program. Later in the meeting the Budget Committee outlined a reduced operating budget for 1964, cutting back such items as: a proposed new mission car for British Guiana, salary increase for workers, travel expense funds for a missionary pastors institute, and other Home Field expansion funds.

According to present plans, as reported by the American Tropics Committee, no new missionary will be sent to Jamaica to replace the Rev. Leon Lawton next summer. However, Headmaster Courtland V. Davis has consented to act as "Director" of the mission work in Jamaica while continuing as Headmaster of Crandall High School, this arrangement to begin when Rev. Leon R. Lawton and family return

to this country late in July or early in August 1964.

The board approved the action of the Executive Committee in the dismissal of the Rev. Alexander B. Trotman in British Guiana because of his failure to give the required leadership to the churches under his pastoral care. Funds were made available, to be used at the discretion of Missionary Leland E. Davis, to provide spiritual leadership for the Uitvlugt and Bona Ventura churches.

Secretary Harris reported briefly on his visit with missionary personnel in Nyasaland, also national leaders, government officials, and Mr. Wills of the Lilley, Wills and Co., lawyer firm. In reply to questions he told of the signing of the lease to the property on which the Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Church stands, while he was present. He also spoke of his contact with Mr. Fitzgerald, a driller located at Blantyre, who has agreed to drill for water at Makapwa Mission Station when satisfactory arrangements are made.

The Rev. John Schmid, pastor of the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church, presented the matter of the Irvington church aiding in support of Pastor Helmut Strauss as a leader of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Germany. The board voted: "That the Missionary Board approve the interest and desire of the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church to support the work of Mr. Helmut Strauss in Germany and that funds received from Irvington (or other sources) be forwarded through the board treasury to the German Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

After the dismissal prayer by Rev. Leon M. Maltby the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p. m.

Makapwa School Finances

Many will recall that about one year ago the secretary of the Missionary Society sent out letters to all Seventh Day Baptist churches informing of a need for \$1,200, in addition to the amount already being sent through the budget, to be sent during 1963 to add three teachers to the staff of Makapwa schools. It was hoped in this way to maintain the high standard of

teaching at Makapwa and also to maintain the excellent rating with government officials which our school had achieved.

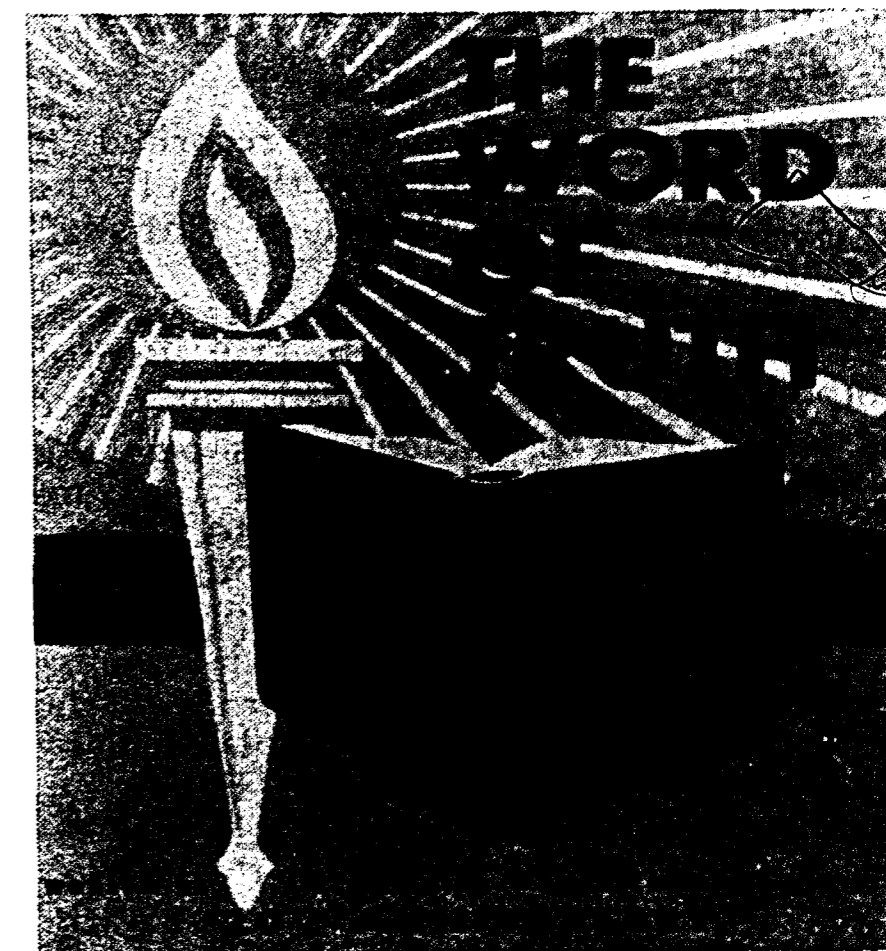
It had been agreed during the sessions of General Conference at Mission Farms, Minnesota, that the secretary should inform all Seventh Day Baptists of this need for \$1,200, doing this by direct mailing rather than to place this amount in the OWM budget (which had been rather firmly finalized before the need was brought to our attention).

The 1963 school year is nearly completed. How does the financial picture appear as a result of this special appeal? At the end of nine months the treasurer reported that \$891 had been received. The Missionary Board has sent \$100 a month regularly since January 1, 1963. It has been sent within the Makapwa Mission Account but has been specified for teachers' salaries at Makapwa School.

There is a continuing need. Certain members of the Conference Committee on Missionary Interests at Mission Farms encouraged the secretary to go ahead with this plan. It is hoped that they will follow through and help carry this project to completion. But others will surely want to help complete this project, also. You who read this and really care to help will have about six weeks left in 1963 to show your concern. Let us finish what we have begun.

The school at Makapwa, with an enrollment of over 250 boys and girls, is doing good work. The school principal, Mr. W. Mkolokosa, successor to Miss Joan Clement, has maintained an excellent reputation for our school. Government assistance on teachers' salaries is assured in 1964.

It was the privilege of the secretary to make the acquaintance of many of the teachers at Makapwa, some of whom acted as personal interpreters during his visit there in June and July. On one occasion the secretary was asked to speak at the school assembly and was given respectful attention. It was a joy to hear and watch the students play during recess times. It was such a familiar sound to one who has lived near school playgrounds.



Everybody Reading the Bible

Not everybody will read each day from Thanksgiving to the end of the year just the passages selected by the American Bible Society but millions will join the program, as they have for the past twenty years. This unified fellowship of reading, sometimes called the world's largest Bible-reading class is co-sponsored by more than 50 denominations having a membership of over 51 million persons. The churches have ordered about 14 million bookmarks containing the list of passages.

Large numbers are also ordering copies of the Christmas story in a large-type booklet form for use in family devotions on Christmas Eve. Single copies may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Society at 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y. Appreciation of the worldwide work of the Bible Society can be expressed by gifts. The denominational identification of contributors is encouraged and carefully recorded.

Motorists in 1962 raced down the nation's highways to a new — and tragic — auto death record which for the first time exceeded 40,000 fatalities. The previous high was set in 1941 when 39,969 persons lost their lives on the highways.

Board Action

The following action was recorded at the October quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education:

Upon the recommendation of General Conference that a Seventh Day Baptist camping manual be produced, and since the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler has begun a similar project and has offered to complete it and make it available to all our churches in co-operation with our board, we express our approval of this procedure.

It was voted that we reconsider earlier action of the board concerning the Ministers Conference being planned by the Council on Ministerial Education. Upon consideration it was voted that we ask for the approval of the Council to retract our offer to turn planning for the Ministers Conferences to it, and that said planning be placed once more under the care of the board's Committee on Higher Education.

Approval was given to Youth Work Committee chairman, the Rev. David Clarke, to attend, along with Secretary Zwiebel, the annual meeting of the Baptist denominational executive secretaries of Christian Education in Hamilton, Ontario, Nov. 14 and 15, 1963.

It was voted that the board co-operate with Conference President C. Rex Burdick as he plans for the part our board will play in the next session of General Conference.

It was agreed that with the approval of those in charge of the First Alfred Parish House, future meetings of the board would be held in that building.

One new committee was created — the Committee on Dedicated Service, which will be responsible for securing volunteer workers for Vacation Church Schools, camps, and Sabbath Schools in co-operation with the Women's Board.

The responsibility for the Salem College Scholarships in Christian Education was turned over to the Committee on Higher Education.

President Victor W. Skaggs named the following persons to serve as chairmen of standing committees for 1963-64: Dr. Harold O. Burdick, Finance; Dr. Hurley

S. Warren, Higher Education; the Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Publications; the Rev. David S. Clarke, Youth Work; Wayne N. Crandall, Publicity; Mrs. Rachel Kenyon, Dedicated Service.

Youth Work Action

At a meeting held October 21, the Youth Work Committee voted to send our Youth Field Worker \$500 to cover car depreciation for last year's work.

The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs agreed to mail out questionnaires to those who attended Youth Pre-Con 1963 to secure opinions regarding future Pre-Con Retreats.

Dr. Warren Brannon, Youth Field Worker schedule co-ordinator, reported that Miss Bingham's schedule had been completed for the year. She finished working in the West Virginia churches, October 26, and is spending the month of November and part of December among Seventh Day Baptist churches of the Southwest Association. She will be in Little Rock, Ark., November 13-20; in Texarkana, Ark., Nov. 20-December 4; and in Metairie, La., Dec. 4-15.

Other matters that came under discussion included the survey for opinion regarding the hiring of a full-time field worker, the ages of those attending Pre-Con Retreats, and the increase of correspondence with Miss Bingham.

Study Help

A pocket edition of points related to the study of the International Sabbath School lessons for 1964 has just been brought to our attention. It is called **Points For Emphasis** and is by Clifton J. Allen. It sells for 95 cents, and may be purchased from Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Teachers using the **Helping Hand** will find additional thoughts for discussion in this book which fits neatly into one's pocket.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 30, 1963

The Grace of Generosity

Lesson Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15.

Gift Subscriptions at Christmastime

Do you get real satisfaction from your giving of presents to loved ones and friends at Christmastime? It is not only revealed biblical truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive"; it is also an experience-tested proverb. You and I have found it to be so. We have also found that there is more blessing in giving a valued present that is continuously appreciated than one which pleases only for the moment or one which provides no real uplift for the spirit. We feel warm inside when we give a helpful gift to one who may not be able to give to us.

Gifts, we have found, need to be suited to the recipient. There are many people, who may have in times past contributed something to our spiritual growth who would appreciate such a thoughtful gift as a subscription to the **Sabbath Recorder**. Perhaps there is some older person who could be encouraged by the sermons of beloved pastors, someone who is a lone Sabbathkeeper or a shut-in. Let's not forget these people or the young folks who are away from home.

Enlarge your Christmas list and claim the blessing of giving to persons as well as to your chosen benevolences. Give the **Sabbath Recorder** this year — as you perhaps intended to do last year.

CWS Thanksgiving Appeal For Hungry

Protestants will launch a special appeal for \$950,000 during the Thanksgiving season to finance the 1964 Share Our Substance Program, through which more than 10 million of the world's hungry will receive life-sustaining U. S. food stocks.

The goal for the 1964 SOS appeal was announced by Canon Almon R. Pepper, chairman of the executive committee of Church World Service. The change in the designation of the SOS appeal this year to "Share Our Substance" from the former "Share Our Surplus" reflects a desire to better express the spirit of sharing between the American Christian community and our friends abroad, said Canon Pepper.

Scheduled for distribution in 1964 are 446,564,000 pounds of SOS foods destined

for the needy in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East. Value of the foods is approximately \$25 million.

Funds sought in the SOS appeal are for the necessary costs of final distribution, administration and supervision.

ABS Church Relations Man

The American Bible Society's executive secretary for church relations, Gerald Boyce, died suddenly during the current year leaving a host of appreciative friends.



A new secretary has now been appointed in the person of Dr. John H. McCombe, pictured here. His name will be signed to many of the public relations letters sent to pastors and church leaders. It is anticipated that he will

become as well known and respected as his predecessor. He will publicize the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society in 1966 and the greatly expanding Bible distribution program contemplated in co-operation with the United Bible Society. Total annual Scripture distribution by UBS is now about 50 million.

World's Largest Bible-reading Class

The American Bible Society for its twentieth observance of Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas suggests the following short passages, which are printed from week to week for the convenience of subscribers who do not receive the book-mark references from the local church.

- Thursday, Nov. 28 — Psalm 100
- Friday, Nov. 29 — Psalm 133
- Sabbath, Nov. 30 — Psalm 150
- Sunday, Dec. 1 — Matthew 5: 1-16
- Monday, Dec. 2 — Matthew 5: 17-26
- Tuesday, Dec. 3 — Matthew 5: 43-48
- Wednesday, Dec. 4 — Matthew 6: 1-15
- Thursday, Dec. 5 — Matthew 6: 19-34
- Friday, Dec. 6 — Matthew 7: 1-12
- Sabbath, Dec. 7 — Matthew 7: 13-29

ITEMS OF INTEREST United Church Women in Race Relations Work

Little attention has been given to the vital work of millions of American church women in race relations. The quietly effective impact of United Church Women's "Assignment Race" has been furthered by a gift of \$22,000 from the Jacob R. Schiff Charitable Trust, which rounds out the full amount of \$100,000 needed to carry out the church women's three-year, nationwide program to combat racial discrimination.

Launched only two years ago at UCW's National Assembly in Miami Beach, it has already succeeded, among other accomplishments, in integrating many interdenominational councils of church women, even in the Deep South, in obtaining the formation of community committees for human rights and the passage of city ordinances against discrimination.

United Church Women first invited some 12 million Protestant and Eastern Orthodox women to join together in the project known as Assignment: RACE. Immediately many denominations accepted. Today nearly all the great national women's denominational groups are playing an active part, their major concern being with the church itself.

The first emphasis was to bring about full participation of all persons, regardless of race, in local councils of church women.

In a border city in the Southwest where Negro and white women worked together for integration of restaurants, they were successful. Next, the city adopted an anti-discrimination ordinance. In another section, committees on housing, employment, community information, and public accommodation have been formed. This is the sort of pattern emerging.

Youth News

Dodge Center, Minnesota

The Youth Fellowship will be headed by Steve Greene this year. The young people will meet on Sabbath afternoons except on the days of Meal of Sharing, when they will meet on Friday evening. Members of the Youth Fellowship care for the opening exercises of the Sabbath

School in the Primary Department. They also give the children's messages in the church service.

Our young folks assisted in the Halloween drive for UNICEF funds. They were also invited to view the film "One Love, Conflicting Faith" and party at the Methodist church on the evening of Oct. 27.

Publishing House Manager

Everett T. Harris, Jr., who has been manager of the publishing house of the American Sabbath Tract Society at Plainfield, N. J., since 1960, has announced his resignation, effective sometime in the first half of 1964. He has accepted an offer to join the staff of Salem College. The Supervisory Committee of the Tract Board is actively engaged in seeking a man of business and executive ability to succeed Mr. Harris.

The college in announcing the addition of Mr. Harris states that it is creating a new fund-raising position in order to carry its full responsibility in developing to meet the growing challenge of such a college in the area of higher education.

The change of management which will be necessitated by the resignation of Mr. Harris will not mean any substantial change in the service of the publishing house to the denomination.

Salem College News

O. G. Kennedy, president of the Miles Products Division of Miles Laboratories, Inc., Elkhart, Ind., is the new chairman of the Salem College Board of Directors, Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president, announced recently.

In accepting his new post Kennedy said, "Salem College seeks to become one of the best liberal arts colleges. Its church affiliation provides an atmosphere of moral responsibility for its board, its faculty, and its students. Its curriculum embraces a concept of free economic enterprise which recognizes the dignity and rights of the individual."

Kennedy, a native of Lost Creek, W. Va., has served on the Salem College Board of Directors for thirteen years. As a member of the board, he has spearheaded a program of deferred scholarships for students who need financial assistance.



Inclusive Baptist Fellowship in Process of Formation

The Baptist World Alliance has been asked to organize a North American Baptist Fellowship made up of at least six or seven Conventions (including Seventh Day Baptist) to conserve some of the fellowship and program planning benefits of the Baptist Jubilee Advance which is now in its final year. The organization is in no sense working toward merger — only fellowship and co-operation. A committee met in Washington October 2 and agreed on bylaws.

Members of the committee pictured above: front row, (l. to r.) Mrs. William McMurray, of Birmingham, Ala., Southern Convention; the Rev. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, of Richmond, Va., Southern Convention; the Rev. Dr. Carney V. Hargroves, of Philadelphia, Pa., American Convention; Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Washington, D.C., National Convention.

Second row, (l. to r.) Rev. Fred Bullen, of Toronto, Canada, Canadian Convention; the Rev. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, of Forest Park, Ill., North American General Conference; Mr. Porter W. Routh, of Nashville, Tenn., Southern Convention; the Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, of Valley Forge, Pa., American Convention; and the Rev. Leon Maltby, of Plainfield, N. J., Seventh Day Conference.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — Deacon Wallace Greene has taken over the direction of the Intermediate choir from Mrs. Helen Greene who did not feel able to continue in the work.

Pastor Richards attended the Ministers Retreat on the weekend of October 19, held in New Auburn, Wisconsin. His wife and children accompanied him. The services in the home church were conducted by Mary Thorngate and Wallace Greene,

with Claston Bond as the worship leader. It was Laymen's Sabbath.

Temperance Sabbath was observed, Oct. 26, with a special sermon given by the pastor.

Four Juniors, members of the class taught by Claston Bond, have received a prize from the Sabbath School for the best essay on "What the Sabbath Means to Me."

Claire Greene was elected to head the Christian Fellowship at a recent business meeting. Plans are being made for the year ahead.

The Ladies Aid served dinner to the Mental Health Conference held in the church Monday, November 4.

Two sections of new sidewalk have been laid in front of the church.

Bruce Greene, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Greene, who is in the Reserve Naval Air Force, is home after spending several months in Memphis, Tenn. He plans to find work in his chosen field of Electronics. — Correspondent

FOUKE, ARK. — In our series of Spiritual Renewal meetings our church has been much enriched. In preparation for the special meetings we gave out 500 invitations and tracts. During the time that Pastor James Mitchell was with us the average attendance was forty-three. The quarterly average attendance has been about twenty-eight. The meeting brought more than an increase in attendance. One of our members rededicated her life publicly to the Lord and several did privately.

The pastor and people engaged in a special literature distribution ministry at the fair in September. More than 1,000 tracts and copies of the May special issue of the Sabbath Recorder were given out. The pastor searched the fairgrounds after the distribution and could find only four pieces of literature discarded.

Ten Second Sermon

The news of the day is often not good news for the world, but the sordid news of the underworld. The Gospel of Christ is world news — good news that can change the hearts of those in the underworld and can give to all who are born again the power to live above the world.

OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts For October 1963

Treasurer's October	Boards' 1 Month	Treasurer's October	Boards' 1 Month
Alfred, 1st\$ 373.01		Los Angeles, Christ's .. 45.00	
Alfred, 2nd 131.95		Lost Creek 454.65	
Associations & Groups 60.00		Marlboro 308.03	
Bay Area 100.00		Memorial Fund 400.00	
Berlin 95.19		Middle Island 5.00	
Brookfield, 1st 80.00		Milton Junction 69.00	
Brookfield, 2nd \$ 20.00		North Loup 10.00	414.00
Chicago 92.50		Nortonville 159.00	
Daytona Beach 100.00		Old Stonefort 15.00	
DeRuyter 5.00		Pawcatuck 453.75	
Dodge Center 78.91		Plainfield 270.66	
Farina 51.90		Richburg 93.50	
Hebron 1st 54.00		Riverside 5.00	
Hopkinton 1st 141.50		Salem 200.00	
Hopkinton 2nd 8.00		Salemville 44.40	
Independence 31.25		Schenectady 10.00	
Individuals 5.00		Shiloh 5.00	
Irvington 400.00		Walworth 65.00	
Kansas City 37.00		Washington People's .. 10.00	
Little Genesee 79.50		Waterford 162.27	
Little Rock 31.50		White Cloud 70.38	
Los Angeles 260.00		Totals\$5,071.85	\$434.00

OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education\$ 333.48
Historical Society 23.00
Ministerial Retirement 458.13
Ministerial Education 362.63
Missionary Society 1,819.30
Tract Society 518.38
Trustees of General Conference 31.84
Women's Society 91.34
World Fellowship & Service 451.00
General Conference 982.75
Total\$5,071.85

SUMMARY

1963 - 1964 OWM Budget\$100,510.00
October receipts:
OWM Treasurer\$5,071.85
Boards 434.00
5,505.85
Remainder due in 11 months\$95,004.15
Needed per month\$ 8,636.74
Percentage of year elapsed8.33%
Percentage of budget raised5.47%

Gordon L. Sanford,
 OWM Treasurer.

November 3, 1963

**Surprising Facts
 about Suburban Churches**

An interdenominational study of Protestant new church building over a three-year period, issued recently by the National Council of Churches, confirms a surprising finding: Suburban areas apparently are not being overchurched, as is often thought; in fact, they may not be getting their proportionate share of new congregations. "Perhaps the most unexpected finding," notes the report, "was that the denominations reported that only

28 per cent of their new congregations were located in metropolitan suburbs. Since these are the areas of most rapid population growth and American 'affluence' and since there is a widespread assumption that they are the almost exclusive points of church extension concentration, the finding is startling. Actually, new churches in substantial numbers are being opened in the central metropolitan cities, the non-metropolitan larger towns and cities, and even in the rural countryside. Protestantism is not putting all its new church eggs in the suburban basket."

The Sabbath Recorder



"The Pilgrim Maiden," Kitson's statue standing at Plymouth, Mass., commemorates the determination of our ancestors to establish on American shores a godly, Bible-believing colony.