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erly world missions digest and established a joint commission on higher education to advise member missions on the establishment of colleges and seminaries in overseas countries.

Missionary leaders from both organizations hailed the meeting as a major step forward. It was the first time the two evangelical, theologically conservative groups have met in combined conference. Together they have a missionary staff of over 14,000 missionaries, more than half of all North American missionaries, with activities in 110 countries.

Recorder Comment

"Am sending my renewal subscription and a change of address. I don't mind the new price because it's worth every penny of it and more too. Such good articles!" — Hamilton, N. Y.

1963 Tract Distribution at Little Rock

There is value in keeping records of tract distribution. It gives historical perspective and helps the distributors evaluate and make plans for future work. It may bring surprises to those who have kept no records. We may be surprised how few we have distributed, or how many. There is value in comparing the little that some of us have done with the much that others have accomplished. It may remind us of the question of the lawyer, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) and the story of the Prodigal Son with its pertinent application, "Go thou and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). The following varied methods of tract and Recorder distribution by the members of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church should be instructive and encouraging to other churches.

	Tracts	Recorders
Taken or mailed from the church	5,222	626
Taken from racks in town	7,558	1,851
October State Fair	11,006	907
House to house visitation (1,248 packets)	3,799	
Total	27,585	3,384
Total Including Tracts and Recorders		30,969

Correction — The subscription rate for servicemen and students was given incorrectly in the article on the back page of the issue of January 6. The old rate of \$1.00 is still in effect. Probably it should be increased somewhat but the Tract Board has not yet taken such action.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Since our Tuesday night Bible study fell on December 24, we decided to put on a special Christmas eve candlelight service. After the lights were turned off candles were put on each window sill completely around the sanctuary. A large mural of the city of Bethlehem was draped across the front with the star of Bethlehem lit up in the center of the sky.

The children each had a part to recite at the opening of the program. Pastor Conrod read the story of the Nativity from the Scriptures with appropriate songs intervening. Leland Bond sang "No Room in the Inn"; his wife Dorothy sang "O Holy Night"; Ed and June Johnson sang a duet, "Bow at the Manger," and the children sang "Away in the Manger."

The evening was filled with a deeper atmosphere of reverence because special effort was made to have an organ at the service for Russell Johnson to play instead of the piano. We closed the service with a special film strip on the true meaning of Christ's birth, and the pastor spoke a few words about how our message should mean more to us than our lives.

On the last Sabbath of the old year we heard a sermon on the difference between trying to "turn over a new leaf" and actually receiving a whole new life. At the close of the service an invitation was given and one person expressed the desire to be baptized.

With the beginning of the new year the new officers are as follows: Leland Bond, president; Russell Johnson, vice-president; Joyce Conrod, secretary and correspondent; June Johnson, treasurer.

— Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 25, 1964

Two Rich Men Meet Jesus

Lesson Scripture:

Mark 10: 17 - 22; Luke 19: 1-10.

Births

Stearns.—A son, Patrick Allen, to Rex and Mary Green Stearns of Daytona Beach, Fla., on November 22, 1963.

Harris.—A son, Andrew James, was born to Dr. L. Stanley and Camille (Crofoot) Harris on October 14, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio.

The One-Talent Man

D. Alva Crandall

Lots of folks in this world are much smarter than we
Yet a one-talent man very useful can be
If he uses his talent, does not hide it away
And thinks it's so small that to use it won't pay.

A machine needs its big parts, but each bolt, key or screw
That holds another in place is a vital part too:
In the same way, our world needs services many —
Dare anyone claim that he can't render any?

So, let's open our eyes and our talents explore
For one talent well used far outweighs a score
That are neglected, misused, or made tools of sin
It is purpose and drive that good results win.

Let us not be distrustful of what we can do,
Nor, yet, self-conceited — an obnoxious thing too —
But realistically strive to cultivate all
The gifts that are ours; for none are too small

To be useful somewhere in this wide world of ours
Tho' they never may bring us a bouquet of flowers.
The "well done" of the Master is to all alike given
Who to use what they have, have honestly striven.

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Our World Mission Back Cover

Are New Subscriptions Your Responsibility?

Who should bear the burden of building up the subscription list of your denominational journal, the Sabbath Recorder? Is it the responsibility of the Tract Board which publishes it, the editor who determines its content, or the churches whose members are served by it? It may be said that all these and the General Conference whose program it promotes have a definite interest in boosting subscriptions. We would like at this time to lay special emphasis on the responsibility of each church member and present subscriber.

We are so accustomed to the strong appeals sent out by most magazines that we naturally expect the Sabbath Recorder to do the same sort of promoting. We tend to forget the difference between this publication and those which are competing for subscriptions in the open market and must make money for those who edit and publish them. Let us stop and think a moment. The Recorder is completely devoid of the profit-making motive. It exists for the good of the members and friends of the Seventh Day Baptist cause. It could not make money or be self-supporting if every family on our church rolls subscribed at the present \$4 rate, not even if the rate was doubled. Like many other magazines of small denominations it has to be heavily subsidized. This is nothing to be ashamed of or to be unduly excited about. It is normal and, fortunately, there are considerable funds held by the Tract Board that can be drawn on to make a periodical possible. These funds are added to by allocating to this purpose a small percentage of the annual contributions of our people to Our World Mission.

Now let us consider possible attitudes toward promoting subscriptions to maintain the service rendered by such a magazine of frequent occurrence. Some say that since there are funds available for a heavy subsidy and subscribers are only paying a fraction of the total cost that we might as well go one step further and make it free to all. It could be free to all and sent to all if we cut it from 16 to 8 pages or published the 16-page issue half as often. If this were done much of the incentive for subscription extension would be lost.

A few say that \$4 is too much to pay for a weekly of 16 pages. This is hardly true. To pay less than 8 cents per issue or 1/2 cent per page for the best thoughts of our writers is a pretty small amount. Who would think of suggesting such a low value for the pastor's Sabbath morning sermon? (A sermon published may be read by nearly half of all churches members.)

There is another way of looking at local promotion of paid subscriptions. Here is a denominational program which our leaders have seen fit to provide for us at considerable cost and a great deal of volunteer effort. Failure to subscribe and pay the cost of the materials (which \$4 will do) throws an added burden on all others and deprives the church member of the benefits of the large investment made in his behalf. We are all sure that we need a denominational organ. But if we do not make the effort to take advantage of that provision we are really voting against our denomination and its future. Here is a \$12 to \$15 magazine which can be purchased for \$4. More subscriptions at this price will bring the cost down; at a lower price the cost would go up.

The responsibility for seeing that more people get the benefit of a valuable paper for a fraction of its cost lies largely with the local church and the individual subscriber who believes that the Sabbath Recorder can help to promote the cause of Seventh Day Baptists. Let us shoulder this responsibility by encouraging our friends and neighbors to take advantage of what is offered at such a bargain price.

Realistic Appraisal of Vatican Council Progress

Was the second session of Vatican Council II one of solid accomplishment or was it mostly publicity? The Rev. Stanley I. Stuber, a Baptist who represented the Missouri Council of Churches as an observer, has an article in Missions in which he states: "But, unless the third session scheduled for September 14, 1964, brings days and weeks of diversified discussion to a head (in quick order), the II Vatican

Council may be long on talk and short on action." Mr. Stuber notes that the much publicized Council in two annual sessions produced only two substantial actions in final form — vernacular for the liturgy and modern communications. There is considerable doubt, says the writer, that the question of religious liberty, sidestepped so far, will come to a vote at the next session. This is sad news for the Protestants in such countries as Spain where the civil authorities were waiting for word from Rome before granting non-Catholics full citizenship rights.

As to a changing attitude on the part of Rome toward those now politely elevated to the status of "separated Brethren," Mr. Stuber has some reservations about progress. It is true, he says, that he and others representing the "separated brethren" were there by invitation and were given the very finest of treatment — including the best seats from which to observe. He adds, "However, the ultimate invitation is that of a return to the Roman Catholic Church, as far as the 'separated brethren' are concerned, there is only one final plan at II Vatican Council — reunion with Rome. This does not make for a very promising future as far as organic church union is concerned." It is to be noted that non-Catholic churches are not recognized as communions, but only as "communities." Individuals are recognized as Christians if they have had "valid" baptism.

Church union appears to be much more glibly talked about by Protestants than by the Catholic leaders who were at the Vatican Council. Pope Paul VI appears to hold the view of Cardinal Bea, head of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, that reunion will be a long, hard process, but one that will ultimately come to pass. The long road ahead even for reunion of the Eastern Orthodox and the Western Church is emphasized by the joint communique issued by the pope and Athenagoras I, the Patriarch of Constantinople, after their historic meeting January 4 and 5. It might well be called a masterpiece of saying nothing.

What then can be said for the Vatican

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Council if it has made so little progress? Protestant observers like Mr. Stuber believe that it has been instrumental in establishing a new ecumenical atmosphere. "It has opened the doors of the Roman Catholic Church to the possibility of reform and renewal," he believes.

What will happen to Protestant-Catholic relations if the Roman church does succeed in reform and renewal? One answer might be that the two branches would then be able to come closer together. Another, just as logical, would be that they would be forced farther apart. Pope Paul is a theologian and will insist on doctrinal purity according to Catholic standards. Rome sees doctrinal liberalism in Protestant churches as an obstacle to recognizing them as sister churches. Yet it seems to be the liberal wing of Protestantism which is carrying the ball for "sacramental unity." It could well be concluded that Protestants need to call an ecumenical council for the purpose of initiating reform and renewal in the area of doctrinal orthodoxy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We Can Reach Our Giving Goal

The financial report of the OWM treasurer on the back page of this issue should enable every loyal contributor to the united work of Seventh Day Baptists to enter the new year with much encouragement. The receipts for December are high, about twice as much as was reported in each of the first two months of the Conference year. With receipts like this each month our people could meet the goal set by Commission of raising the budget in full by the end of July and thus going over the top in the last two months of the year. It has been pointed out that it is reasonable and possible to go considerably beyond this year's low budget — because we gave more last year (in response to last-month appeals).

It is not enough to say that we are encouraged or that there is now evidence that we can give \$10,000 per month. We must also say that it will take unusual loyalty and consistent giving to do it. With all realism we should note that it was only December giving that was ad-

equated and was higher than the giving of a year ago for the comparable period. The treasurer reports \$665 more in December 1963 than in December 1962, but \$546 less for the first three months than last year. Traditionally we do not give as much in January and February as we do in December, so we would normally expect somewhat the same pattern this year. But is it necessary to follow that same pattern? Is it not possible for us to keep up the larger giving now evident and thus make sure that the outreach work which was cut back can be reinstated before the end of our budget year?

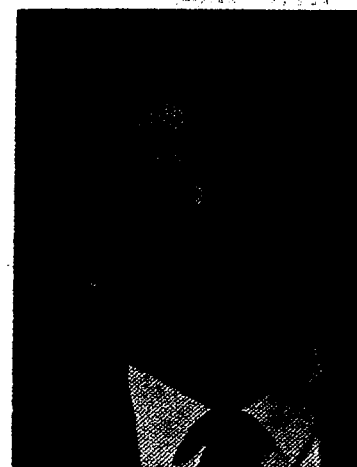
We can reach our goal if we maintain our giving. Read the back page carefully and see how your church stands in relation to the reports in the *Recorders* of January 21, November 18, and December 16, 1962. Some churches have done remarkably well.

Special Issue Orders

Quantity orders for the February special issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* must be placed at once. Although the production cost will be much more than usual due to the natural color theme picture on the cover the price to the purchasers is being held to the same low (subsidized) price, 100 for \$8.50, 10 for \$1.00.

The editor, Don V. Gray, expands the theme, "This Is My Body," and states that the purpose is to explore the function of that Body in this age. This is done with the help of at least eight writers, most of whom are relatively young, all of whom appear to have been chosen for their originality and special competence. For example, one wonders what Burton and Carol Crandall will have to say on "The Unclear Trumpet," what Justin Camenga will produce on "Retarded Saints," the message of Linda Bingham on "The Face of Man in the Mirror," or others on "the Vertical or the Horizontal Dimension." If these titles sound attractive to you they probably will combine to make a piece of literature that will be stimulating to the people to whom you would like to hand or mail it.

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER



Conference President's Corner

Dear Friends of the Faith:

It is a good thing to be able to break old records and to set new ones. We note in the news that much is made of setting records: home runs, runs batted in, height of a pole vault, coldness of a cold snap, depth of a snowfall, speed of a jet plane, orbits of an astronaut. Breaking an old record and setting a new one speaks of achievement. It is a good thing to set a new record. Let us set some new attendance records at our worship services.

For some years Seventh Day Baptists have used November as attendance emphasis month, but since General Conference officially severed relationships with RIAL it seemed wise to change the attendance emphasis from the RIAL month which has been used in previous years. The month of March has been designated as attendance emphasis month this year. Let us have more people in March!

With Resurrection Sabbath falling on the last Sabbath in March and the rest of the month falling into that period of heightened spiritual interest preceding Easter, it should be easy to set a record. We know that some churches counted attendance in November and plan to make another emphasis in March. If your church did set a record in November we congratulate you and urge you to go all out in March to break the November record. Let us have 100% participation in the more people in March attendance campaign.

Setting a record is not an end in itself, but it does speak of achievement.

It will be good for your church to break a previous record, set a new one, and set a pattern of increased participation in the worship of the church. As you work toward a new record we hope you will also seek for a renewed spiritual experience, remembering the words of the key text from Colossians, "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (1: 27b), and remembering the spirit of the General Conference theme, CHRIST IS THE ANSWER.

Sincerely yours and His,
C. Rex Burdick.

1964 General Conference Advance Publicity

The Co-ordinating Council of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of the Southeastern Association has been appointed to take charge of the local arrangements for the 1964 General Conference to be held in Salem, W. Va. Committee chairmen have been selected and local plans are well under way at the present time.

General Chairman: Leland W. Bond, 611 Duff Street, Clarksburg, W. Va.

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Short articles discussing different phases of local arrangements are planned to be released through the *Sabbath Recorder* at frequent intervals. If an answer to some particular question is needed before the phases are covered you may write to the subcommittee chairman of that phase.

MEMORY TEXT

I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree. Zech. 3: 9, 10.

Christ the Answer For Space Age Problems

By Richard West*

"Space Age" connotes jet aircraft — rockets — speed — science. Certainly science has provided us with a way of life which is rich by any standard of comparison. Is this an unmixed blessing? Today we have cures for diseases which our parents did not know existed. We travel at speeds which seemed highly fictional only a short time ago. And we go distances so great that several days are required to become acclimated to our new surroundings. However, this rapid pace has seemed to make many of us dissatisfied with our way of life and more frantic in a search for contentment — or "euphoria," which is the popular space age expression.

Many have been unable to attain a goal in life — which may be unattainable by their standard of reference — but hope to push their children closer to this goal. How many times have we heard: "I had to work my way through college but my children will go first class," or "I worked all of my life in a factory but my children will be doctors — or lawyers — or teachers." Can we give our children these rich rewards without also giving them the moral responsibility to accompany these gifts?

Is it possible that Christ foresaw our present dilemma? Consider His parable of the prodigal son. Here was a man that was well-to-do and who wanted the very best for his sons — yet both of the boys were quite unaware of "how well they had it" and did not have the moral responsibility to meet their position in life. The first son may have been bored, or possibly he had the fortitude to want to try life on his own without the constant paternal pampering. At any rate, he took his share of the cash for reckless living in a foreign country — one of our first members of

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the "jet set." Had his father exacted some manual labor from him at an early age he might have been able to meet the rigors of his later competitive life — but he didn't have what it takes and had to return to Dad for help.

The second boy? He not only did not appreciate his position but also was cold — cold — cold! He was so selfish and self-centered that he would freeze the ground that he walked on. He lacked compassion for his brother as well as for all about him. Possibly his father had made him feel "a cut above" the servants and his associates — a condition which might have been corrected by a little sweat from his brow. Parents have a solemn obligation to impart to their children responsibility in human relations along with the tangible rewards of their living.

I have long considered a philosophy of living in this Space Age as expressed in the following prayer. I am not sure of the source (attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr) so I am quoting from memory.

"God grant me the serenity to accept that which I cannot change; the courage to change that which I must, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Repeating this prayer gives me peace of mind during some times of stress, which I am sure that all of us experience at some time.

Another expression which inspires confidence when the pace seems a little hectic may be found in the 40th chapter of Isaiah: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Certainly this is an appropriate promise for peace of mind in the "space age."

A Southern Baptist editor in Kentucky writes pointedly about proselyting under the heading "Prowling or Seeking." He is speaking primarily of the competition for members between local churches of the same faith and closes with this observation, "Too many shepherds of our day spend more time prowling among the ninety and nine than searching in the desert for the lost sheep."

Race Relations Sabbath

Doyle K. Zwiebel, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

February 8 has been designated Race Relations Sabbath for Seventh Day Baptists. The Christian Social Action Committee has prepared suitable worship service bulletins for use by the various churches on that date. Some resource materials have also been sent to the pastors or church clerks. The Women's Society has also prepared study packets concerning human rights.

The recent General Conference adopted a statement on race relations which, if taken at full value, would force every Seventh Day Baptist to take stock of his personal position relative to race relations and to become actively engaged in promoting the type of interaction that is incumbent upon all followers of the Christian way of life. It is the intention of the Social Action Committee to constantly reemphasize this theme during this Conference year.

Myron W. Fowell in *Christian Action for Churches and Families*, pp. 54-56, places emphasis on these points: "Group prejudice and discrimination strike a blow at democracy by denying or discounting its basic ideals. Freedom, equality of opportunity, and justice are lost to those who are the objects of discrimination, while those responsible for it are tempted to use the undemocratic and high-handed methods of dictatorial and totalitarian power . . . Humanity has recently entered into a new phase of civilization which has brought with it a new opportunity to improve understanding and working relationships between peoples of all races, cultures, and nationalities . . . Christian people interested in helping improve inter-group relations have a climate of opportunity in which to work never before equalled in history."

The Christian Social Action Committee would recommend the following projects as possibilities for putting our commitment in action:

(1) Find out what racial and nationality groups other than your own are

represented in your community. Make a project of securing and reading literature relative to the history and cultural achievements of these peoples.

(2) Make a study of the community in terms of the institutions and organizations which welcome and work with representatives of all groups within the community. Find out what other community organizations could be more inclusive of the several racial and cultural groups in the community.

(3) Cultivate family friendships with some families of other nationality, racial or cultural backgrounds. This may sometimes be done to best advantage by seeking their help at first in promoting projects of mutual interest such as sponsoring a refugee family.

(4) Consider bills before Congress or the state legislature designed to protect the rights of minorities and to assure them equal opportunities with others in respect to work, education, and public service. Write letters to legislators supporting bills which your family or organization approves.

(5) Adopt a family or organizational missionary project in consultation with the minister or missionary committee of the local church designed to help a family of another race or nation. Gifts of books, clothing, food, or money for tools, livestock, or garden seeds to help a family or a community in an under-privileged area can usually be made through churches or denominational agencies.

To Pray and To Obey

"Thy kingdom come" means that I look into my own heart and plead for God's cleansing power. It means that I bow before Him in faith and obedience.

Archibald Rutledge told the story of meeting a Negro turpentine worker whose faithful dog had died a few moments earlier in a great forest fire because he would not desert his master's dinner pail, which he had been told to watch. With tears on his face, the old Negro said: "I always had to be careful what I tol' him to do, 'cause I knowed he'd do it." That is what this prayer means.

Charles L. Allen in *The Lord's Prayer* (Fleming H. Revell Company).

CHRIST IN COLOSSIANS

A Bible Study

By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

(Continued from last week)

D. Christ — the Atoning Sacrifice

Christ, in Colossians, as everywhere in the New Testament, is the One "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (1: 14, KJV). The phrase "through his blood" does not appear in the best Greek manuscripts, so other translations, like RSV, rightly leave it out. Some try to define or explain "redemption." "In whom our release is secured" (NEB), "By whom we have been ransomed from captivity by having our sins forgiven" (Gsp), "In whom we have our liberation, procured by the payment of ransom" (Wuest). In the New Testament generally, "forgiveness of sins" and "remission of sins" are used interchangeably. Redemption is "the putting away of our sins" (Wuest).

But Paul does not leave us in doubt as to the means of the atonement. He says, "And having made peace through the blood of the cross" (1: 20, KJV, RSV). Goodspeed has "through his blood shed on the cross," and NEB agrees. Phillips says, "By virtue of the sacrifice of the cross." The "shedding of blood" means death. The "making of peace" is reconciliation. "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death" (1: 21, 22, KJV). Estranged, doing evil deeds" (RSV), "Strangers to God and . . . through the evil things you had done, his spiritual enemies" (Phil), "Hostile in attitude and engaged in doing wrong" (Gsp), "estranged from God . . . his enemies in heart and mind" (NEB). Sin stood between man and God and had to be taken out of the way. The evil deeds had to be forgiven before man could be reconciled to God. It is "by Christ's death in his body of flesh and blood" (NEB) that the way to reconciliation is opened. As Phillips says, it was "through the death of his body on the cross." Goodspeed translates, "through dying in his human body." Christ's death on Calvary brought forgiveness to the sinner — by it the barrier of

sin was removed. "Christ (the Lord) forgave you" (3: 13b).

E. Christ — Risen from the Dead

Paul does not stress the Resurrection of Christ here as in some of the other epistles. Like other things having to do with the Person of Christ, he gives no argument to prove it. He takes it for granted in his references to it. He calls Christ "the firstborn from the dead" (1: 18, KJV, RSV), "the first to return from the dead" (NEB). Wuest translates, "out from among the dead," which gives the full meaning of the Greek preposition.

He speaks of "the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead" (2: 12, KJV). "Working," "active power," "tremendous power" are RSV, NEB, and Phil. respectively; Wuest has "the effectual working energy." All agree that this power of God raised Christ from the dead.

So Paul, one might say, incidentally presents the living Christ, whom God brought out of the tomb, and thus testifies to the Resurrection of Christ.

F. Christ — the Head of the Church

One of Paul's favorite analogies in speaking of the church is as the body of Christ. "He is the head of the body, the church" (1: 18, KJV). The others agree except for Phillips who says, ". . . his body, which is composed of all Christian people," which is just another way of saying "the church," for all believers have been "baptized into one body" by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12: 12, 13). The body, of course, is the church invisible and universal. In speaking of his afflictions for Christ, Paul says it is "for his body's sake, which is the church" (1: 24b).

He warns against those who would beguile them into false ideas and practices, and then says, "Not holding the Head, from which the body . . . increaseth with the increase of God" (2: 19, KJV). "Holding fast to the Head" is the way it is put in RSV, Amp., and Wuest. NEB says, "lose their hold on," while Goodspeed has "lose their connection with the Head."

A body, apart from the head, is of no

use. Paul thinks of Christ as the Head of the church, ruling, directing and motivating it.

G. Christ — In Heaven Now

The risen Christ ascended into heaven (Acts 1: 9-11). The apostles saw Him go. Paul tells the Colossians to "Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (3: 1, KJV). RSV is perhaps a little more definite, rendering it: "where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." NEB says, "Aspire to the realm above. . . ." All versions agree that Christ is in heaven, sitting at the right hand of God, a truth found all through the New Testament.

As a reason for treating servants well, Paul reminds them that they "have a Master in heaven" (4: 1, KJV). The others agree that we have a Master, Christ, in heaven, whom we are serving. Phillips puts it in different words: "Never forgetting that you, yourselves, have a heavenly Employer." Rather a solemn thought, is it not?

H. Christ — Coming Again

Paul takes the second coming of Christ for granted, too. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then ye also shall appear with him in glory" (3: 4, KJV). Other words used in place of "appear" are "made visible" (Wuest), "show himself openly" (Phil.), "is manifested" (NEB). He gives the return of Christ as a reason for "putting to death what is earthly" in us (3: 5, RSV).

Yes, Christ will come to this earth again. In Colossians Paul testifies to this fact.

Conclusion

Paul sets forth most of the basic doctrines of the Christian faith concerning Christ in his epistle to the Colossians. He recognizes His deity, and calls Him the Son of God, and says He is the exact likeness of God. He is shown as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. We find here His atoning, sacrificial death on the cross, taking our sins out of the way so that we can be reconciled to God. Here we see His Resurrection and His present

position in heaven at the right hand of God. He is seen as the Head of the church, His body, of which He is the life. And some day, according to Colossians, He is coming again to receive His own, who will "appear with him in glory."

Paul has a warning for the Colossians, too: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (2: 8, KJV). "Be ever on guard," "Be careful," "See to it," "Take care" are the ways other versions put it. The great danger, as Paul sees it, is in following human speculations instead of the teachings of Christ. He fears that their minds will "be captured" (NEB) by these things. Or, as Phillips puts it, "Be careful that nobody spoils your faith, through intellectualism or high-sounding nonsense. Such stuff is at best founded on men's ideas of the nature of the world and disregards Christ." The danger is that "there shall be someone who leads you astray through his philosophy, even futile deceit, which is according to the tradition of men, and not according to Christ" (Wuest).

In this epistle Paul presents the true conception of the Person and work of Christ, and warns them to be on their guard against being carried away by men's speculations which are "not centered on Christ" (NEB).

Colossians is as applicable to us today as to the Christians in the first century. The truths about the Person of Christ are the same today as then. Do we, today, also need the warning against human speculations? To avoid error we need to have the true conception of Christ, as Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, sets it forth.

Abbreviations

- KJV — King James Version
- RSV — Revised Standard Version
- NEB — New English Bible
- Amp — Amplified New Testament
- Gsp — An American Translation of the NT, Goodspeed
- Wuest — An Expanded Translation of the NT
- Phil — Letters to Young Churches, Phillips

The Invitation to Decision

In Matthew 16:15 Jesus asked His disciples a very personal question, "Whom say ye that I am?" And then in Matthew 22: 42, He asked the Pharisees a similar question: "What think ye of Christ, whose son is he?" Whether it was His friends or His enemies, Jesus wanted to know where He stood with them. And He wanted them to face up squarely to their relationship to Him. How did He rate with them in their deepest convictions? This could not be a matter of idle speculation or of indifference. A decision must be made.

The invitation to decision is a prevailing theme in the Bible. Man can obey or disobey. He can trust God or Baal. He can accept Jesus as Christ or he can put off the decision until Christ has His answer whether we intended Him to have it or not.

It is the task of the church and its pastors and leaders to confront men with this question. Sometimes this is called "an encounter with God." Whatever the name, it is still the age-old necessity for man to make up his mind about the deepest issue of life. Where does Christ stand in our thinking and actions today?

It is not enough to help a man decide whether he will increase his giving to the church. It is not enough to urge him to show justice and mercy toward his fellow man. These matters are important but are the fruits of something deeper.

A man must be confronted with the reality and significance of the crucial alternative to accept Christ on His terms as the Son of God or to condemn Him as deserving of death. This was the choice of old and it goes on forever. It is not a once-in-a-lifetime choice. If the Lordship of Christ is to be a dynamic reality in our own time, we must put this question to ourselves and others regularly.

Whom say ye that Christ is? Is He the Lord of your life? You must crown Him Lord of all or you do not crown Him Lord at all.

Letter From Rev. Leland E. Davis

Under date of December 27, the Rev. Leland E. Davis wrote at length giving a report of the recent General Conference meeting in British Guiana and of events in connection with the observance of Christmas. Pastor Davis' letter follows:

"Returning from General Conference, I had no opportunity to write as Christmas was close at hand. But now that the rush is over I will hasten to acknowledge your kind letter of the 13th and to tell you the outcome of Conference and some of our Christmas happenings.

"Gertrude (Mrs. Davis) and Mary Sue accompanied me in the mission car to Wakenaam on Friday morning, December 13. Ron and Ken remained in Georgetown to carry on the work.

"Mrs. Inez Peters, her son Samuel, and Vibert Charles besides Jacob Tyrrell went from Georgetown. The C.E. voted to pay half of the expenses of two young people to Conference.

"In all we had a good attendance at the Conference and all of the churches, except Uitvlugt, had at least one delegate. Quite a number from the community came to the Friday night, and especially the Sunday night meetings. On Sunday night, God's house was full.

"A fine spirit prevailed among the delegates, and the laymen did a good job taking part on the program, which all enjoyed. Pastor Tyrrell had the opening message on 'Being Saved,' and I took the concluding sermon, 'The Joy of Serving Jesus.' Bro. Jacob Tyrrell and Bro. David Barker brought brief talks Sabbath morning on 'Serving Christ on the Sabbath Day' and 'Saved to Serve Through Witnessing.'

"On Sabbath afternoon, we had a two-hour Layman's Program taking the theme, 'Saved to Serve' and relating it to Sabbath School Work (Deacon Tobin), Tract and Bible Distribution (Bro. Edgar Gittens), Women's Work (Sis. Inez Peters), Youth Work (Samuel Peters, Vibert Charles).

"As a prelude to the Sunday morning business session, Deacon Joseph Scipio of Dartmouth spoke on 'Serving Through Prayer.' The business meeting was called

to order by the vice-president, Rev. Joseph Tyrrell. Items acted upon, included:

"1. Plans to send Bro. Jacob N. Tyrrell to the World Consultation meeting at Salem, W. Va., in 1964.

"2. Setting up of a Worker's Fund by pooling one tenth of resources from all of the churches, (b) Asking each church to elect one member to serve on the Worker's Fund Committee, and (c) Initiating a program of education in Christian stewardship.

"3. Acceptance of the supervisor's report which included a visit to the churches prior to General Conference.

"4. Receiving of the Nominating Committee's report and the election of new officers. (b) Decision to have a corresponding secretary and publicity chairman, as well as an assistant secretary. Officers elected: chairman (President), Rev. Joseph Tyrrell; vice-chairman, Deacon Archibald Tobin; secretary, Bro. Jacob Tyrrell; assistant secretary, Sister Inez Peters; corresponding secretary, Rev. Leland Davis; treasurer, Sister Martha Peters, publicity chairman, Sister Inez Peters, trustees, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Mrs. Martha Thomas.

"5. The Supervisor outlined plans for the Laymen's Training Course to begin early in 1964. Fifty copies of the Guide, 'You and Your Church' have been ordered and will be used as a basis for the first study course.

"6. Young people wishing to have Pen Pals from the States are encouraged to give their names to the pastor or lay leaders who in turn will send them to the supervisor.

"7. A joint invitation was accepted from Dartmouth and Queenstown to meet with them for the April Executive Council meeting.

"In the afternoon business session on Sunday, each church was given an opportunity to tell of their outstanding accomplishments, both physical and spiritual, during 1963 and their plans for 1964.

"Bona Ventura told about their Harvest Thanksgiving Service, in which food was distributed to the needy and money re-

ceived (\$12 so far) to assist in church building. Items still needed for construction of new church include planks, cement, bolts, etc. Deacon Tobin told of visits he is making among the members to renew their interest.

"Dartmouth related a successful Harvest Thanksgiving in which provisions were also given to the needy. At present they are pouring a concrete ledge around the church to keep out the water. They now plan to paint the new windows and install a railing at the altar.

"Queenstown expressed the need for revival, and it was tentatively decided to hold a special effort there.

"Wakenaam told of recent church repairs made, and the success of the Tuesday night Community Bible Courses. They now plan to place wire mesh around the eaves of the church roof to keep out the bats and then to paint the interior.

"Parika also expressed the need for Revival Meetings and told of their plans to repair clapboards and do some painting.

"Georgetown told of their recent baptism, participation in the Evangelical Council Study Course, thankfulness to be a voice in our own Conference, and told of their dream to have their own church building and to organize as a Seventh Day Baptist church.

"During my absence, Ken and Ron were assisted by Bro. Randolph Williams who spoke briefly on Sabbath day; Bro. Leyland Bowen preached on Sunday evening. (Bro. Williams is in Georgetown awaiting an operation in January before he returns to Wakenaam.)"

(To be continued)



Youth Work Committee

At its January 2 meeting action was taken on 7 proposals presented by the youth of the Southeastern Association of Seventh Day Baptists. Some of the results are as follows: It was voted that we recommend to the board that 10% of the dues coming in from National SDBYF members be turned over to the National SDBYF officers for expenses relative to their activities, such as transportation for executive committee meetings and delegate fees to specified youth meetings. It was voted that we recommend to Commission that it call in one of the SDBYF national officers for consultation as it has called for other organizations to send consultants to its meetings.

The recommendation that a Court of Law be set up to govern actions and discipline at Pre-Con and Conference was referred to the local Conference committee as a suggestion from the SDBYF of the Southeastern Association.

It was voted that we recommend to the adult adviser of the Beacon staff that the Conference theme be emphasized throughout the year in consultation with the National SDBYF officers.

It was proposed that the youth have a non-voting representative at the World Consultation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences at Salem next August. The proposal was referred to the committee in charge of the World Consultation.

A progress report was made regarding the directors for the Pre-Con Retreats. Action was also taken to secure directors for the 1965 Youth Pre-Con.

It was agreed that the Pawcatuck SDBYF continue to edit and publish the Beacon for the current year.

The chairman, David S. Clarke, reported that Linda Bingham's schedule has been confirmed until June.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 1, 1964

The Woman of Samaria

Lesson Scripture: John 4: 7-14, 28-29, 39-42.

Rocky Mountain Camp

(The following excerpts are from a letter written by Paul Hummel concerning what has been done at the Rocky Mountain Campsite, and his desires for its use.)

... the improvements on the hill (Lee Hill) are about completed. A little rearranging of the kitchen and one or two small jobs such as installing doors to the serving and dish return openings still remain. Another gas stove, regular size, will be put in.

"My dream for this camp as an opportunity for evangelization of young folk and children is about complete as far as physical accommodations are concerned. Now it is up to the camps both local and associational to do their stuff. The camp trustees now wish to reach out beyond our own church families.

"We appreciate your youth representatives' aid in our camp programs."

Dedicated Service

Our board program to offer workers to our churches and associations is quite complete. We trust that our churches are planning now for Vacation Church Schools and camp programs. Those who desire the help of dedicated service workers are urged to make their wishes known as soon as possible. The number of workers signed up is limited, and those who ask first will have the best chance of receiving help at no cost to the local organization except board and room for the workers. One young man has offered to work all summer in all of our camps that need him. Write for information to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

Eyes on the East

If you are among the thousands, or millions, who have your eyes on the East this year because of the New York World's Fair with its stupendous displays and its numerous religious attractions, there are two or three things that might be called to your attention to make the trip fully satisfying.

In the first place, you might like to get and keep a copy of the January 13 issue of Newsweek which features the fair and in-

cludes a two-page pictorial guide identifying the 48 major pavilions. It shows the Protestant Pavilion and the Billy Graham Pavilion near the main entrance. In the former will be found the Baptist booth with literature and other items identifying Seventh Day Baptists.

Visitors to New York should remember that Plainfield is within easy commuting distance and that any trip which involves a weekend in the East might well include attendance at the Sabbath services of the Plainfield church. Other churches in the New Jersey and New England are within three hours' driving time.

It is expected that a considerable number of our people outside the Eastern Association area will be giving some thought to attending the Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City May 22-24. A visit to the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield and a day or two of sightseeing at the World's Fair from a Plainfield base might round out such an excursion.

— A Plainfielder.

Mrs. James L. Skaggs

In Memoriam

By Abbie B. Van Horn

In Memoriam of Hettie Whitney Skaggs, wife, mother, church worker, Sabbath School teacher, member and president of the Women's Board of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

It seems fitting to many that some additional word should be written concerning this servant of her family, her church, and her denomination.

Hettie was first of all a Christian wife and mother, a supporter of her husband as pastor in some of our larger and more important churches. As her children grew older and, in a sense, family cares became lighter, she became more and more active in church affairs, and made especially valuable contributions as a teacher in the Sabbath School.

She is, however, better known denominationally as a member and officer of the Women's Board. Hettie was a member of this board while it was located in Milton where she served for one year as vice-president, and for two years as recording secretary. Later when the board

was moved to Salem she was vice-president for one year and president for eight years. Her connection with the organization terminated only by its removal from Salem to Battle Creek.

During the presidency of Mrs. Skaggs the work was organized and carried on largely through such committees as Ways and Means, Goals, Christian Culture, Literacy and Literature, Peace, and Spiritual Life. Goals were set up and individual societies urged to achieve them. Mission study books were recommended, a Promoter of Evangelism was employed. The responsibility of supervising the duties of the evangelist was entrusted to the Ways and Means Committee. Such an evangelist was employed during her whole term of office and was perhaps the most outstanding contribution of her administration.

Because of her devotion, her deep interest in evangelism, her careful planning and executive ability, Mrs. Skaggs was well fitted to direct the affairs of the board on which she served. The members of the Women's Board of today pay tribute to her memory. She labored and we have entered into her labors.

Recorder Comment

Medina, N. Y.—Enclosed please find four dollars for renewal of my Recorder subscription. Thank you for the issues I have received even though my subscription did run out. I wouldn't want to be without any of them.

Ponchatoula, La.—I no longer wish to subscribe for the Sabbath Recorder. The rise in subscription price seems too much for a small magazine . . . Why cannot the Recorder come up to date with other religious magazines and take advertisements . . . ?

Tonawanda, N. Y.—I think it is exactly right to raise the price of the Recorder. I don't know of another magazine that has the worthwhile articles in it that the Recorder has. They are all good ones. Other magazines are raising prices, so why not ours?

Churches Plan Gospel Services

Daytona Beach

The Daytona Beach, Fla., church is planning to hold revival meetings the last two weekends in February — February 14, 15 and 16 and February 21, 22 and 23. Our own pastor is expected to be the evangelist with musical groups of different kinds supporting. We invite all of you to come for either or both weekends. Please write to the Entertainment Committee in care of the church to let us know which nights you desire overnight lodging. We ask you to join with us in daily prayer for these services, praying that God may use them as a witness to the gospel message, as a proclamation of the blessings inherent in the Sabbath, as an upward step in the spiritual fulfillment of each life touched through the ministry of visitation, of music, and of preaching the gospel. Your support (by your prayers, by your attendance, by your giving) will make a difference. — SDB Sentinel of the Sunshine State.

Shiloh

The growing congregation of the 227-year-old Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J., is looking forward to further growth and spiritual enrichment, according to an article in the winter edition of the local publication *The Reporter*. The church has called the Rev. Mynor Soper of Boulder, Colo., to conduct a Preaching Mission in the old church from February 7-16, 1964.

The article tells of Mr. Soper's ranch background as a boy in Nebraska, of his high school education at Central Square, N. Y., after the family left Nebraska. The following biographical material is designed to introduce him to his prospective audience in South Jersey.

His desire to serve his Master in the Christian ministry drove him on to schools of higher learning. In the spring of 1954 he was graduated cum laude from Salem College, Salem, W. Va., with his name listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." His seminary training then took him to Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.; California Baptist, Covina, Calif.; and then to the Iliff School of Theology at Denver, Colo. It is also

interesting to note that along the way he attended an auction school.

Mr. Soper has served pastorates in North Loup, Neb., and Boulder, Colo. During his student days he was associate pastor at Los Angeles and spoke in many other churches in the area where he attended school. His messages have not only inspired those of his own denomination but he has been in demand to speak in neighboring churches of other denominations.

The Shiloh and Marlboro churches are looking forward to Mr. Soper's visit in South Jersey, and to his messages which are always challenging and filled with hope and courage. We invite everyone in the community to share with us in this experience of deepening faith, and in sharing the Christ, our world's Savior. You will be richer for it.

Youth Retreat In Arkansas

November 29th to December 1st, the annual Arkansas Youth Retreat met in Texarkana. The churches are Little Prairie, Little Rock, Fouke, and Texarkana.

The theme this year was "All that I Have for Jesus."

Linda Bingham, national youth field worker was with us for the retreat, giving a brief message on Friday night following a devotional service by the Little Rock group. There were forty-seven in attendance for this first session.

After Sabbath School the morning worship was conducted by Jo Van Horn, with other youth taking the various parts normally carried by the pastor. Three sermonettes on the retreat theme were given by Karen Osborn of Little Rock, Bertha Nell Brooks of San Antonio, and Robert Fitz-Randolph of Texarkana.

The feature of the afternoon program was a panel discussion on "Youth Wants to Know" moderated by Linda Bingham, with the pastors as resource leaders. It began with the youth divided in four small groups for a 15-minute introductory discussion, from which each group sent back its secretary with two questions for consideration by the panel and the entire group. The youth took part in the discussion with surprising interest.

Supper was shared at a pavilion in

Springlake, one of Texarkana's beautiful parks, and the evening program included a devotional service by the Fouke church group, games, pictures from Camp Miles, other camps and youth groups, and a dedication service. The youth had been alerted about this service so they could come prepared. Each brought an object representing some particular part of his life, present or future, that he would like to consecrate more completely to Jesus.

The objects symbolizing these desires of the youth ranged from car keys, textbooks, Bibles, pencils, and purses to clocks, calendars, and letter scales, until the communion table ran over and many had to be placed on the platform. The dedication service closed with a fellowship circle, the youth singing the Young People's Rally Song.

Early Sunday morning the youth gathered again at Springlake for breakfast and a closing devotion led by Ruth Crow. Our prayer is:

May our God be with each youth group, and with each young person, and with each pastor, and with each church, and with each youth leader — every day — all day — in all of the year that is before us. Amen.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — The monthly Sabbath School social was held December 14 at the home of Wendell Burdick. The annual Sabbath School Christmas program was held in the church Friday night, December 20. Each family was asked to put on a part of the program. After the program, the Christmas tree and gifts were enjoyed by the children and youth. The Ladies Aid then presented a quilt to Pastor and Mrs. Swing. The Christmas program was a very beautiful service and is considered one of the highlights of our church year. — Correspondent.

WESTERLY, R. I. — During the Sabbath morning service of January 4, 1964, the Rev. Everett T. Harris was assisted by Pastor Earl Cruzan in the dedication of two grandsons. The boys are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. L. Stanley Harris, currently of Cleveland, Ohio.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.—The holiday season was pleasant for the people of our church. The annual Sabbath School program, in charge of Mrs. Arden Crane, Mrs. Wallace Greene, and Miss Lorna Greene, was presented on the evening of December 22, and consisted of miscellaneous recitations, dialogs, and a longer play. The Intermediate and Junior chorus sang selections. Treats of candy, nuts and popcorn balls were given out. A gift of money and groceries from members and friends was presented to Pastor and Mrs. Richards and family. Special sermons and music marked the Christmas season.

Special prayer meetings are held each Sunday morning in the interest of a greater spiritual growth and for the special meetings planned in April.

Friends and relatives visited here during the holidays. The Sabbath of December 28 there were 19 visitors at the Sabbath School.

Philip Greene, eldest son of Deacon and Mrs. Wallace Greene who recently returned from service in the United States Navy, has begun a series of lessons being presented at the Sabbath eve prayer meeting. They are particularly directed toward evangelism and witness.

The annual church dinner and business meeting was held on Sunday, January 5, with the Ladies Aid providing the noon meal. A church history is being written to be presented later. The church by-laws and constitution are to be revised. Several other important matters were discussed and voted on. A pot-luck dinner every month will take the place of the Meal of Sharing.

Pastor Richards was elected to serve another year. Claire Greene was named moderator; D. C. Lippincott, trustee for three years; Helen Greene, local reporter; Philip Greene, head usher. The other officers were returned to their positions.

The weather had been very cold, but moderated for the holidays. Church attendance is good.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindahl spent several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Devon Conrad and family in Santa Barbara, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Payne and Walter Churchward plan to spend the remainder of the winter in California.

The Sabbath Recorder

OUR WORLD MISSION OWM Budget Receipts For December 1963

	Treasurer's December 3 Mos.		Boards' 3 Mos.			Treasurer's December 3 Mos.		Boards' 3 Mos.	
Adams Center	\$ 66.25	\$ 66.25			Marlboro	343.51	913.77		
Albion	44.35	101.05			Memorial Fund		400.00	1,000.00	
Alfred, 1st		740.96			Middle Island	38.00	83.00		
Alfred, 2nd	456.22	588.17			Milton	1,530.77	1,983.04	45.00	
Associations & Groups		60.00	\$ 383.88		Milton Junction	291.50	500.00		
Battle Creek	559.40	1,521.08	20.00		New Auburn	98.40	102.90		
Bay Area	100.00	225.00			North Loup		10.00	414.00	
Berlin	161.09	256.28			Nortonville	290.83	449.83	25.00	
Boulder	105.70	153.85			Old Stonefort	67.25	82.25		
Brookfield, 1st	67.00	147.00			Paint Rock	45.00	45.00		
Brookfield, 2nd	35.00	35.00	20.00		Pawcatuck	475.60	1,384.10	10.00	
Buffalo	40.00	140.00			Plainfield	463.89	1,002.31		
Chicago	117.50	302.50			Richburg	157.00	350.50		
Daytona Beach	172.52	372.52	100.00		Ritchie		50.00		
Denver	156.76	272.42	25.00		Riverside	810.66	989.24		
De Ruyter		166.25			Roanoke	15.00	15.00		
Dodge Center	113.09	384.33	5.00		Rockville	36.83	191.93		
Farina	121.25	190.15			Salem	510.00	710.00		
Fouke	40.00	40.00			Salemville	26.00	113.01	6.00	
Hebron 1st	201.78	309.78			Schenectady		29.60		
Hopkinton 1st	258.75	634.50			Shiloh	811.20	1,289.91	10.00	
Hopkinton 2nd	44.08	52.08			Texarkana	23.00	23.00		
Independence	105.25	171.50			Verona	352.38	483.38		
Individuals	20.00	25.00			Walworth	150.00	215.00		
Irvington		400.00			Washington People's		20.00		
Kansas City	75.00	112.00			Waterford	134.85	401.90		
Little Genesee	174.50	327.50			White Cloud	80.87	211.06		
Little Rock		63.00							
Los Angeles	580.00	1,100.00			Budget Total	\$10,588.03	\$21,527.55	\$2,063.88	
Los Angeles, Christ's	20.00	65.00			Non-budget		145.64		
Lost Creek		454.65			Total to disburse	\$10,733.67			

DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

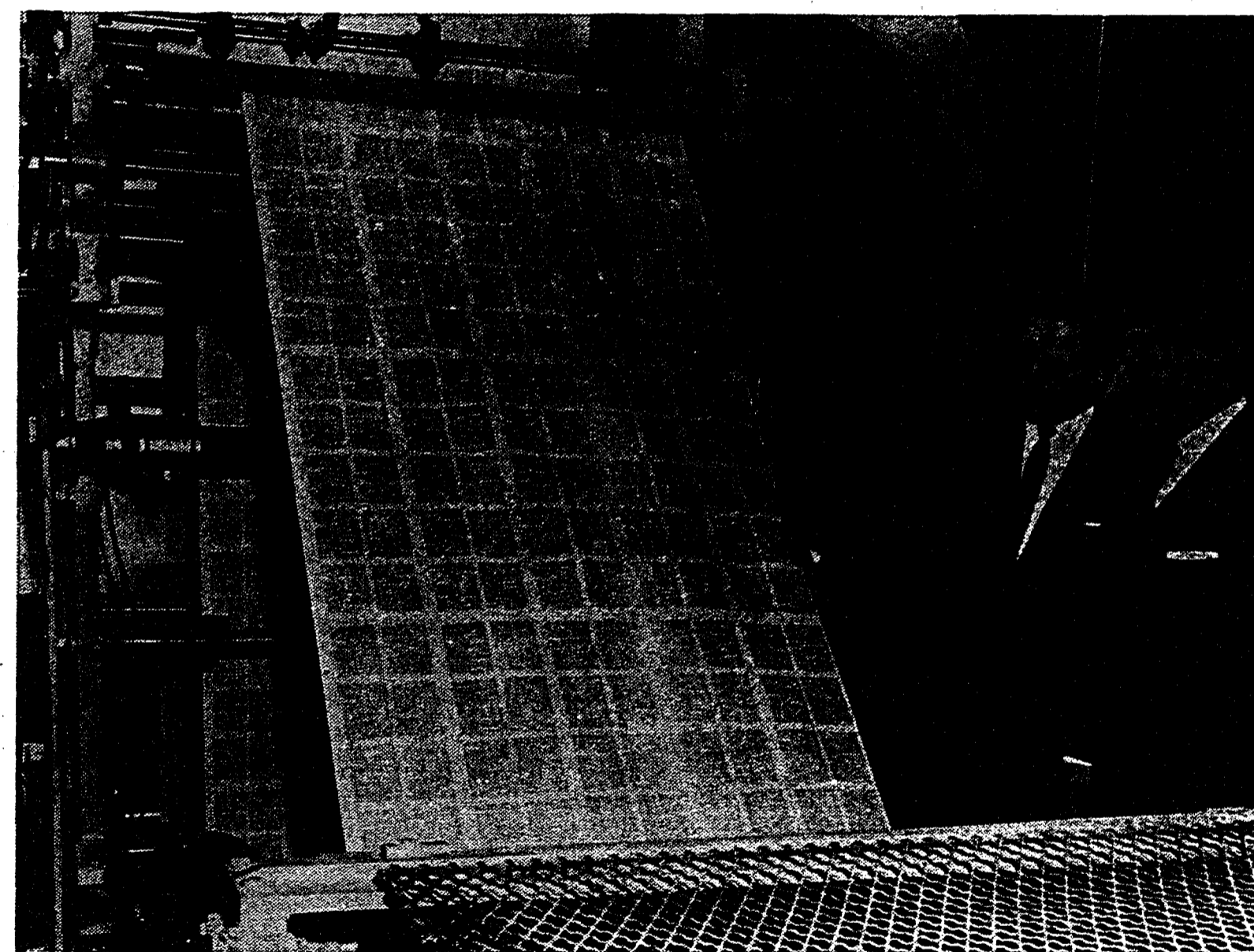
Board of Christian Education	\$ 854.80
Historical Society	60.04
Ministerial Retirement	650.03
Ministerial Education	1,000.29
Missionary Society	5,210.40
Tract Society	1,324.03
Trustees of General Conference	83.13
Women's Society	198.19
World Fellowship & Service	251.37
General Conference	1,069.02
Church World Service	27.37
CROP	5.00
Total	\$10,733.67

SUMMARY

1963-1964 OWM Budget	\$100,510.00
Receipts for 3 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$21,527.55
Boards	2,063.88
	23,591.43
Amount yet to be raised	\$ 76,918.57
*Needed per month to raise budget by July 31, 1964	\$ 10,988.37
Percentage of (10 month) time elapsed	30%
Percentage of budget raised	23.47%
*Commission has set goal to raise budget in 10 months by July 31, 1964 instead of September 31, 1964.	

Gordon L. Sanford,
Little Genesee, N. Y.
OWM treasurer.

January 5, 1964



New York Bible Society Prepares for World's Fair

The large, continuous-feed offset press which is printing a million copies of a special World's Fair edition of the Gospel of John is stopped long enough for the secretary and vice-president of the New York Bible Society to inspect the pages which will later be separated and attractively bound. These Gospels will be given, not sold, to the people who may have come to the fair for some other purpose than to receive the message of salvation from this portion of God's Word. (See further story inside.)