

The Sabbath Recorder

were present and enjoyed the fellowship dinner. The afternoon program gave recognition to the guests. The family with the most present—the Maltby family; the oldest persons present, Mr. and Mrs. DeChois Greene; those coming the greatest distance, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Clark, Berwick, Maine. The reading of messages from absent ones was of much interest, preceding the vesper services, including anthems by the choir, congregational hymns sung, and anthem by the junior choir, two poems, solos by Connie Reed and Gareth Greene, and a choral benediction by the choir. It was a wonderful day of worship and fellowship.

The community Thanksgiving service was held at our church on November 24 and the community candlelight Christmas service on December 22.

The children's Christmas party was held in the church parlors December 13. After the dinner, the children presented the pageant "The Christmas Story." The adult choir sang Christmas hymns as each child took his place. It was a very reverent and moving program. Much thanks is given to Miss Ruth Ellis and her helpers.

— Correspondent.

WATERFORD, CONN.—Something new has been added to the work of the Waterford church. A monthly meeting called the "Church Planning Group" of all members of the church carries on a discussion of things which concern the church between regular business meetings. Its findings are advisory only and not official. This has taken the place to some extent of the former "Friendly Visitors" meetings.

Our associate pastor, the Rev. Paul Burdick, takes charge of the Communion Sabbath. Other Seventh Day Baptist ministers have been called upon about once a month. These have included the Revs. Harold R. Crandall, Wendell Stephan, Everett Harris, and others. At other times we have called upon local ministers of other faiths.

The visit of the Rev. James McGeachy of Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church of London, England, was an exceptional treat, when he was on his way to CoWoCo meeting and General Conference in Salem, W. Va.

At our Friday night prayer meetings we have recently studied the books of

Colossians, Philippians, and Ephesians. We are now on a study of the Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Belief, with special attention to the Conference request for improvements in the statement.

As to the physical needs of the church, reroofing of the south side, and some attention to work on the inside has made us aware of the continued help of the active Ladies Aid Society.

Our associate pastor's planned trip to Malawi, Africa, to visit his son Dr. Victor and family for eight months in 1965, has called for volunteers to take charge of the Friday night prayer meeting and other duties. But this should make us more conscious of the sacrificial work of our missionaries, and of the need for our continued support by prayer and effort. May God grant to us a realization of the need for unity and harmony in the Lord's work.

— Correspondent.

Accessions

North Loup, Neb.

By Baptism, Dec. 19, 1964:

Leon Calvert Bresley
Rebecca Dawn Bresley
Theresa Louise Clement
Lana Kay Hamer
Sherry Sue Larkin
Jerald Lynn Van Horn

Paint Rock, Ala.

By Baptism:

Carolyn Sutton

Obituaries

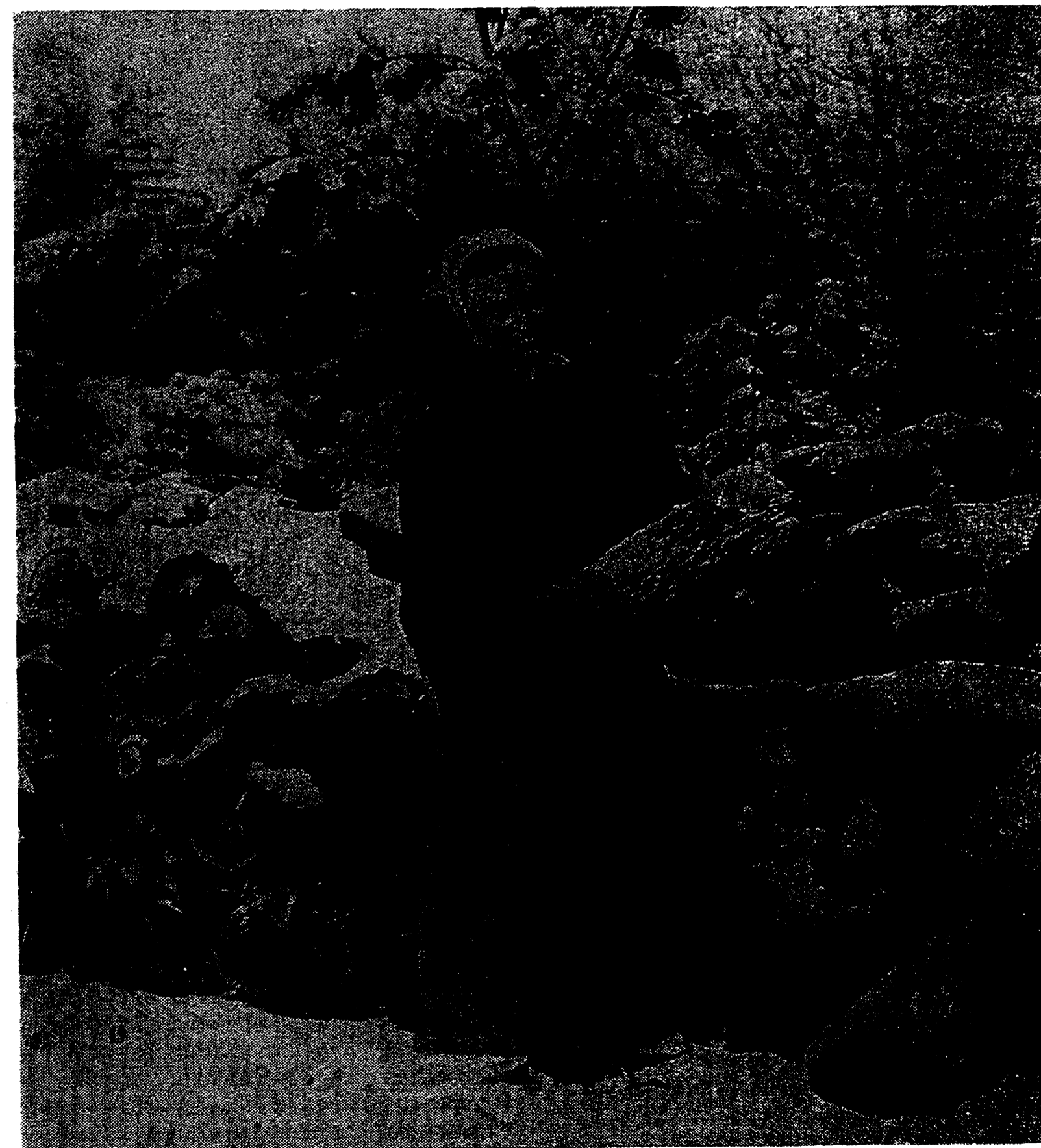
Davis.—Ruth Cook, daughter of Irving and Sarah Lewis Cook, was born in the township of Sangerfield June 12, 1892, and died at her home in Brookfield, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1964, after a long illness.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the 2nd Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1908 and had served as church clerk for the last 26 years. She had also been a Sabbath School teacher. She was postmistress at Brookfield for 19 years, retiring in 1962.

She was married Nov. 19, 1914, to John W. Davis, who survives her. Other survivors are a brother, Orlo Cook, Sangerfield, and three sisters: Miss Inez Cook, Hamilton; Mrs. Mary Hansberger, Rome; and Mrs. Grace Whitten, South Edmeston; as well as many nephews, a niece, and great-nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Brookfield with the Rev. Herbert Levoy officiating. Burial was in Brookfield cemetery.

— Bernice D. Rogers.



Keeping the Home Fires Burning

In Old Sturbridge Village, Mass., a modern maiden in early-day costume symbolizes the warmth of hospitality that every home should show.

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"Ye did run well"

Those who are familiar with Paul's Epistle to the Galatians are aware that when he wrote in the seventh verse of the fifth chapter, "Ye did run well" it was a word of praise that had a different ending. The remainder of the sentence asks the question to which there was no ready answer: "Who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" He counted it a serious matter that they who had found liberty in Christ from the ceremonial law (circumcision) should return from "faith which worketh by love" to a subservience to the ceremonial law. He called it falling from grace.

Remembering the primary meaning of the passage we may still give it a secondary application to a situation that exists at the moment in the churches of the United States Conference of Seventh Day Baptists in the matter of denominational giving. (We earnestly refute any who say that our Sabbathkeeping is comparable in any way to the Galatian heresy, as it is called.)

The figures are at hand for the giving of our churches to Our World Mission for December and the first three months of our 1964-65 budget year. On the basis of what was reported for October and November in previous issues of the Recorder it would be possible to say with joy, "Ye did run well." But the December figures might prompt a thoughtful reader to ask, "Who did hinder you" from going on as you had so well begun? If there is an answer to that question it lies hidden in the hearts of all who failed to adequately support the work to which we are committed. We offer as a stimulus for better giving in the months ahead some comparative figures from the report of the treasurer for December 1963 (Recorder of Jan. 20, 1964).

In the first place we observe that receipts for December 1964 were not higher than for the previous two months — only \$7,123. October showed \$7,955 and November \$7,271 for OWM giving. Normally December is by far the best of the first three months, last year showing \$10,588. Thus the receipts of the treasurer, Gordon Sanford, reported on the back page of this issue are \$3,465 less for December 1964 than for December 1963. Although the total for three months is \$825 more

MEMORY TEXT

And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. — John 9: 39.

than for the same period last year the percentage of the budget raised (20) is lower because of the larger budget. Another comparison also causes concern. The direct giving to boards for three months last year was \$2,063. This year only \$495 is reported for the work of the boards.

Let us take another look at the figures to see who was hindered in running well. There are 26 churches and fellowships on the list to which nothing is credited in December. Comparing with last year we find that 14 of these churches were credited with \$3,278. The mail may have been slow, or the local treasurers, or both. It can be assumed that most people with a loyalty to our cause continued to give consistently through December. Some, however, do not seem to have that loyalty. They did not have it last year and have not yet shown it this year.

It may be noted that 16 churches are not credited with OWM gifts in the past three months. The reader can pick them out. The pattern is somewhat similar to 1963, although 8 of these gave something a year ago and not this year. It should be stated for the record that only a very few of the 16 are fairly strong churches. Some of them are really struggling to keep up their local expenses. On the other hand, quite a few are continuously serviced by General Conference, the boards and agencies and give practically nothing in return. When we receive much we feel much better if we also give to our missionary work — as we are able.

Quoted in the beginning from the Word of God was: "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" A verse or two later in the same chapter is another clause that could just as appropriately be applied to our present situation by way of encouragement: "I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded..."

Too Good to Keep

What does one do with the precious thoughts received in the Christmas mail? The most outstanding cards we may keep the look at later, but what about the beautiful thoughts in letters from Christian organizations. Some of these letters are masterpieces of expression and contain thoughts that ought to be shared rather than kept on file and possibly lost before the same season rolls around again. Home and foreign missionary organizations as well as special purpose Christian agencies make special appeals for funds in a most beautiful way. Some of them enrich the soul whether or not one is able to make a financial response. Perhaps we feel richer when we have been made poorer by giving.

The American Association for Jewish Evangelism is but one of many worthy causes that has to cross denominational lines to get sufficient support to carry on its good work. Its work may not appeal to all and is not hereby endorsed in preference to others. We mention it largely because of some of what was said "in the Calvary tie" over the signatures of Ralph M. Gade, J. Palmer Muntz, and William Culbertson, head officers:

"In those broad undulating fields lying around Bethlehem, where Ruth began her mission of gleaning, and where David tended the flock of his father Jesse, shepherds were still keeping watch over their flock by night. But that was a night never to be forgotten. That night a star appeared that was destined to supersede the brightness of the sun, and to fill the whole earth with the glory of the invisible God. Simeon declared that He was to be 'A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.'

"Our hearts are stirred anew as we read the record of this devout man of God who was 'waiting for the consolation of Israel.' He waited and prayed because he believed. This dear old saint had no faith in any other means or efforts to comfort Israel than the coming of the King. This is still Israel's hope, for the Lord shall comfort Zion.' His waiting was rewarded; his hope was fulfilled because God had promised that 'they shall not

be ashamed that wait for me.' How his heart rejoiced as he cried, 'mine eyes have seen thy salvation.'

"The experience of Simeon is being experienced in the lives of many Jews today who have found Christ to be their hope of glory."

Speaking in Tongues

No church leader can dismiss the phenomenon of speaking in tongues with a shrug of the shoulders, not in these days when there are people in nearly all denominations who claim to have had the experience, not when many of those who make the claim demonstrate a new power in preaching or witnessing. This is something that needs to be thoroughly looked into by careful Bible study to determine its proper place in the life of the church and the experience of its members.

What we want or do not want is not the question. Rather we should ask what the Bible teaches, for the New Testament gives us the only authoritative pattern for church life. It seems to be impossible, however, for all honest students of the Word to come to the same conclusions in this matter. This is not surprising. The fact that the Pentecostal movement is growing rapidly is not sure proof that new truth has been discovered. Neither is the fact that the majority of Bible students do not believe in speaking in tongues a clear indication that it is not God's will. We do not have to look very far to see error growing overnight like mushrooms or majorities straying from the truth.

A Southern Baptist Seminary professor, John P. Newport, addressing leaders of evangelism made some significant statements. He said, "God is using the Pentecostal movement and the so-called neo-Pentecostal or charismatic revival to summon us not to quench the spirit and to earnestly desire and appropriate the spiritual gifts."

"One of the greatest needs of our day, if not the greatest need, is a rediscovery of the resources of the Holy Spirit," Newport said. "We need the excitement, the joy, and the vigor of the spirit's presence."

The statements were part of a lengthy paper delivered by Newport on "Speaking with Tongues."

In the paper he presented a study of the New Testament practice of speaking with tongues. He said the Apostle Paul states that tongue-speaking may not be forbidden but must be minimized and strictly controlled.

Newport said a central doctrine cannot be made out of something which has so little about it in the New Testament.

"In our churches today tongues would not be objectionable if they were controlled," he said. "Pentecostals err when they conclude that evangelicals in rejecting a major emphasis on tongues reject the fact of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit."

He said many over-emphasize the gift, which Paul calls a minor gift, and it often leads to "religious and psychological disaster."

Dead Sea Comes Alive

It is not exactly true that the Dead Sea is coming alive, but the sea that killed everything within it and around it is now being made to give life to barren land throughout Israel and many foreign countries. The Dead Sea Works at Sodom has been producing 190,000 tons of potash per year. On Nov. 24, 1964, a plant expansion was opened which will increase the amount of fertilizer produced to 400,000 tons per year. This added amount will not be needed in Israel. All of it will be exported for the next few years, which will do much to create a favorable trade balance.

Sodom, which has been a symbol for sin and human depravity since the days of Abraham and Lot may yet redeem its name by contributing to the production of life-giving food. That which goes out from Sodom will help man to reclaim lost and infertile land. An evil name and a ruined life can by the alchemy of divine grace be changed into something good. We can hope that those industrialists and economic planners in Israel who can see a fortune in the Dead Sea may also recognize that the Messiah has come and may bring forth fruit of righteousness from the barren tree of Judaism.

Personal Experiences Concerning the Sabbath

Rev. William C. Daland, D. D.
(A sample of articles to appear in the February special issue)

What first brought my attention to the Sabbath was the fact of the existence of Seventh Day Baptists. When a little boy, I spent a summer, or a part of a summer, at Dunellen, N. J., and heard the bell ring on "Saturday." I asked about it, and was told that it was the bell of a church that "kept Saturday."

I was often at the home of the Rev. Mr. Jones, a Baptist minister in New Market, and occasionally played croquet with some children, a few of whom were called away early one Friday evening, because it was the "Sabbath." This made an impression upon my mind, and I recall asking my mother about it when I returned to Elizabeth, asking her why we didn't keep Saturday. She told me that the Apostles kept Sunday, and that was enough for me at the time. I forgot all about the subject, and if at the age of 23 (when I began to study for the ministry) anyone had asked me about Seventh Day Baptists, I should have said likely I didn't know anything about them.

When I entered Union Theological Seminary I became acquainted with Mr. Earl P. Saunders, who was a student in my class. He told me he was acting as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in New Market. I rode on the train with him between Elizabeth and New York. That brought to my mind the recollection of the bell I heard, and the little girls I played croquet with, when a boy of twelve years old.

When I entered the Seminary I determined to leave it following out the teachings of the Word of God as I understood it, whether it led me to remain in the Baptist Church or to move over to be a Roman Catholic or a Quaker. I soon came under the teaching of Dr. Roswell D. Hitchcock in Church History, and, having this question brought to my mind, I was compelled to face it in the light of his candid teaching. He used the same argument against Sabbath observance that he did against the restriction of baptism

to the immersion of believers. I then was led to investigate these and many other questions for myself.

Finally I was by my study brought to the point where I had to decide whether I would be true to the principles of "Baptist doctrine" in which I had been reared. I was brought up a strict old-fashioned Baptist, being led on the American Bible Union version of the New Testament, and regarding old Dr. Conant, Dr. Armitage and others as just about apostles. I balanced the claims of the Church (with a capital C), and the Bible as the regulative standard of the Christian's faith and practice. I decided for the Bible against the Church, and, of course, had to become a Sabbath-keeper. That alternative was what brought me to a decision. I had to leave the Seminary either a Churchman or a Bible Christian, unless I left it a rationalist or a skeptic, which was, of course, out of the question. So I left it a Bible Christian . . .

I am a Sabbath-keeper because I believe it is the will of God for me, and because I believe it is the will of God that his Church should keep it. I am a Seventh Day Baptist because our dear denomination is, to my mind, the one nearest to my ideas of Christian faith and practice taking all things into consideration . . .

—From *The Evangel and Sabbath Outlook*, by William C. Daland, April 11, 1895, page 242.

Special Days in February

February, more than some others, is a month of special days that are widely observed. First comes Youth Week culminating in Christian Endeavor Day on the sixth when many churches encourage the youth to take over the Sabbath morning service.

Lincoln's Birthday receives recognition, and Race Relations Day on the 13th gives an opportunity to consider our opportunities to show our faith by our deeds in this area. Washington's Birthday is another holiday that reminds us of our national heritage.

Recorder Survey Results

The tabulation of the answers to the questions in the Recorder survey questionnaire sent in mid-1964 was completed by IBM machines before Christmas and the evaluation of results put in the hands of an expert. Although conclusions and study by the Tract Board and Recorder staff must await a further report from the expert some of the figures can be presented to our readers. This we hope to do in several installments, which will make for easy reading and assimilation.

Caution should be exercised, and attempts to draw final conclusions from this piecemeal presentation should be avoided. There was some overlapping of questions. The answers to one set of questions may not harmonize completely with another set of somewhat similar questions.

In reporting the responses to the Recorder survey questionnaire we have come now to question 9 which brought forth a rather meager response by way of totals but some thoughtful answers by the 169 who elected to reply in the manner requested. Of particular interest to pastors and church leaders as well as the editorial staff is the response of 39 people who honestly ranked first the statement that they would read the Recorder more regularly if their denominational interest were greater. At a later time we may be able to report what the evaluator gets out of the answers to question 9, including what was written in by 42 under "other." The figures follow.

10. I rate the importance of the stated purposes of the Sabbath Recorder (see page 1) as follows: (check once for each purpose)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	No Response
Witness to the Sabbath	296	49	17	145
Spiritual growth	284	47	6	170
Promote evangelism	196	101	27	183
Develop denominational ties	240	88	17	162
Other (specify)	22	6	1	478

One page of the questionnaire was designed to sample opinions of the purposes that the Sabbath Recorder ought to have. The purposes as agreed upon by the Survey Committee and later by the whole Tract Board were printed on page 1 of the questionnaire as a basis for questions 10 and 11.

11. I rate the importance of the sub-divisions of the stated purposes of the Sabbath Recorder (see page 1) as follows:

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	No Response
To discharge:				
1. The uniqueness of our Sabbath observance	252	67	19	169
2. Our Baptist distinctives	175	119	20	193
3. Other (specify)	20	7	5	475

In later issues we will point some interesting correlations that may indicate that some changes of emphasis in the Recorder should be considered.

It should be remembered that the questionnaires were sent to 20 per cent of all Seventh Day Baptists, not to Recorder subscribers. Naturally there were many who either did not have the interest to respond or, if they did return the questionnaire, did not answer all of the questions. Some of the questions were for the purpose of gathering the opinions of non-readers while more were aimed at those who were well acquainted with the contents of the publication. In the 507 questionnaires returned (about half) there were many questions where the "no response" figure ran quite high.

To challenge by:

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	No Response
4. Inspirational material, sermons, editorials	249	63	7	188
5. Thought-provoking articles	226	73	7	201
6. Denominational program promotion ..	204	89	14	200
7. Other (specify)	17	1	3	486

To promote evangelism by:

8. Special issues	207	18	26	190
9. Evangelistic articles, sermons, editorials	210	90	16	191
10. Other (specify)	13	2	5	487

To develop ties and loyalty by:

11. Specific news items	262	72	4	169
12. Other (specify)	18	9	3	477

Question 12 in the survey was designed, not to find out what people read first or enjoy most in their denominational weekly (as might be said of Questions 10 and 11); rather, it was an attempt to get folks to think in terms of what allocation of space might be best for the whole readership. Perhaps not many had previously tried to take this larger view of the decisions an editor must make in assigning and selecting articles. The answers given below show that many were willing to try to give helpful advice. Readers are now invited to help the editor and the Advisory Committee interpret the responses and to relate them to the answers to preceding questions.

12. The Sabbath Recorder is obligated to devote space to those subject areas which fall within its stated purposes. Assuming that you were the editor, how much space would you devote to the following subject areas spread over a month or a year? (Check once after each item of content).

Space for the following should be:

	Increased a lot	Increased some	Remain about same	Reduced some	Reduced a lot	No Response
1. Editorials	8	43	199	39	17	201
2. Book review	8	65	129	49	25	231
3. Denom. program	40	105	148	7	1	206
4. Evangelistic articles	51	46	122	20	6	212
5. Christian Education ..	48	111	124	16	2	206
6. Baptist distinctives	38	89	137	22	5	216
7. Women's Work	13	49	202	32	3	208
8. Conference news	31	74	172	24	0	206
9. Sermons	29	76	161	37	3	201
10. Dialogue	10	29	117	49	19	283
11. Missions	35	95	151	20	1	205
12. Stewardship — OWM ..	26	77	158	17	5	224
13. Sabbath promotion	75	121	101	11	1	198
14. Church news	76	98	136	13	2	182
15. Vital statistics	12	42	199	31	5	218
16. Ecumenical material ..	9	55	155	51	16	221
17. Other (specify)	15	13	14	1	4	460

Mid-Continent Association Visited by Missionary

By Miss Sarah Becker, R. N.

(Note: Miss Becker underwent foot surgery on December 3, 1964, and is now making satisfactory recovery at the home of her sister at Chehalis, Washington (Rt. #4, Box 15). Miss Becker is on terminal furlough after having served as a medical missionary in Malawi, Africa, from November 1, 1959 through July, 1964. — E. T. H.)

May I tell you something about my interesting visits to the churches of the Mid-Continent Association? You know that at times you did not have an opportunity to have your questions answered because there was not sufficient time. With this problem in mind the pastors and I tried to arrange for a second meeting where possible.

On Sabbath morning, November 7, the Boulder church heard about the mission work that is carried on by the various workers at Makapwa. That day was also Quarterly Meeting Sabbath with the Denver church and called for meetings in Denver in the afternoon and evening. In the evening we traveled and lived a bit in Malawi by way of colored slides, various baskets, carvings and miniature tools. Sunday evening, several who were not able to go to Denver, came to see and discuss these things at Boulder. We were glad to hear someone say, "Now I feel almost as if I had been there myself."

Although winter was coming in with a pretty snowfall on Sabbath morning, November 14, the Denver church heard a report on what work was going on at Makapwa among our African brethren in Malawi. After a brief Sabbath School period, we had a good discussion time and answered further questions.

Thursday night, November 19 was the annual Lord's Acre turkey dinner at North Loup, Neb., and the committees worked diligently to feed their many guests. It was a busy season indeed. A strong wind came up suddenly and it turned cold. Sabbath morning, November 21, we awoke to a bright, sunny but crisp cold, 2 below zero. But by church time a good-sized group of us forgot the cold and listened to the challenging way the Christian message is given and lived in tropical Africa. In the afternoon a group of young people

had a session for questioning and discussing life and work in Malawi. Sunday evening a large group gathered to see the colored slides and art objects of Malawi. The discussions showed real interest and understanding.

On Sabbath morning, Nov. 28, the Nortonville, Kan., church members rallied around and turned out in good numbers to hear the report from Makapwa and its challenge to us. Following a delightful fellowship luncheon, we focused on tropical Malawi with the help of colored slides and representative art objects. We had some good questions and a lively discussion. The previous visits of missionaries and their talks made a good basis for understanding some of the changes which have come.

I had an opportunity Sabbath night to ride to Kansas City and visit with the members of our newly organized church there on Sunday. Sunday evening we gathered in the meeting house to see the slides and African crafts. Although it was cold, snowing and blowing outdoors, there was a keen interest in the challenge to continue our help.

Only the Lord knows the future for the continuing Christian help that we may give in Malawi but may He give us willing hearts and hands to help at the present. At the present our greatest help can be in medical care and in leadership training. This has been our emphasis but we need to continue that they may be strong and able to stand on their own. Let us rededicate our lives and pray for guidance as we seek to help our fellow brethren.

Workers Fund Committee of British Guiana

(Note: An important part of the services of our missionaries in British Guiana is being carried on through the co-operation of a group of representatives of the churches serving under the name of a Workers Fund Committee of the Executive Council. The following items are taken from the minutes of the Workers Fund Committee meetings. — E. T. H.)

The Workers Fund Committee held its first meeting on the 16th of February, 1964, at Parika. Those present were Pastor Leland Davis, Pastor Joseph Tyrrell, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Mrs. Martha Tyrrell, Mrs. Kate Carvan, Bro. Richards, Bro. Leyland

Bowen. The Bona Ventura member, Isaac Garroway, was absent.

After a few welcoming remarks by the host pastor, the group asked the supervisor to chair the meeting, who presented the suggestions of the Missionary Society. Bro. Bowen was elected secretary of the committee.

The following suggestions were recommended to the Executive Council for adoption:

1. The name of Mrs. Gertrude Davis be added to the Workers Fund Committee to represent the Missionary Society, along with the supervisor.

2. The Workers Fund be set up on a matching-fund basis exclusive of Pastor Tyrrell's salary.

3. Each church be asked to contribute fifty (50) per cent of its total income of tithes and offering to the Workers Fund. Each church retain the other fifty (50) per cent in the local treasury for expenses such as building and repairs.

4. Each church be given a suggested goal or target toward which they would strive in total weekly church giving, one-half of which would go toward the Workers Fund.

5. That workers give monthly written reports to the supervisor, and share verbal reports with the Executive Council and/or the Workers Fund Committee.

6. That the supervisor serve as treasurer of the Workers Fund Committee.

Note: The Executive Council approved the above recommendations on April 5, 1964, at Dartmouth.

At a meeting of the Workers Fund Committee held on December 13, 1964, several additional recommendations were made as follows:

1. That churches be encouraged to give monthly so that the workers can be paid monthly.

2. That lay pastors be asked and encouraged to take the training courses made available so as to develop their talents and increase their effectiveness as Christian workers.

3. That workshops on Christian stewardship be held in each church as early in 1965 as possible; that these workshops be directed by the supervisor, and he be assisted by the lay pastor and committee member in each church.

4. That members of the Workers Fund Committee who are chosen by the local church be allowed to serve at least one year.

5. That a sustained program of Christian stewardship be carried on throughout the new year by the use of publicity material in the form of leaflets, tracts, Bible studies on tithing, etc. That each member on the Workers Fund Committee see that materials furnished are not only distributed to each member of the local church but also studied carefully.

Church and State Conference Coming in Philadelphia

Thoughtful Christians of many denominations realize that the American principle of separation of church and state is being buffeted about by more contrary winds than ever before. Whether the seam of this carefully built ship will stand the strain depends not only on logical and clear thinking but also upon concerted action by such interdenominational organizations as Protestants United (POAU) which have the financial backing of church people to undergird such needed action in widely separated trouble spots.

Every year there is a church-state conference sponsored by POAU. The seventeenth such national gathering will be held at Philadelphia in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel February 2 and 3. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John A. Mackay, president emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary, one of the founders of the organization. The meeting starts with a clergymen's conference which will be addressed by Dr. Herbert S. Southgate who has just completed a world tour in behalf of POAU. He will speak on "Religious Freedom around the World Today." The executive director, Glenn L. Archer, will also make a major address on "The American Dream."

Christians need to be aware of such meetings so that they can pray intelligently for the conference and for the cause that it carries forward with a staff of nearly fifty people. The organization encourages court tests where necessary of alleged violations of constitutional principles of church-state separation.

Baptist Committee Looks Toward Research Program

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs meeting in Washington authorized the development of a program for a Baptist research center in the nation's capital. The need for a Baptist research center in Washington has been under study since 1961. The Public Affairs Committee authorized its director, C. Emanuel Carlson, to proceed with the initial developments for such a program, with the hope that specific recommendations could be brought at the committee's next meeting in March 1965.

The committee also authorized special study of the physical facilities and needs of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, on both a short-and long-range basis. The committee offices are located on the fourth floor of the Baptist Building in Washington. The building, a renovated dwelling, is owned by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance.

Speaking of the possible research center Dr. Carlson said it should be "conceived as a center for the promotion of continuous research and study of the meaning of our Baptist understanding of Christian truth."

Possible programs of the center could be an educational service working with Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries; brief courses for pastors wishing to refresh their sense of relevance of the gospel to present-day issues; and expansion of the present Washington internship program enabling Baptist professors, editors, and responsible leaders to have first-hand research experience on the Washington front.

In other action the committee set the dates and selected themes for the religious liberty conferences for 1965 and 1966. The 1965 conference will be October 6-8, centering on the theme, "Church, State and Public Funds." The theme for 1966 will be "The Christian's Role Through Church and State."

Walter Pope Binns, Falls Church, Va., was re-elected chairman of the Public Affairs Committee. Bryan F. Archibald, Haddonfield, N. J., a former chairman

of the committee, was elected vice-chairman. An operating budget of \$106,320, including special funds for the research program, was adopted for 1965.

— Baptist Press.

Strictly Fair

Faith Theological Seminary has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for ownership of Station WXUR, AM and FM, of Media, Pa. The Rev. Carl McIntire who founded this seminary some years ago and is president of the International Council of Christian Churches, is a controversial figure, a thorn in the flesh to many people. His editing of *The Christian Beacon*, and his radio attacks on theological liberalism and left-wing leaders are widely known and much criticized.

Transfer of the station to the seminary from Brandywine-Main Line Radio, Inc., has been opposed in letters to the FCC from more than 40 Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish groups. Among those opposing the transfer of ownership were one or more leaders of the American Baptist Convention at Valley Forge, Pa. Mr. McIntire's organization picketed the headquarters at one time in protest against the visit of Russian churchmen.

American Baptist News Service in mentioning the protest of transfer calls attention to a differing view expressed by the editor of the *Minneapolis Star*.

The editorial questioned whether "the unpopularity, even the intolerance, of a man (is) reason enough to deny him ownership or control of a radio or television station."

The *Minneapolis Star* editorial continued:

"It is a strange situation indeed when religious and civil rights organizations, which ought to be—and usually are—in the forefront of the battle for tolerance in public life, behave so intolerantly themselves."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 30, 1965

Rejection or Acceptance

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 11: 20-30

THE SABBATH RECORDER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zweibel

Youth Week 1965

Plans for celebrating National Youth Week (Jan. 31-Feb. 7) in our churches should be pretty well made by this time. The theme is "Songs for a Small Planet" as suggested by the Department of Youth Work of the National Council of Churches

We still have available a few copies of the Rev. Paul Osborn's play designed for use in Seventh Day Baptist churches. It is called "Special News Report — Radio WSDB," and we will send copies to those who request them as long as the supply lasts. With some updating, the play can be produced with good effect.

The Church School Teacher

(The following is from a forthcoming publication of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.)

These are my duties:

To be a Christian by commitment to Jesus the Christ;

To study, pray, and read the Bible every day;

To be a member of the church in which I teach and always practice divine love, forgiveness, and kindness to all persons;

To encourage by "my" Sabbath practices a reverence for God's Holy Day (worship, etc.);

To avoid all personal habits and pleasures which may weaken my Christian and spiritual influence;

To realize that each soul reflects eternity;

To avoid questionable literature and pursue good reading;

To seek to know my class members intimately;

To carefully prepare the lessons for spiritual goals;

To strive to bring my class to an acceptance of Christ as Savior and follow His way of living;

To be their friend by participation in things that they enjoy (social events at least every two months);

To contact personally my pupils during the year and to talk to them about faith, joy, and commitment;

To attend church regularly and participate in church work in some manner and encourage my class to do so;

To let my home life reflect my belief and to talk to others about my work for God and His Kingdom;

To co-operate with the church-school program and with the superintendent, secretary, and my assistants;

To work actively with the over-all program of the church and to emphasize this in my group;

To seek the unchurched as a duty and privilege under God;

To be an example of faithfulness and punctuality;

To seek to acquaint my class with church officials;

To endeavor to make our church doctrine understood to all pupils;

To promote other groups in the church whenever possible!

Christian Education Conference

More than 2,000 Christian educators will gather at Louisville, Ky., Feb. 12-18 for the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches Division of Christian Education to examine ways the church's educational program can be made relevant and effective in an era of rapid social and technological change.

"Mission: the Christian's Calling" is the theme of the week-long program which will draw both lay and ordained specialists in Christian education from 40 Protestant, Anglican, and Eastern Orthodox communions in all 50 states and Canada.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, NCC associate general secretary for Christian education and head of the Division, noted this is the first annual meeting under the reorganized structure of the Council and the Division, and suggested the business sessions will be involved with new terms, forms, and structure.

The week-long meeting, the most comprehensive Christian education conference for Protestants in the nation, will emphasize the tools and procedures of an expanded Christian education concept which goes far beyond the traditional Sunday school room to meet some of today's most pressing needs, Dr. Knoff said.

Mrs. McMurry World Woman's Leader

Mrs. William McMurry, internationally known Baptist woman's leader, died in a Birmingham hospital Jan. 2 after an illness of several months. She was 67.

At the time of her death, Mrs. McMurry was president of the North American Baptist Woman's Union, composed of 11 Baptist conventions on this continent affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance.

In August, Mrs. McMurry had attended the executive committee meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Hamburg, Germany. Afterward she visited Baptist missionaries and their work. This mission field trip was cut short in the Near East because of her illness.

In 1962, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, awarded her the honorary doctor of letters degree.

A world traveler to mission fields in Cuba, Mexico, Europe, and the Near East, Mrs. McMurry went to Israel in 1961 for two weeks at the request of the government of that country. After returning, she shared her observations with Christian and Jewish groups.

She organized an informal interracial prayer group which meets monthly in Birmingham. When Billy Graham conducted an integrated rally in Birmingham last Easter, Mrs. McMurry wrote an article for Baptist Press, "38,000 Prove It Can Happen in Birmingham." The article described how both whites and Negroes worshiped side by side in a "friendly, quiet, relaxed" manner.

She was author of three books, "Constraining Love," "Educating Youth in Missions," and "Spiritual Life Development." The latter book, which came out in 1964, has sold over 75,000 copies. The youth book is being translated for use by Baptists in Spanish-speaking countries.

Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee, said

Note: A number of Seventh Day Baptist women knew Mrs. McMurry and admired her. Your editor, L. M. Maltby, was impressed with her remarkable ability, her sparkling personality, and her encompassing love. She had much interest in seeing our women become a part of Baptist Union.

this about her contribution to Baptist life: "Mrs. McMurry's leadership among women of the world represented missionary compassion at its best. She felt deeply that the Christian principle of God-given dignity and worth knew no national boundaries. Her contributions to Southern Baptist life and world Christian advance will live long after her."

— B. P.

Cleveland Conference on Poverty

The Cleveland Area Church Federation, the Cleveland Baptist Association, and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies jointly sponsored a clergy and businessmen's conference on poverty December 3, 4. This conference was held at the same time the General Board of the NCC was meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, and giving considerable attention to the same subject. The Cleveland conference drew 100 businessmen, 20 American Baptist directors of evangelism, and more than 50 clergymen, some of whom were Catholic priests. Most were from the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

The information given to the conference about definitions of poverty and its constantly diminishing extent are interesting in the light of the great emphasis being placed on poverty by the present administration and the NCC.

Dr. Richard Lampman, professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin and former member of the President's Committee of Economic Advisors, in his keynote address on the subject, "A Fragment of Poverty," indicated that an income of \$3,000 for a family of four or an individual income of \$1,500 for single persons marked the line distinguishing the poor from the non-poor.

The number of persons, as well as the percentage, considered poor has been steadily diminishing over the years, said Dr. Lampman. In 1936, about one-half of the people in the U.S. were poor. By 1947, the percentage had fallen to 32 per cent and to 19 per cent in 1963.

In spite of the fact that the population is increasing, the poor are decreasing in absolute numbers. This, Dr. Lampman attributed to economic growth. The median family income has been rising at

the rate of 2 per cent a year. If the present rate continues there would be only 7.5 million poverty-stricken families, or 12 per cent by 1977.

Some people believe that poverty can be entirely eliminated. The question is how long it will take to do so. The causes of poverty are: events — such as premature death of the bread-winner; social barriers — racial discrimination; and personal differences of ability and motivation. Among the poor there are many women who are heads of households and a disproportionate number of persons with "handicaps."

Remedies for poverty suggested by Dr. Lampman are related to the three causes of poverty: Reduce the risk of events, remove social barriers, and change personal differences by means of special programs of health, education, and environmental improvement for the poor.

Other speakers outlined plans for further decreasing poverty in the Cleveland area — plans which might be applicable in other geographical areas. The theme of the conference is "Poverty and the Christian Response."

Budapest School Honors Human Rights

"Human Rights and Friendship Among Peoples" are the themes being celebrated this year by pupils of the Janos Apaczai-Csere school in Budapest as part of their international studies under the Unesco Associated Schools project.

Members of the school's Unesco Club recently organized an exhibition of drawings to illustrate Unesco's work for human rights. An album containing photos of the drawings has been prepared by the pupils.

Other activities aimed at promoting international goodwill are the inclusion in the school choir's repertory of a cycle of music and folksongs from all parts of the world, and performances in six languages of Shakespeare's plays to commemorate the 400th anniversary year.

(Unesco Features) —

Submitted by Albyn Mackintosh.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

A New Approach to World Missions

Dr. John Allen Moore of Ruschlikon, Switzerland, declared in the November issue of the *Baptist World* that rising nationalism demands a fresh approach to the mission concept.

"We are required to realize that as people are achieving political independence, their churches must be independent too. Mission agencies ought to turn control over to national Christians as fast as possible."

"It is idle to suppose that the new nations, or the older ones either, will ever be fully evangelized by foreign missionaries," Dr. Moore, professor of missions and evangelism at the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, wrote.

"If evangelism is limited to personnel and funds available from abroad, Christians are bound to remain a small minority. Set free from such restrictions, Christian evangelism can permeate the nations."

"Missionaries are still needed," Dr. Moore concluded his article. Their numbers should be increased because there have never been enough. "The most important qualifications of the missionary in this new day, after his own conversion and sense of mission, is an appreciation of the new conditions and a readiness to serve alongside the national without racial prejudice or western pride and without concern for having control or getting the credit."

Self-Criticism Good for the Soul

First of its kind was a week-long conference on Christianity and Race Relations called last summer at Glorieta, New Mexico, by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Speaking at the conference, the Rev. C. E. Autrey, director of evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said, "You cannot love and hate with the same heart, and today we are trying to generate a church without the basic ingredient of the New Testament — love for people."

The speaker also pointed out the contradiction of sending, at great expense, missionaries to Africa, and discriminating

against Negroes at home. "Our attitude towards people of other races is definitely curbing our evangelistic outreach, both at home around the world," said Mr. Autrey.

Another conference speaker, Mr. Henlee Barnette, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., called racism unbiblical and unchristian, and therefore heretical."

Actions Speak

Communists deny the existence of God. They call it a vain superstition. We deny Him by our actions. When the average American family is willing to put \$750 a year in the military defense and unwilling to put even as much as \$2.50 a year to share our Christian faith with the other people of the world, who do not know Christ, we in fact deny God. — From an editorial on Christian pacifism by Ora Huston in the Reporter.

Filmstrip Library

The filmstrip library maintained by the Tract Board is designed to serve the churches in a wide variety of ways. The emphasis in the selection of programs offered is on Bible themes and this is broad enough to provide teaching aids on most of the Bible stories that can be presented in picture form. The largest number on a given subject (including duplicates) relates to the birth of Christ. Not all of them were called for this year. Two new ones were purchased too late to be advertised. One is a complete program using as many as ten people in the presentation besides children. It was used effectively in one church for a special vesper service on Sabbath afternoon. The other is also a valuable addition to the collection. Nearly half of our churches could be showing Christmas filmstrips at the same time if second and third choices were indicated in the requests.

Some of the filmstrips are of the discussion type for young people and adults. Some deal with the social problems of the day. There is a good supply of Moody science pictures taken from the films that have been shown around the world to men in the Armed Forces. If church groups want something different for the

observance of special days they should consult the catalog or ask about the new programs not yet listed. The Audio-Visual Aids Committee of the Tract Board will appreciate suggestions for new filmstrips. It also wants to keep the present ones moving among the churches. No charge!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WESTERLY, R. I.—Work is progressing on the addition to the church which is designed to house the Christian education facilities, as well as other activities of the church. It is anticipated that it will be ready to use by January 16, at which time a fellowship dinner will be served and the Rev. Victor Skaggs of Plainfield will be the guest leader for a discussion on Seventh Day Baptist polity.

The Christmas season was well commemorated, beginning with the Christmas Vesper and Candlelighting Service on Sabbath afternoon, December 19, presented by the choir. The Sabbath School Program with each class contributing a segment was held on Sunday evening, December 20, in the church sanctuary, and was followed by an all-church party complete with Santa Claus, gifts, and refreshments in the vestry. High point of this event was the gathering of white gifts for distribution to less fortunate families in the area, and the presentation of special gifts of money by the adult classes for use in Youth Work in British Guiana, and for the return of Miss Joan Clement to Malawi.

The holiday season was doubly enjoyable for many members due to the visits of college students. These included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Van Horn (Donna Ochs) of Milton, Wis., who with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Masterson were at home with Jerry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elston H. Van Horn; Wayne and Nancy Cruzan spent their holiday from Alfred University with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Cruzan; and David Osborn was home from Salem College, Salem, W. Va., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren G. Osborn.

The holiday season was concluded with a New Year's Eve party and Watch Night service sponsored by the Youth Fellowship.

A fellowship dinner, prepared by the Sabbath School Contest Committee, Mrs.

Kenneth Smith, chairman, on Sabbath day, January 2, was followed by presentation of awards to individual and class winners. Mrs. Martin Oates, superintendent of the First Hopkinton Sabbath School, gave a talk on "Building Interest in Your Sabbath School," in which she presented concrete suggestions on how to go about increasing the effectiveness of the Church School program.

— Communications Committee.

RICHBURG, N. Y.—The annual business meeting of the church was held at the church Sunday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.

Reports were given by the pastor and the church officers and committees.

A unanimous call was given Pastor Bee for another year.

Laymen's Fellowship Sabbath was held Oct. 31. Wesley McCrea delivered the sermon on "Able to Stand." Eugene Burdick and Victor Burrows were the worship leaders.

A program of dedication for the new hymnals "Christian Worship," was held in the church on Sabbath, Nov. 7, following a fellowship luncheon. Those having a part on the program were Pastor Bee, Robert Cartwright, Miss Fawzia Drake, and Mrs. David Taylor.

On Pulpit Exchange Sabbath our pastor spoke at Hebron, Pa., and at Little Genesee. Rev. Rex Zwiebel spoke at our church.

A building committee has been appointed and a building fund established to build new Sabbath School classrooms on to the church at some future time.

— Correspondent.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—At our Sabbath worship service December 12 three babies were dedicated: Michael Brenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brenn; Glen Maltby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maltby; and Carl De Spretter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich De Spretter. All the parents promised to bring up their children in the Christian faith and were given certificates of dedication.

The next evening the Pro-Con group held its Christmas supper and social at the church. Each member brought a toy for a needy child and wrapped it at the party.

The Women's Society had its Christmas party at the church Monday evening,

December 14. The program, "Joys of Christmastime," was presented by Mrs. Wilbur Duryea. Secret pals were revealed when the gifts were opened.

The following evening the Fellowship Committee of the church served refreshments to the choir at the close of their final cantata rehearsal.

On December 19 the choir, directed by Howard S. Savage, presented "The Message of the Angels" by William Reed. The sermon was entitled "The Cradle, the Cross, the Crown." At 4 p.m. the Sabbath School gave its annual Christmas program. Congregational carol singing was followed by Bible verses, songs, and recitations by the children. A film story, "Great Is the Lord," featuring beautiful paintings related to the coming of Christ was narrated by Mervin Dickinson, the Rev. Victor Skaggs, Mrs. Harmon Dickinson, and the Intermediate Class. Miss Virginia North was soloist.

Cans of fruit juice were given to the local Neighborhood House, and an offering of over \$65 was taken for the Rev. Leland Davis, to be used for air travel in British Guiana.

In place of prayer meeting Christmas night, a group of young carolers took the joy of Christmas to several shut-ins and met at the parsonage afterwards for refreshments.

The Evangelism Committee is planning a series of evangelistic meetings the second week in February, as part of "Mission 65." Mrs. Lillian Crichlow of Washington, D. C., has agreed to help with visitation, and the Rev. Rex Burdick of Verona, N. Y., has agreed to be the speaker and to help in training workers.

— Correspondent.

METAIRIE, LA.—A young adult group has been formed and is meeting monthly for fellowship and fun. Activities have included a picnic just before Thanksgiving and a hayride at Christmas time. Possibilities for this group to meet as a Sabbath School class are very hopeful.

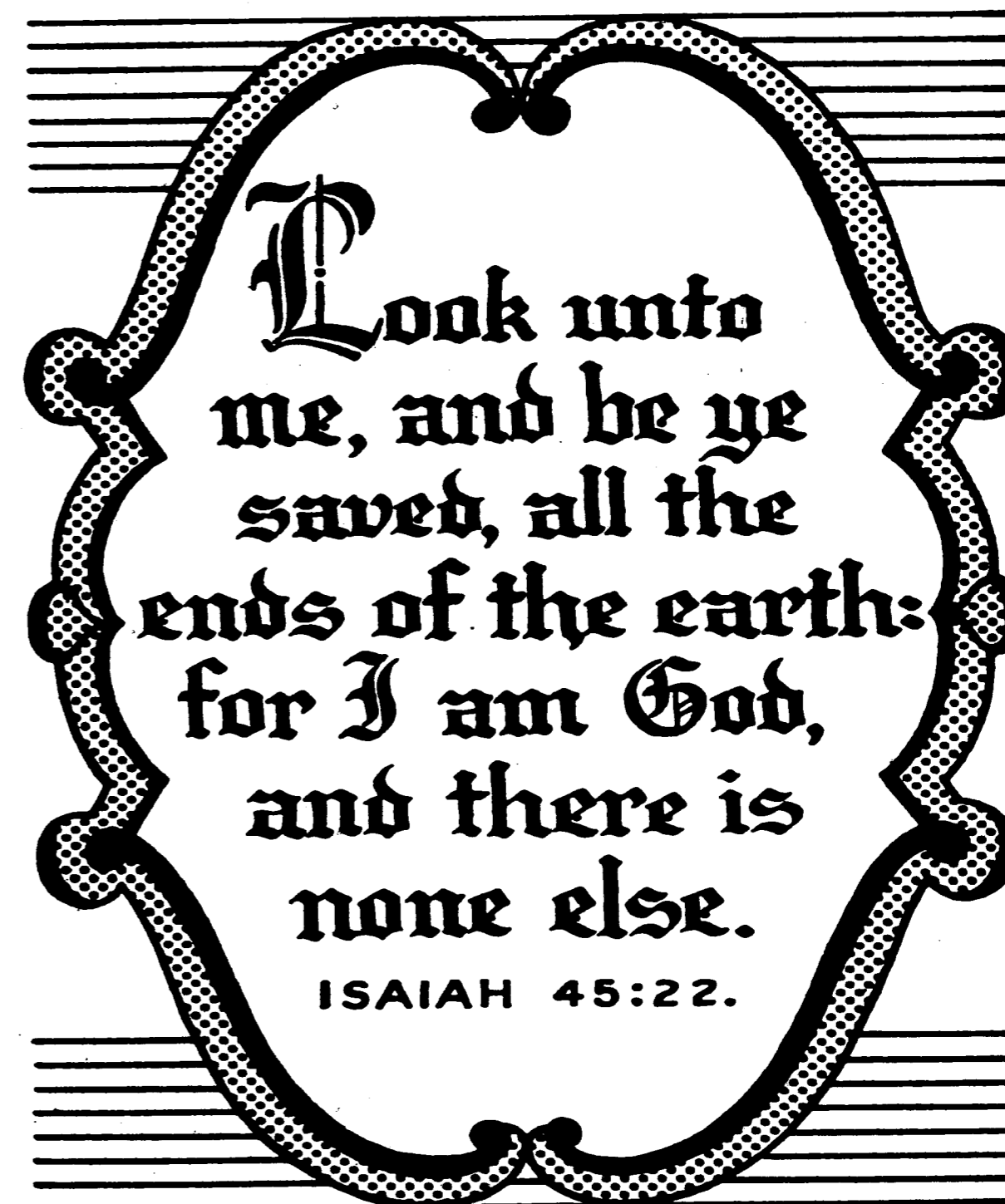
Classes continue to be held in all but one of the areas where work was done by the Christian Service Corps this summer. Attendance is still as high or higher than the summer's average.

— Linda B. Hays

OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts for December 1964

	Treasurer's		Boards'	Treasurer's		Boards'
	December	3 Mos.		December	3 Mos.	
Adams Center		\$ 125.00				
Albion	\$ 95.00	151.00				
Alfred, 1st		1,613.50				
Alfred, 2nd	343.15	563.40				
Algiers						
Associations & Groups			\$.78			
Battle Creek	753.54	1,852.37	20.00			
Bay Area		101.50				
Berlin	208.81	398.34	81.02			
Boulder		47.90				
Brookfield, 1st	47.00	72.00				
Brookfield, 2nd						
Buckeye Fellowship	25.00	25.00				
Buffalo	165.00	165.00				
Chicago	185.00	370.00				
Daytona Beach	107.00	642.00				
Denver	124.15	377.93	25.00			
DeRuyter						
Dodge Center	51.39	222.63				
Edinburg						
Farina	26.75	80.40				
Fouke		92.50				
Hammond						
Hebron, 1st	54.00	162.00				
Hopkinton, 1st	183.80	504.25	5.00			
Hopkinton, 2nd	6.50	38.00				
Houston	43.54	43.54				
Independence	120.50	200.50				
Individuals	200.00	240.00	5.00			
Irvington						
Jackson Center						
Kansas City		103.00				
Little Genesee	195.70	330.80	5.00			
Little Rock	37.00	111.00				
Los Angeles	520.00	1,040.00				
Los Angeles, Christ's	25.00	25.00				
Lost Creek	400.00	400.00				
Marlboro	315.18	838.89				
Memorial Fund		1,043.93				
Metairie						
Middle Island	26.00	68.00				
Milton		1,129.18	30.00			
Milton Junction		213.90				
New Auburn	52.29	106.43				
North Loup						
Nortonville		378.00	25.00			
Old Stonefort	40.00	74.00				
Paint Rock						
Pawcatuck	478.75	1,436.25	5.00			
Plainfield	647.95	1,430.11				
Putnam County						
Richburg	233.00	311.00				
Ritchie	35.00	35.00				
Riverside	385.72	743.86	34.83			
Roanoke						
Rockville	23.40	155.86				
Salem		700.00				
Salemville	15.00	54.92				
Schenectady						
Shiloh	627.45	2,531.65	5.00			
Syracuse						
Texarkana						
Trustees of Gen. Conf.						
Verona	118.00	303.00	217.00			
Walworth		80.00	25.00			
Washington						
Washington, People's	15.00	45.00				
Waterford	100.80	318.35				
White Cloud	81.77	204.18	12.30			
Women's Society						
Yonah Mt.	10.00	50.00				
Totals				\$7,123.14	\$22,350.07	\$495.93
Non-Budget, Dec.		5.00				
Non-Budget (Nov. Bal.)	102.00					
Totals				\$7,230.14		

The Sabbath Recorder



DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 477.57
Historical Society	28.66
Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Fund)	482.55
Ministerial Education	390.74
Missionary Society	3,296.71
Tract Society	750.02
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	34.57
Women's Society	254.64
World Fellowship & Service	153.68
General Conference	1,254.00
CARE	5.00
Disbursements Payable (Nov. Bal.)	102.00
Totals	\$7,230.14

SUMMARY

1964-1965 OWM Budget	\$113,899.00
Receipts for 3 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$22,350.07
Board	495.93
Total	22,846.00
Amount due in 9 months	\$ 91,053.00
Needed per month	\$10,117.00
Percentage of budget year elapsed	25 %
Percentage of budget raised	20.05 %

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