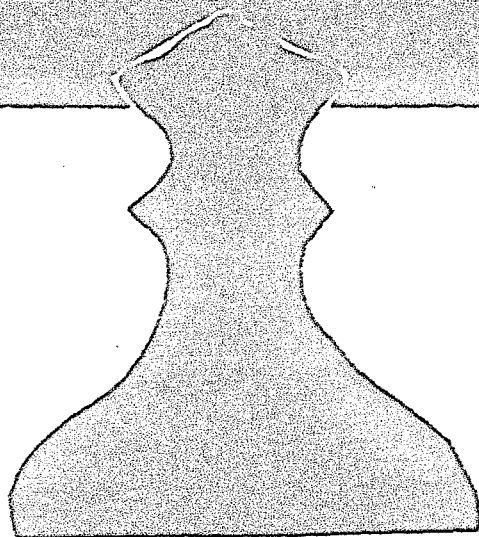
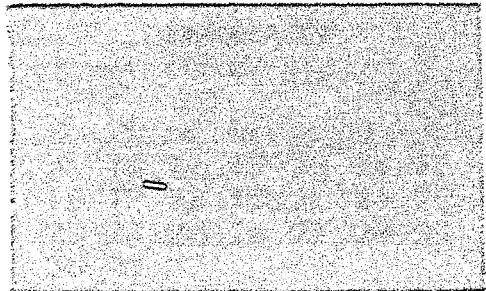
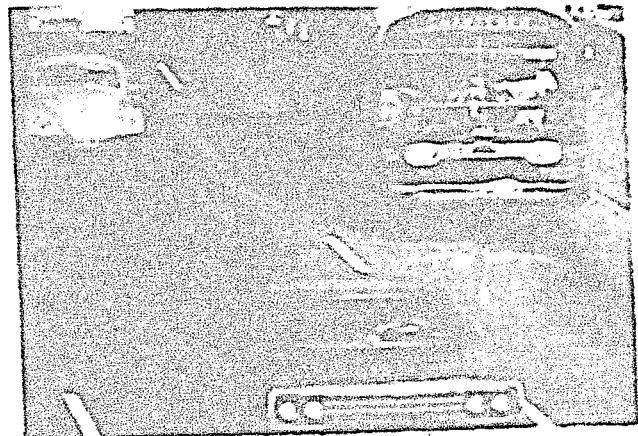


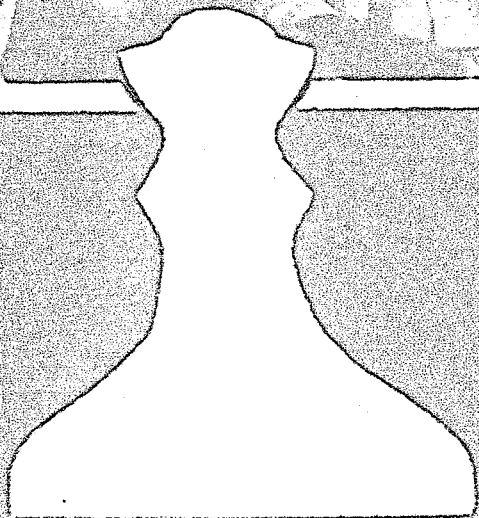
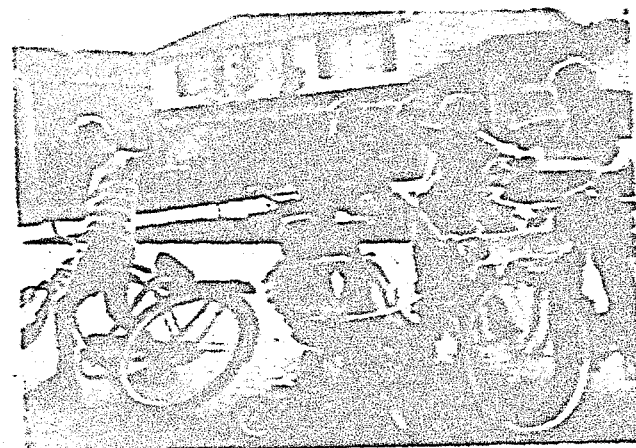
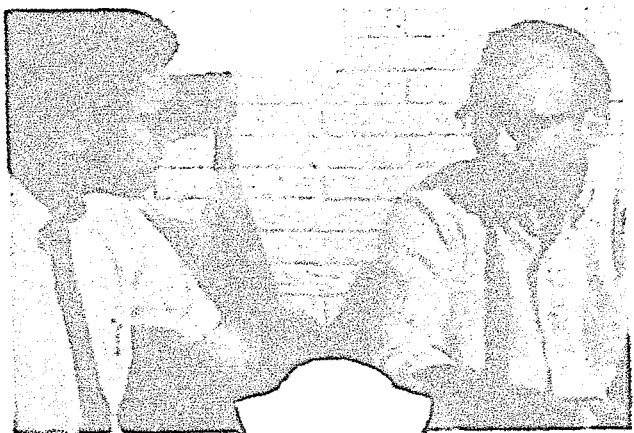
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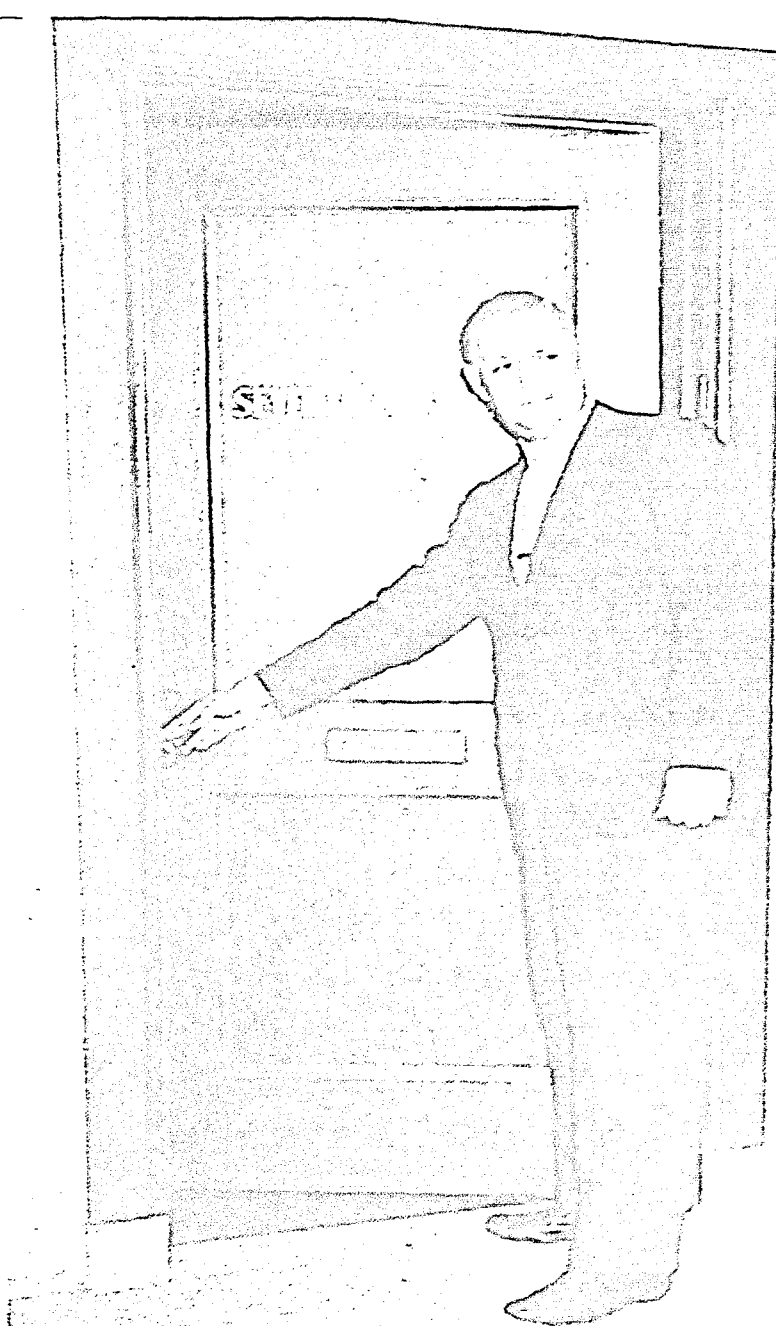
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Welcome . . .



. . . come right in! We are always happy to have "visitors" at the board office. Though the corner windows in the main room overlook the park and downtown Westerly, we have little opportunity to watch activities with the many things to be done.



Mrs. James G. (Helen) Waite, the part-time secretary, has worked in this

position most of the time since 1929. The Rev. William L. Burdick was board secretary then and she worked from his home office in Ashaway, at an hourly rate. Whenever we wish "background" information, Helen can usually help provide it or knows where it can be found.

Since this is Monday, you can also meet a second part-time secretary, Miss Rachel Barber, who works three mornings a week assisting the treasurer. When the general work builds up she also helps with that too.



Our second room is much smaller but also has two desks — the first for the Rev. Everett T. Harris, now since retirement, consultant in the office. When I'm away on field trips he spends every morning here and takes care of the necessary correspondence. His help and advice, after over eighteen years as secretary of the society, is of vital and continuing help.

The mornings are busy times, as you see. Our treasurer, Karl G. Stillman has just come in. He usually comes in for a brief time each morning to bring checks for mailing, pick up bills, and counsel on the decisions and work that is receiving our immediate attention. His office is at home but he does use the table in the larger room when here. During the week or two of audit each spring he spends full time in this responsibility, though he has many other personal responsibilities.



Mr. Stillman has served since 1931 in this position and has seen the permanent funds of the society grow from \$79,600 in that year, to over \$489,000 the end of 1970. As chairman of the Investment Committee he has offered his counsel and service as well.

JANUARY 1, 1972



Yes, please have a chair. You ask, "How is the work going?" A recent editorial in *Christianity Today* compared the decline in most denominational mission personnel since 1958. Growth was noted by the Southern Baptists and many evangelical faith missions, but the general trend is downward.

A quick check of our statistics showed a near status quo — ten workers in our overseas work both in 1958 and 1971 (wives are also counted in such statistics), and ten workers involved in home field outreach. Nine of the latter are missionary pastors receiving half, or more, of their support from local church or association. One, Evangelist Mynor G. Soper, is teaching and preaching to help our people to a more effective witness for Christ in their daily life. We thus have one overseas worker for every 533 members in our churches.

One of our tasks is communication. In various ways we are attempting to share what is being done, the open doors for service, and to challenge our people to respond with their prayers, interest and support for the opportunities the Lord is now giving us. We hope that the letters, publications, weekly articles in the *Sabbath Recorder*, filmstrips, tapes, and other items, are letting you know what is happening and helping you realize your vital part as an individual in this work of our Lord.

You are welcome to drop in at any time! If it is not possible, a letter is always welcome. Your questions, suggestions, and fellowship (made real when we receive the monthly statement and check from Our World Mission treasurer or your check in designated giving di-

rectly) is needed and greatly appreciated.

Thanks for coming. During 1972 I look forward to seeing many of you in your home churches, at association meetings, at area spiritual retreats, or General Conference in Denver, Colo. (August 7-12). Above all, let us continue to pray for each other and work together in our God-given tasks for His glory.

—Leon R. Lawton

AMBASSADORS

For several years your Missionary Society encouraged and coordinated the "Missioner Program" in which pastors and laymen volunteered their services to be used in sister churches, mainly in preaching/evangelistic outreach ministries. While such service is still done in a direct way the emphasis has not been given in this method in the last two years.

In our *Era of Action* packet for 1971-72, it is suggested that groups of believers (churches, associations, boards or agencies) become so personally related that we become more sensitive and aware of those whom God has called and given gifts for unique service. Even as the church has called men (and women) recognized as having gifts for the preaching ministry, by licensing them to preach, so we are suggesting that other individuals be recognized, called, and set apart as "Ambassadors." Such individuals should be listed with the general secretary so their talents and openness for service can be made known.

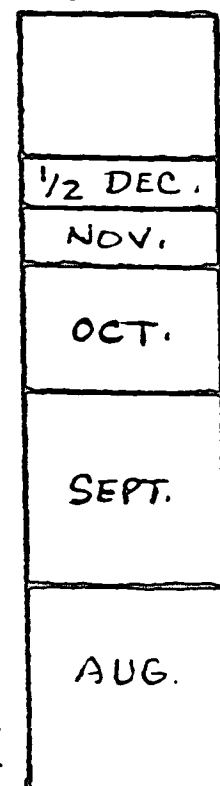
Every Christian should be an ambassador sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, as Paul expressed it, "We are Christ's ambassador. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you — be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20 LNT).

We urge you to check the information given on pages 22, 23 of the packet. We ask you and the brethren in your church to pray seeking God's leading. It may be that He would work through you to help an individual use his gift and become an effective ambassador for Christ, because you gave encouragement and prayerful direction to his life of services.

Crandall High School Special Appeal

GOAL IN SIGHT!

\$10,000.
GOAL



Because you gave, the Crandall High School special appeal for funds to build needed classroom space is now in sight! Launched last July, the first gifts came almost immediately. We have noted the progress toward the goal on the graph.

Construction began in mid-October and the halfway point was scheduled just prior to Christmas. Completion is set for the end of January, about the time the new school term begins.

As of mid-December we will have a ways to go, but, *the goal is in sight!* If the expected receipts in December match those of November — over \$500 — and if our Jamaican brethren are successful in reaching their amount, we will start the New Year with the goal reached.

Many wondered if such a large special appeal might hinder other work. While the Our World Mission budget was behind in its total amount on December, due primarily to a lack in designated gifts, we are at about the same percentage of total budget support as we were last year (1970) at this time. And, with reported enthusiasm and growth in giving by some individuals and churches we expect to reach that goal! We can, if we will.

While it may be a bit early to announce complete victory, we can and must express deep appreciation for the manner in which so many took seriously the need and gave over and above regular giving to make the new classroom space at Crandall High School a soon-to-be-realized fact. We hope that the previous goal might be a bit oversubscribed as the exchange rates have fallen in recent months and the estimated cost of furnishings was a bare minimum. Several

A Forward Look into '72

What does the year ahead hold? ". . . exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think!" (Eph. 3:20).

The Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists is promoted in our churches by your society. The booklet published by the S.D.B. World Federation has been sent to all churches in quantity last November. We trust that YOU have your copy and will participate at home and in your church fellowship, January 2-8, 1972 with Seventh Day Baptists around the world.

Area Spiritual Retreats for all our pastors are scheduled for three locations. This will offer less travel time and small group opportunity for learning and expression. A special grant from the Memorial Fund will make possible grants to aid in travel and other costs so that no pastor will need be absent because of funds. Dates and locations will be: April 10-18, Verona, N. Y., church; April 18-26, Camp Joy, Berea, W. Va.; May 1-9, Nortonville, Kans., church. Evangelist Mynor G. Soper is director. Emphasis on Bible study, outreach, local church program in Key '73, and other vital matters will highlight these days.

Information/Inspiration Now! In over forty-five of the fifty issues of *The Sabbath Recorder* in 1972, there will be up-to-date news on your missions and the work to which the Lord has called us. Two issues of *Mission Notes* will highlight the specific missionary work being done, and one issue—the one you hold in your hands — emphasizes your society and the work of its board. We urge all Seventh

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Be "in" on Meetings: The quarterly *Missionary Reporter* carries minutes of the board meetings, including reports of workers, committees, and actions taken. Special reports are also mailed to voting members of the society several times a year.

Audiovisual Aids: In cooperation with other boards we have coordinated and edited most of the "Worldwide Witness for Christ by Seventh Day Baptists" series since the fall of 1970. In 1972, following the last emphasis on New Zealand in January, we will return to producing audiovisual aids and mission emphasis programs for use in our churches on at least a quarterly basis. We will also coordinate and promote a new series of AV aids on home field action, witness, and outreach during this *Era of Action*.

Lay Training for Evangelism: Several local churches have, or are presently making, arrangements with Evangelist Soper for training and/or evangelistic services in 1972. If your church wishes him to share his ministry with you, the plans need to be made several months in advance.

Summer Christian Service Corps. In cooperation with other boards, Missionary Board workers have directed the training and evaluation sessions since 1965. This year training will be held at Euless, Texas, in conjunction with Explo '72 at Dallas, Tex. Both workers and projects have a "dateline" of January 15. We hope that most applications can be received by that time, or as soon thereafter as possible!

Booth - Explo '72: Your society is planning to participate in the Christian Opportunity Exposition to be located in two large buildings adjacent to the Cotton Bowl where an estimated 100,000 will gather each night of Explo '72. Over 300 such agencies,

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memorial gifts will be used for this equipment.

On behalf of the students and staff at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, I wish to say, "Thank You!" Future issues of the *Recorder* will carry pictures and reports of final construction and early use.

HOW YOUR MISSIONARY WORK IS SUPPORTED

There are primarily two differing methods used today to support missionary work: 1. The *individual* support plan, used by most nondenominational "faith" missions; 2. The *budget* support plan, used by most denominational mission agencies. Both are good and offer advantages for the giver and work, yet both have their limitations.

Under the *individual* support plan the mission boards plan their work and need for new workers on the field. They appeal to college age youth to respond to the challenge and need. After interviews and screening, candidates are appointed. But before they can begin their work it is necessary for them to seek their support from individuals, churches, and groups.

Some boards have a minimum figure set for each field which takes into account not only the basic salary needs, but also transportation to and from the field, children's educational expense, medical insurance, field housing, transportation, equipment, funds to do their particular work on the field, etc. Usually there is also included a certain percentage of the total (some list fifteen percent) that is needed to maintain the board office.

When the needed total is raised, or pledged, then the workers go to the field. It is vitally important that the line of communication between worker and donors is maintained. Many do this through regular letters mailed to those giving support, in addition to articles in regular publications. When on furlough the missionaries visit supporting churches and seek to renew the pledges for another term of service.

Under the *budget* support plan certain funds for mission work are included in the total giving of the denomination. It is the responsibility of the board to use these funds to the fullest to place workers on the field, to aid national conferences and workers, and forward the gospel

message. The entry into new work depends on the increase in support that can be expected and the changing work on other fields. The board must plan carefully the work to be done. This must be done within the budget allowed and anticipated.

Missionaries do not have the burden of raising their support or relating as closely with specific supporting churches or individuals, but they do communicate through the board and its publications and when on furlough seek to share their experiences and the specific needs and opportunities of their field.

Your Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, through its Board of Managers, is basically operating under this second method. It presents its needs through Commission to the General Conference and is included along with the other boards and agencies of Conference in the total *Our World Mission* budget. This budget, adopted by the delegates from our churches at the annual Conference session, regulates the general work.

Thus when individuals offer themselves for service on the mission field your board must not only place them in needed work but must also be able to allocate funds for their support. Usually the budget figures are so close that this cannot be done apart from seeking more funds through the normal channels. And, this can take precious time, though not necessarily more than it would take individuals to raise their own support.

New fields and open doors for witness are constantly before us as well. The evaluation of each one and weighing it against the present work and the probable resources are the prayerful and constant responsibility of the board and its committees. In a year when financial support is not meeting the current needs to pay salaries and do the work laid out to Conference in the adopted budget it is difficult to plan new and greater work. But such must be done. And here is the area of "faith" that your board must show if we are to meet the will and work of our Lord.

The 1972 Missionary Board Budget

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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION TO
BE ANSWERED BY EVERYONE

WHY I'M HERE

Contrary to propaganda, going to the mission field is not a "romantic adventure." Nor is it a place to do penance for a questionable past. Actually, in some ways it is no different than working in a drug center in an urban area or discussing the Christ-centered life with kids at Daytona Beach during the spring college break. All three have the same goal—sharing my life experience with Christ with others.

Time and again Christ spoke of the necessity to share with other people. "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31). "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). And I feel when He said these words He was not just giving an arbitrary command. He knew we needed each other and the chance to care. Daytona, Los Angeles and Malawi, all offer this.

If someone asked me what I thought the qualifications for going to a foreign field should be, I probably would reply, "The same as for staying at home!"

The mission field, as I see it, is for dedicated, trained young people. You note I say "young people." This is not to discredit the older generation but to emphasize that growth and education are perpetually young and thrive on new ideas and energy.

Now, these young people should not only be dedicated to caring for others but *dedicated* to the Living Lord, Jesus Christ. He is interested in the people that they will be working with. You see, it is God who recognizes man's problems. He sees him at his own level of understanding. He reminds us that every human being is worthwhile to Him, in whatever capacity he can achieve. He is the God who will show the interested young per-



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son how to care. And, when he is exhausted, God will keep on loving through the young person in spite of his temporary fatigue.

The last requisite I suggested was *training*. Getting your luggage to the field and mastering the greeting "moni" is not all there is to it. I'm discovering that the one who wishes help must know his area well enough to be able to start at the bottom and be ready for failure, in order to support growth in his fellow human beings. He must be ready, and know how to reexamine his own relationship to God and living. And, over and over again, he must be willing to accept change when a need for it is pointed out, whether it be from the nationals or other missionaries.

These are a few of my impressions toward what a missionary's role is and should be. But I'd like to add one more thing. I used to ask, as most young people do, "Where is loving . . . relevancy . . . challenge . . . ?" I have discovered that each of those words suggest action, purposeful action. And, when the chance to use my nursing talent and desire to care with others came in the form of service in Malawi, I was hit directly on the head!

I'm discovering we can't rightly go on asking a question and ignoring the answer.

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How Your Missionary Work Is Supported

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(tentative) needs to be seen in its various parts. Our work is carried on in three countries overseas — Guyana, S. A., Jamaica, W. I., and Malawi, Africa — and also on the home field. To items for each of these is added that for promotion and administration, advancement funds, and emergencies. In the tentative budget (the operating budget is adopted at the January board meeting) 43 percent is for overseas work — Guyana, 8 percent; Jamaica, 12 percent; Malawi, 23 percent —and 28 percent for work on the home field. We have ten workers overseas (husbands and wives are both counted in such totals and aid nine missionary pastors in the USA as well as enabling Evangelist Mynor Soper carry on his teaching/preaching ministry. The board office has one full-time worker (the executive vice-president) with part-time support given to two secretaries, the treasurer, and the consultant.

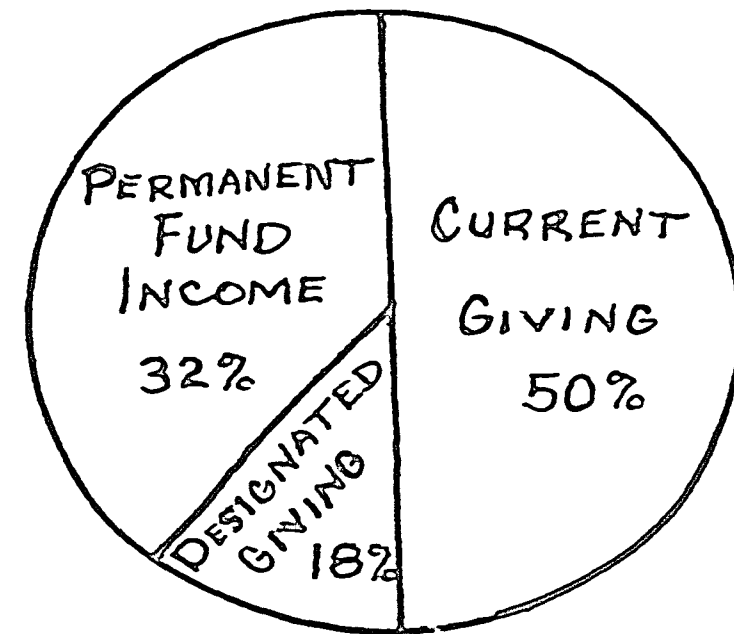
The bulk of the funds in *Our World Mission* is listed under current giving —those funds given undesignated to the work of Seventh Day Baptists as included in the Conference-adopted budget. In 1972 the Missionary Society is budgeted to receive \$55,000 in this way, or nearly 50 percent of the current giving total. This means that our monthly receipts should average \$4,584 from this source. Yet this is only half our need.

Designated giving is also included in the O.W.M. totals, and the Missionary Board carries the largest total here as well. In designated giving individuals and churches are encouraged to give specifically to work on certain fields, to support missionaries of their choice, to aid in some particular item within the total budget. All designated giving goes 100 percent to the work named, yet it falls within the total work of the board. In 1972 designated giving represents 18 percent of our annual needs.

The calendar printed in this issue is intended not only to offer reference to the dates, but also to remind you of designated giving needs. A suggested

monthly emphasis is noted. In order to reach our budget requirements, just under \$1,500 a month must be received.

The third major area of funds for the work is income from invested funds. Through the years many people have given or bequeathed substantial amounts, the income of which is designated for the work of the board. These funds, held by the Memorial Fund trustees as well as the society treasurer in permanent funds, support nearly a third of our 1972 budget. Perhaps the graph can depict more clearly our anticipated sources of income:



No matter which plan, the response to the Great Commission of our Lord as carried out by Seventh Day Baptists through their Missionary Society has been made by the individuals and churches who have given generously and regularly to *Our World Mission* and specifically in designated gifts.

New Missionaries Wasting Time

A Roman Catholic missionary in Tanzania urges a "mango-tree theology" for anyone who would be a missionary today.

Go out under the mango tree with the people, he counsels, and listen — in order to enter into the dialogue with them.

A colleague agrees. He says: "Let's waste a little time with our people. Let's take the time to listen to those whom we would educate, so as not just to work *on* them, but *with* them. Listening doesn't precede communication. Listening *is* communication." (EBPS)

Facts untaught to each generation become facts that are lost. This is why it is vital that every individual in each generation have the opportunity to hear and understand the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, many even with the church are illiterate in spiritual truth. They have a religion without personal experience of and commitment to Christ. We must be sure that those within our families, our "fold," have the chance to know, understand, and to accept or reject Him.

Just over 170 years ago some of our spiritual forefathers were concerned that the work of sharing this good news be more effectively done. Their vision and zeal led to the organization of our General Conference for missionary purpose. But it was soon found that Conference was too large and loose a body. It could not be responsive as needed to the work and workers. Thus in 1818 the first society was formed by a smaller group of leaders to gather funds, commission workers, and seek to meet the challenge of the new frontier. In 1842 the present Missionary Society succeeded the earlier ones and since about 1858 the Board of Managers of the Society has been centered in, or near, the Westerly, Rhode Island, area.

For many years donors to the work of the society were listed by name and amount in the pages of the *Sabbath Recorder*. Life members (those who paid at least \$25 in no less than two payments in their name) were listed at the end of the annual report. In the last fifty years these practices have been dropped and support of the work was joined with that of other boards and agencies in a general budget — now called *Our World Mission*.

The annual meeting of the society was also held in conjunction with General Conference until early in this century. These changes have tended to impersonalize the needed participation of every Seventh Day Baptist in the work of his Missionary Society.

In the new constitution adopted in 1968 membership in the society was placed in two categories: 1—Nonvoting: Life members and "any person who contributes one dollar or more annually to

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the funds of the society";

2—Voting: Those elected to such right and who have paid annual dues (\$10) to the society in their name.

By adopting the place for voting members, the society again made possible the meaningful personal participation of individuals in its work. It enabled every Seventh Day Baptist, regardless of his place of residence or his ability to attend the sessions of Conference, to have a personal part in the action of his society.

Voting members . . .

. . . receive the quarterly *Missionary Reporter*, which carries the minutes of the board meeting;

. . . receive special information and reports on the work of the society;

. . . receive facts on the annual society meeting (in March) and are able to vote for the membership of the Board of Managers and the officers of the society by proxy (if they cannot attend the meeting in person);

. . . by their voting membership position, express their interest in and support of the missionary outreach ministry of the society as its board and workers seek to be sensitive to and obedient in their response to God's Word and the leading of His Spirit;

. . . in their annual dues give support to the general work of the society as these become part of the budgeted designated gifts needed each year.

The annual society meeting elects a Board of Managers — usually about thirty people who live in the same geographical area so they can actively participate in regular meetings. This board

meets each quarter, receiving reports of officers and committees and taking needed action for the furtherance of the work.

Standing committees are appointed by the board. At present each committee is responsible for a specific area of interest and work — Africa, American Tropics, Home Field, Investments, China, New Fields, Retirement, and Advisory.

Members of the society who have special interests, skills or experience are also appointed as "consultants" and usually are related to one of the standing committees. Many former missionaries continue to give counsel and help to board committees in such a capacity.

Since these consultants are spread across the country and the attempt is made to have at least one in each association, they offer opportunity for local churches and individuals to share their concern, insights and suggestions through them to the society. In turn, we hope added understanding of the work and needs of the society are made known as they have opportunity.

The interest committees at General Conference also offer the chance for all Seventh Day Baptists present to play an active role in the review of the society's work. Through the committee report to Conference, recommendations and suggestions are made to give expression of the desires of our people in the field of missionary and evangelistic outreach. Such insight and recommendations are deeply appreciated and do help your board in its total work.

In January 1971 a society *Handbook* was published to set forth the policy and method of working of the society, board and its workers. This has been widely distributed and is available from the society office.

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society is *Your Missionary Society*, only as YOU make the move to support its work regularly through Our World Mission and designated gifts; only as YOU become a voting member, becoming an involved, informed, active member and supporter and upholder of its work. It is up to you . . . it is YOUR MOVE!

A Forward Look into '72

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schools, and Christian organizations will participate.

New Fields in 1972? Correspondence with leaders of newly organized groups named "Seventh Day Baptist" by the corresponding secretary of the Tract Society indicates that the Lord continues to raise up those of like faith in new areas. This information is being shared with the Missionary Board and effort is being made to understand each field and the possible open door it may offer. When workers are requested an in-depth study will be made and an initial course of action considered. We also seek to be open to new opportunities on the home field, encouraging pastors to visit new contacts and help in Bible studies and home meetings wherever possible. Will you join with us in prayer that we might meet the challenge of each new field?

Daytona Beach, 1972: Another team of college-age dedicated workers is being recruited for witness on the beach and in the church community during spring break. Evangelist Mynor G. Soper will lead and support will be given by the church and the Women's Board. Pray that God might direct in each life again and bring many youth and parents to the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ.

YOU Can Have a Part! Note the calendar for 1972 (in the center pages). Post it where you will see it every day. Take a few moments right now — as the New Year begins — to pick up your pen and write your check for getting out the gospel, designating it for Malawi (or other field/work of your choice). Each month we suggest an area of work for your designated special gift over and above your regular support to Our World Mission. Make it a regular act to begin each month by taking the same step of making such a designated gift.

Thank you for caring and sharing!

LORD, IS IT I?

Our Heavenly Father has chosen to work through His children. He could have made other creatures who would be completely responsive to His purpose and plan. But He chooses those to whom He gives new life in Jesus Christ. But, are we (each one) responsive to Him?

On every side there is the crying need for workers! Jesus in His day said, "The harvest is truly great, but the workers are few" (Matt. 9:37). Then He told His followers, "So you must pray to the Lord of the harvest to send men out to reap it" (verse 38). It is our Lord's desire that we pray this specific prayer! Have we? Even this week?

Unless the Lord "sends," our choice and attempted service can be barren. Men can try to serve the Lord and fail. Only when we are obedient to Him and led by His Spirit will we know ease, joy, purpose and complete satisfaction. By men's standards our work may not be "successful," but God asks us and expects us to be "faithful" to His calling and work, not measuring it by men's standards.

Our Lord also asks us to "Lift up your eyes and see . . ." (John 4:35). Have we recently taken time to look up, and around, to consider the opportunities and needs? Basically we need open eyes to "see" the futility of life without Christ—the life that most around us are living. Many would welcome Him, if they knew how. Have we shared our faith and explained how to someone this week? During 1971? Ever?

It does no good to "whip a dead horse." If you have life, then you can share it! You can witness to your experience of His love and help in your daily life. And, those who have life are also promised the "gifts" of the Spirit — "His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole body might be built up . . ." (Eph. 4:12 Phillips). What is your "gift"? Are you using it for His glory?

As I look up, and around, some opportunities and needs that are apparent to me are: . . . the continuing need for lay and pastoral leadership in our churches; . . . youth, children, and adults are waiting to be taught effectively the Word of God in many Sabbath Schools where teachers who are trained and dedicated are lacking; . . . the printing, publications ministry needs new trained, spiritually endowed leaders and workers to replace those soon retiring; . . . the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* will soon reach retirement age. Who is preparing for this challenging and needed ministry? Must we always use a pastor, or are there other individuals whom God would call? . . . writers are needed for new tracts and for continuing pertinent articles for our publications; . . . new doors for service with brethren in sister conferences around the world are open for teaching, evangelism, administration, training, Christian education, medical and even musical work. This is only a partial listing of needs, for compared to God's sight, man's eyes are dim.

Lift up, *open*, your eyes! What does the Lord show *You*? Will you pray, "Lord, is it I you are calling?" And, if the answer is "Yes," will you heed His call? Your letter would be welcomed and we would join with you in prayer and offer counsel as the Lord may lead. But, *it's your move!*

All Seventh Day Baptist families will receive from the Missionary Board a reprint (with a few changes) of this issue. If you, as a subscriber, get two copies, share this one. It is more economical to address the whole list than to separate the names on the two lists.

MISSIONARY PASTORS



The first work of your Missionary Society was centered on the American frontier. Our responsibility was to proclaim the gospel to the settlers in the new areas as well as to

gather scattered members of our churches together for worship, instruction, local witness, and work. The first missionaries appointed by the board were sent on such missions. They were responsible for many baptisms and the establishment of groups of believers that grew into local churches.

Though many of these rural churches remained weak, and with shifting population were closed, some of the strongest leaders of the denomination were raised in such groups. Many could be named. Did you know that Loyal F. Hurley came from the Welton, Iowa, church and Clayton A. Burdick from Utica, Wisconsin? Churches like these are also aided by the society to make possible pastoral leadership. Though some of the small churches were later disbanded who but God alone knows how many precious souls were brought into the Kingdom and how many lives were lived to His glory because of their ministries. Dr. Rosa Palmberg left her home church in West Hallock, Ill., to serve on the China field for nearly fifty years!

A hundred years ago many of today's strongest churches were nonexistent or were just struggling along, trying to be self-supporting and at the same time attempting to carry on a vital ministry. Such Seventh Day Baptist churches are now found in North Loup, Nebr.; Nortonville, Kans.; Battle Creek, Mich.; and Riverside and Los Angeles, Calif., to mention only a few.

Since 1955 the following churches have been organized — Algiers, La.; Bay Area, Calif.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Hammond Westside, La.; Kansas City, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; Metairie, La.; Seattle Area, Wash.; Texarkana, Ark. Over half of these have received or are receiving help

through your society in aid of their growing ministries.

Today, the Missionary Board is assisting nine Seventh Day Baptist churches in the support of their pastors. Most of these are located in cities. In every instance the pastors are full-time workers giving all of their time and energy to the outreaching program of the church.

The present policy of the board is to have each church make annual application for such help. With their applications (submitted before January 15) they are asked to review their actual ministry and outreach during the past year, making a realistic evaluation of the opportunities which have been accepted and met. In addition they are asked to look ahead to the coming year, laying realistic plans for the continuing and growing ministry in which they are engaged and what steps they envision taking to make it a reality. The growth picture and potential of the group is also studied. At most, support is on a matching-fund basis with the church to assume a greater portion of the total amount each year. Though they may need assistance to have a full-time pastor, they are still expected to support regularly Our World Mission.

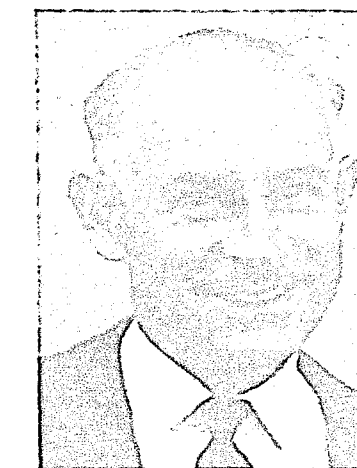
The Home Field Committee of the board studies each application and prayerfully recommends to the January board meeting those who can be aided with the funds that are anticipated in the budgeted amounts for the coming year.

Each Missionary pastor is also required to submit a quarterly report of his work and the activities, attendance, and outreach of his church. In this way the records are shared, counselling can be given, and problems can be prayerfully faced as they arise. Such statistics show that these churches are at the growing edge of our work.

Even more important than your regular giving to Our World Mission to enable these missionary pastors to serve is your faithful prayer support of each one and his congregation! These pastors and



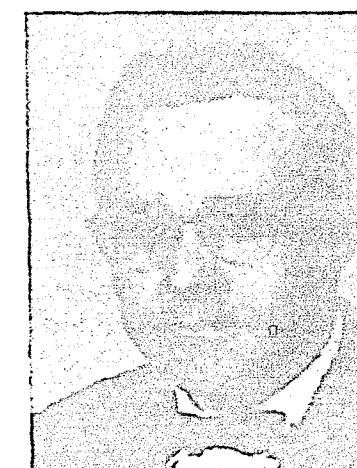
churches are: Marion C. Van Horn, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Kenneth B. Van Horn,



Little Rock, Ark.; Gordon D. Oliver, New Auburn, Wis.; Leslie A. Welch,



Paint Rock, Ala.; C. Harmon Dickinson, Richburg, N. Y.; Dale E. Rood, Water-



ford, Conn.; Duane L. Davis, Seattle Area, Wash.; Alan Crouch, Syracuse, N. Y.; and Delmer E. Van Horn, Washington, D. C. (on page 14).

S. C. S. C. '72

It has been announced that the Training Session for S.C.S.C. workers will be held in connection with EXPLO '72 near Dallas, Texas. Dale Harris, active in S.C.S.C. two previous summers, lives in nearby Euless, Texas. Arrangements have been made by him with the Euless Presbyterian Church to use their facilities for a two-week period just prior to and during EXPLO '72.

The schedule is as follows: Arrival date, June 6, with evening meal and a time of fellowship beginning the session. Classes will be held June 7 through 9, 11, 18, and the morning of June 19. Corps members will be fully involved in EXPLO '72, June 12-17. Travel to the projects would be (or begin) on June 19.

Because of the longer training session, project time will be limited to just over five weeks — June 20 - July 30. The end-of-summer evaluation session is to be held at Camp Paul Hummel near Boulder, Colo., beginning the evening of Monday July 31.

Since the Training Session will be held in Texas, somewhat removed from our local churches and project areas, the cost of transportation will greatly increase. Too, previous sessions have been hosted by a Seventh Day Baptist church with the women of that church furnishing the food and preparation of it as their contribution. Our host this year, the Euless Presbyterian Church, offers free facilities and accommodation, but we have to furnish the food and additional staff. The registration fee for EXPLO '72 will add \$20 to \$25 to the cost for each worker.

In order to help meet these added expenses, each S.C.S.C. worker is being asked to contribute \$35 toward them. This can be personal, family, or gift funds shared by other individuals or groups (such as YF). This amount will be payable on arrival at the Training Session. All workers will be registered for EXPLO '72 by the Women's Board before March 1, 1972.

Several individuals have indicated their intention of being in S.C.S.C. in 1972. Some have already sent their applications. We hope that most will be able to honor

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the date-line (January 15) or get their applications in immediately following. Project forms are also needed by this same dateline, and we urge churches to indicate their desire for an S.C.S.C. team at the earliest possible date!

All forms are available from the Office of General Conference, 510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061. Write for yours today!

Every reader can have a vital part in the Summer Christian Service Corps. Pray for the workers and the projects. Give designated gifts for the needed support being raised by the Women's Board. It is estimated each worker will cost from \$300 to \$500 for travel, training, and weekly allowance (\$7.50). Pray for the Women's Board committee as ap-

plicants are counselled, screened, and projects coordinated.

Since 1965 your Missionary Society has been vitally involved in the Summer Christian Service Corps by giving leadership through their personnel for the Training Session and Evaluation. Society workers have also served as project directors on many occasions.

The opportunities afforded us in 1972 are tremendous. Together we will be responsive to the Lord's leading. Together we will witness to His great Love to us and to those to whom we are led. Praise God for the open doors and the Christian love and helpfulness expressed in the invitation extended by the Eules Presbyterian Church — a vital factor in Summer Christian Service Corps — 1972.

A PIECE OF THE ACTION

When we cry or shout for a piece of the action we ought to be pretty sure what kind of action we want and how ready we are to become personally involved in what we think is the direction we should go. We must always remember that noise, criticism and destruction come easy; but positive, concerned and effective building demands knowledge, commitment and integrity. To respond meaningfully and

helpfully to the many disturbing crises in today's world we must, in each circumstance, search seriously to perceive the whole picture. Segmented views will give us distortions which produce faulty and ineffective conclusions. We need open eyes, open hearts and open minds.

—Wilbur W. Bloom, Pennsylvania Baptist Convention

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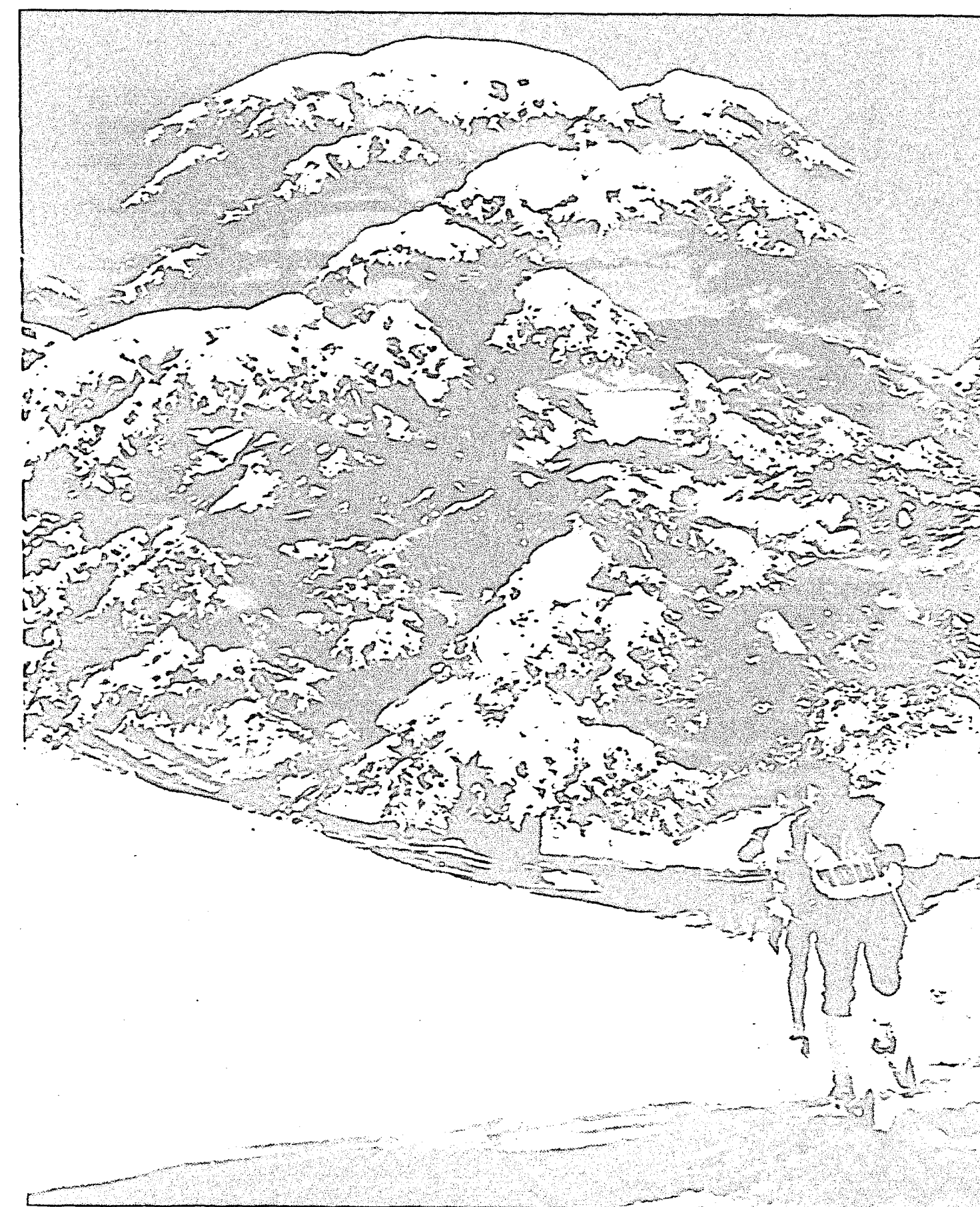
“Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully” (2 Cor. 4:1-2a).

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 8, 1972

OUR COMPASSIONATE CHRIST

Lesson Scripture: Luke 5:9-32; Luke 7:11-17.



Skiing Among the Cedars of Lebanon

The snow scene pictured here is, strangely enough, in Bible lands. Called “The Cedars” this modern ski resort is in Lebanon, two and a half hours from Beirut in an area where Queen Victoria established a park to keep the cedars of Lebanon from extinction. Tourists delight in the fantastic beauty of the cedar-studded, snow-laden mountains where King Solomon's men cut timber for the temple and the Romans secured wood for their sturdy ships. The psalmist said of the righteous, “He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon” (Ps. 92:12).