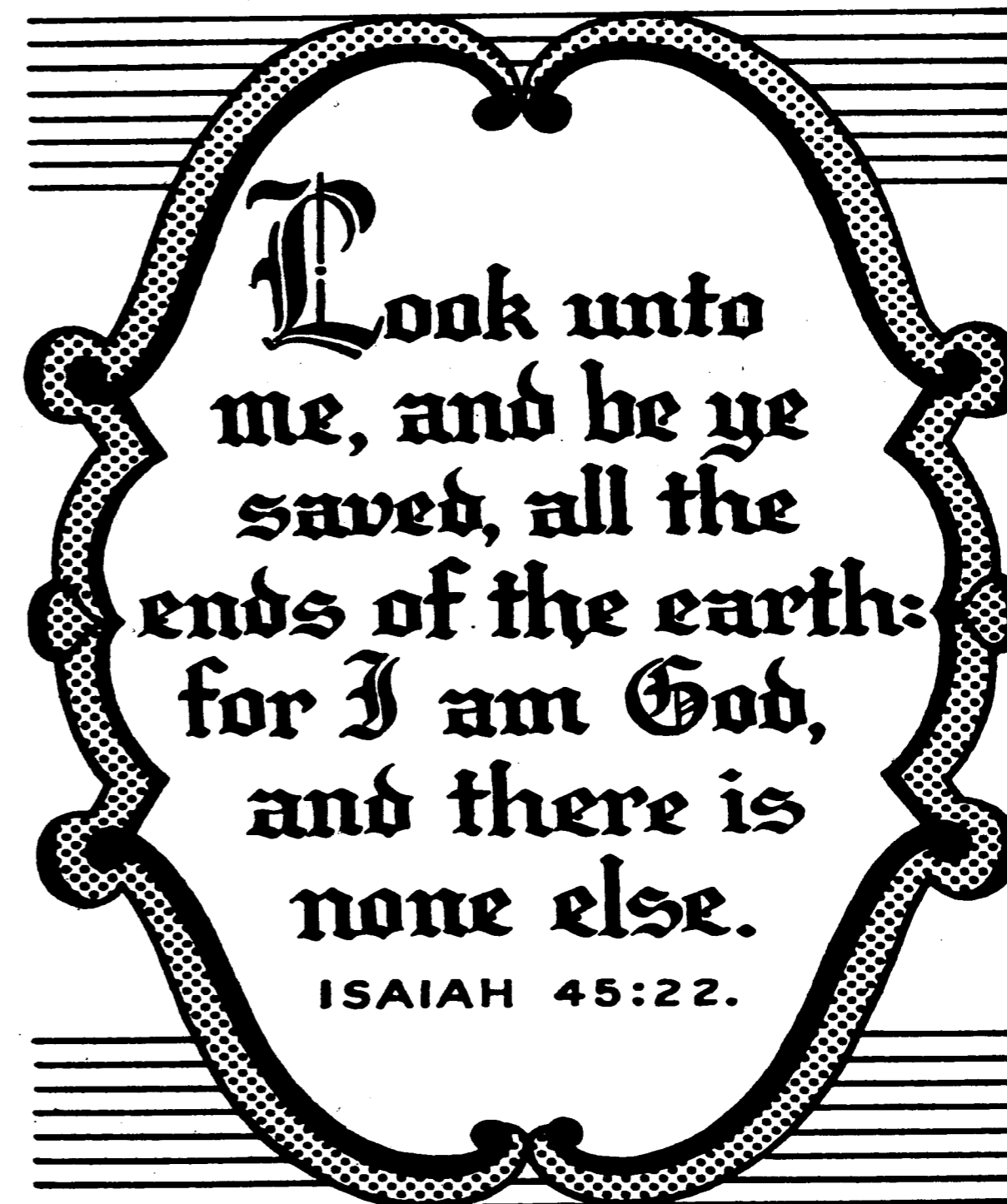


OUR WORLD MISSION
OWM Budget Receipts for December 1964

	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		

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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.

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Apathy or Empathy

To care not is apathy; to care is empathy. The essence of Christianity is displayed when the believer shows empathy. This is what we read in James 1:27: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

There is a spirit abroad in city and country that says, "Don't do anything for anybody in distress; don't get involved; it might be an inconvenience to you later on." Examples of this apathy are too numerous to mention; they have been in the news. Women are assaulted, men are beaten in full view of large numbers of able-bodied men who do nothing, having no more feeling of compassion than for the victims of violence on a television screen.

The statistics tell us that well over 50 per cent of the people are Christians—church members. They profess to believe that Christ loved them enough to die for them. They have taken the vows of discipleship which imply following in the footsteps of one who called them to lay down their lives if need be for their friends—known and unknown. Where are the Christians in the crowds that show complete apathy toward the suffering of fellow humans at the hands of violent men? Where is the empathy that characterizes the true Christian? Are we allowing ourselves to become so socialized that we are uncivilized? Do we shrink back from Christian duty and lamely ask, "Why doesn't somebody do something?" or "Where are the cops?" Do we cover up our own weakness by such remarks? Do we subscribe to the growing philosophy that to show love or concern is itself a sign of weakness? That attitude is the one advanced by men like Hitler and Stalin and the communists of China or the Congo. This indifference to suffering, this lack of empathy, may come upon us unawares as we submit to the idea of everything for everybody.

On the other hand, there are many evidences that people do have a sort of empathy. Nearly everyone can be persuaded to give money to help various humanitarian causes. We cannot help but wonder, however, whether the great response to popular appeals for the under-

privileged, the handicapped, the disaster victims comes from the depths of the heart or the top of the wallet. The people in the subway who pay no heed to the cries of an old man being beaten by delinquent boys might later give money for his funeral expenses, but fear of getting involved is likely to carry over to the giving. People who display apathy will also avoid giving "until it hurts." People with Christian empathy will give until it hurts, but they are not so easily hurt as others.

What appears to be a noble example of feeling the hurt of others is something that is happening in Mississippi. We read that the Mississippi Committee of Concern, an interreligious, interracial group co-operating through the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has raised \$42,942 toward rebuilding ten recently burned Negro churches in that state.

At least fifteen Negro churches have burned in Mississippi in the past year. The churches were connected with either freedom schools or the voter registration drives of the Civil Rights Movement.

In another church-rebuilding project, 30 students from Northern college campuses gave up their two-week Christmas vacation to rebuild the Antioch Baptist Church of Ripley, Miss. The "Carpenters for Christmas" rebuilt the sanctuary that burned to the ground two months earlier, the same day a civil rights rally was held there. Most of the students came from Oberlin College in Ohio.

This, of course, is not the only area in which we need to show concern. There is human suffering in many parts of the world and near at hand that can be helped by a determination to resist the popular trend of apathy. We are called to have a burden for souls—for those among us who are headed for eternity without Christ. Let us have feeling, feeling like that of the Apostle Paul who wrote, "And unto the Jews I become as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews" (1 Cor. 9: 20).

"Tell the people the facts and they will save the nation!"

— Abraham Lincoln.

JANUARY 25, 1965

Urban Renewal Needed

It is good to talk of, plan for, and work for well-considered programs of urban renewal. This is not so say that every scheme to spend more of the taxpayers' money will accomplish what its advocates claim for it. The wiping out of slums, the erection of good dwellings in the place of bad, and the general beautification of the poor sections of the inner city—all this is good. But to say that the great expenditure of government money for such projects is justified because it will largely eliminate crime is to subscribe to an exploded myth, according to those who have evaluated such projects through the years. It is commonly believed that people who live in nice houses don't commit crimes. The newspapers give us many sordid stories to shatter that belief, but some of the legislators are no better at reading the newspapers than the cigarette smokers who slide over the cancer and heart disease statistics and continue their smoking habit.

The outward improvement of the inner city is indeed commendable for various reasons. The actions of some landlords in fattening themselves with good rents for substandard housing is reprehensible. But evil landlords and evil renters are not made good simply by spending more tax money on new brick, larger windows and fresh paint. If crime could be wiped out or largely eliminated simply by spending millions for new buildings and shady parks it would be worth it, but the cause of crime lies deeper; it resides in the unconverted heart. People of evil hearts sally forth from new houses as well as old to make the new parks unsafe to use. Bigger houses seem to produce bigger crimes.

What is the responsibility of the church in the matter of urban renewal? Christians must throw themselves into many programs of social betterment because they love people, as Christ loved people. This is apparently quite a different attitude from that of the thousands of unionized welfare workers in the city of New York who recently went on strike for more pay and thus abandoned half a million people who were dependent on them. The Chris-

tian and his church must relearn the harder Gospel method of urban renewal. His principal task is to renew the city by bringing the message of renewal (new birth) to the people. He and the church can do this by proclaiming the Gospel and by person-to-person evangelism.

We may be close to the time when government officials will admit that their anti-crime and anti-poverty spending is a futile way of combating the deeper problem of sin—a time when they will ask the church to do a better job of calling people to repentance, like John the Baptist, Christ, Peter, and Paul. The church can turn the world upside down again in this generation if it takes its mission of inner renewal seriously.

Home Mission Work

Where would you go if you wanted to be a foreign missionary? There are still openings in many lands, but how long missionaries will be accepted in some of them is uncertain. One of the first requirements on a foreign field is to learn the language. Let us change the question just a bit. Where would you go if you had learned a foreign language and wanted to minister to people of that language? Well, you could stay within our continental United States and be in many respects a foreign missionary.

It is startling to learn that there are among us forty million people whose native language is something other than English. That is enough to take the energies of a good many new missionaries. Of course most of these people speak English to some extent, but they hold the concepts and ideas of their original nationality. Some of the larger churches are now insisting that some of their staff members speak a language that will enable them to better work with those of other nationalities in their communities. Here indeed is a challenge that can be met without a large missionary budget or expensive travel. We must go when the Lord says, "Go," but we can also serve where we are if we prepare ourselves to do so.

Special Issue Coming

One of the purposes of publishing three special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* each year is to awaken and nurture local evangelistic and Sabbath promotion zeal by providing suitable material in journal form for wide distribution. The managing editor has consistently attempted to encourage larger orders from churches and individuals by giving advance information about the articles and their authors. This seems necessary, for there is evidence that many of our regular readers think only in terms of the extra enjoyment they will get out of a *Recorder* dressed up with color and edited by a guest editor. They seem to regard it as something for them to read and file in the usual manner. This rather natural tendency needs to be thoughtfully examined by every Seventh Day Baptist subscriber or reader. To have a single copy and read it is not enough.

The responsibility for promoting the cause of our denomination cannot be left to pastors alone. Witnessing must be on the congregational more than the pulpit level if large numbers of people outside the church are to accept the salvation of Christ and the Sabbath of Christ. We all know this but we do not all act on it. Literature is a valuable asset in personal witnessing. Special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* are a particular type of literature easy to hand out. Many churches and many individuals have seen this value and have had a vital part in arranging for the printing each time of about five times as many copies as go out to subscribers on a weekly basis. Who distributes them? It is done in different ways. The more important question is one for the subscriber rather than the managing editor: Do you use your share to the glory of God?

The next special issue will replace the regular issue of February 8. It will be particularly suited for use as a tract because it draws from our past history some of the best things that have been published over a span of many years, especially from periods when leaders and people were meeting with great success in winning converts and establishing new churches.

Two of the articles have already been published to let people know the nature of what they will have an opportunity to distribute. Did you like the article by A. H. Lewis in the issue of January 11? There will be more of his keen discussion of the Sabbath question. Don't you believe that the "Personal Experiences Concerning the Sabbath" by Dr. William C. Daland in the issue of January 18 are applicable today?

A longer article from the *Yearbook of 1893* combines the addresses of five distinguished writers sent to other Christian denominations on "The Doctrine of the Sabbath as a Bond of Union." We believe you will find this not only new and interesting reading but especially valuable for others at a time when there is much talk of a basis for union of churches.

Although our special issues are usually aimed at adult readers there will be included this time a stimulating message for the young by the Rev. Edwin Shaw entitled "The Little Tin Rooster." Of general interest is a two-page article written by a layman, J. Nelson Norwood, in 1909, entitled "A Spiritual Confession." It is expected that one of the gems of the revered editor, T. L. Gardiner, will be included, "To Let It Criticize Me"—referring to reading the Bible. This is not all, but may be enough to create anticipation and to encourage wide use. Miss Evalois St. John, Miss Lucy Whitford, and the Rev. Victor Skaggs have spent much time reading and selecting material to be brought together from a wide span of years for this forthcoming issue, an issue that will speak eloquently from the past to the present.

— Managing editor.

Let It Not Happen There

Evangelism is at a low ebb in every denomination in Scotland today, the Rev. J. N. MacDonald of Pollack in Glasgow told the annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Scotland.

One reason the church has "lost its nerve for evangelism," he speculated, is that Christians are too conscious of their failures to reach persons outside the church.

Twin Perils in the President's Proposals for Federal Aid

By Glenn L. Archer,
executive director Americans United

The proposed program of Federal aid to education is one that needs to be examined with the greatest caution. It is to be hoped that Congressional Committees will not merely rubber stamp the program but will subject it to the complete legislative process. The legislation as presently drafted would appear to pose two dangers.

First, it would seem to threaten the public schools. The Federal school bureaucracy which it envisages would, in effect, create a new school system. Because of the vast sums to be expended by these officials, and the immense power which they would possess, they might well supersede local boards of education as the effective agency of control

The Federal agency could effectively override state laws and constitutions in regard to educational policy. The kind of aid-to-education projected here would tend to undermine and destroy the American public school system.

Second, the educational program which the Administration proposes would erode the United States tradition of separation of church and state. The plan seeks to slink under, around and about the constitutional barrier against public subsidies to church schools . . . The school is aided. A financial tie between state and church is established. Once this kind of procedure is begun, experience shows that it tends to expand and develop until separation of church and state disappears altogether.

Pertinent questions need to be asked as Congress analyzes this legislation. Will these proposals undermine the public schools? Is this Administration succumbing to sectarian pressures in making provision for public assistance to parochial schools? Is the Administration embarking upon a policy of providing Federal aid to parochial schools in ways designed to circumvent the Constitution? What safeguards does the proposed legislation carry against such results?

Is Christianity another religion?
Or is it the only true form of worship?

Do You Dare Upset the Money-changer's Table? (Thoughts on Tithing and Weightier Matters)

By Rev. Charles Burns*

In Hebrews, 11 Paul speaks of the old religious form of the priest bringing forth daily sacrifices of sheep, goats, bulls, turtledoves, and what have you, for the remission of sins, but proclaimed that Christ Jesus ends all sacrifices, for His sacrifice, His own body, does away with all other sacrifices for the remission of sins. Christ Jesus died to save sinners; but more, He brought us to the Father. He removed the obstacles in the way of man to the fulness of the worship of God.

Before Jesus Christ came man could not go directly to God. He had to go through the priest and could never be satisfied, as it were, with the acknowledged presence of God. He had to be satisfied with staying in the outer court and could never approach the Holy of Holies. Once a year the high priest, and only the high priest, was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies to take the sacrifice, and he must wear certain clothes that were never to be removed from that area. Yet you and I, who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, have the right by grace to go directly to God just as we are, not wearing special garments, or going through a form or ritual, but because Jesus Christ was the Lamb of sacrifice that ended all sacrifices.

We have the right, too, as adopted sons, to cry, "Abba, Father!", to stand in the presence of all men without shame and pronounce that indeed God is our Father! This is the message that turned the world upside down almost two thousand years ago. No longer did men have to rely upon other men to find the

Way to God, but they could themselves know the Way directly to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Looking at it from a materialistic point of view the Jewish leaders saw within Christianity the complete spoiling of their system of riches. They could no longer receive money for the purpose of the forgiveness of sins. Rather, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was the one and only acceptable sacrifice for sins, and His sacrifice could not be bought either for a penny by the poorest man nor for millions by the richest man. This forgiveness was free! This shook the ecclesiastical world!

Even today some churches preach that it is necessary to give tithes now, but they all use the Old Testament to prove that this one-tenth must go unto their ministry. You see this is the way they become rich. But, although Christ did not change one iota of the Decalogue, He did change the laws that separated man from God. He removed the sacrificial requirements for the forgiveness of sins. This, as it were, was the upsetting of the money-changers' tables within the temple. This is the understanding of the saying, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." That is what God wants: Not a money-changers house, not a house where some particular group of people can become rich; rather, God says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." You will become rich, not by giving one-tenth, or one-fifth, or two-thirds of all your money to one man, or system, or church, but by giving wholly of that which you have for the glory of God as He directs, for the feeding of the poor, for the clothing of those in want, for the relief of the pain and suffering of those who are less fortunate than you. This is the tithe that God wants today!

I know that if I were to work out a system whereby people would tithe directly

to me I would never have to worry about money. But you are not required by God to give a particular man or group a specific amount of money over any period of time. Christ has overturned the money-changers' tables, and you are freed from the maze of man-made hedges about the Law of God. These regulations of men put you into bondage greater than the bondage of sin. Therefore you never come into the full realization of the Glory of God, because you are worried about what you have to do to keep God happy.

If you will keep a pure heart in the sight of God you will never have to worry. You just keep a pure heart and obey the commandments as written in the Word of God, not by man. You put the Ten Commandments in your heart. Not a heart of stone, but a heart that is moved by compassion and love, a heart that is moved with consideration and understanding of other people's needs. You see, God says He has put His law into our hearts and written them in our minds.

No, my friend, Christ didn't come on this earth to make your life drudgery, but to bring happiness and the fulness of living as true sons of God upon the earth. God is your Father! and you should walk among men who are not the sons of God and radiate the goodness and love of God to such an extent that people will look at you and say, "See how they love one another."

Whom do you worship? the Father! Hallelujah! Why? Because Jesus Christ, His true and only begotten Son, came upon the earth to set you free from the bondage of sin, to set you free from the bondage of men, to set you free from the restrictions of this world, and let you go into the realm of great joy and wonderment in the true worship of the Living God, the worship of our Living Father!

This is what God wants you to do today!

"If machines get too powerful we can organize them into committees — and that will do them in."

— Old Timer.

MEMORY TEXT

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. Psalm 119: 5, 6.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Revival Services at Nortonville

A series of services "oriented toward revival and led out by Brother Paul Osborn" was held by the Nortonville, Kan., Seventh Day Baptist Church from December 31 through January 3, 1965.

Pastor Leroy Bass writes: "Last fall when some real evangelistic ideas were proposed by our Evangelism Committee, including Mission '65, quite a number felt compelled to recognize the need of revival among ourselves first. For this I thank God, for out of this recognition came our church's call to Pastor Paul Osborn to come and lead in revival-oriented services. Now the services are completed and I believe a strong work has begun in many of our hearts here. Now we must build on this to continue the spirit of revival to turn it into the fruits of revival. On Sunday afternoon we had some excellent group discussions on: What will God have us do now as a church? We are experiencing a warm spiritual glow in our hearts as a result of Brother Osborn's enthusiastic, spiritual ministry among us."

These meetings were well attended and surely God will add His blessing to the furthering of this awakened "spirit of revival" in Nortonville.

Medical News from Makapwa

Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick carry on the services of the medical department of Makapwa Mission in Malawi, Africa. Mrs. Burdick, R.N., assists her husband in surgery as needed. Miss Sarah Becker's services are greatly missed. Hospital assistants have learned to do many of the routine tasks at the hospital.

The Burdicks are looking forward to the coming of Miss Joan Clement, scheduled to arrive on February 9, 1965. She will be trained in anesthesiology and will

* Charles D. Burns, Jr., of 2460 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, serves as pastor of a newly organized Seventh Day Baptist church in New Orleans, a branch of the Metairie church, holding services Monday and Friday noon, Sabbath eve, and Sabbath from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Balter Building, 404 St. Charles, according to a newspaper clipping of Nov. 14, 1964.

provide a tremendous lift to the work in many other ways.

Dr. Burdick had written of his need for Miss Clement's assistance in other ways besides administering anesthesia. "We need (Miss Clement) in the medical work. My desk is littered with things I just can't seem to get done; my Tbc patients and records are being neglected; my examinations of patients are getting more sketchy; I find little time to read my journals and texts; I can't help with prenatal and well baby clinics; my book-keeping is not being kept up to date; I'm having to give up doing the Sabbath School quarterlies; my trips every two weeks for surgery at Malamulo have stopped...."

Of course Miss Clement will not do all these things but she will carry enough of the load to release Dr. Burdick so that he may do them.

In a letter dated December 13 Mrs. Burdick wrote, "Some days past it seemed we were doing Sections too fast. One at midnight, then Victor (Dr. Burdick) came back from rounds at 6:10 a.m., saying, 'We have two more Sections to do, starting as soon as possible.' So all the children were quickly dressed, and Bettie came and took them over there. Vickie and Joanie thought it was wonderful to get to go so early in the morning. That day we had three other lesser surgeries, so it was a full day."

In a letter written earlier mention was made of the need for supplies at the hospital. Mrs. Burdick wrote, "I guess one of the biggest problems of running a hospital in this land is the laundry problem. Another is buying sheets in the first place. To buy them ready made in the stores would be much more expense than at home, three to four times as much. In the past we have been buying material and making ours, but material is far from cheap here, and it certainly is not of the same quality as there. I have been studying Sears catalogue quite thoroughly of late comparing sheets with sheeting material. It is found that ready-made sheets are far less expensive than even unbleached muslin would be to make them. Then we thought about customs here, thinking that

if material were customs free that it would be cheaper to buy it, even if the original was more than ready-made sheets. So we wrote customs, and found out that material would be charged customs, but that ready-made sheets would be duty free for the medical work."

An order for 100 sheets was placed at once with Sears, Roebuck and Company to be sent to W. R. Keating Company in New York, to be sent along with Miss Joan Clement's goods. Keating Company agreed to this plan and we trust the order is on the way.

Mrs. Burdick then mentioned the need of a new washing machine at the hospital. She told how they had personally purchased the older machine for their own use and now would hope to secure a new washing machine for use at the hospital. She wrote, "We will have a good water supply now. We would use the machine in the new medical building. It being near to us, we could supervise it (the use of the machine)."

Mrs. Burdick concludes, "Since we paid the medical the full purchase price (for the older machine) the medical could buy a new machine with this money and still it would be a gift." We recall that the older machine came to Makapwa as a gift of the Women's Societies of Eastern Association. Secretary Leon Maltby has been asked to serve as agent of the Missionary Board in securing and shipping a new washing machine similar to the one sent several years ago.

Congo Rebel Aims

Miss Dorothy Wiseman, a Baptist missionary at Kimpese, Republic of the Congo, asks her friends back home not to worry but to pray that things may continue to be fairly quiet in the area where she works. She goes on to say that many missionaries "would gladly give their lives, if in so giving, our Congolese brothers might find Christ." She mentioned that the greatest peril exists for the trained Congolese. The rebel leaders have vowed to wipe out all Congolese with secondary or higher education, such as pastors, teachers, and nurses. "Thank God history proves that persecution only strengthens the Christian Church," Miss Wiseman wrote.

RECORDER SURVEY ANSWERS

In previous issues we have noted what the responses were from some 500 people drawn at random from the Seventh Day Baptist church membership list, responses to the first 12 questions of the thirty asked on the questionnaire. The next two are considered interesting and significant. Most of those from 15 to 30 are of a personal information nature and although of some use in evaluating the preceding answers are not considered significant enough for reproduction in these columns at the present time. It is believed, however, that the question on regularity of church attendance in this random sampling is highly interesting. It is included. As stated earlier, a full report and interpretation will be available for study by the Tract Society in the near future.

13. The Sabbath Recorder is our only denominational organ which reaches other religious bodies and libraries and makes known our Seventh Day Baptist position. In the light of this and the fact there has been request for reducing the cost, which of the following actions would you take, considering all the circumstances in the case? (Check the one answer you think should apply)

Continue the publication in present size & frequency	169
A less number of pages, issued weekly	8
The same number of pages, issued every two weeks	99
A cheaper method of printing	33
Reducing editorial costs	1
Other (specify)	72
No Response	164

14. Please check in the appropriate column, yes or no, whether or not you consider the following statements correct.

	Yes	No	No Response
The Sabbath Recorder has too many editorials	82	227	198
There is too much church news	14	314	179
There are too many controversial articles	63	227	217
There should be a letters to the editor column	217	76	214
Too much space is used for denominational program	34	270	203
Should have more denominational-church news	196	103	208
Too much space for Christian Education	30	266	211
There are not enough sermons	89	192	226
Not enough articles by ministers	131	149	227
Too many articles by certain people	104	171	232
Not enough space devoted to Women's Work	59	215	233
Too much space on Tract Society news	62	212	233
Not enough Historical Society News	98	179	230
The lay point of view is underemphasized	132	136	239
Family problems are underemphasized	174	107	226
There is need for advice on teen-age problems	267	60	180

24. How regular are you in church attendance? (Check one)

I attend practically all the time	311
I attend probably once or twice a month	29
Possibly a few times a year	47
Other (specify)	39
No Response	81

Would you like to try to project these attendance figures to determine the loyalty of our full membership?

The Human Element

By John A. Conrod

(Thoughts on the Revival Services recently held at Nortonville, Kan.)

When a baby enters the world, he begins life with an uncontrollable desire to have his needs filled. Since he does not have a way to analyze those needs, God has created in him an "instinct" to fill them. When he is hungry, he cries. When he is wet, he cries.

We too often and erroneously call this inner drive selfishness. It is no more selfish than the fact that we must gasp for breath when we try to keep from breathing. What we need to realize is that these inner drives should not be considered base, sinful emotion, because God has often used them for His glory. It is hard to believe that God used simple curiosity to win a man's allegiance. Moses "looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush was not consumed" (Exodus 3: 2b-3).

Did not God use fear to cause Jonah to change his mind about going to Nineveh? (Jonah 2: 1-9). Was it not shame that caused David to write the 51st Psalm? No one would doubt that depredation and pain caused Job to curse the day he was born (Job 3: 1-11).

But strangest of all is that Jesus Himself was subjected to some of these same drives to an incredible degree. Have we ever really considered how much anger was kindled in Him every time He turned and found a Pharisee challenging Him? Read Matthew 23: 13-36. More astonishing yet is the way His awesome anger broke into a seemingly almost frustrated plea: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not" (v. 37). My, what the Pharisees must have thought! I am sure that the praying of Christ in Gethsemane does not fit with the dignity of the Pharisees when His agony caused Him to pray so earnestly

that His sweat was like great drops of blood (Luke 22: 44).

But the height of astonishment at His humanity can only be reached by a consideration of how he spoke at His crucifixion. Note that He ignored all His accusers, speaking only to the weeping women, the repentant thief, His mother, and His beloved disciple John. But when He could ignore the sin no longer, He uttered an earth-percing cry: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!" Can any description, any passion portrayal, ever begin to show His compassion? Some who heard Him thought He was hysterical; "This man calleth for Elias," but others who heard believed He was the Son of God (Matt. 27: 46-54).

Our faith in His atoning death is described in Romans 8: 15 as the "Spirit of adoption." We are a new creation, with new goals and spiritual desires. We are no longer satisfied with this body of sin, and "we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8: 23).

For this reason an unexpected fervency of prayer and repentance broke forth at the revival services. When a Christian is limited to not only a mortal body, but a crippled body as well, there is an even deeper desire for the bodily redemption. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Rom. 8: 26).

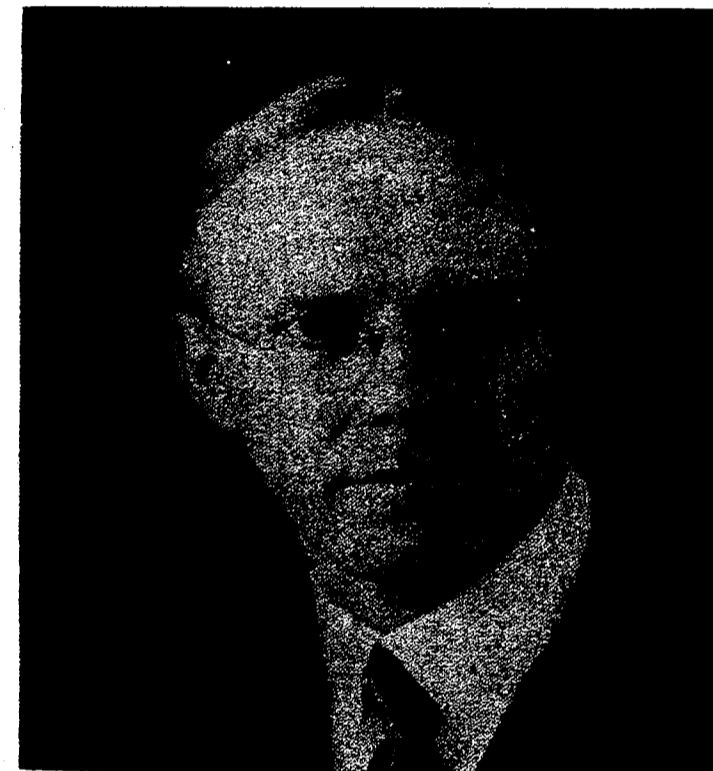
I cannot close without a word of admonition. If Moses had simply satisfied his curiosity and gone on his way, the burning bush would have been worthless. Even if he returned again and again out of curiosity God's purpose would not have been fulfilled. Even so, if those of us who shed tears of repentance, and raise prayers of consecration, forget what happened and go our way; or even if we would repent fevently every week, as some do, it would be worthless if we do not live the life of consecration as we promised. Yes it is emotion we display; but then, who can look at the perfection of God without crying, "Woe is

me for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips..." May God truly purge our repentant lips with a live coal, that we may sincerely say, "Here am I, send me" (Isa. 6: 5-8).

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Johanson

By Marilyn Merchant

Normally the Sabbath Recorder prints tributes to ministers and deacons. Dr. Johanson was a deacon. Marilyn Merchant writes, "We here in Battle Creek probably see him a little taller than life, for who does not who has benefited from one as much as we did?"



Born to Danish immigrants who were pioneers in the Dakota Territory, west of the railroad terminal, during the seventies and eighties of the last century, the Johansons made their home on three quarter-sections of Government land. Three children were born into this home, Mary Lenora Johanson Babcock who died in 1908 during childbirth, John William Johanson who died in 1962, and Dr. Ben. Dr. Ben's father died in 1890 at the age of 36, his mother lived until January 1, 1954, just short of her 98th birthday.

In 1897, Mrs. Johanson with her 3 children moved to Milton, Wis., to afford the children better educational facilities. Dr. Ben was graduated from Milton College in 1906 and from Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1909. He also took postgraduate courses in the dental departments of Northwestern University and the University of Michigan.

While in Milton College, Dr. Johanson took part in all the school athletic activities and on all musical programs — singing, band, and orchestra. He spent several summers with an evangelistic male quartet working in South Dakota and Illinois. He was a member of the first Shakespearian play undertaken at Milton College and the plays have continued uninterrupted to the present time. In dental school he was graduated as valedictorian of his class.

His marriage to Bessie Thomas of Milton, Wis., was a long and happy one, having lasted 55 years before death separated them. Both enjoyed music and were active members of the Battle Creek choir. The death of their daughter brought great sorrow but they found comfort in the other youngsters of the church and their kindness to them is remembered by many.

Few men have had the variety of offices in their church that Dr. Johansen filled. Among them are: deacon since 1922, trustee for 31 years, moderator for 9 years, chorister for 27 years. He was on the Board of Trustees when the local church was incorporated and when the first property was purchased in 1912; on the building committee when the local church and parsonage were built in 1928. He also served for many years as church historian. Church service was not confined to the local scene however. He served as Conference President in 1927 when sessions were held in Westerly, R. I., two terms of 3 years each on Commission, 16 years on the Young People's Board while headquarters were in Battle Creek — 8 of these as president and eight years as member of the Board of Trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. He held a life membership of the denominational Historical Society also.

On July 18, 1909, Dr. Johanson opened his dental practice in Battle Creek and with Dr. Claud Larned, now deceased, were the first dentists in the area to do immediate dentures. He attained many honors and no little fame in his chosen field and he and his son Dr. Ellis Johanson were honored at a testimonial banquet in 1942. He closed his office just recently.

Dr. Johanson's interest in history was deep and thorough. He wrote many articles on this subject which were printed. Among

these were: a printed brochure on the history of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Mich.; a 20,000-word history of the above church; five lectures on "Music of the Bible" given at the Alfred University (New York) School of Theology; an 8,000-word article entitled "Early Seventh Day Baptist Colonies in Southeastern Dakota."

There were several publications on his family and his chosen field, many of the latter having been published in dental journals throughout the country.

With Doctor Ben's death the entire denomination sustains a great loss. Those of us here in Battle Creek will miss him greatly. The young people feel they have lost a champion of their causes. He contributed heavily in time, interest, and finances whenever a project was at stake. This was especially true of Camp Holston where he will long serve as an inspiration whenever a project is underway.

Sinful Church Members

Frank Laubach, 80-year-old missionary and internationally known literacy expert, in an address at Austin, Texas, urged the churches to step in where the President's war on poverty ends. The churches, he said, can give spiritual, mental and physical food to the world's needy people, half of whom go to bed hungry each night.

"The churches of America are filled with some of the world's worst sinners," he said. "They give only three cents out of every church dollar to help missions work abroad, and keep 97 cents here in America. But America doesn't need it nearly as much as the starving people over there," he said.

"The people of the world are rapidly learning to hate us," he said. "Military might is the wrong way. The church must respond with love.

"If we are ready to teach them and love them and pray for them, we can change hate to love anywhere in the world in one year."

"America has to get right with God, and get right with humanity—the millions of people in the rest of the world Americans have forgotten," he said.

Youth Work Committee

The Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education held its monthly session in the Alfred Station church, January 10. Members of the committee present were Dr. Warren Brannon, Ronald and Luan Ellis, David Sanford, Gretchen Zwiebel, John Kenyon, Althea Greene, Nancy Cruzan, and Lyle Sutton, chairman. The Rev. David Clarke and Sec. Rex Zwiebel were present, ex officio.

It was reported that only ten answers had been received from 1964 Pre-Con Retreaters who had been asked to fill in a questionnaire regarding the worth of the 1964 Pre-Con Retreat. We trust that many more will be sent in by the time of the next meeting.

Efforts are being made to secure a person to conduct the post-luncheon business discussions for youth at General Conference this year.

The National SDBYF officers reported on plans for the entertainment of youth at General Conference. The committee approved of the officers' plans to date.

Plans were laid relative to the annual youth banquet at General Conference. The SDBYF officers will act.

Action was taken to continue our search for a dedicated Youth Field Worker.

The SDBYF officers proposed a plan to have a felt emblem made to sell to local members. The plan was given approval by the committee. Any member of a local SDBYF group may purchase the emblem for 25¢ by ordering from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y., or one of the officers of the national youth organization. The emblem is designed to be worn on a sweater or shirt. It contains the words "Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship."

A good time to order the emblem is when your group joins the National SDBYF. Just add 25¢ to your dollar membership dues.

Some misunderstanding is abroad regarding the rules related to National SDBYF membership. In order to work on a business-like basis, it was voted in No-

vember, 1963, that "any dues coming in after June 30 will be held until the following January." Thus the members would be paying for 1965 if their names were sent in after June 30, 1964, and their Beacon subscription would begin Jan. 1, 1965. A further precaution should be taken—be sure that the name and address of each member is sent in to Lyle Sutton, Almond, N. Y., with the dues so that the Beacon can be mailed accurately.

The final action of the day was the appointing of Nancy Cruzan and Althea Greene to set up the Camper Exchange program.

Youth Week Themes

Young people in Protestant and Orthodox churches across the country will seek to establish a dialog between science and technology and the Christian faith during the 22nd annual observance of Youth Week, Jan. 31-Feb. 7.

For too long science and theology have been viewed as opposing forces, stated the Rev. John S. Wood, executive director of the NCC Department of Youth Work.

But both are not so much bodies of knowledge as they are "language systems for describing reality," he said, and the goal of the Youth Week program is to explore a process of "translation between the two language systems."

"Songs for a Small Planet" is the theme for the youth program. "The songs are from the Psalms and the planet is our scientific and secular earth in the 1960's," explains a 47-page resource book prepared for youth study groups.

"Like the Psalmists of old, who were confronted with a new and confusing awareness of their environment and themselves, we of this generation must grapple with the new knowledge unfolding around us," it says.

Mr. Wood said youth have a particular contribution to make in exploring the relationships between science and technology and religion because they are generally more aware of the tremendous recent breakthroughs in science through their school work than are most adults.

"We are not so much interested in separating out our youth and working

with them in one corner of the church as we are in helping them make their own particular impact on the life of the church. And the issues we're inviting young people to examine are really issues which are at the heart of the total church life," he added. —NCC News Release.

Christian Endeavor Week

Young people in thousands of Protestant churches throughout North America will observe Christian Endeavor Week from January 31 through February 7.

Activities of the week will include special rallies, church services, conferences, banquets, parties, radio and television broadcasts, evangelistic visitation, leadership workshops, and many other projects, according to Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Theme for the observance, which marks the 84th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor, is "My All for Christ." In every phase of life youth are being asked to share. But this is not sufficient—the Lord asks His followers to do more than share. He asks them to give all for Him. Youth must be challenged to give of themselves completely and unselfishly. Christian Endeavor Week offers youth the opportunity to know Him, to love Him, and to seek His will for their lives, that they may respond with the commitment, "My all for Christ!"

—C. E. Public Relations release.

Experience Lacking

Thousands of people in our churches, said Billy Graham in his Omaha campaign, have never had a genuine experience with Christ. They are like theatregoers unable to get tickets for "My Fair Lady" who picked up ticket stubs on the sidewalk, bought programs and acted as if they had seen the show. They had everything but the experience.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 6, 1965

Parables of the Kingdom

Lesson Scripture:

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Jugoslav Protestants Harassed

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, returns to his Washington office with discouraging news from Jugoslavia where he found intimidation and harassment being used to restrict the activities of Protestants. He thought such procedures were strange for a country that is trying to become an Adriatic tourist center, and is promoting student exchange with Western nations. ecumenical discussions in Rome?

A new law in the country places a 70 per cent tax on funds sent to the country by mission societies for religious purposes. Many of the pastors previously received a portion of their support from such mission societies.

Pastors seeking to supplement their reduced income by additional work usually have been questioned about their religious beliefs. Work may be offered on the condition they will not testify of their religious faith or distribute copies of the Scriptures.

Other reported cases of harassment and intimidation include rumours that "believers" are foreign agents serving as spies for Western nations, threats of loss of work, lowering of school grades of children of believers because of the charge that "belief in God is ignorance," and prohibiting the distribution of the Scriptures and other religious literature.

Religion and Race in Kentucky

A survey of Baptist churches in Kentucky showed that seventy per cent of churches in the state answering a survey said they open their membership to people "on a New Testament basis of faith in Christ" regardless of their race. Seventeen per cent said membership is open only to whites. Five per cent said membership excluded Negroes, but not other races.

Although the number of churches responding was small, it was believed to be a representative group since replies came from 65 of the 83 district associations of churches in Kentucky. The 15 per cent responding make up one-fourth of the total Baptist church membership in the state.

Clergy Rates

The Clergy Bureaus of the Eastern Railroads announce that they will continue to offer reduced rates on first-class fares during 1965 to those who apply for the coupon book. The cost of the book is \$14. For travel in New England a separate book is needed, costing \$11. For travel west of Chicago application must be made to the Western Clergy Bureau.

The Airlines Clergy Bureau, located at Municipal Airport, Sacramento, Calif., announces that several new airlines are now co-operating, making available reduced rates to Alaska, Puerto Rico, and South America. There are as yet no transcontinental airlines co-operating.

YOUTH NEWS

Young people who earn scholastic recognition deserve the applause and prayers of their well-wishing friends. Among such are George and John Cruzan, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cruzan of Shiloh, N. J., who were pictured in the local newspaper recently as a result of their outstanding work at college. Not mentioned in the paper, but well known to their home church and to the Christian college they attend, is their firm stand for their Christian convictions stemming from home and church and nurtured by their college.

The newspaper clipping states that George and John are seniors at The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y., and that they have been chosen to be included in this year's "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Both students have been class officers, and participated in the National Science Foundation summer research program. Both plan postgraduate studies.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DENVER, COLO.—On January 3rd the annual business meeting of the church was convened at 7:30 p.m. Of special interest on the agenda was the calling to the licentiate of Daryl White in recognition of his gifts and abilities as a lay leader.

The treasurer, Mary Waterbury, reported that the deficit in the general fund has been paid off and the total church

indebtedness during 1964 has been reduced by approximately \$3,000.

The By-laws as revised in 1964, were adopted. The following officers and department chairmen were elected: Moderator, Gary Gox; clerk, Myrna Cox; treasurer, Mary Waterbury; auditor, Richard Shepard; trustees for three years, Dick Shepard and Dale Hastings; Department chairmen: Evangelism, Daryl White; Worship, Jeanette Thorngate; Stewardship, Margaret Davis; Christian Education, Frances Stephan.

With Pastor Al Rogers as our leader, we look forward to an expanding year in the furtherance of our Master's work.

— Correspondent.

LOST CREEK, W. Va.—We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the arrival of our new pastor Rev. Francis Saunders and family. They expect to be with us the first Sabbath in February. We hope the change in climate from California to West Virginia at this time of year won't have any ill effects. We are indeed happy to have a regular pastor again and are very grateful to all those who helped us during the long period we were in need of help.

The contract for the new parsonage to be erected on the church lot has been given, and work is to be started March first. Weather permitting, we hope to have it ready for occupancy by June 1. In the meantime the pastor and family will reside in rented property.

Our Ladies Aid was very successful with its annual oyster supper, also a Sunday dinner served later. They are putting forth every effort to raise funds to help with the new parsonage.

Church attendance has been fair for a scattered membership and we are thankful for our many blessings.

An interesting Christmas program was given the night of December 20, after which delicious refreshments were served in the dining room and a social hour enjoyed.

We were happy to have with us Sabbath day, Dec. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bond and family from Galena, Ohio, also Milton Van Horn and daughter from Milton, Wis. These visits always give us a lift.

JANUARY 25, 1965

Our quarterly business meeting was held the night after the Sabbath, Jan. 9. Many items of business were discussed and some decisions made.

The Salem young people agreed to take charge of the morning services January 16. They always have an interesting program.

— Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.—At the annual church business meeting held Sunday, January 3, Pastor Richards was given a unanimous call to serve us another year. Donald Payne was elected moderator; Ardith Greene, clerk and local reporter; Seili Bond, treasurer; finance committee representatives, Vivian Kloppstein and Claston Bond; Roy Langworthy, building fund treasurer; Wallace Greene, trustee; Mary Thorngate, chorister. She was also named missionary key worker.

A chicken and biscuit dinner was served before the business meeting. Reports were given and several matters were discussed. Among others, the Music Committee was instructed to have an electric organ installed on approval in the near future. It was voted to continue the Meals of Sharing with pot-luck dinners in charge of various committees. Membership revision and constitution changes were considered. Church signs were presented. The treasurer reported a balance of \$322.95.

It was voted that our "Spiritual Round-up" be held in March so that the Rev. Mynor Soper could come as invited. Prayers are being made and plans considered for the success of these meetings.

The holiday season was very pleasant in our church. During the two weeks there were special services on Sabbath day, the annual Sabbath School program, caroling by the Junior and the Youth Fellowship, and parties of the young folks. Several college students and servicemen were home for the holidays.

The Prayer meeting Bible study held Friday evenings in the church have been featuring lessons on the Sabbath.

Special Sabbath services of late included Christian Vocational Sabbath, Bible Sabbath, Communion Sabbath, and an inspirational sermon, January 9, on looking forward to the new year as a church.

— Correspondent.

Accessions

Battle Creek, Mich.

By Baptism:

Miss Viola Hibbard
Miss Brenda Smith
Duane Lawton

By Letter:

Rev. Leon R. Lawton
Mrs. Dorothy (Brannon) Lawton

Marlboro, N. J.

By Baptism:

Robert Lawrence
Ray R. Froding

Nortonville, Kansas

By Testimony:

Ira Bond
James A. Howard

Marriages

Dare-Branch.—Raymond H. Dare Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Dare Sr., Shiloh, N. J., and Donna K. Branch, daughter of Mrs. Edith Branch, Shiloh, N. J., and the late Everest Branch, were united in marriage on October 16, 1964.

Wicker-Corr.—Mr. Ivan L. Wicker and Mrs. Lottie Corr, both of Holton, Kan., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Nortonville, Kan., on Oct. 6, 1964, by their pastor, Leroy C. Bass.

Births

Camenga.—A son, David Lloyd, to David and Mary Camenga, November 27, 1964, at Madison, Wis.

Green.—A daughter, Ellen Maria, to Dale and Barbara (Cruzan) Green, December 4, 1964, at Janesville, Wis.

Howard.—A son, Jemery Carl, to K. Spenser and Lee (Miers) Howard, October 26, 1964, at Janesville, Wis.

Petch.—A daughter, Lisa Karen, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petch, 1751 Via Redondo, San Lorenzo, Calif., on Dec. 24, 1964.

Obituaries

Kern.—August, was born in Germany Aug. 6, 1893, and died on Jan. 1, 1965, at All Souls Hospital, Morristown, N. J., after a short illness.

He was an active and faithful member of the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church and always a witness for his Lord.

From 1933-58 he served as a member of the Church Committee; also as treasurer for 6 years, as Sabbath School teacher for 5 years, and on

occasion would occupy the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 4 by his pastor, the Rev. John G. Schmid, in Irvington, N. J. Interment was at Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover, N. J.

—J. G. S.

Johanson.—Benjamin Franklin, son of Soren M. and Martha (Olson) Johanson, was born March 24, 1882, in Lynn Township, Moody County, Dakota Territory, and died Dec. 24, 1964, at Battle Creek, Mich., where he had been hospitalized for a broken hip he sustained from a fall shortly after Thanksgiving.

Dr. Johanson was baptized by Dr. L. A. Platts and joined the Seventh Day Baptist church at Milton, Wis., and in 1909 he transferred his membership to the Battle Creek church. He was a most active member although ill health in the past few years had curtailed some of his activity.

On June 22, 1906, he married Miss Bessie Thomas of Milton, Wis. To them were born three children: Dr. Ellis C. Johanson of Battle Creek, Mrs. Ila Heinz of San Antonio, Texas, and Marilyn Martha Johanson who died in childhood in 1932. Other survivors are three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and scores of devoted friends. Mrs. Johanson preceded him in death Dec. 23, 1961. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in June 1956.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato and the Rev. Leon R. Lawton and interment was at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Wheeler.—Edwin Leroy, son of Charles and Augusta (Stillman) Wheeler, was born Dec. 16, 1886, at Nortonville, Kan. and died after a lingering illness at the Jefferson County Memorial Hospital, Winchester, Kan., Dec. 30, 1964.

He joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church when he was a child and has held several church offices. His trust in God remained firm until the end.

On Aug. 18, 1909, he was married to Cora Mable Allen at Coffeyville, Kan. They resided on their farm north of Nortonville where 8 children were born. He continued to operate his farm until his recent illness.

Mr. Wheeler is survived by his wife, Mable, seven children: Mrs. Aletha Hensleigh of Winchester; Norris of Lawrence; Alton, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Riverside, Calif.; Mrs. Norma Smith of Wichita; Audrey (Mrs. Wendell) Stephan of West Hartford, Conn.; Winston of Larkinburg; and Wilmer of Ferndale, Md. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and two sisters: Mrs. Vernette Van Horn of Ft. Logan, Colo., and Mrs. Helen Crew of Denver, Colo.

Funeral services were conducted at the Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, Leroy C. Bass, assisted by the former interim pastor, John Hodge. Burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

—L. C. B.

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GREAT INTER-VARSITY MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Shown above in the unique auditorium are some of the 5,000 students from 1,000 colleges who used part of their Christmas vacation to attend the 7th triennial Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., December 27-31, 1964. A story of the thrilling experience of attending such a convention will be told by a Seventh Day Baptist young person in an early issue.