

and because I believe that the federal government should set an example for private industry in making it possible for devoutly religious people to pursue their beliefs," Bingham said.

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Pastoral News

The Paint Rock, Ala., church sends information that its pastor C. Fred Kirtland has resigned and that David Pearson, Malawi missionary on furlough and residing in the community is now serving the church on a temporary basis.

The Richburg, N. Y., church announces that Mr. Pearson has agreed to be their pastor from September to the middle of June while he further considers the call to return to Malawi.

The Riverside, Calif., church has received an affirmative answer to the call extended to C. Rex Burdick, presently serving the Verona, N. Y., church. Mr. Burdick will fill the vacancy created when Alton L. Wheeler moves to Plainfield, N. J., to become executive secretary of the General Conference.

Homer Martinez Gonzalez, a minister with years of experience, pursuing a higher education in the United States, has returned to Mexico for the summer to consolidate Seventh Day Baptist work that he started on previous summers. He reports good progress in spite of the lack of continuing leadership.

Kenneth Van Horn, pastor at New Auburn, Wis., has accepted the call of the Little Rock, Ark., church with the expectation of taking up the pastorate in October or November.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.—On July 3, our church joined with the Albion church for communion and testimonial service. After church we enjoyed a potluck dinner together. In the afternoon we had a business meeting to take action on CoWoCo and ecumenical conversations.

On July 8, the women's club had Miss Lima give a talk and show her slides on her missionary work in Borneo.

The young people of our church enjoyed the weeks of junior and senior camp at Wakonda the last of June and the first of July.

For July 18 the High Climbers scheduled a Sabbath School picnic at Sportmen's Park at Janesville. — Correspondent.

Accessions

White Cloud, Mich.

By Baptism:

Janis Cruzan
Edward Cruzan
Thomas Rudert
Douglas Sanford
Dean Sanford
Phyllis (Mrs. Gary) Branch

Obituaries

Davis.—Jerome Fuller, son of William Warren Davis and Nellie Marsh Davis, was born in Canton, N. J., April 15, 1888, and died June 25, 1965, at the Avon, N. Y., Nursing Home.

In his youth he was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shiloh, N. J., in which church he retained his membership.

We was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Place of Alfred, N. Y., June 15, 1910.

After his graduation from Alfred University in 1913, he served as the principal of schools at Freeville, Arkport, Scottsville, and Oakfield, all in New York. He taught science and biology at Madison High School in Scottsville for 34 years.

Mr. Davis is survived by his wife, a daughter, Charlotte (Mrs. Carl F.) Gruschow, Scottsville; a grandson; a brother, Harold of Florida; and three sisters, Mrs. Grace Acton of Florida, and Mrs. Ethel Hotchkiss and Mrs. Paul Flanagan, both of New Jersey.

Graveside services were conducted at Alfred, N. Y., Rural Cemetery by the Rev. David S. Clarke and the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, June 29, 1965, where interment was made. — H. S. W.

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The More Excellent Way

We have a wonderful theme chosen by the Conference president for the year of her presiding and for the meeting of delegates which, in large measure, consummates the year. Our minds have been and will be focused on the closing words of First Corinthians 12: "But covet earnestly the best gifts; yet I show unto you a more excellent way." Why are we so drawn to those words as a theme? Because they lead us up from the level where we are to the level where the Lord would have us be. So it was with the church members at Corinth, and so it is with us.

To get at the meaning in a logical way we note first of all that there can be no comparative that rises above the superlative. The more excellent way is not something better than coveting earnestly the best gifts. Therefore the more excellent way must have to do with a whole way of life rather than just certain manifestations of the Spirit such as speaking with tongues, healing, or prophesying.

Joseph S. Exell in the Biblical Illustrator in an extended discussion of this verse says that the more excellent way as expounded by the apostle in First Corinthians 13 has to do with putting religion and godliness in the chiefest place. It means, he suggests, that, "We should not only be formal Christians, but real; not only remiss Christians, but zealous; not only slight and superficial Christians, but sound and solid and substantial." He goes on to say that what Paul was aiming at was not simply for his readers to acquire for themselves this more excellent way, but to promote it in others.

Paul says that he is going to show them the more excellent way. He does this, first of all, says Mr. Exell, by his doctrine in the thirteenth chapter. He shows it by his preaching, by his writing, and by his practice and example. The chapter is personal: "Though I should..." And to people who seemed proud that they had more spiritual gifts than others he indicates that by their attitude they might abuse the gifts they had. There is a more excellent way—the way of grace and love. The gifts unaccompanied by grace and love will not do the church much good.

On the other hand, there is nothing in this "more excellent way" that gives any church member liberty to make light of the fundamentals of Christian faith or to minimize the doctrine which differentiated Christianity from Judaism or other religions. Love without a supreme object, Christ, cannot retain its substance; it is vaporous, not real. Our attitude of love must be within the circle of revealed truth; then alone can it have meaning and be the more excellent way.

Fellowship of Kindred Minds

The church, among other things, is a fellowship of kindred minds. So wrote John Fawcett in 1782 in the hymn that we all love to sing, especially at Communion in the church. It is a most joyous thing to sing about, for we conceive of this fellowship as being "like to that above," the nearest thing to heaven. But sometimes we get the feeling that when we sing "Blest be the tie that binds" we have to shut off our thinking processes and depart from cold reality into the realm of soft sentimentality. In other words, the fellowship is not as sweet as it might be because we are not as close of kin as the "kindred minds" seem to imply. It is well to be analytical like this if we do so with the view of promoting closer kinship and fellowship.

If the church membership as it assembles on the Sabbath is ideally a fellowship of kindred minds what hinders it from being so in greater fulness? For one thing, those who have experienced a revolutionary change in their moral standards through conversion from a life of sin do not always find high moral standards in the church. They find instead people with uncertain moral standards, fellow members who would avoid going deep into sin but excuse themselves for dabbling in it. The members profess to take the perfect Christ as their standard and to live by the spirit as well as the letter of the Ten Commandments. Too often, however, this profession is as lightly made and adhered to as some of the creedal statements so often repeated in the ritualistic churches. The moral tone of a church

is fortunately much higher than the moral standards of a considerable number of its members, but over a period of time that tone will drop to a level not far above the average of those who regularly attend and hold the responsible positions of the church. Every pastor knows that his church constantly faces the danger of becoming less than a fellowship of kindred minds as far as Christian moral standards are concerned.

The person who has come to Christianity from some system of thought that was far below the lofty faith in Christ which we profess looks for a fellowship of like-minded people in the church whose spire points heavenward and whose statement of faith is strong and clear. The new believer knows what he has come from. He may have been an agnostic, a pagan or one who had never given thought to anything higher than materialism until he was brought face to face with the eternal Christ, who, he finds, died for him. His previous associations were with people of his kind—men without faith or a Christian view of God and the world. His happiness is unbounded as he looks forward to membership in the church. It will be a fellowship of kindred minds as far as faith is concerned. The Bible will be the standard of faith, just as it became for him the mooring for his drifting ship.

But the Bible-believing new convert and the Bible-studying man brought up in the church do not always find a sweet, united fellowship of kindred minds. They find some in the church who have departed from the faith, no longer believing that the Bible is God's Word, no longer certain of the uniqueness of the person of Christ or that salvation is to be found only through faith in His atoning death.

Here again, the tone of the church as a whole will determine whether or not there can be a real fellowship. The faith of the church is that which it professes, and the tone of faith, like the moral tone, tends to drop to a point not far above the average of the best-known members. The onslaughts of the world are constantly felt in the area of beliefs as well as in the area of morals—perhaps more so, for society exerts a degree of moral pressure but very

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Favor of Merger Conversations

There are a number of reasons why I think it is profitable to consider closer co-operation with the ABC, even so far as to consider the possibilities of organic union if such could indeed take place under the stipulations our committee has agreed upon. Any union under these conditions should *ipso facto* retain for us our distinctives. This doesn't mean, of course, that the solution would be simple or that there should not be careful consideration given to ways of preserving those distinctives. However, we are not called to take the road of least resistance.

One of the greatest benefits I see in closer co-operation and possible organic union would be the tendency to lose our provincialism as individuals and with respect to our general programs. We have a great deal to learn from others; what better way lies open to us? If we are afraid that we shall lose our denomination, we are in actuality afraid that our commitment to the Sabbath is not strong enough or valid enough. And there is no way to remedy this by refusing to associate with other Christians who may not share our views. It probably will take greater faith to work under a co-operative endeavor, but greater faith usually results in greater accomplishment.

It may be that we cannot effect a satisfactory union, but if we take the attitude that we cannot before we even begin to try, we cannot be said to have a very courageous faith.

— A pastor (name withheld).

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 28, 1965

Passion from Within and Pressures from Without

Lesson Scripture: Gal. 5: 13-26;
Eph. 6: 10-20

for September 4, 1965

Growing in Faith

Lesson Scripture: Col. 1: 9-14, 19-23;
Heb. 11: 1

Recorder Subscriptions

Almost everyone, according to the Recorder survey, feels strongly that the denomination needs the **Sabbath Recorder**. Another thing generally agreed upon is that our information would be better and our work stronger if more of the members of our churches read the denominational weekly consistently. It follows that the Recorder could serve its constituency better and pay its bills more easily if it had a more rapidly growing subscription list.

All of this can be discussed quite impersonally as we discuss a great many questions. How easy it is to shrug off the responsibility for the success of our publication. It seems to be not quite so easy for many to say, "I will do my part." We all need to face the personal question, "What am I doing to build up the subscription list?" Gift subscriptions are a relatively easy way to give the Recorder a wider readership and the revenue needed to pay the printing costs. Many people, many churches, are doing something along this line. But this is only part of the answer, really a small part. What is needed is constant discussion with non-subscribers of the benefits they and their families would get from subscribing. What people are persuaded to pay for themselves they will enjoy more than what comes to them without cost.

Three things are constantly happening: people are dying, people are being born, and people are growing up. Almost every obituary published in denominational journal means a subscription cancelled. When old people die and go to be with the Lord, they can't take their favorite periodical with them, and they have something better. On the other hand, young people growing up to take the places of the older folks need the **Sabbath Recorder** to help keep their faith strong and their desire to serve keen. You who are readers are the only agents for your denominational paper. You can enlist more readers. It is not as important as being personal witnesses to the saving power of Christ, but it is important to the spiritual growth of church members. The two go hand in hand.

Old Rusty Birthday Cake

By Albert N. Rogers

Paul Hummel, retired rancher and member of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, was given an unusual cake at Rocky Mt. Camp on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Made in the shape of "Old



Rusty" the sheet-iron covered log cabin at the center of the camp, it was baked and decorated by Mrs. Bonnie Keown of North Loup, Neb., camp cook who used candy bars for shingles and ice cream cones for trees.

An open house was held at the last Sabbath of the Senior camp period, July 17, when neighbors and church colleagues honored the donor of the 240-acre camp site for his continued interest in youth work sponsored by churches. The camp was given to the Boulder and Denver churches in 1963 and represents a sizeable gift in view of mountain real estate developments nearby. Previously the use of the camp by the churches was donated by Mr. Hummel for many years.

"Paul" as he prefers to be known, was elected an honorary trustee on the joint

board which administers the property now and serves as caretaker. He operates the water and light systems during camping seasons and is always on hand to bake pancakes on the huge kitchen range when they are on the menu. Interviewed at the camp the day of his birthday celebration he was dressed in laced cowboys boots and a red tie with his initials in white. "I'm just a broken down old cowpoke living on borrowed time," he chuckled.

The campsite was discovered when Paul Hummel grazed upwards of 200 cattle on the range above Boulder. His home is on a ranch nearer town and is presided over by his daughter Mrs. Willard Wells who also served a week this year as camp cook. Paul spent his early life at Nortonville, Kan., and attended Milton College for a time before joining his father in a lumber business in eastern Colorado and later moving to Boulder. He served as a member of the Commission of General Conference from 1935 to 1940, and has been active in Association interests as well as in his own church life and work.

The Importance of Church Camps

By Steven Crouch

One of three youth messages given in connection with Children's Day (June 25) at the Milton, Wis., church was by Steven Crouch who spoke out of his recent experience. Part of his tape-recorded talk before the large Milton congregation is reproduced here.

I think that it is important that I should speak to you on the subject of the importance of church camps because last Sunday I completed a week of camping at Camp Holston in Battle Creek, Mich., as the exchange camper from our Association and tomorrow we will start our own season of camping at Camp Wakonda.

Probably all campers look forward to the fun that they have at camp. Now here, I think, is where one of our biggest problems lies, the fact that many campers think church camp is nothing but a week of fun... After camp he can only remember the fun he had while he was there. I think our camp program needs to have something that will have a permanent effect on our campers' lives, something that will change their lives to the better.

What I am suggesting is some sort of good Bible study. Now most Bible studies which I have attended have consisted of the leader telling something about the man who wrote the particular selection being studied. He tells something about the situation at the time this selection was written, but he tells very little exactly about what is written in that selection.

Last Sunday morning I attended one which was different. Camp broke up at about nine o'clock so I went to Battle Creek and spent the morning observing the training sessions of the Summer Christian Service Corps. These were being led by the Rev. Leon Lawton. One meeting which I attended was a Bible study on the Book of Romans. Pastor Lawton conducted it in this way: He would read a verse and then tell exactly what that verse meant, tell how it could be applied to our daily lives. Then to explain it further he would have it read from one or more of several modern translations which the group had available. This did me a lot of good.

I think that similar Bible studies should be adapted to our programs at summer camps. All of us, including campers, realize that the Bible is our one source of knowledge of Christ and of our hope of salvation, but very few campers probably personally know the Bible for themselves. This is probably because the style in which the Bible is written, especially the King James Version is rather difficult to understand. Bible studies such as this in our camp program will give our campers experience in reading the Bible for understanding so that after camp is over they will go home and will be eager to read because they have realized that it is possible to understand what is written in the Bible. Of course they will still have some problems, so they should be told of the many modern translations that are available to them.

Now a program such as this is practical, is useful, and can change the lives of our campers. I think that if such a program can be adapted into our program, along with the fellowship with other campers and the fun which will go along with this, church camps in our experience can become increasingly important.

Understanding Our Beliefs

By Jeanette Heinig

At the Milton, Wis., church Children's Day, observed on June 25, was also a youth day, for the messages of the morning were brought by three young people whose broadening experiences gave them strong convictions. Jeanette Heinig, quoted in part here from a tape recording, spent considerable time in Europe last summer.

From our Baptist heritage we have acquired religious liberty, belief in separation in church and government, and baptism by immersion. Separation of church and government and baptism by immersion are very definite beliefs. In our religious liberty each one of us is governed by our direct personal relationship to God rather than a list of set rules.

As Seventh Day Baptists we appear to be weak when the matter of beliefs is considered . . . I feel this weakness is due to the Baptist tendency to emphasize religious liberty and minimize our beliefs.

Since we are a minority group it is important that we know and understand the beliefs held by our church to identify ourselves. We are afraid we might hurt feelings and lose members if we placed more emphasis on these beliefs. Contrary to this, I think we lose members by lack of emphasis. We all have the freedom to choose with which church we wish to associate. This choice is based mainly on the beliefs held by the church. As Seventh Day Baptists we still are free to interpret these beliefs individually and apply them to our lives as we think best.

Miss Heinig went on to show clearly how Sabbath school, Vacation Bible school, camps, pastor's classes, etc., help young people to understand the beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists. She concluded:

"To exist as a church we must hold and understand certain beliefs to distinguish us from other churches. Thus as members of the church we must know what we believe and share the responsibility of religious education. There is a place in this for every one of us whether it be student or teacher. It is up to us individually to find our places in Christian education."

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Jamaica Conference Doings

(The following article contains excerpts from the Jamaica Bulletin, a portion of the annual report to the Missionary Board, as prepared by the corresponding secretary, Rev. Joe A. Samuels; also a portion of letter of Conference President Byron C. Lewis to the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist churches.)

"Conference year 1964-65 is now history. Hardly can we realize that it has been one year ago since Conference met at Font Hill. Today we are looking forward to and preparing for the coming sessions to be held with the Blue Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church (July 27-August 1, 1965).

"The past year has been a historic and eventful one with its many problems financially and otherwise, setbacks of various sorts, needs spiritual and material, nevertheless, in spite of all these we can still praise the Lord for all His mercies given, and His many blessings received during the year. Let us now look forward to a real time of spiritual enriching and refreshing during the coming sessions of Conference. Let us all pray that the Lord shall have His own way with us and what we are attempting to do in His name.

"Your corresponding secretary is grateful to God for the privilege of serving the Conference in this capacity this year, and for the co-operation from all church clerks, pastors, and other individuals.

"As we look forward to and anticipate another year of labor in the Master's Vineyard, let us here and now rededicate or dedicate ourselves to whatever we might be asked to do in striving to build God's Kingdom here on earth."

"A welcome was extended to Rev. and Sister G. S. Brissey who arrived in the Island on Wednesday, July 7, for a few days' vacation. Mr. G. Brissey was headmaster of Crandall prior to Brother C. V. Davis. He was one of the guest speakers at Crandall's graduation exercises July 8. Mrs. Brissey assisted in handing out prizes.

"We are very happy to have these brethren in our midst and to renew fel-

lowship and acquaintances. We wish them every happiness through their stay here."

"A spiritual retreat held April 15-18 under the direction of Brother V. O. Burke and Deacon V. Smith was a great success spiritually and otherwise. Attendance was good and the theme 'Victory Through Prayer' was quite fitting and timely. The spirits of all who participated were greatly uplifted, and their hearts blessed.

"At the two-week evangelistic campaign conducted at Higgintown by Pastor C. S. Lyons and Pastor Joe A. Samuels, thirty people made decisions for Christ. Of these many are young people, for which we praise the Lord. Many backsliders returned, many indifferent ones were made alive again, and the faithful encouraged and strengthened. Four couples plan to be married as a result of their new life in Jesus. Wednesday of the last week was a day of fasting at the church. At midday a special service was held for the sick and those with serious problems.

"Sisters J. Duckett, C. Jennings, and J. Samuels spent the last full week visiting in the homes during the days and providing special music for the night meetings.

"At Conference this year three annual prizes will be offered for the first time. The President's Shield is offered by the president of Conference to the church that raises the most money above its budget. The Treasurer's Cup is offered by the Conference treasurer to the church ranking second in amount raised above the budget, and the Conference Corresponding Secretary's Cup is offered to the church coming third. At the moment Post Road Church is leading in this race with Bath holding second place."

"We are all now looking forward to the Conference sessions and I am appealing to all to pray that God would guide our deliberations during the days of July 27th to the 1st of August. Make yourself acquainted as much as possible with the outstanding matters which are expected to come up on the Conference floor. Ask

your pastors and leaders questions. Remember your views and ideas are as important as anyone else's.

"This Conference year is the fortieth year of Seventh Day Baptist work in Jamaica. A service to commemorate this special anniversary will be held on Sunday, August 1, which will be the closing day of the Conference sessions, beginning right after the Conference concert. At this service, tribute will be paid to the pioneers of denomination who are alive. Certificate of honor will be presented to them."

Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board

There were 14 members and 3 visitors present as the July 1965 meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board was convened at Westerly, R. I., on Sunday afternoon, July 18. President Harold R. Crandall called on the Rev. Edgar Wheeler to offer a prayer for God's blessing and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Visitors present were Secretary and Mrs. Harley Bond and Mrs. Leon M. Maltby.

Many items of vital interest to Seventh Day Baptists at home and abroad were considered during the next three hours. Some of these matters will be reviewed here. Detailed minutes of the meeting, along with the treasurer's report, will be published in the next issue of the *Missionary Reporter*.

The quarterly report of activities and plans of our Director of Evangelism, Rev. Leon Lawton, was read and approved. He spent most of the month of April working with the Pacific Coast Association "visiting and spending time in each area where there is a church or fellowship (five groups reported) and also doing other visitation as was thought to be important." Among many other activities during May and June Director Lawton has prepared courses and helped train the young people of the Summer Christian Service Corps.

Following a discussion of the Home Field Committee's report, certain "Guidelines" for Pastor Lawton's services were approved and "Six points for a Seventh

Day Baptist Dedicated Service Program" were adopted. These "six points" had been previously considered by Conference Planning Committee and referred to the boards for possible approval, then to be brought back to the next General Conference for consideration.

It was noted that City Pastor-Evangelist Paul Osborn will be moving from Little Rock, Ark., to Kansas City, Mo., during coming weeks and that the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn has accepted the call of the Little Rock church.

After considerable discussion it was voted to approve a change in board policy as to length of term of missionary service in tropical countries from five to four years. Such a change would affect missionaries presently serving in Jamaica, British Guiana, and Malawi. It was agreed that the policy should apply to missionaries presently serving in these countries if they wish to return home on furlough one year earlier than had been anticipated.

One recommendation of the Executive Committee approved by the board was that "the Missionary Board act favorably on Nurse Joan Clement's request to be released from further missionary service in Malawi, Africa, to return to her home because of illness of her mother and father, a resolution of regret to be drawn up and included in the minutes of the board and a copy sent to Miss Clement." The request which was received and acted on favorably was as follows:

"I should herewith like to present my request to the Missionary Board for release from service as of July 25, 1965. It is with sincere regret that I take this action but I feel after much consideration and prayer that I am needed at my home in Los Angeles. I shall continue to support the work in Malawi with prayer, tithes, offerings, and any other way in which I may be of help. My heart will remain in Malawi and though I take this action I should also express my utmost gratitude to God and to you as well for years of joy and happiness and a part in the Lord's harvest."

It was very difficult to prepare a tentative budget for 1966 because of many indefinite factors but approval was finally

given to a budget which had been reduced in amount from that which was considered to be needed to carry on a challenging program of outreach. This was done because Commission had written, "In keeping with denominational giving in former years we seem incapable of reaching a budget of this size (requested by the boards at midyear \$127,920). \$115,000 seems a reasonable maximum toward which we should strive, a reduction of \$12,920 from midyear requests — the Missionary Board is invited to submit a budget for pre-Conference meeting based in the total reduction of \$12,920 in Our World Mission figure." The Missionary Board approved a reduction of Our World Mission askings from \$44,348 to \$40,000. A supplementary asking of \$6,180 was approved, as possible work should funds and personnel be made available in 1966.

Parsonage News

Looking back over the year, as we often do at Conference time, it appears that this has been an unusually busy year for the churches in their parsonage plans. Some, but not many churches are in the process of building new houses of worship, or Christian education buildings, but quite a few are either considering the purchase of or building a new house for the pastor or have already completed such a project. We mention from memory a few of the achievements along this line.

Dodge Center announced last September that Mary Thorngate had given a house to the church and that it was being prepared by the people for use as a parsonage, it being more suitable than the one then occupied by the pastor and his family. A year later the church announces discussion of plans for remodeling the interior of the church itself.

Milton had a dedication service on November 7 for a spacious new parsonage built next door to the church. It had been occupied for a few months prior to the formal dedication.

At Lost Creek, W. Va., the old parsonage in the village was sold earlier in the year. During the present summer the construction of a new residence for the

pastor has been consistently promoted. In the meantime the family lives in Clarksburg some distance away.

Daytona Beach has moved its pastor from a hard-to-find house several miles away to a newly purchased parsonage very close to the church (209 First Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.).

Battle Creek, which opened up a parish house next door to the church to better serve the community is now in the process of buying a new parsonage. It seemed wise to sell the old one because it was in an area of business development.

Quite recently the Kansas City church has procured a property that will provide a parsonage and perhaps eventually a church site.

At Riverside, Calif., it is reported that a larger parsonage to accommodate the family of the pastor who takes up his duties there in September has been purchased. The parsonage is a 8555 Torbett Way.

The church at Richburg, N. Y., reports that a house adjoining the church and belonging to one of the members has been purchased by the church to replace the present parsonage.

At Westerly, R. I., where perhaps the largest building project of the year (the attached Christian education structure) was undertaken there was no need for a new parsonage, but a large, functional pastor's study was included.

A New Day for Alabama

At the close of the first interracial evangelistic effort ever held in the Alabama capital, June 13-20, 1965, Billy Graham said, "I am convinced that the moral and spiritual resources are now available in Alabama for a rapid growth in racial understanding.

"If the Ku Klux Klan will quiet down; if the extremists in the civil rights organizations will give Alabama time to digest the new civil rights laws; if the politicians will not try to exploit the situation; and if the spirit of Christian love continues to prevail, then I foresee the day when all America will point to Alabama with pride on the racial question."

The "Bogey" of Revised Versions

(The following article was written by Arthur M. Clarke and appeared in the July 1964 issue of *The Torch* magazine, a quarterly publication of the Division of Publishing and Business, The Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention.)

An elderly judge once entertained me at an excellent steak dinner, but spent part of the time deriding those who tried to "improve" on the King James Version of the Bible. In a most non-judicial manner he implied that those who were responsible for revised versions were committing misdemeanors.

The judge's contention was that the King James Version had English that could not be improved upon and gave the impression that the most important part of the Bible was the beautiful language. This in itself is erroneous, because the important part of the Bible is the message it gives. It was written in Hebrew and Greek, and it is our responsibility to learn just what the writers meant to say. Beautiful English is important, but secondary. Most of the later translations make that meaning clearer than does the King James Version, although they cannot approach that remarkable book as a piece of literature.

A church group recently insisted that the minister never use the Revised Standard Version, because they had heard it was "modernistic." These people should remember the old saying, "Just because he says it doesn't make it so." After my conversion, the King James Version became my meat and drink and I memorized thousands of passages. I welcomed, on the other hand, new translations, and the first I secured was Weymouth's, as far back as 1919. Since that time I have added other versions to my collection and regard them highly for comparative purposes.

No translation in any language is perfect, but they are extremely valuable in making clear the sacred Scriptures. The Revised Standard Version is an outstanding contribution of many conscientious and well-qualified scholars. Its English may not be as melodious as that of

the King James Version, but it is very good and makes the writings more intelligible.

Recently, I preached from 1 Corinthians 3:10, "According to the commission of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it." Compare that with the King James Version. Both say the same thing, but the new version is much clearer. As an experiment, read the entire chapter and compare the two versions verse by verse. Numerous examples from the King James Version could be given which are very obscure to the modern reader, and modern versions (not "modernist") try to make God's Word more meaningful to people today.

Do not let extremism dominate your Christian experience. Shakespeare's many quotations from the Bible are not the King James Version — which in his day was the "new" translation, opposed vigorously as an "upstart" seeking to supplant a more familiar text.

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

Here are some items that might help you understand the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education:

1. There is but one paid member of the board — the executive, corresponding secretary. His salary is \$4,250 annually plus \$720 house allowance. When he uses his car for board work he is given 6¢ a mile. In 1964 he was paid for 3,644 miles. This includes only trips of some distance, not within the board confines.

2. The treasurer receives \$300 a year, a token payment for his immense amount of time handling the investments and other financial interests, considerable travel, and stationery.

3. The board is made up of 30 Seventh Day Baptists mostly the Western Association. They spent literally scores of hours a year wrestling with the challenges without any payment in money. The board originally was made up of 21 members; this was changed in a corporation meeting held October 10, 1954.

4. Board members are nominated at General Conference and elected at the annual meeting of the corporation on the 3rd Sunday in September. All Seventh Day Baptists who have attended the sessions of General Conference just prior to the annual meeting may attend the corporation meeting and vote. The board has a nominating committee who studies the list of present members, notes those who for some reason should be dropped, and carefully selects persons for nomination. No one is nominated without his permission.

5. The Constitution and By-Laws of the board may be found in the Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook, 1956.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held in the Parish House of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on September 19, 1965, at 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

American Baptist Women Welcome S.D.B. Visitors

Our Women's Board was invited by Mrs. Major Johnson, president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, to send representatives to visit their conference at Green Lake, Wis. On Thursday, July 15, Carolyn Gray, Lenora Saunders, Ruth Baum, Bertha Loofboro, and Evelyn Marsden attended the conference. The warm personal attention given to us made us feel very welcome.

Miss Violet Rudd, administrative secretary of the National Council of American Baptist Women and executive director of the Division of Women's Work of the American Baptist Convention, met us when we arrived and gave us our free tickets for lunch and dinner. She helped us each to select a different workshop to attend later in the forenoon and then took us to the Bible study class which was already in session.

I attended a workshop on "Women in Today's World" which was led by Mrs.

Esther Hymer. We discussed the women of Latin America and how the Protestant church could help in their education. Mrs. Hymer, whose booklet, "Education, Women and the Church in the Americas," was often referred to, made the meeting so interesting that the group decided to omit their coffee break the next day so they could have more time in the workshop.

In the afternoon we attended a Division of Interpretation meeting which included a filmstrip showing ways to approach different types of women to interest them in different phases of church work. This meeting was followed by a tour of the beautiful assembly grounds.

Mrs. Major Johnson arranged for thirteen of their leaders to meet with our group for dinner in the Norwegian Room, instead of with the entire group, so we could get better acquainted. She introduced each one of us — stressing the fact that we were Seventh Day Baptists.

Dinner hour was followed by a lobby sing and then a walk to Inspiration Point for vespers in the outdoor amphitheatre.

By their friendliness the women certainly illustrated their stated purpose, which follows.

"The purpose of the National Council of American Baptist Women is to unite all the women of our churches into a fellowship that will help each one to grow in personal devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and in commitment to the mission of His Church; through worshiping, working, and witnessing in all areas of life; in the home, the community, the nation, and the world."

New Jamaica Filmstrip

For the first time in history the American Sabbath Tract Society offers a missionary filmstrip produced by a Seventh Day Baptist. It is entitled "The Fairest Island" and gives a glimpse of our church work in Jamaica as photographed and narrated by Secretary L. M. Maltby. The filmstrip was produced in color by Fred M. Ayars of 1152 Nash Ave., Lansdale, Pa., who is now prepared to do color developing for individuals as well as church organizations.

Riverside Young People Set Good Example In Literature Evangelism

By Jack Jensen

One of our biggest literature evangelism efforts is made by our Youth Fellowship group. We have exceptional young people in our YF group here.

About once a year our Tract Committee makes a map of an area of town, and then we survey it, counting the number of homes on each side of each block. We then draw individual route maps from this, assigning about 30 homes to a route. (This must be done by one individual to cover the entire area without overlapping of the maps.) We find that about 30 homes works best for us in the area that we are in now, because it allows us to meet at the church, form teams, assign routes, deliver them, and return to the church within about an hour.

After the maps are drawn we take the special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder*, and stuff them with literature. Pastor Wheeler writes a letter of greetings and invitation for us. This is included also. We deliver in one area three times before moving to a new area, so one issue will always contain a copy of the Statement of Belief, and the others will contain other tracts. Usually one issue will have a gospel tract, and the other a Sabbath tract.

The *Recorders* are then counted and bundled with the map, and a sufficient number of rubber bands. The YF then takes the bundles and delivers them to the homes. In the beginning, they simply hung them on doorknobs with no attempt being made to talk to the people. However, after having done this a number of times, and having become more confident, some of them are knocking on each door, talking to the people in each home, witnessing to them, and inviting them to come to church.

They meet all kinds of people in this way. The last time they went out, two of the girls went up to one home, and the lady met them at the door with her Bible. They had quite a lengthy discussion about the Sabbath. They witnessed to her as best they could, but she hasn't seen the light yet. However, she will be called

upon again, with other literature that answers the specific questions that she used in her arguments for Sunday rather than Sabbath. Doing something like this is good not only for the witness given, but for the one doing the witnessing also. The girls came away from the home knowing that they had given a good witness, but also knowing where they needed more study so as to be ready next time.

Each quarter the YF takes the *Recorder* and other literature to 300 homes. At this point, it seems that much of this work is in the nature of planting seeds rather than harvesting them, but we do have one family attending church regularly from one of the areas covered.

Since seeing additional visible results seems to require an additional effort, this next Sabbath certain individuals are going to spend the afternoons covering these same routes, talking again with the people, and giving them additional literature. It is hoped that during the next three quarters each home will receive four pieces of literature, and at least one personal call, and hopefully as many as four personal calls in some of the homes.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WHITE CLOUD, MICH.—Conference is in the hearts and minds of our people at this time, with a prayer that the will of God may be done in all things.

The time of the meeting of the Northern Association coincided with the weekend sessions of the Ministers Conference in Battle Creek, with the greater part of our congregation in attendance. Joining in worship with workers from all parts of our country was truly an inspiration.

At Camp Holston this summer five of our young people were baptized.

Betty Babcock was the valedictorian of the graduating class of the local high school. She is enrolled for the coming year in Michigan State University at Lansing. Ilou Sanford who teaches in the local elementary school, and Earl Babcock, a teacher in Shelby the past two years, are doing summer school work. We are happy to report that Earl and his family have moved back to White Cloud where he will be on the teaching staff.

Some repairs and improvements have been made in the parsonage this year and church repairs are in the plans for the near future.

The Ladies Aid keeps busy with making cancer pads for the Cancer Society, mittens for the Christmas of needy children, and comforters for the families of those who suffer fire loss. Lone Sabbathkeeper mailings and correspondence, and other service projects are also on the list of activities.

Now we are looking forward to the Sabbath School picnic August 29 at Minert Park on Lake Michigan. Care to join us?

— Correspondent.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—The monthly fellowship supper held July 17, 1965, at Burns Park, N. Little Rock, Ark., was in honor of Pastor Paul, Muriel, Phillip, Karen, Joel, and Timmy Osborn. Thirty-nine people were present.

In behalf of the church, the president, Berwin Monroe, presented the family several gifts and a purse. Individual gifts were handed to each member of the family as well. A cake was fittingly decorated with the words, "Our Prayers Go with You." "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung as we joined hands just before we separated one from another.

Pastor Osborn told the group, "Our fellowship suppers hold many special memories of many of you who have shared with us your rich experiences. These include members of the boards and several missionaries and their families; but this supper was different because we knew we were relinquishing tangible ties of Christian friends and leaders who have shared our joys and sorrows these four years."

The active part taken by each member of the Osborn family, including Timmy with his ready smile, in the church and community will long be felt.

The members of the church wish the Osborns Godspeed and countless blessings in their new field of endeavor. Their new address is 2049 Oakley Street, Kansas City, Mo., 64127.

Worship services will be held regularly at 801 N. Polk, Little Rock, Ark., at 10 a. m.; Sabbath School at 11 a. m. Those

of you who are traveling our way are urged to come and worship with us.

Pastor Kenneth Van Horn, New Auburn, Wis., has accepted a call to our church. He plans to come early in November. The members are looking forward to the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn here in the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

Rev. and Mrs. James Mitchell with their children, Elaine, Janice, and Jimmy, were in Metairie, La., from August 1 to 7 to assist in evangelistic meetings in that area. They spent their vacation in this way. — Correspondent.

RICHBURG, N. Y.—The Ladies Aid Society held their annual picnic July 20, at 6:30 p. m. at Island Park, Friendship. There were 28 in attendance with Mrs. George Saunders and Mrs. William Davidson as hostesses.

Pastor Bee has accepted a call to become pastor of the Alfred Station church beginning the first of September.

Rev. David Pearson recently returned from Makapwa Mission field in Africa has accepted a call to become pastor here September 1.

Four new members were received into the church at the morning service on June 19.

Daily Vacation Bible School was held from June 28 to July 2. There was an enrollment of 33.

At the quarterly business meeting in July it was voted to purchase the Elmer Cowles estate for use as a parsonage. This property adjoins the church lot.

— Correspondent.

WALWORTH, WIS.—A business meeting was called recently due to the fact that our treasurer, Miss Minnie Godfrey, passed away. The officers at the present time are Mrs. Roger W. Dangerfield, Delavan, Wis., clerk; and Miss Charlotte Belland, Walworth, Wis., treasurer. Our meetings are being held at the home of Mrs. Nina Bonham, Walworth.

We have enjoyed communion service several times during the past year with Miss Marjorie Burdick coming with the program from the Milton church.

— Correspondent.

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for July 1965

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'
	July	10 mos.	10 mos.		July	10 mos.	10 mos.
Adams Center	\$ 205.00	\$ 503.75		Metairie		40.00	
Albion	78.50	443.00	\$ 50.00	Middle Island	15.00	283.00	
Alfred, 1st	296.70	5,955.65		Milton	1,533.28	7,227.32	189.00
Alfred, 2nd	203.45	1,640.70	10.00	Milton Junction	180.00	1,272.55	
Algiers				New Auburn	37.07	262.96	
Assoc. & Groups	69.55	451.66	1,390.96	North Loup		1,252.06	36.15
Battle Creek	486.75	5,098.79	80.00	Nortonville	179.00	1,745.50	100.00
Bay Area		316.50	20.67	Old Stonefort	20.00	233.00	
Berlin		1,267.99	162.33	Paint Rock		150.00	
Boulder	79.45	268.15		Pawcatuck	481.05	4,836.51	72.20
Brookfield, 1st	55.00	213.00		Plainfield	461.27	4,220.49	
Brookfield, 2nd	33.50	97.50		Putnam County			
Buckeye Fellow- ship		100.00		Richburg	262.50	1,229.50	3.00
Buffalo		465.00	25.00	Ritchie	157.50	217.50	
Chicago	50.00	1,047.50	15.00	Riverside	460.26	3,065.41	34.83
Daytona Beach	377.45	1,684.45	165.03	Roanoke	20.00	120.00	
Denver	130.15	1,305.21	50.00	Rockville	40.70	397.70	50.00
De Ruyter	68.50	442.50		Salem	120.00	2,070.00	
Dodge Center	93.46	897.29		Salemville	26.11	208.05	112.00
Edinburg			75.00	Schenectady		101.05	
Farina	11.25	332.65		Shiloh		5,285.51	5.00
Fouke	30.00	152.50		Syracuse		40.00	
Hammond	30.00	60.00		Texarkana		109.00	
Hebron, 1st		529.50	5.00	Trustees of Gen. Conf.	38.50	194.50	
Hopkinton, 1st	30.00	1,904.56	30.00	Verona	111.93	1,298.29	217.00
Hopkinton, 2nd	10.50	105.00	400.00	Walworth	200.00	742.50	25.00
Houston		127.99		Washington	30.00	157.00	
Independence	83.75	784.50		Washington, People's	30.00	185.00	
Individuals	35.00	330.00	43.00	Waterford	97.95	1,030.48	
Irvington	700.00	2,100.00	32.00	White Cloud	118.53	651.06	32.30
Jackson Center				Women's Society Yonah Mt.		90.00	
Kansas City		371.07					
Little Genesee	109.35	1,111.97	20.00	Total	\$9,239.59	\$78,254.15	\$3,535.47
Little Rock	3.85	146.37		Non-budget	4.00		
Los Angeles	520.00	2,720.00	30.00	Total to disburse	\$9,243.59		
Los Angeles, Christ's		25.00					
Lost Creek		1,300.00					
Marlboro	315.85	2,633.75	55.00				
Memorial Fund	486.93	2,604.71					

JULY DISBURSEMENTS:

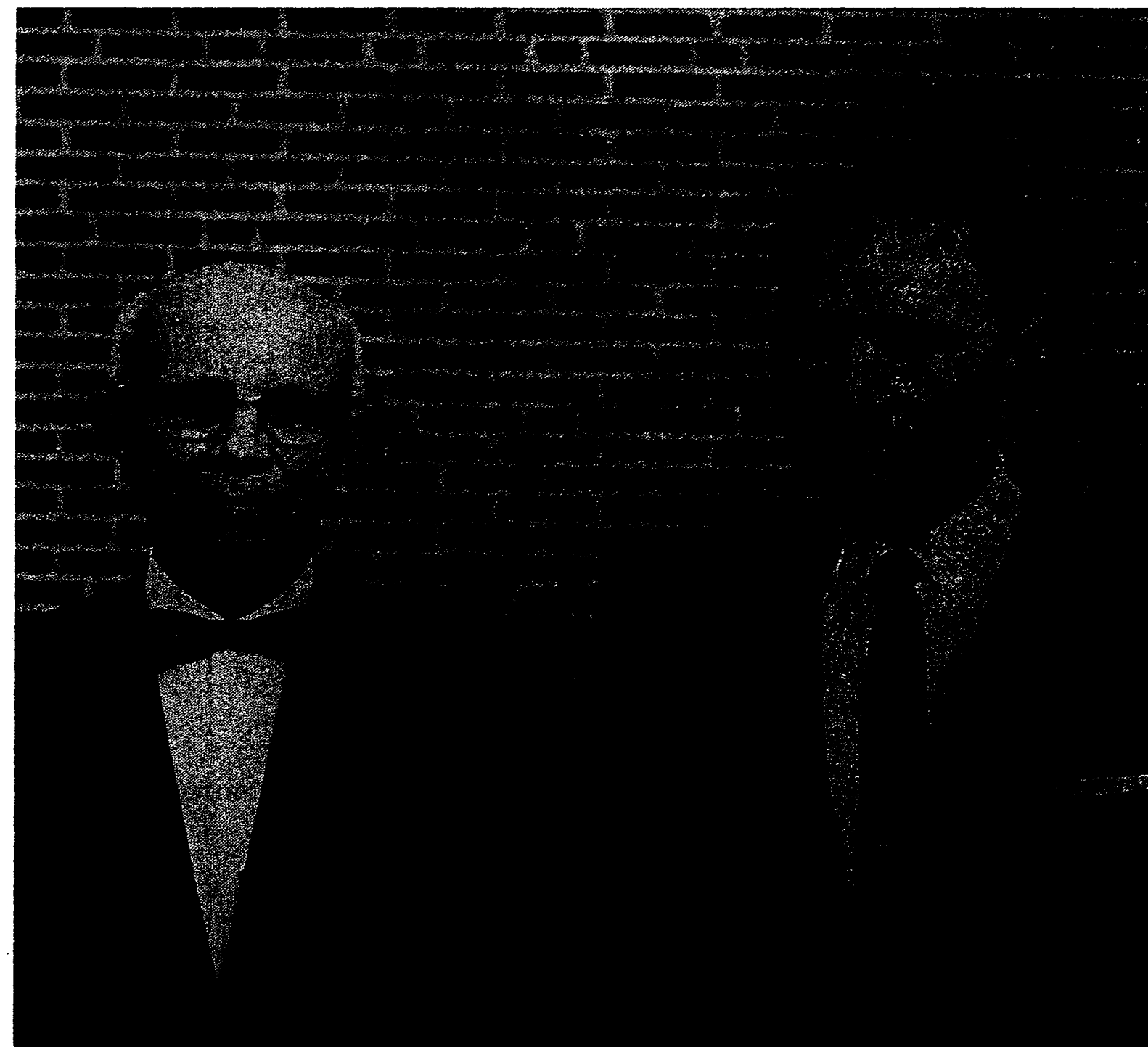
Board of Christian Education	\$ 696.70
Historical Society	41.19
Ministerial Retirement	890.85
Ministerial Education	1,060.86
Missionary Society	3,932.55
Tract Society	1,083.08
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	49.66
Women's Society	131.13
World Fellowship & Service	103.57
General Conference	1,254.00
Total	\$9,243.59

SUMMARY

1964-1965 OWM Budget	\$113,899.00
Receipts for 10 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$78,254.15
Boards	3,535.47
Total	81,789.62
Amount due in 2 months	\$32,109.38
Needed per month	\$16,054.69
Percentage of year elapsed	83.3%
Percentage of budget raised	71.8%
Gordon L. Sanford, Little Genesee, N. Y. OWM Treasurer.	

July 31, 1965.

The Sabbath Recorder



Conference Secretaries

Working together until September 15 in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., are the retiring executive secretary, Harley D. Bond (left), and the new general secretary, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. The General Conference held at Alfred, N. Y., August 16-21, marked the change of personnel in the highest appointive office of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and the change in the designation of that office.