

The Sabbath Recorder

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and said: Let us build

The Denominational Building

Now let us all approve it

AND SEND IN OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

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LEAD ON!

Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our homes.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace;

For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of night.

—Edward W. Shurtleff.

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This editorial was used as an address in the annual meeting held in our old Newport church, October 18, 1924.

The Value of Our Sacred Shrines

Loyal and loving is the tribute we bring today to the memory of our worthy fathers. No place can be more appropriate, and no service could be more profitable.

Here, in this historic town; with yon historic waters laving our shores; on sacred ground, where Roger Williams planted religious liberty in the New World; beneath the roof of this ancient Bethel dedicated to the service of God by our Pilgrim fathers; within these walls that witnessed the prayers and praises of our early fathers and mothers; in the presence of this old-time pulpit in which worthy men proclaimed the everlasting gospel; under those memorable tables of the law—tables that saved this venerable structure from desecration by enemy soldiers of the Revolution,—with this precious old communion set before us, from which our consecrated fathers and mothers took the symbolic wine; and close beside this memorial tablet, recently placed here in honor of the founders of our church in America, we have come from our distant homes to pay our loving tribute to those who toiled and sacrificed here. And I trust we have come to pledge our renewed loyalty to the splendid cause for which they gave their lives.

It is worth while for us to pause here, in this presence, in order to "remember the land we have passed through; for it is an exceeding good land." It was always well for God's people to "inquire of the former age" and to "consider the years of many generations."

In these worldly times, we need to profit by the lessons of our past. In all generations the people who easily forgot their history have gone far astray. Memories of their altar-fires and pilgrimages to their sacred shrines, have always had much to do with keeping men loyal to the faith of their fathers. The son who forgets a good father or despises his mother is fore-

doomed. This principle holds true with a denomination. Sad will it be for Seventh Day Baptists if the day ever comes wherein they cease to cherish the memory of the noble men who toiled and sacrificed to give them their heritage.

Time and again, in days of old, when the way seemed dark and Israel was discouraged, did they renew their strength and take new hope by some pilgrimage to their holy shrines. Thus they recalled the noble deeds of their fathers and remembered anew the hand-dealings of Jehovah as a present help in trouble.

Who can estimate the worth to early Christians, of that story of heroes found in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews? Was it not worthwhile for them to feel that they were "compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses"?

What a wonderful cloud of witnesses Seventh Day Baptists have who cherish the memory of their departed heroes from the founding of Newport on the Atlantic to that of the last church on the Pacific!

This is my fourth pilgrimage to this venerable sanctuary. The first was fifty-one years ago last month, when one hundred and fifty of our people came from the Conference at Westerly and pledged anew their loyalty around the altar of their old Bethel. It did seem to many in that meeting that it was the gateway to heaven and that the ladder was filled with angel-messengers, God-sent, to revive their hopes and enlarge their vision.

Never can I forget the spiritual uplift of that memorable day! Can you estimate how much this dear old church with its sacred memories had to do with that uplift?

Before we landed, Elder Lucius Crandall, a one-time pastor here, was chosen to lead the company. I can see him now, with his snow-white locks leading the procession toward Barney Street. As the doors were opened and he saw the tables of the law above the pulpit, his voice was heard telling how British cavalymen opened those doors to make a stable of this house for their horses; but upon seeing the tables of the

law, they reverently closed the doors, saying: "This is the house of God." I suppose the tables made them think this was a church of England.

How can I find words to express the spirit and enthusiasm of that meeting? I can see Charles M. Lewis, that little giant in evangelism as he climbed that pulpit stair and made the opening prayer. He had been the last pastor this church had known. Beside him stood Rev. Nathan V. Hull, pastor of Alfred for a whole generation, and father of churches in the Western Association. In that company was George B. Utter, editor of the SABBATH RECORDER for more than a quarter of a century. There was our leader, Lucius Crandall, editor of the *Carrol*, a song-book for Sabbath schools. His words were always like arrows shot from a strong bow. There was Darwin E. Maxson with his fiery eloquence; William C. Whitford, the powerful pleader for education; Jonathan Allen, the profound thinker of Alfred University; and Thomas R. Williams, the enthusiastic theologian—all strong men who "waxed valiant in fight and obtained a good report through faith."

Who that heard them, can ever forget the eloquence of A. H. Lewis, L. C. Rogers, George E. Tomlinson, Charles M. Lewis, Joshua Clarke, and James M. Todd, as they pled and prayed for greater consecration and planned for the much-needed Memorial Fund.

I am sure that the pilgrimage to Newport in 1873, marked an epoch in our denominational life. Inspirations were there given and fires kindled that have never been smothered. Plans were there made that have resulted in great blessings.

Why should it not be so? It was here that a little company of intelligent God-fearing heroes, moved by loyalty to the Bible, which they accepted as their rule of life, took the step for conscience' sake that separated them from old-time friends, knowing full well what the cost would be in crosses and burdens, and reproaches, if they stood true to conscience and obeyed God.

Tell me if you can, how could a company of conscientious Seventh Day Baptist people visit the scene of such heroic action without being moved to greater consecration and to better work? Their

vision of kingdom tasks was certainly broadened in that meeting.

After these walls had rung with the eloquence and prayers on that September day fifty-one years ago, men and women went out from this place fired with a new spirit of loyalty, which has brought splendid results.

Looking forward from that day, we see springing into being the various boards that are now so helpful. Then there was no Young People's Board, no Woman's Board, no Sabbath School Board as now constituted. The China mission was so low that the selling of the dwelling there was actually put before the people to decide; but, thank God, it was not sold.

The Memorial Board was just getting on its feet. We had listened to its first report with only about \$55,000 all told in pledges and cash—most of it in unredeemed pledges. Today it holds more than \$570,000 as a fund to aid in our work.

One needs only to read the pathetic appeal of George E. Tomlinson, secretary of the Missionary Board, in his report for 1873, and compare it with that of 1923, to see what wonderful progress has been made in the work of missions alone.

The Young People's Board gave us more last year than the entire denomination gave fifty or sixty years ago. The Woman's Board has made a similar record. Neither one of these boards was thought of fifty-one years ago.

Friends, my point is simply this: Within the lifetime of our people, no one thing has stirred us more deeply; no one thing has done more to start us in the line of practical forward movements and of denominational loyalty, than did that pilgrimage to Newport in 1873. Who shall say that it does not pay to visit our historic shrines and review the lessons they give?

When a people have enjoyed such a "send off," and the first forward step is taken, the next step comes easier. Step by step we have gone forward until today we have a re-organized Conference, a splendid forward movement in progress, and after nearly eighty years in which our denominational paper has had no home of its own, we have a splendid up-to-date printing shop. This job is only half done. The memorial building is yet to come. Its fine lot is already purchased and waiting to receive it. The Commission has approved it.

Conference has approved it. The Tract Board has approved it. The people long to see it completed. It, too, should make a shrine to which coming generations may go and see there the monumental evidence that this generation has its heroes—men who in 1924 revered the memory of their fathers, and had faith enough in our future to prompt them to the erection of a real memorial building of which future generations may be proud.

We Must Leave Out Some Copy has been coming, of late, until it becomes a real problem to decide what to leave out. To get it all in within a reasonable time is utterly impossible. Some articles in the various departments will be delayed, and the writers will wonder why. The Missions Page, the Education Page, the Woman's Work, will all show a shortage this week; but we have no remedy. By "shortage" we mean that some articles sent will not appear, simply, and only, because there is no room for them.

In some cases where articles are left out, there are two or three others on hand of more recent date, giving largely the same data. This is especially true of the communications from China, so if some of our friends miss certain articles, this will explain why they do not appear.

"Why So Few Conversions?" We desire to call the attention of our readers to the first article in the Onward Movement Department of this issue. It was written by Frederick Lynch of the *Christian Work*, and Brother W. D. Burdick thinks it important enough to be given a place in the SABBATH RECORDER. So does the editor, and he wishes every loyal Christian would lay to heart the answers there given to the question: "Why so few conversions?"

Second Publication Of the Commission's Report In the RECORDERS of September 1, and September 8, the report of the Commission was published in full as it came from the hands of the Commission, and before the General Conference had made changes in it.

When my attention was called to this mistake, and the suggestion was made to publish it again, I replied to the effect that I was rather glad the mistake did happen;

for if it is again published, with an explanation, more people will be sure to read it. They will read to see what changes were made, if for nothing else.

The RECORDER gladly gives it place again. Let me assure the friends of our good cause, that the SABBATH RECORDER will not be likely to contain *anything more important*, during the year, than this report of the Commission as approved by Conference. Study it carefully and carry out its recommendations if you really desire to see our Onward Movement succeed.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

Revised and Approved by Conference

SUMMARIZED REPORT

Dipped from the Stream

1. There have been 137 additions by baptism to our churches during the year.

2. Our publishing house, in addition to paying an annual rent of \$2,400 to the Tract Society, has this year, on June 30, handed a check for \$1,200 to the Tract Society as net profit for the year, an occurrence new in our history.

3. Three men have been attending the theological seminary, and another is to enter this coming school year, and four men in college preparing for the ministry, have also received financial help from the denomination.

4. The Missionary Society has lived within its income and also been able to wipe out its deficit in its general fund; and the Tract Society has reduced its deficit from over \$4,000 to about \$1,000 in the general fund.

5. The Young People's Board has conducted a SABBATH RECORDER Reading Contest which has maintained and increased the subscription list of, and doubtless stimulated interest in, our denominational paper.

6. An unusually large request for literature concerning the Sabbath has been provided by the Tract Society.

7. George Thorngate has been called to go as a medical missionary to China, and he and his family will set out for their field of work in the near future.

8. Students numbering 1,787, as compared with 1,655 of the previous year, have attended our colleges this past year.

9. Splendid work has been done by H. E. Davis during his furlough at our associations and colleges, and among our churches.

10. The endowment of our colleges has been enlarged by \$22,196.61.

11. Secretary W. L. Burdick and Pastor C. A. Hansen made a missionary visit to Jamaica, with most interesting and significant results.

12. The Sabbath School Board has conducted a series of very successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools in several places in the denomination.

13. The trip to Georgetown and Trinidad by Secretary William L. Burdick marks an epoch for larger growth of our work on those fields.

14. The Woman's Board in its auxiliary capacity has wonderfully stimulated the spiritual and financial support of our denominational work among the churches.

15. The Tract Society is giving financial assistance to four publications outside the United States: *De Boodschapper* in Holland, *The Sabbath Observer* in England, *The Gospel Herald* in British Guiana, and *The Seventh Day Baptist Reformer* in Jamaica.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Commission recommends that people and pastors continue to stress the training of our young people for Christian leadership, with special reference to the Christian ministry.

2. The Commission recommends to the Tract Society a new edition of 1,000 copies of the *Seventh Day Baptist Manual*, and for that purpose has placed an item of \$500 in the Onward Movement budget for the ensuing year.

3. The Commission recommends the employment of Rev. A. J. C. Bond in his present capacity until the first of October, 1924, at which time he is to become the pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Plainfield, N. J.

4. The Commission recommends for approval by the General Conference that the opportunity be given to the Tract Society to make a separate campaign to raise the needed funds to complete the denominational building.

5. The Commission recommends the adoption of the report of the treasurer of the New Forward Movement Budget Fund,

and the report of the treasurer of the General Conference, when they shall have been approved by the Auditing Committee.

6. The Commission recommends that the term "general secretary" be given to the office noted in last year's report as "denominational executive secretary."

7. The Commission recommends that the corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society investigate further the opportunities for agricultural missionary work and its feasibility in India. The Commission also recommends the approval of the employment by the Missionary Society of C. C. Belgrave, who is now in India, provided he is returned to his home in Georgetown, British Guiana.

8. The Commission recommends that the duties of the general secretary be as follows:

In general his field of labor shall be that in which the Forward Movement director has been laboring; no additional major tasks are to be added. While the spiritual interests of the denomination shall always receive special emphasis, he is to be responsible for raising the denominational budget; he is expected to visit the associations and churches, and to assist pastors as there may be need, and do such other work as the Commission may direct; he is to labor with freedom and initiative, under the direction of the Commission, and his relation to the various denominational boards is to be that of counsellor and co-ordinator.

9. Believing in the real value of such work as Rev. Robert B. St. Clair is doing from the standpoint of vocational needs and from the standpoint of extending our influence to people with whom we are not now acquainted, as well as in other missionary lines, the Commission recommends his full-time employment in these capacities by the Missionary Society.

10. In view of the favorable report made by Rev. William L. Burdick and Rev. C. A. Hansen, who were appointed to visit Jamaica and make a careful study of conditions on that field, the Commission recommends that the fourteen churches which have made application be received into the sisterhood of the churches comprising the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

11. The Commission recommends to the General Conference the plan of sending a Seventh Day Baptist representative from

America to attend the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work which is to meet in Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1925; and asks for authority to select and send such a representative should such a plan seem wise and desirable later in the year, with the recommendation to visit our churches in England and Holland.

12. The Commission recommends that the request be renewed to the various boards and societies to furnish the Commission at its pre-Conference meeting typewritten copies of the reports of their year's work.

13. The Commission recommends the adoption of the following statement and that a copy be sent to John H. Finley, chairman of the Commission on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council.

We wish to express our most emphatic belief that only an increased practice of the principles of Jesus Christ can ever bring justice and peace into world relations; and we therefore call upon all our churches to support every worthy attempt on the part of Christians to bring about enduring good will and understanding among the nations of the world.

The Commission also recommends that the method of co-operation by our denomination with this Commission on International Justice and Good Will be through the Commission, and that the Commission be authorized to purchase a sufficient number of copies of a pamphlet entitled *What Pastors Can Do in the Crusade for a Warless World*, and distribute them to the pastors of our churches at a probable cost of about five dollars.

14. In view of continued appalling conditions of suffering in certain Near East countries, it is recommended that the General Conference endorse the Near East Movement.

OUR PLATFORM

1. We wish to restate our belief that the biggest, finest, most vital work of the denomination is the promotion of the life of the spirit.

2. We believe that all Christian denominations should unite their forces to combat evil. We note that the trend is toward united effort and co-operation, and we urge upon our churches all possible and proper co-operation with other denominations in

the promotion of religious growth and social betterment.

3. We believe that our pastors should stress the importance of Christian stewardship and the acceptance of responsibility, to the end that there may be a spiritual benefit to the giver, and greater opportunity for our various boards to function without having the added burden of devising means to carry debts and deficits.

4. We believe that the Church of Christ must be a deciding factor in the settlement of social unrest and in the solution of economic problems. We urge pastors and leaders of our churches to seek information on these problems and to discuss them, to the end that public opinion may be molded in justice and righteousness, and that solutions may be found which measure up to Christian standards.

5. We call upon our lawmakers and men in official positions to use their influence righteously, and to respect and enforce the laws of our country without prejudice or respect to party affiliations.

6. We call upon our people everywhere to be faithful in their personal and family devotions, to support the regular church services, and to co-operate earnestly in special and sustained efforts for spiritual awakening and for the deepening of our devotional life.

7. We believe that the spirit of the Master abiding in our hearts will enable us to live and work together in loving harmony even though we may not always see eye to eye in respect to opinions and views of intellectual beliefs.

OUR PROGRAM

In presenting a denominational program to our people the Commission wishes to express its firm belief that the results of the past five years fully justify and warrant a continuance in general of the methods and policies which have characterized the New Forward Movement, and to this end it recommends:

1. That our united work as a people be known as the "Seventh Day Baptist Onward Movement," with the motto, "Onward and Upward," and with the slogan, "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

2. That the aim and purpose of our united effort, namely, *better people, more and more like Jesus Christ*, shall never be obscured by the details of our methods.

3. The adoption and promotion of plans which shall continue and further develop co-operation among our churches and boards, and better correlation of all our forces.

4. The employment of a general secretary, whose duties shall be those specified in Section 8 of the recommendations of this report.

5. An annual denominational budget, adopted by the General Conference, compiled by the Commission from budgets and estimates sent by the various boards and societies and by the Commission.

6. The plan of an annual contribution to our denominational work from each member as God has prospered him, or her; and in this connection the consideration of the tithing plan is earnestly commended to each member of the denomination.

7. While holding firmly to the principle that churches and individuals have entire freedom in the designation of their gifts, a cordial support of the budget plan is recommended.

ONWARD MOVEMENT BUDGET

For the Ensuing Year

The Commission has compiled a budget for our Onward Movement for this coming year and respectfully submits it to the General Conference for consideration and adoption. It has been arranged from the budgets which were sent to the Commission by the various boards and societies, and represents in a single budget the interests of our entire denomination according to the best judgment of the Commission after long, careful, and prayerful study.

The revision of our budget and the apportionments to the churches take notice of the somewhat changed needs of the boards, the fact that the Parallel budget has not removed all deficits from the various interests, the omission of an item for the denominational building, and certain urgent requests of some of the churches with reference to their apportionments.

These have all been given careful consideration in compiling this budget and list of apportionments.

Can we raise this amount? We have raised \$58,800 during the past very unfavorable year when the raising of money has been difficult. The times are improving this year; business conditions are better. Surely

we can raise as much as we did during the peak of prosperous times a few years ago, since we did raise that amount during the past unfavorable year.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET

Sabbath School Board	\$ 3,600 00
Young People's Board	2,200 00
Woman's Board	4,300 00
Historical Society	500 00
Education Society	1,500 00
Missionary Society	16,450 00
Tract Society	8,195 00
Scholarships and fellowships	1,000 00
Ministerial relief	4,000 00
Supplementing pastors' salaries	1,500 00
General Conference	5,973 46
Emergency, or Contingent Fund	9,045 54
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	\$58,264 00

BUDGET IN DETAIL

Sabbath School Board

Salary of field representative	\$ 1,500 00
Expenses of field representative	500 00
Promotion of religious education	1,200 00
S. S. Council of Religious Education	50 00
International Lesson Committee	75 00
Editorial work on <i>Helping Hand</i>	75 00
Editorial work on Children's Page of SABBATH RECORDER	25 00
Board's share of expenses of Year Book	50 00
Printing and postage	125 00
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	\$ 3,600 00

Young People's Board

Board expenses	\$ 500 00
Field work	700 00
George Thorngate	300 00
Fouke School	400 00
Promotion and Extension	300 00
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	\$ 2,200 00

Woman's Board

Salary of Susie Burdick	\$ 800 00
Salary of Anna West	800 00
Evangelistic work in Southwestern Association	250 00
Georgetown, British Guiana	200 00
Fouke School	200 00
Boys' School in China	100 00
Girls' School in China	100 00
Twentieth Century Endowment Fund	300 00
Retired Ministers' Fund	250 00
Board expenses	200 00
Tract Society	900 00
Emergency Fund	200 00
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	\$ 4,300 00

Historical Society

General Fund	\$ 500 00
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	\$ 500 00

Education Society

For the Theological Seminary	\$ 1,500 00
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	\$ 1,500 00

Missionary Society

China:	
J. W. Crofoot	\$ 1,600 00
H. E. Davis	1,600 00
H. E. Davis—children's allowance	300 00
George Thorngate	1,600 00
Susie M. Burdick	800 00
Rosa W. Palmborg	800 00
Grace I. Crandall	800 00
Anna M. West	800 00
Mabel L. West	800 00
Incidentals	500 00
Girls' School	300 00
Traveling expenses	1,900 00
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	\$11,800 00

South America	\$ 1,000 00
Jamaica:	
M. Louie Mignott	450 00
Holland:	
G. Velthuysen	700 00
Home Field:	
D. Burdett Coon	500 00
Southwest field—R. J. Severance	1,000 00
Michigan field	300 00

R. B. St. Clair	600 00
California—G. W. Hills	500 00
Little Prairie—C. C. Van Horn	500 00
Middle Island—G. H. F. Randolp	300 00
Hammond	300 00
Fouke	300 00
Stonefort—Ellis R. Lewis	600 00
Exeland—Charles W. Thorngate	200 00
Syracuse—William Clayton	100 00
West Edmeston—Mrs. Lena Crof	100 00
Western Association	250 00
Emergency Fund	100 00
Traveling expenses	1,200 00
Work in Ia., Minn., and elsewhere	2,150 00
Evangelistic work on home field	3,000 00
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	\$14,150 00

Administration:	
Corresponding secretary	\$ 1,600 00
Clerical help for treasurer	400 00
Clerical help for corresponding secretary	200 00
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	\$ 2,200 00

Total	\$28,150 00
Estimated Resources of the Missionary Society:	
Interest on Permanent Funds	\$ 8,700 00
Woman's Board	2,500 00
Young People's Board	500 00
Onward Movement Denominational Budget	16,450 00
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Total	\$28,150 00

Tract Society

Sabbath Reform:	
Holland— <i>De Boodschapper</i>	\$ 600 00
Mill Yard Church—London, Eng.	100 00
British Guiana— <i>Gospel Herald</i>	100 00
Pacific Coast Association traveling expenses	50 00
Committee on Revision of Literature	300 00
Special reform work	600 00
Advertising	200 00
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	\$ 1,950 00

Appropriations for Publications:	
SABBATH RECORDER	\$ 6,500 00
<i>Helping Hand</i>	275 00
<i>Intermediate Graded Lessons</i>	450 00
Tracts and general printing	1,000 00
<i>Sabbath Lessons</i>	450 00
New edition of the <i>Seventh Day Baptist Manual</i>	500 00
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	\$ 9,175 00

Interest on Equipment Notes	\$ 690 00
Miscellaneous:	
Payment on indebtedness	\$ 3,000 00
Traveling expenses	400 00
President's expenses	200 00
Legal expenses of treasurer, etc.	200 00
Secretary—salary and expenses	700 00
Denominational Files Committee	250 00
Life annuity payments	1,000 00
Interest on loan	180 00
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	\$ 5,930 00

Total	\$17,745 00
Sources of Income:	
Income from Permanent Funds—	
Memorial Board	\$ 4,000 00
Income from Permanent Funds—	
treasurer	3,700 00
Collections	150 00
Woman's Board	400 00
Publishing House earnings	1,300 00
Onward Movement Denominational Budget	8,195 00
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	\$17,745 00

Scholarships and Fellowships	
General Fund	\$ 1,000 00
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	\$ 1,000 00
Ministerial Relief	
General Fund	\$ 4,000 00
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	\$ 4,000 00
Supplementing Pastors' Salaries	
General Fund	\$ 1,500 00
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	\$ 1,500 00

General Conference

General expenses	\$ 500 00
Printing	1,000 00
Federal Council	200 00
Lone Sabbath Keepers' Auxiliary	100 00
Salary of general secretary	1,100 00
Expenses of general secretary	600 00
World Conference on Faith and Order	75 00
Interest	100 00
Incidental Fund	100 00
Deficit from preceding year	2,398 46
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	\$ 5,973 46
Emergency or Contingent Fund	5,973 46
General Fund	\$ 9,045 54
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Grand Total \$58,264 00

Apportionments of the Budget to the Churches

Adams Center	\$1,530 00	Los Angeles	240 00
Albion	1,284 00	Lost Creek	750 00
Alfred—First	3,264 00	Marlboro	500 00
Alfred—Second	2,424 00	Middle Island	400 00
Andover	478 00	Milton	3,624 00
Attalla	118 00	Milton Junction	1,436 00
Battle Creek	1,624 00	Muskegon	80 00
Berlin	588 00	New Auburn	594 00
Boulder	814 00	New York City	660 00
Brookfield—First	1,024 00	North Loup	2,724 00
Brookfield—Second	984 00	Nortonville	1,788 00
Carlton (Garwin)	576 00	Pawcatuck	3,723 00
Chicago	776 00	Piscataway	800 00
Cosmos	100 00	Plainfield	2,116 00
DeRuyter	804 00	Portville	200 00
Detroit	180 00	Richburg	288 00
Dodge Center	1,008 00	Ritchie	500 00
Exeland	200 00	Riverside	900 00
Farina	1,452 00	Roanoke	195 00
Fouke	444 00	Rock Creek	50 00
Friendship	900 00	Rockville	600 00
Genesee—First	1,668 00	Salem	2,000 00
Gentry	260 00	Salemville	100 00
Grand Marsh	50 00	Scio	50 00
Greenbrier	50 00	Scott	111 00
Hammond	460 00	Shiloh	3,312 00
Hartsyille	144 00	Stonefort	200 00
Hebron—First	348 00	Syracuse	216 00
Hebron Center	50 00	Verona—First	820 00
Hopkinton—First	2,124 00	Walworth	500 00
Hopkinton—Second	324 00	Waterford	418 00
Independence	960 00	Wilton	684 00
Jackson Center	575 00	West Edmeston	276 00
Little Prairie	150 00	White Cloud	624 00
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		Total	\$58,264 00

SUGGESTION TO THE COMMISSION

The committee recommends to the Commission that it make a thorough investigation and consideration of all our denominational enterprises to the end that the overhead expenses of such may, if possible, be reduced without in any wise diminishing their efficiency or lessening the interest of our people in the work.

ONWARD MOVEMENT BUDGET

The committee would report that with the limited time and information available it has no changes to suggest, and therefore recommend the adoption of the budget as printed.

It urges the fullest co-operation and support in each church that the apportionment as named may be secured, and the grand total \$58,264 for the coming Conference year be realized.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

WALTON H. INGHAM,
E. ADELBERT WITTER,
WILLIAM L. BURDICK,
ROBERT B. ST. CLAIR,
S. ORESTES BOND,
MRS. WILLIAM J. HEMPHILL,
EDWARD A. BALLENGER,
MRS. ANNE L. WAITE.

BY WAY OF COMPARISON

These figures are taken from the *Year Books* of the past six years.

	Pastors' Salaries	Other Local Expenses	Denominational Purposes
1919	\$35,104 31	\$25,455 55	\$19,608 12
1920	37,925 10	32,556 14	49,807 15
1921	39,350 01	34,905 72	60,019 79
1922	39,643 26	38,129 00	49,198 95
1923	44,775 04	38,460 64	49,316 04
1924	45,452 05	44,654 36	63,749 69

According to these figures as sent to the corresponding secretary by the clerks of the churches in their annual reports there has been a steady increase in the amount of money raised by our churches during the Forward Movement five year period, and the figures of 1919, the year before the Forward Movement began, as compared with the present year just closed show a percentage increase as follows:

In pastors' salaries	29% plus
Other local expenses	75% plus
For denominational purposes	222% plus

OUR ONWARD MOVEMENT

Motto: Onward and Upward

Slogan: Lead On, O King Eternal

As we pass from the New Forward Movement five year period to the Seventh Day Baptist *Onward Movement*, let it be without any break or any slacking of our efforts, but rather with a steady shoulder-to-shoulder united advance all along the lines.

A GOOD LETTER FROM JAVA

[We are glad to receive this message from Cornelia Slagter, manager of the Java mission in Pangoengsen. Brother Schepel of Battle Creek, Mich., has known Miss Slagter for many years and commends her and her good work. We are glad the work in Java has fallen into such good hands. Brother Velthuysen also speaks highly of her good work. We know she will find friends in America ready to aid her.—Ed.]

Mr. F. J. Hubbard,
Plainfield, N. J.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER IN JESUS CHRIST:

This noon I received your letter with contents value fl. 5.35, for which please accept my sincere thanks. Only the Lord knows our hearts and sees how grateful I am to the brethren and sisters for their help. We have many reasons to be thankful, that although I am unable to speak the

language, still we win souls for the Master. But just lately we had a sad experience. A foreman whom we trusted proved to be dishonest, so that Brother Vizjak had to discharge him. It hurts when one is disappointed and Satan points his finger at such an one and says: "Look, there are those converted ones." Will you in America kindly remember us in your prayers?

Through Brother J. Schepel (of Battle Creek) I received \$60 to build my house. The Lord bless him and all those who contributed. I re-started immediately to build. My nephew took some pictures. I hope they are all right, so that I can send you some views. Possibly you can use some for the RECORDER.

The Lord willing, Brother Vizjak will come again on August 20 to stay a week in order to baptize and to administer the Lord's Supper. He plans to bring with him a poor family of seven, who have been here before. At present our colony numbers one hundred sixty—quite a large family. The Lord be praised that we have everything we need for every day. Would like to ask you to send through the RECORDER my greetings to all who are helping the work here. I would so love to pay our poor workers a little more. The grown-ups get fl. 3 (\$1.20) per month, and the children fl. 1.50 (\$.60), so that is not too much, but I am unable to pay more.

The kapok trees are in bloom, and I hope that this crop may be blessed, so that our work can be expanded. When Brother and Sister Vizjak come here permanently, we will have more workers—but also more expenses. But our heavenly Father is rich and he will take care of us.

With kind greetings,

Yours in the service of the Master,
CORNELIA SLAGTER.

Pangoengsen,
August 12, 1924.

One of the largest shipments of gold on record recently arrived at New York from Europe. The bullion was worth \$6,500,000 and was shipped in one hundred forty-seven boxes. It was consigned through the federal reserve bank to the Equitable Trust Company of New York. Three armored trucks from the federal reserve bank hauled the gold to the trust company.—*Bible Advocate*.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST ONWARD MOVEMENT

WILLARD D. BURDICK, General Secretary
510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

"WHY SO FEW CONVERSIONS?"

This is the subject of an editorial by Dr. Frederick Lynch in the last number of the *Christian Work*.

The editorial was written because the Presbyterians recently reported that they had had fewer accessions to the church the past year than in previous years.

Mr. Lynch does not believe that the losses are due to the Modernist and Fundamentalist controversy, claiming that, "The falling off is just as pronounced in conservative centers as in liberal."

Here is his answer to the question asked in the subject of his editorial.

The reason is far deeper and far more serious, and it goes back to both people and preacher, although we believe the remedy lies in the preacher's hands. One reason why there is a falling off in accessions is directly traceable to the homes. On Sundays between April and December, all over the United States, families that used to go to church or at least to send their children to Sunday school now go off for the day in the automobile. The average country road is now impassable on Sundays. This all leads to a decline of interest in the Church on the winter Sundays when the family is at home. The steps follow logically, all ending in a lack of interest in religion and a devotion to sports, which is the religion of large groups of the American people.

A second reason is the growing feeling on the part of many respectable people that the Church and even religion does not matter. We heard it all expressed the other day: "I have a pretty home, a car, a good income, all the books I want, good schools for my children, the theatres, and the movies—everything going as smoothly as a marriage bell—what need have I of the Church or religion?" This is becoming a very common attitude in every town. Every preacher who reads these words knows how many families feel this way and are simply indifferent to the Church. "It is all right for those who want it, but I'm simply not interested in it." Of course we Protestant clergy are largely to blame for this thing with all our talk about the Church being a human institution, an association on a par with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Elks, a thing to be chosen or left, instead of being Christ's representative in the world, speaking with his authority in spiritual things. However this may be, here is the condition and it must be faced.

But the real reason, he claims, is due to *the loss of the passion for souls*.

Do you think that these three reasons apply to Seventh Day Baptists? At any rate, let us this year regard the Sabbath day as a *holy* day and not a holiday; let us be more interested than ever before in religion and the Church; and let us have a *passion for souls*. I am confident that if these things are realized by us this year we shall have more conversions than we had last year.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

In 1915 I visited Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Hunt, about eight miles from Wynne, Ark. They were the surviving members of the Wynne Seventh Day Baptist Church, and were greatly pleased to meet another Seventh Day Baptist. Mrs. Hunt brought me pictures of churches and people that she had taken from the SABBATH RECORDER, and we had a good visit about the SABBATH RECORDER family. I assured her that she should have the paper as long as she lived.

Recently I wrote to them, not having heard from them for years. Mrs. Hunt's answer conveys the news that her husband died about two years ago. She is nearly eighty years old. Mrs. Hunt writes: "I am sure enough a lone Sabbath keeper. . . . I am so thankful that I can get the RECORDERS. If I didn't get the RECORDER I would not know anything about what the Sabbath keepers are doing. It is such a pleasure to read and know what they are doing."

I suppose that Mrs. Hunt has not seen another visiting Seventh Day Baptist since I called at their home. Do you wonder that we are anxious that these lonely L. S. K.'s shall have the SABBATH RECORDER to cheer and help them?

Dr. Gardiner is always glad to receive checks for the fund that makes possible the sending of the papers to persons who otherwise might not have them.

A few years ago a man and his wife in Wisconsin found the Sabbath through a careful reading of the Bible. Less than two years ago they learned of Seventh Day Baptists through reading a Chicago daily paper. They wrote to President Whitford of Milton College, and he sent the request to me and asked that I have literature sent to

them. The outcome of this was that they got acquainted with us through our literature and letters, and now they have sent their second year's subscription for the SABBATH RECORDER, and for the *Helping Hand*.

Last year this lady started a Sunday School and a "Mite Society." She writes that as leader she uses the SABBATH RECORDER nearly every time, "using the Young People's program, and even the Children's Page. It has been a wonderful help in studying the Bible." Conversions have resulted from the work started in this way.

These people desire to sell their place and get among our people. I hope that they will continue to lead in Christian work among these people who need religious help and leadership, and that eventually they can find a home in a Sabbath-keeping community.

I have just received an inquiry from a Ladies Missionary society asking where they can send used clothing.

We have had several calls for such articles, and if there are other societies that would be glad to collect and send such things to those who would make good use of them, please write to me, and I will either send you the name and address of some one who can make use of them or have the articles sent here where we can send them with freight when we send out shipments to other countries.

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REV. GEORGE W. HILLS

I was off for Conference from Los Angeles, Calif., August 10, 1924, on the "Sunset Limited" train, of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Three days and two nights of continuous travel brought me to New Orleans, La., two thousand eight miles from home.

In crossing the far famed Imperial Valley, I found the solar heat the greatest of any place in all my travels. At Wister, two hundred three feet below sea level, in the bed of the old Salton Sea, the thermometer mounted far up toward the boiling point. Shades were scarce and at high premium. Yet, that scorching temperature makes it possible for the valley to produce unexcelled long-fiber, Egyptian cotton, bananas,

dates, and a flavor in water melons that defies description.

I was pleased to note that the train made good speed and short stops in that torrid land, which appears to have been, in some way, placed or misplaced in the north temperate zone.

Crossing into Arizona at Yuma, I secured the first view of Mexico, our neighbor country at the south. At El Paso, travelers were given a second view over the Mexican line. Here we crossed the Rio Grande River, which forms the boundary between the two republics from that point to the gulf.

I spent a day and a half in New Orleans. The city lies below the level of the Mississippi River, whose waters are held within bounds by levees.

While a boy, studying the history of colonial America, in the "district school," "up in Wisconsin," a great longing was awakened in my mind to see that peculiar city. That desire was never gratified until this late date. This was my first visit.

New Orleans is different from other cities. It abounds in deeply interesting history, brilliant romances, and not a little of the old European Mediævalism. It is a kind of connecting link between the Latin and Anglo-Saxon civilizations in America. It was founded by Jean de Bienville, in 1718. It possesses a striking individuality all its own. Really it is a double city. The old "Creole Quarters" remain substantially as they were built in the days of the long ago. But during the last decade or two, the city has undergone a great transformation, caused by the building of the new and rapidly growing portion according to modern models and along progressive plans.

Many points and facts of interest are found within this southern city. Cemeteries with tombs above ground, are strange to a northerner. The "Duelling Oaks," the "Haunted House," the old fashioned houses made of brick brought over from Spain; the old Hotel Royal, in the rotunda of which was an auction block where slaves were sold to the highest bidder, back in ante-bellum days; the old French market, the building in which the transfer papers of the "Louisiana Purchase" were signed, all remain and are of deep interest. But the story of the life of John McDonogh, takes the lead—the romance of his early life, his

disappointment, and withdrawal from society; his hermit life, culminating in his donation to the city of a vast fortune, out from which has grown its public schools and educational system.

Again we were on the train, the "Panama Limited," of the Illinois Central system, which hurried us on northward where the cooler breezes of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Illinois greeted us. In twenty-three hours we were in Chicago. Then a run of a hundred miles left us in Milton Junction, which completed our journey.

Other pens have told the RECORDER readers of the Conference at Milton, and of the Ministers' Meeting at Milton Junction. I will only add a few personal statements.

As to Milton: I was born within three miles of the college buildings. Clear and vivid are many memories of boyhood days. I distinctly remember the figure, voice, and many of the words of the founder and first business man of Milton. He, Joseph Goodrich, was also the founder of the old Milton Academy, out from which grew Milton College. To my boy-mind Joseph Goodrich was one of the great men of that land and day. The long course of years since, has not wrought any material change in my mind on that particular point. His broad vision and superior mental grasp, with its forward look and purpose regarding the needs and possibilities of the, then, "New West," and of the young people and children of his day, have proved themselves true, and of untold worth to Southern Wisconsin, as they have culminated in Milton College, with its far-reaching influences over young life making it a powerful factor in the educational fields of the Middle West. He "built better than he knew."

One of his grandsons was a member of the city council of Los Angeles for several years, since we have been living here, which gave occasion for refreshing the memories of boyhood days.

The first Sabbath school I ever attended was in the old Milton church, during the pastorate of that giant-man, Darwin E. Maxson. Later, in my Theological Seminary days at Alfred, he was also one of my professors.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton Junction, was my first pastorate. I came to it, new and fresh from the seminary. There my first sermon, as a pastor,

was preached on the third Sabbath of July, 1890. Many pleasant memories of brethren and sisters, conditions and events, remain vividly in the mind of the ex-pastor.

To again be in that pulpit, on the Sabbath morning of the Ministers' Meeting and look over the assembled worshipers, was to me, "a feast of good things." The arrangement of the services by Pastor Sutton, was thoughtful and pleasant indeed. To say that the Western ex-pastor enjoyed that Sabbath morning service, in that dear old place, is a very mild statement of facts indeed.

The old "worthies" of that congregation, as I first knew them in those earlier years, have gone to their reward. But their places are being nobly filled by their children and grandchildren, who are bearing their burdens and performing their tasks. By them the Lord's work is still loved and carried on.

To be in Milton and Milton Junction again, the land of blessed memories and early hopes, was indeed a real "home-coming," which was enjoyed to the full.

"LIKE AS A FATHER"

Sent up to bed in the dark, alone,
Where all of the corners were weird and dim
And the shapes and the shadows waited him
At every turning—my little son.
Sent for some childish mischief done
At the hour when childish hearts are high
With joy of the evening's revelry—
And his fault at worst was a tiny one!

A wistful moment his feet delayed,
Waiting to let my face relent,
And then, a pitiful penitent,
His faltering, frightened way he made;
But up in the stairway's deepest shade
I heard him pause where the shadows crowd
And whisper, "Father," and sob aloud,
"Father, go with me. I am afraid!"

Quick as his calling my answer leapt,
Strong as his terror my shielding arms
Folded him close from the night's alarms,
Sheltered and comforted while he wept;
And up in the nursery's light I kept
A tender watch till he smiled again,
Till the sobs of his half-remembered pain
Lessened and hushed, and the baby slept.

Father of love, when my day is done
And all of my trespasses written in,
Not for a thoughtless or wilful sin
Send me out in the dark alone;
But so as I answered my little son,
Come to the prayer of my pleading breath
And lead me safe through the night of death,
Father of light, when my light is gone!

—Nancy Byrd Turner.

EDUCATION SOCIETY'S PAGE

PRESIDENT PAUL E. TITSWORTH,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
Contributing Editor

All education should be religious; all religion should be educational; a religious spirit must enter into education; an educational spirit must enter into religion. That which begins as primary education should end in religion. That which ends as religion should begin in primary education. Take them apart, think of them as separate, and both will suffer damage. Religion will be a thing for which there has been no preparation; education will be a process that leads on to no definite goal.—L. P. Jacks.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Alfred, N. Y., October 12, 1924

Members present: William C. Whitford, Arthur E. Main, Alpheus B. Kenyon, A. Clyde Ehret, J. Nelson Norwood, Curtis F. Randolph, Waldo A. Titsworth, Samuel B. Bond, Earl P. Saunders.

President William C. Whitford presided. Prayer was offered by Pastor A. Clyde Ehret.

The treasurer presented his report for the first quarter of the seventieth year of the society, July 1, to September 30, 1924, an abstract of which report follows:

I. REVENUE

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1924	\$ 199 62
Interest	859 39
Forward Movement	869 86
Onward Movement	12 41
Central Association	18 34
Eastern Association	46 40
General Conference	142 17
	<u>\$2,148 19</u>

Disbursements

Printing	\$ 1 75
Treasurer's salary	25 00
Expense Merton Burdick farm	21 38
Alfred University	611 78
Milton College	259 40
Salem College	262 53

Theological Seminary	546 22
Balance on hand, September 30, 1924 ..	420 13
	<u>\$2,148 19</u>

II. PRINCIPAL

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1924	\$ 26 03
Bills Payable	475 00
	<u>\$ 501 03</u>

Disbursements

Replacing barn roof on Merton Burdick farm	\$ 500 00
Balance on hand September 30, 1924 ...	1 03
	<u>\$ 501 03</u>

III. ENDOWMENT

a. Condition

Alfred University	\$23,373 64
Theological Seminary	26,613 16
Salem College	200 00
Twentieth Century Endowment Fund ..	150 00
Special Betterment Fund	174 36
Natural History Fund	200 00
Young men preparing for ministry	978 64
General Fund	732 50
Guaranty Fund	670 32
Bills payable	475 00
	<u>\$53,567 62</u>

b. How invested

Cash	\$ 1 03
Bonds	30,406 59
Mortgages	18,725 00
Stocks	100 00
Theological Endowment note	1,635 00
Real estate	2,700 00
	<u>\$53,567 62</u>

It was voted that the report be adopted, and that the treasurer's usual distribution of the income to the several beneficiaries be approved.

It was voted to instruct the treasurer to notify certain borrowers who are in arrears in their interest payments that the interest on their mortgages must be paid on or before December 31, or foreclosure proceedings will be instituted.

A. B. Kenyon and J. N. Norwood were appointed a committee to examine the Theological Endowment notes held by the society, and make recommendations regarding the proposed charging off of certain of them.

The corresponding secretary presented a request from the Council of Church Boards of Education for a contribution from this society to aid in the work of that council.

Whereupon it was voted to contribute \$50 for the purpose named.

A bill of \$8 for wind storm insurance on Merton Burdick farm was ordered paid.

The minutes were read and approved.
EARL P. SAUNDERS,
Recording Secretary.

THE EVENING HOUR

A most helpful habit to lead on to rich and deep soul experiences is that of carefully guarding the thoughts when one's head is laid on the pillow for the night. If these thoughts are kept steadfastly to uplifting themes there seems to be a holy atmosphere about the soul during sleep, for the first thoughts on waking are usually the continuation of the last soul effort before passing into slumber. Think over these beautiful words in Jeremiah: "For I have satiated the weary soul and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. Upon this I awakened and beheld and my sleep was sweet unto me."—Mrs. S. B. Capron.

Grant us thy peace, O God, at eventide. As the night shadows grow about the earth, let shadows of our loss and fear depart and leave our spirits face to face with thee in the sunlit rest of faith and calm repose. We have no secrets from thy love that reads all our desires, and all our sins and griefs. Pardon and save and guide us evermore, and make our friends thy charge for Jesus' sake. Thou knowest us altogether, and we rest content in thy just love and faithful care. Grant us with quiet hearts to sleep: with quickened trust, with joy that wakens with the dawn to praise, to work with thee, to share thy widening plan and make each day a foretaste of the grace heaven brings thy children. Hear us, through thy Son, and keep and bless us all our days.—Selected by A. E. M.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS AT SALEM

Rev. T. L. Gardiner,
Editor of the Sabbath Recorder,
DEAR BROTHER:

I am sure that you and the readers of the RECORDER will be interested in a report of the ordination of deacons at Salem. Dean M. Huffman Van Horn and Principal Orla A. Davis were ordained deacons by the Salem Church on Sabbath day, October 4. These brethren had been elected some

months ago by unanimous vote of the church.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, of Lost Creek. Brief statements were made by those being ordained. The consecrating prayer was offered by Elder J. Franklyn Browne, of Salem. The charge to the candidates was given by Rev. G. H. Fitz Randolph. The pastor gave the charge to the church. Deacon F. J. Ehret gave the welcome to the newly appointed deacons. This was followed by the Lord's Supper, Pastor Randolph assisting Pastor George B. Shaw in the service.

Ministers present and having part in the service were: J. Franklyn Browne, G. H. Fitz Randolph, George B. Shaw, and Herbert C. Van Horn. Deacons present and having part in the service were: M. V. Davis, Charles Polan, S. F. Lowther, F. J. Ehret, M. Wardner Davis, and Brady Sutton.

October 4 was a good day for the Salem Church.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE B. SHAW.

Salem, W. Va., October 10, 1924.

BEYOND

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country—the Beyond:
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond,
They make it seem familiar and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant regions
near.

I can not make it seem a day to dread,
When from this dear old earth I shall pass out
To that still dearer country of the dead,
And join the lost ones so long dreamed about.
I love this world, yet shall I love to go
And meet the friends who wait for me, I
know.

I never stand above a bier and see
The seal of death set on some well-loved face
But what I think, "One more to welcome me
When I shall cross the intervening space
Between this land and that one 'over there';
One more to make the strange Beyond seem
fair."

And so for me there is no sting in death,
And so the grave has lost its victory,
It is but crossing—with abated breath
And white, set face—a little strip of sea,
To find the loved ones waiting on the shore,
More beautiful, more precious than before.

—From a poem by the late
Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

MISSIONS

REV. WILLIAM L. BURDICK, ASHAWAY, R. I.,
Contributing Editor

CABLEGRAM FROM OUR MISSIONARIES IN CHINA

One day last week (October 8) the corresponding secretary sent a cablegram to Jay W. Crofoot, the head of our mission in Shanghai, asking if conditions in China justify the sailing of the Davis and Thorngate families. Mr. Crofoot immediately cabled the following:

"To the best of our judgment do not detain them. H. Eugene Davis and family can begin work at once. Junior missionaries, a knowledge of the language is necessary. Can be obtained locally. There is no apparent danger. Buildings at Liuho badly damaged. Plundering going on."

From this cablegram it appears that our missionaries in China think it best for the Davis and Thorngate families to sail as planned. This they will do unless they receive other instructions from the board. They are now on the last lap of the journey overland with their autos, which they are to take to China with them; and the date of their sailing, October 23, is soon at hand and will be passed before this cablegram reaches some of the RECORDER readers.

A GOOD RESPONSE

Two weeks past the secretary sent a letter regarding an evangelistic campaign to all the pastors. It is encouraging to be able to report that the response was immediate and favorable. Within three or four days the cards commenced to come in and the answers have been all that could be expected. Many have expressed the willingness both to put on an evangelistic program for the year and to help other churches if needed. This is most encouraging, and is mentioned here that the pastors and all may be encouraged by the fact that our pastors and churches are dead in earnest about this thing so dear to the Master and so vital to his kingdom.

AN EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM—A SERIES OF MEETINGS

ALL HUMBLE LEARNERS

The most common evangelistic program is a series of special meetings conducted by the pastor or with the aid of some other minister. The statement "that no one knows it all" is as true regarding an evangelistic program as it is regarding other matters, and is particularly true regarding a series of meetings. Some have had more experience than others; some have studied the question more widely and intensely; some from the state of their hearts and the attitude of their minds toward religion have been better prepared to estimate the facts regarding the subject. But with the most devout and wisest there is much to learn. We can all learn from the experiences and suggestions of others, and most of all from the Master himself, whose kingdom of earth is one colossal evangelistic program only just well commenced.

Two young pastors who were contemplating conducting a series of evangelistic meetings said a few weeks past, "We know nothing about how to go at it." They were men above the average in ability, and the statement was an encouraging omen because it intimated they were willing and anxious to learn. This article, and others that may follow as well, are written from a very ordinary experience and wide study with the hope that they may be suggestive and provoke pastors and others to formulate plans of their own.

PREPARATION

Many a series of meetings have been a disappointment, if they have not failed, because there was a lack of preparation. Some of the greatest revivals have sprung up unexpectedly and without any apparent preparation; but there had been a preparation, though unconscious, back of them. It may not have been thought of as such, but it was there.

Any one who has watched Billy Sunday's revivals and studied them is convinced that one of the causes of his success is the preparation. This is begun many weeks before the campaign opens and all the churches and workers are thoroughly organized and trained till every one knows his place and work. Not only are all the forces organized and trained, but means are used to

thoroughly prepare the hearts of Christ's followers. This is all essential. John the Baptist was sent ahead of Christ to prepare the way, and Christ said, "What man of you intending to build a tower sitteth down first and counteth the cost?"

What can be done? Several things.

THE WORKERS ORGANIZED

One of the first things is to enlist a large corps of workers. These may be called the "Personal Workers' Committee." It should include those who are willing to do special work both before and during the meetings. The size of the Workers' Committee will depend upon the size of church and community where the meetings are to be held; but the committee is very valuable though it has to be very small, three or four. The pastor, or some one equally as well trained, should head the committee, instructing the workers in their duties and directing their work.

When meetings are in progress, the Workers' Committee can be looked to for personal work, information and counsel. Such a committee may help from the beginning of the preparation in a way beyond estimation. Not so very long ago the missionary secretary was to help one of our pastors in a series of meetings. The Workers' Committee had been organized and at work six weeks. When the time came to begin the meetings the secretary was sick and not allowed to go; but so well had the Workers' Committee done its work and so thoroughly enlisted had its members become that the committee with the pastor's help carried on the meetings for ten days with good success. The secretary was then able to join them and there was a precious ingathering. Doubtless all would have collapsed had it not been for the Workers' Committee to help the pastor till reinforcement came.

PRAYER MEETINGS

As soon as the Workers' Committee is formed, or before, there should be mid-week prayer meetings at which the purpose of the special meetings should be the burden of prayer and endeavor. The church and community can be divided into sections and cottage prayer meetings held in each section till the special meetings begin. The Workers' Committee can help in arranging for and conducting these meetings. Cer-

tain members of the committee may become responsible for the meetings in a given section; also they can visit the homes in their section and talk about the special meetings and their object. In this way the meetings will be put on the hearts of praying people, religion on the minds of the ungodly, and the Spirit helped to do his work.

ADVERTISING

In addition to the advertising that comes from the pulpit announcements, the mid-week prayer meetings, and the visits of the members of the Workers' Committee, window cards and other posters may be used. The expense of this will not be great and may be met from a collection taken during the meetings if not provided for any other way. The posters may announce the evangelistic meetings, the date, who is to help the pastor, and any other items that may attract the attention of the public and interest it in the meetings and their object. The window cards may be smaller than the posters and they may announce the meetings and that "this house" is supporting the meetings. When a family consents to hang one of these in a window, it binds that household to the campaign as well as announcing the meetings and will have a good psychological, as well as a spiritual, effect. Cards pledging support to the campaign may be printed, and to these the Workers' Committee may secure the signatures of those willing to support the campaign, leaving the cards with the signers as a reminder of their enlistment. The object of all this is to get the community interested in and back of the campaign.

MUSIC

A very important item in an evangelistic campaign is the music. Oftentimes the music counts for about as much in leading men to make the decision for Christ as the preaching. Sometimes, however, the music comes close to being a hindrance. It is well to have special music at each service, but there should not be too much of it. A number or two of special music at any one session will be sufficient. The writer has seen the time when there seemed to be an effort made to make the opening exercises in the meetings of an evangelistic campaign a musical entertainment. This is worse than no special music. The leader of the music should always be not only a consis-

tent Christian, but also one thoroughly enlisted in the campaign. This is as essential as it is to have the preacher a consistent Christian and deeply interested in the meetings. It is also desirable that those who furnish special music should be Christians. One who is not a Christian may render a solo to perfection, but his singing does not lead men to Christ any more than the preaching of an ungodly man. The enlisting of the ungodly to sing may be the means of interesting them in meetings and religion, but it is not to be depended upon to convert other people. The leader of the music should not only be carefully selected and be a Christian, but he should be one who will be on hand promptly at each meeting with his arrangements all perfected.

There are so many things to attract the attention of people these days that we can not always expect as large crowds at evangelistic services as has been witnessed in other days. But the preaching of the gospel of Christ in its simplicity, together with the wise planning, earnest and devout efforts, and fervent prayers of God's children, will bring results. It is the promise of God backed by his love and power and proved by experience.

REV. D. BURDETT COON'S REPORT

Rev. William L. Burdick, Corresponding Secretary, Ashaway, R. I.

DEAR BROTHER:

Enclosed find statistical report for work I have done under directions of the Missionary Society during the months of last July and September.

The first week in July we spent in Denver, preaching to our few people there on the Sabbath. We spent three Sabbaths in the Shaw neighborhood, preaching nineteen sermons in the "Bobtail Schoolhouse," one hundred twenty miles east and a little south of Denver. Because of the request of the people we held meetings here a week longer than we had planned. Notwithstanding the big wheat harvest that was on just then, interest and attendance at the meetings increased to the last. People were hearty and unanimous in requesting us to return there whenever we can for more meetings. I never spoke to a better behaved or more respectful audience in my life than we had there at every service. At least a dozen

people signified for the first time their determination to live the Christian life.

The first and last weeks of September were spent with our people in Denver again. I preached on Sabbaths in the home of William M. Jeffrey, where we have held whatever Sabbath services we have had in Denver ever since we came to Colorado.

The other two Sabbaths we spent in Matheson, ninety miles southeast of Denver, where live the two Seventh Day Baptist families of Lyle Maxson and Shirley Van Horn. These two families and two or three good Seventh Day Adventist families of the community meet together each Sabbath in a Sabbath school. Formerly they met in one another's homes; then in the village school building. More recently the Methodist Church, the only Protestant Church of the community, has allowed them the use of their building. They asked me to preach for them after their Sabbath school and again that night. The Methodists have a small Sunday school, meeting each Sunday morning. We attended that. They asked me to preach following the Sunday school. Not so long ago they refused to allow their house to be used by others than themselves. But after this Sunday morning sermon I asked them if they would like for us to conduct meetings there for a week. They voted heartily and unanimously, "Yes." So we held meetings there till a week from that Sunday night, missing one night on account of storm. Altogether while there I preached twelve sermons.

Religious interest of the village and surrounding community seemed to be next to nothing when we began work there. Various causes that need not to be discussed here, had produced this result. Attendance at our meetings at first was very small. But as the meetings advanced, interest and attendance increased till we had a very fair audience. Mrs. Coon led the singing. She was ably assisted by Sister Vernetta Van Horn, wife of Shirley, who presided at the piano. The faithful services of Sister Van Horn were much appreciated by all. In fact, our faithful Sabbath keepers there are making their influence count for good among the people. The Methodists wanted to make Brother Maxson their Sunday school superintendent. I was told that both here and at "Bobtail Schoolhouse" attempts

had been made at holding evangelistic meetings when the speakers could not obtain a hearing. We sincerely regretted that more might not have been accomplished in our meetings. We were made happy when at least three young men here at Matheson took their stand during these meetings, declaring their intention to build on the Rock by doing the words of Christ.

At the well attended closing service the people were hearty and strong in expressing their desire for us to return for more meetings. We are truly thankful for these two new locations on this field now waiting to welcome us to further gospel work among them. Both places are in great need of the gospel. Our knowledge of their needs makes our hearts ache, and causes lumps to rise in our throats whenever we think of them.

Let us pray that God will give us all needed courage and faith and hope and wisdom for doing our duty in just such opening and inviting fields. I hope to find opportunity for writing you more details concerning our camping outfit and our camp life in these places. These were exceedingly important for our work. But our strength cometh from God for the mighty tasks committed to us.

Sincerely yours,
D. BURDETT COON.

1946 Walnut Street, Boulder, Colo.,
October 3, 1924.

MONTHLY STATEMENT

S. H. DAVIS,
In account with
THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY
September 1, 1924-October 1, 1924

Dr.	
Balance on hand September 1, 1924.....	\$18,239 55
Mrs. Eva G. Jordan, Life Membership.....	25 00
Income Permanent Funds, General Fund.....	500 00
Liuho Hospital Auto Fund:	
Dr. George W. Post, Jr.	15 00
Dr. Wayland Coon	10 00
Dr. Sinclair French	10 00
Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Burdick	10 00
Mrs. Dell Burdick	5 00
Pawcatuck Christian Endeavor society.....	10 00
Dr. George E. Coon	10 00
Rev. W. C. Whitford	10 00
Clarence Alter	75 00
Miss Bessie Crandall	3 00
W. M. Davis	25 00
Dr. A. L. Van Horn	10 00
Miss Anna L. Wells	10 00
Mrs. Angeline P. Allen	10 00
Dr. B. F. Johanson	10 00
Dr. George E. Crosley	10 00
Lucy Whitford	5 00
Dr. E. S. Maxson	2 00
Dr. Alfred S. Burdick	25 00
J. Hampton Biggs	20 00
Xenia E. Bond	10 00

Woman's Board:	
Miss Burdick's salary	200 00
Miss West's salary	200 00
Washington Trust Company, interest credit..	1 23
Young People's Board, account Dr. George Thorngate	100 00
Conference treasurer:	
Georgetown Chapel	2 38
Boys' School	10 28
Girls' School	10 76
Missionary Society	155 95
A friend, Missionary Society	1 00
	\$19,741 15

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T. L. M. Spencer, September salary	\$ 83 33
R. J. Severance, August salary.....	128 64
William L. Burdick, salary, traveling expenses, postage, clerk hire	247 97
L. J. Branch, August salary	25 00
C. C. Van Horn, August salary	41 66
Ellis R. Lewis, August salary	50 00
R. B. St. Clair, August salary	50 00
George W. Hills, August salary	41 66
G. H. F. Randolph, August salary	25 00
Angeline P. Allen, August salary	25 00
D. Burdett Coon, August traveling expenses..	19 59
H. Eugene Davis, August salary and children's allowance	125 00
Canadian Pacific Railway Company, balance traveling expenses Davis and Thorngate families, Vancouver to Shanghai..	995 49
H. Louie Mignott, August salary	35 00
George Thorngate, traveling expenses	26 45
H. Eugene Davis, September salary, children's allowance and freight expenses	159 94
Industrial Trust Company:	
China draft	40 00
China draft	1,251 50
Dr. Anne L. Waite:	
Account Liuho automobile	233 00
Account Liuho Hospital automobile	52 00
Treasurer's expenses	28 00
	\$ 3,632 23
Balance on hand	16,108 92
	\$19,741 15

Bills payable in October, about.....\$1,600 00
Special funds, referred to in last month's report now amount to \$18,733.08, bank balance \$16,108.92, net indebtedness \$2,624.16.

S. H. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

E. & O. E.

"Whether in the churches or outside of them, our society will not be saved by those who flee for refuge from the confusion, unrest, and emptiness of the time to an aristocratic Deity beyond the stars, or who hug to their bosoms some private cult which promises deliverance from the turmoil and stress of the day. Our society will be saved by men who are fired by faith in the kingdom of God, and who see, beyond nature and actual society, a supreme spiritual Power ever working in and through man's individual and social experiences, and in the very darkest hours of his unrest and perplexity, for the fuller realization of that commonwealth of moral personalities, which is the only enduring worthwhile aim of human effort, since it is the meaning and purpose of the entire movement of life."—*Professor Joseph A. Leighton.*

GOOD WORDS FROM FARINA, ILL.

Rev. T. L. Gardiner,
Editor Recorder.

DEAR FRIEND:

I have been thinking for some time that I would write you but other things have crowded this duty out. There is so much I would like to write, but I can mention only a few matters of interest. I want to touch the high places in the yearly meeting at Welton, held just before Conference. There was a good attendance of delegates besides a goodly number of visitors. Brother C. C. Van Horn, our missionary from Tichnor, Ark., a former Welton boy, was present with his family and a young lady, Miss Mitchel. Rev. J. T. Davis, a former pastor, came with Brother Hurley from Garwin and spoke at the Sunday afternoon meeting. Brother Carl Hansen came Sabbath night from Chicago and spoke to the people Sunday morning, and in the evening told of Brother Burdick's and his experience on the island of Jamaica. This was a union meeting, the church was full of people and the lecture was enjoyed by all. Sunday afternoon we went to the little creek just east of the church and the pastor had the privilege of baptizing three splendid young people—Verna and Erlo Nelson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson, of Marion, Iowa, and Mr. Hugh Stewart, who had been spending the summer with his Uncle Zuriel Campbell. During the Conference week, Hugh was received into membership with the Milton Church, the church home of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stewart.

Others have told of the Ministers' Meeting and the splendid Conference. I wish to express my thanks, however, for the privilege of the visit and lecture at Yerkes Observatory made possible through the efforts of our brother and friend, Will Crandall, of Walworth. Thanks, Brother Crandall.

Tuesday found us with our auto pointed toward Farina, Ill., where we were to make our home. The weather was ideal, the roads the best, and the variety of birds and flowers kept one continually in a state of admiration. Aside from the sadness which goes with the parting from friends, the three hundred ninety-nine mile trip from Milton to Farina was as happy and restful as such a trip could possibly be. We arrived at Farina at four o'clock Wednes-

day, and soon had two beds in readiness for the night, and after supper and breakfast at the home of Brother Thomas Zinn, we were at home for dinner Thursday noon. Farina is a thriving little city of about seven hundred population in the very southeastern corner of Fayette County. It is on the main line of the Illinois Central system, and great trains go thundering through at all hours of the day and night. It has been said that they average a train every fifteen minutes, but I think this is somewhat reduced at present. It is over this road that the famed "Florida and Panama Limited" passes daily.

We found that the Ladies' Aid had been busy with the parsonage in the way of paint and varnish, inside and out; linoleum on the floors and shades at the windows. A new cement platform had been laid about the pump, cement steps led up to the front door, and the church was receiving its second coat of white paint. Certainly the church and parsonage present a very pleasing appearance and are comfortable indeed. We found our people here in the midst of fruit harvest and have been in the orchards of Brothers Lincoln Crandall, Persels, and Whitford—in the day time understand—and had the pleasure of picking twenty-five bushels of apples from one tree. I was told that seven or eight bushels had been picked before I began, and several bushels were left on the tree and upon the ground. They tell me that this is only a part of a crop. Brother Whitford is engaged at present in gathering the chestnuts from his grove of one hundred thirty-five trees, and disposing of his large crop of nursery stock. But what is the use, Dr. Gardiner, time and space prohibit further remarks. The people are fine, and loyal to our church interests and we have enjoyed every minute of our residence here, except the process of acclimatization. God in his mercy has provided richly for every locality: in Nebraska it was alfalfa and popcorn; Iowa, corn, clover, hogs, and cattle; Illinois, fruit, coal, oil, chickens, and mules. The women's societies are the same in all localities.

We pray for the work of our denomination and ask your prayers for us as we try to carry forward the standard of Christ.

Fraternally,

C. L. HILL.

October 7, 1924.

WOMAN'S WORK

MRS. GEORGE E. CROSLY, MILTON, WIS.,
Contributing Editor

WORKERS' EXCHANGE

Fouke, Ark.

(Fouke Ladies' Aid Letter to Southwestern Association, Hammond, La., read September 14, 1924.)

The Fouke Ladies' Aid sends greetings to the sister societies. We are sending as our delegate, Pastor Allen.

We have ten resident and two non-resident members. Our regular meeting time is the fourth Sunday of each month. During the busy season we do not always have meetings unless we have work.

Thanksgiving we gave a short program and served dinner to our church people at Mrs. Pierce's. A Thanksgiving offering was taken. We also had our annual New Year's dinner. We usually have some visitors besides our own church people.

In April we go to Mrs. John Smith's, one of our non-resident members, to celebrate her birthday. We go on the Sunday nearest the day, so our teachers may go. Usually we have a picnic dinner under the large trees in the pasture.

We feel that it is good for our church to come together in these social meetings. While we have not accomplished as much as we would like, we are hoping to do more this year. We ask an interest in your prayers for the work here.

This little poem, written by Mrs. Pierce, one of our members, will explain how we make most of our money.

MRS. W. J. S. SMITH,
Secretary.

STITCHES

MRS. J. M. PIERCE

The Fouke Ladies' Aid,
Stitches and stitches
Quilts and comforts
To accumulate riches.

Stitch by stitch
The blocks we sew.
Stitch by stitch
They are placed in a row.

Stitch by stitch
We join them together

In fair, foul,
Or any kind of weather.

Stitch by stitch
The lining we sew,
Ready for
The filling you know.

Down on our humble
Knees we go,
Picking the cotton
From the field where it grows.

Carding and carding we make
The soft, fluffy bat
To fill the quilt
Complete, compact.

Stitch by stitch
In the frame it is put,
All the seams straight
Without any crook.

Quilting and quilting
The Fouke Ladies' Aid
Smile and chat
Of the money they made.

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD MEETING

The October meeting of the board was held with Mrs. W. C. Daland. Others present were Mrs. A. B. West, Mrs. J. H. Babcock, Mrs. A. E. Whitford, Mrs. G. E. Crosley, Mrs. M. G. Stillman, Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Doctor Anne L. Waite, and Mrs. Shaw.

The president read the ninetieth Psalm and Doctor Waite offered prayer.

Minutes of the September meeting were read.

The treasurer read her monthly and quarterly reports, and the board voted to adopt them.

The corresponding secretary presented the following correspondence: the *Missionary Review of the World*, the *Year Book of the Churches*, the Committee of Reference and Counsel, concerning the admission of foreign students into the United States, Mrs. M. Wardner Davis, Salem, Miss Phoebe Coon, Walworth.

She reported printing her annual letter and the ordered letter heads.

Mrs. West read letters from the Women's Foreign Mission boards; Mrs. C. C. Van Horn, DeWitt, Ark.; Mrs. Nettie M. West, Shanghai.

Voted that the recording secretary purchase a loose leaf record book, to replace

the full one which has been in use since April 1, 1902.

After discussing the intensely interesting situation in China, and other matters, the board separated to meet in November.

MRS. A. B. WEST,

President.

NELLIE R. C. SHAW,
Recording Secretary.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Wednesday, September 17, Mrs. E. F. Randolph entertained about sixty friends and neighbors of Mrs. Thankful C. Childs in honor of Mrs. Child's ninety-fifth birthday.

It was an ideal day, and sunshine, flowers, and happy faces vied with each other in making the notable event one to be long remembered by all present.

Mrs. Mary J. H. Irish was a guest of honor, as September 17 is the date of her birth also.

A number of pictures were taken of Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Irish, and some others of the party.

Many bouquets and baskets of flowers were presented by friends and a birthday cake trimmed with the conventional candles was the offering of our hostess.

After an hour of conversation a program prepared by Mrs. Ethel Irish was rendered, consisting of old-time songs by a ladies' quartet, a reading by Miss Zinn, a duet by the Mesdames Seager, and Miss Allen gave a pleasing talk about her work in the missionary school at Fouke, Ark.

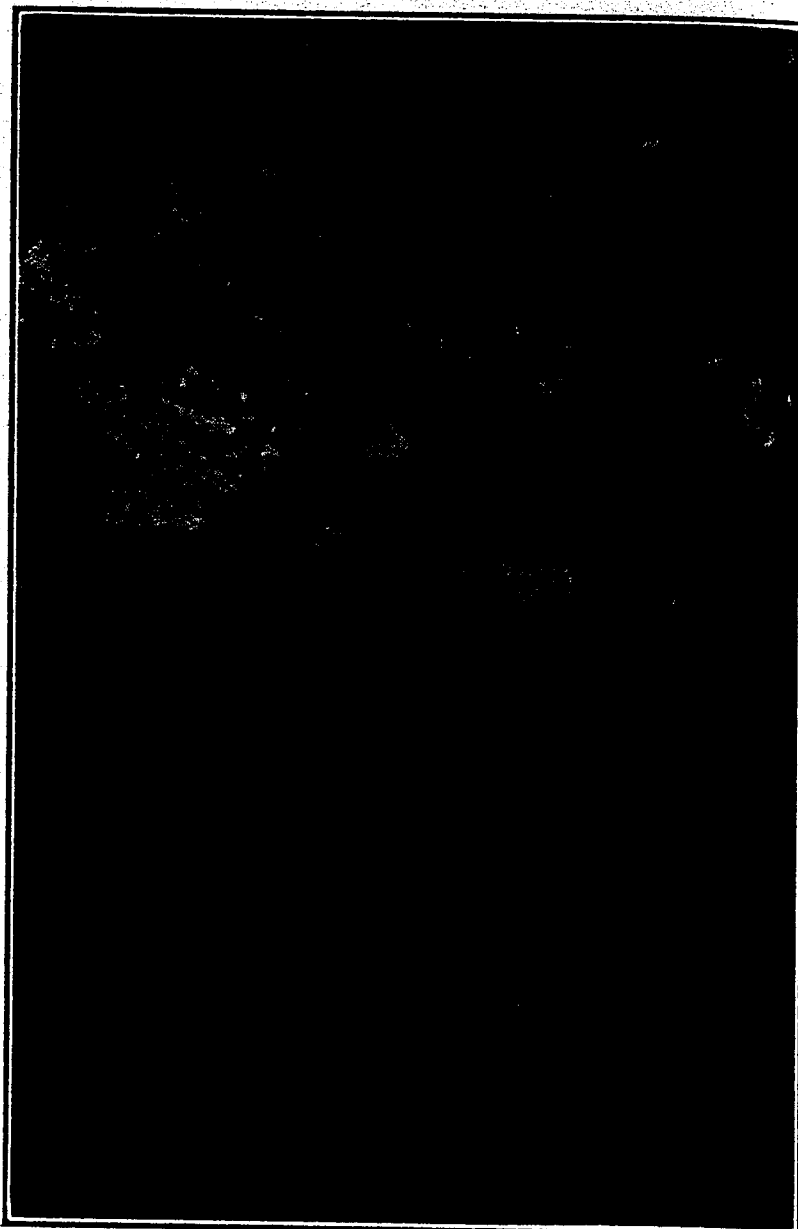
Mrs. Childs brought forth some old-time publications for our inspection. One being an almanac of 1829, the year of her birth—"to prove her age," she said.

She has many such souvenirs, one being a copy of *The Boston Tea Party* in 1773.

A collection of quaint old china belonging to Mrs. Randolph was exhibited and much enjoyed. Each piece has a history all its own.

About that time mysterious movements, signs, and tokens warned us refreshments were about to be served, so we were all on our good behavior.

Eight of the oldest ladies, including those whose birthdays were being celebrated, were escorted to the dining room where a table had been prepared for them. They were



Mrs. Thankful Childs

Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Irish, Mrs. Greenman, Mrs. Satterlee, Mrs. Coon, Mrs. Crosley, Mrs. Zinn and Mrs. Ford, a visitor from West Virginia.

A flower of the night-blooming cereus raised by Mrs. Ellen Greenman was one of the table decorations.

The linen centerpiece used, was made of cloth spun and woven over one hundred years ago by a relative of Mrs. Childs.

The combined ages of these ladies is six hundred twenty-nine years.

Four of them are charter members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and have been faithful workers therein for over fifty years.

They are all noted for their dainty stitches, and countless quilts bear the imprint of their handiwork.

After delicious refreshments had been served to all and good wishes and congratulations had been given, we went our homeward way, pondering on the wonderful life and personality of Mrs. Childs.

In her early youth her father, Elder Andrus, then a Baptist minister, pioneered

from eastern New York to one of the western countries of that state where he "took up" one hundred fifty acres of land, and he and his family worked hard to bringing the, then, wild country into cultivation and make it habitable.

The lessons there learned of frugality, industry and service to others, molded her into a wise, kindly, and noble character with a healthy mind and body which made it possible for her to bear the hardships of a

second pioneering when she and her husband and family came to Illinois in 1867, when this country was in much the same condition western New York was in her youth.

Here she made her new home, reared her family, and made a host of friends who admire the noble spirit of her whose family has now "passed on" leaving her lonely. But so brave is she, so happy and contented, she is an inspiration to all who know her.

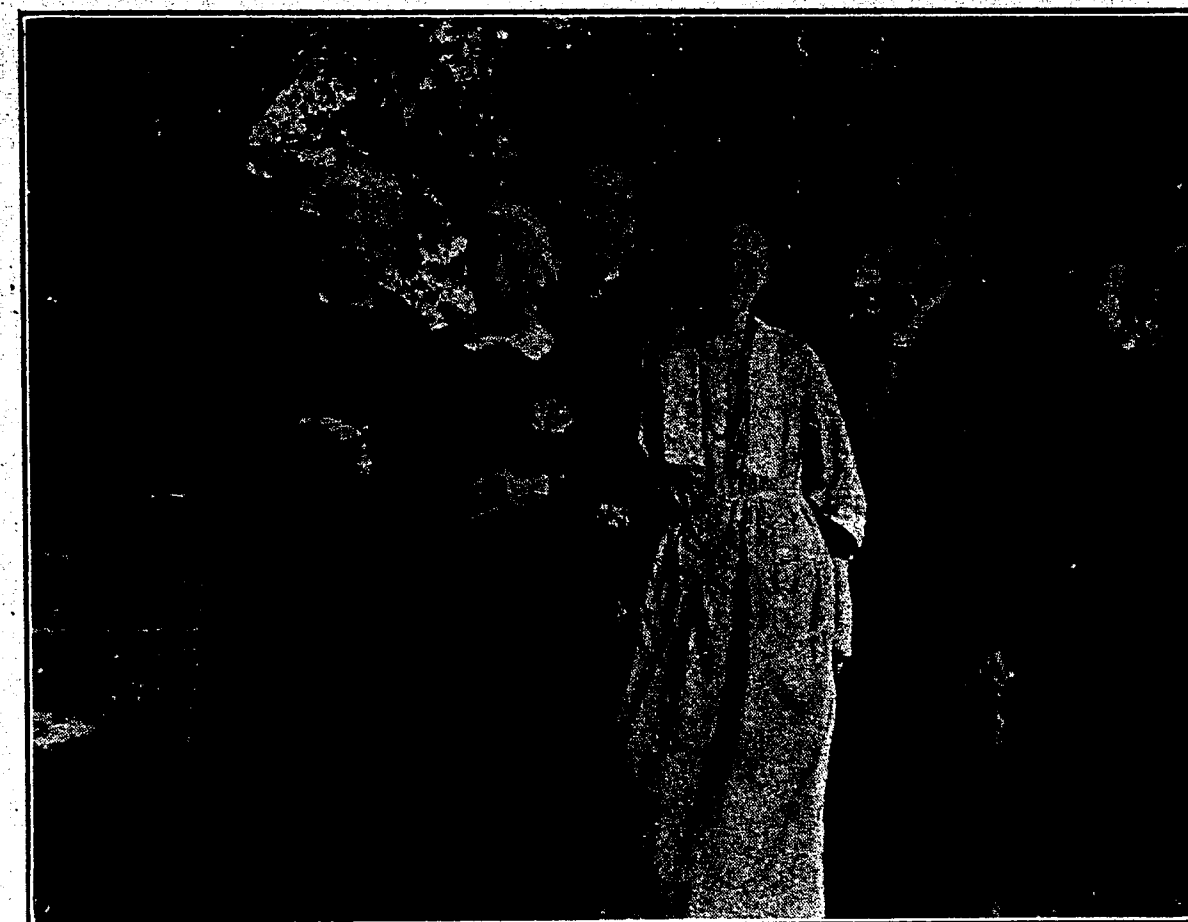
And as we contemplate her nearly a century of Christian endeavor and the achievements of a happy old age, we renew our faith that "God's in his heaven; all's well with the world."

A. GUEST.

ALFRED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Some readers will be interested, I am sure, in the following statements. The chapel exercises or morning prayers, held in Kenyon Hall five days in the week, are for the College proper, the School of Clay Working and Ceramics, and the Seminary. Members of the faculties of these three schools take turns in conducting these religious services. The College Assembly, held on each Wednesday, is also for these same three schools.

A. E. MAIN,
Dean.



Mrs. Emma Satterlee, Mrs. Thankful Childs, Mrs. Lizzy Coon, Mrs. Ellen Greenman and Mrs. Mary Zinn

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY SENDS NEW TESTAMENTS TO FRANCE

The American Bible Society has recently sent to the Bible Society of France five thousand French New Testaments of a special edition that it prepared during the wartime for the use of American soldiers going to France, and the officer in charge of the affairs of the Bible Society of France, who, by the way, was one of the most brilliant soldiers of the celebrated "Blue Devils" of the French Army, writes:

"You can not but realize how useful these New Testaments are going to be to us. Since learning of the shipment of five thousand New Testaments, we have already sent to certain of our friends some three or four hundred of the New Testaments we had left.

"One incident of special interest is the sending of some New Testaments for the occasion of the dedication of the Memorial Church of Chateau Thierry.

"We are going to send a package for gospel work to a mining center at Firmeyny, near St. Etienne, Lyon. We will advise you regarding our distribution from time to time."—*Issued by the American Bible Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City, August 19, 1924.*

"A quarter earned is more valuable than a dollar found."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

MRS. RUBY COON BABCOCK,
R. F. D. 5, Box 73, Battle Creek, Mich.,
Contributing Editor

STEWARDSHIP: ABILITY

ISAPHENE ALLEN

Christian Endeavor Topic for Sabbath Day,
November 8, 1924

DAILY READINGS

Sunday—Thought for Christ (Eph. 4: 17-24)
Monday—Strength for Christ (1 John 2: 12-14)
Tuesday—Skill for Christ (Exod. 31: 1-11)
Wednesday—Sympathies for Christ (Phil. 2: 1, 2)
Thursday—Service for Christ (Heb. 12: 28, 29;
13: 1-3)
Friday—Earning-power for Christ (Eph. 4: 28)
Sabbath Day—Topic: Stewardship: Our abilities
for Christ (Matt. 25: 14-30)

Ability means power to act, whether bodily, moral, or intellectual. All right, then, young people, we all have ability; for we all have the power to act bodily, morally and intellectually. Is this ability enlisted in the service of Christ?

"Natural abilities are like natural plants, that need pruning by study," said Bacon. Are we pruning our abilities by study of the needs of our denomination, of our church, of our Christian Endeavor society, and by a study of our own needs? Then with the needs before us and a love for service in our hearts, we will hear the command, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," or in the words of the topic, do it with all thy ability. Do we who teach, reflect the Christ? Do we who sing, sing for Christ? Do we all smile for Christ? Or do we when asked to play, reply, "I can't play church music"?

All our abilities for Christ, a challenge to every one of us. We may think for Christ or against him, and these thoughts will find expression in word or act, some day, and will influence another life. We may take Christ with us on the basketball floor, if our strength is used to promote clean play, to restrain the desire to trip and push some one who has despitely used us.

Is our earning power used for Christ? Is our skill in business, in the home, in every line used for Christ? Then and then

only shall we hear the "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance."

Think of the possibility for growth this year in your life if every word you said were for Christ, if all your criticism were constructive, not destructive, if every act were for him. Will we say:

"Lord help me live from day to day
In such a self forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for—others."

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I do for you
Must needs be done for—others."

Fouke, Ark.

A THOUGHT FOR THE QUIET HOUR

LYLE CRANDALL

One of the greatest abilities which Christ has given us is that of service for him. We can serve him by serving others around us, and every day we can find opportunities for service if we look for them. He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me." There are many people who are bearing heavy burdens, some of which are too heavy for them to bear alone, and they become discouraged and many of them give up.

Last night I read of a woman near our city who had suffered many years from an incurable disease. In addition to this she has had to care for her husband who has been an invalid for two years. Her burdens seemed more than she could bear, and so she became despondent and ended her life by drinking carbolic acid. Perhaps some people will say that she was foolish to do such a deed, yet can we judge? Should we not rather have pity and charity for her? It may be if some kind friend had only cheered her and helped her bear her burdens, this act would have never happened.

Young people, we are too thoughtless about the welfare of others. We are too selfish, thinking only of our own welfare. There are many people around us who are discouraged, and whom we could cheer, if

we only would; but we do not seem to care. Jesus was always ready to speak the cheerful word and to help those who were bearing heavy burdens. Let us use this ability of service he has given us, remembering that

"A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion or a tear,
Has often healed a heart that's broken,
And made a friend sincere."

Battle Creek, Mich.

INTERMEDIATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPIC FOR SABBATH DAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1924

How can the world get rid of war? Isa.
2: 1-4; 9: 6.

JUNIOR WORK

ELISABETH KENYON

Junior Christian Endeavor Superintendent

Draw on the blackboard a crown with five points, the one in the center being longer than the ones on the sides. Write underneath it—Queen Esther's Crown. Then as the story of her life and bravery is told, write the following words on each point of her crown: Faith, Trust, Courage, Loyalty, and Truth. Bring out the point that as these were gems in Queen Esther's crown and life, so they should also be gems in our lives. Suggestion taken from *On the Highway*, by Ella M. Wood.

Canonchet, R. I.

OF ONE BLOOD

Of One Blood is one of the books recommended by the United Society of Christian Endeavor and by the Young People's Board for use in Christian Endeavor study courses this year. The following review of the book is taken from a recent *Christian Endeavor World*.

One of the most statesmanlike of the many valuable books written by Dr. Robert E. Speer is *Of One Blood*, the newest text-book issued by the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Missionary Education Movement (New York: Cloth, 75 cents; paper, 50 cents). We do not know where we could point to a more forceful and thoroughgoing study of the race problem as a Christian should see it. After discussing the origin and nature of race and the idea of race

superiority, Dr. Speer argues strongly that race and race distinction present invaluable gains to this world, diversifying mankind and tending to enrich civilization. On the other hand, race prejudice and racial fear have led to serious abuse of weaker races by the dominant races, and Dr. Speer passes in review the long and shameful story of our treatment of the Negroes, the Indians, the Chinese, the Italians, the Armenians, and others, and especially our national iniquity of lynching. The book contains wise treatment of the various proposed solutions of the race problem, such as segregation, eugenics, and amalgamation, and sets forth finally the Christian solution, which is one of brotherly helpfulness with the recognition of mutual rights. Any class that studies this text-book will be sure of interesting discussions, and will gain a broader outlook over present conditions.

QUIET HOUR PLANS

DEAR ENDEAVORERS:

It is our pleasure to supply the bulletin for this week. May we submit a part of the Quiet Hour Goal (1924-1925) for your consideration?

QUIET HOUR GOAL
(1924-1925)

"Be still, and know that I am God."—Ps. 46: 10.
Aim: "First Things First."

Outline of Plan—

1. Organization of Societies:

- A—Active Quiet Hour superintendent.
- B—Presentation of Quiet Hour to members of society.
- C—Presentation in some way to the church or its organizations.
- D—Communication with lone Sabbath keepers. (Note: Special attention is called to the chapter on the Quiet Hour in the *Expert Endeavor*. Society superintendents should correspond with the lone Sabbath keepers who are members of their churches.)

2. Organization of the Young People's Board:

- A—Letters at some time during the year from the Quiet Hour superintendent to the societies on some phase of Quiet Hour work.
- B—Co-operation with the societies in any way possible in presenting the work of this department.
- C—An award made by the board to individuals or societies for standards reached or maintained. This plan to be presented to the societies for approval or consideration at a later date.

Every active member a Quiet Hour comrade

Yours for conscientious Quiet Hour
work,

HURLEY S. WARREN,

Quiet Hour Superintendent.

Alfred, N. Y.,

September 26, 1924.

TRACT SOCIETY—TREASURER'S REPORT

F. J. HUBBARD, *Treasurer*,
In account with the
AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY
For the Quarter Ending September 30, 1924

Dr.
To cash on hand July 1, 1924: ..
General Fund ..\$2,268 34
Denominational Building Fund (old) 1,696 56
Maintenance Fund .. 2,360 85
\$6,325 75

To cash received since as follows:
GENERAL FUND
Contributions:
July ..\$ 14 00
August .. 835 29
September .. 277 85
\$1,127 14

Collections:
July ..\$ 18 33
September .. 142 17
160 50
Income from Invested Funds:
July ..\$1,708 88
August .. 43 75
September .. 103 06
1,855 69

Publishing House Receipts:
RECORDER ..\$891 41
Helping Hand .. 700 26
Intermediate Graded Lessons 15 30
Junior Graded Lessons .. 38 50
Outside Sabbath School Boards' publications .. 81 16
Tract depository .. 34 27
1,760 90
Interest on daily bank balances..... 12 00
Dr. Theodore L. Gardiner, refund of expenses to Salem .. 27 70
4,943 93

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND
Old Building:
Income:
July ..\$ 9 40
Contributions:
August .. 1,127 26
September .. 259 40
1,396 06

New Building:
Contributions:
August ..\$ 65 00
September .. 20 00
85 00

MAINTENANCE FUND
Rent from publishing house.....\$ 600 00
Interest on daily bank balances..... 14 00
614 00

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT
Publishing house profits for the year 1923-4... 1,274 94
\$14,639 68

Cr.
By cash paid out as follows:
GENERAL FUND
Sabbath Reform Work:
G. Velthuysen, Holland, *De Booschapper* ..\$ 150 00
T. L. M. Spencer, Georgetown, British Guiana, *Gospel Herald*..... 25 00
Mill Yard Church, London, England
A. J. C. Bond, special Sabbath reform worker:
Salary ..\$275 00
Expenses:
Stationery, etc. ..\$6 21
Stenographer .. 3 64
9 85
284 85
\$ 484 85

Publishing House Expenses:
RECORDER ..\$3,111 15
Helping Hand .. 878 85
Intermediate Graded Lessons..... 7 03
Junior Graded Lessons..... 182 95
Tract depository .. 303 06
Outside Sabbath School Boards' Publications .. 24 61
Annual report to Conference..... 103 47
4,611 12

Miscellaneous:
Payment on indebtedness ..\$1,500 00
Traveling expenses, representatives to Conference, associations, etc.
Dr. Theodore L. Gardiner, editor .. 92 34
President's expenses:
Traveling expenses to Missionary Board meeting, etc. .. 17 94
Legal expenses, etc.
County clerk's fee.....\$ 50
Revenue stamps .. 2 40
Rent, safe deposit box to 7-1-25 .. 10 00
12 90
Treasurer's expenses:
Foreign phone calls, telegrams, etc. ..\$ 2 57
Stationery, postage, etc. 21 27
36 74
Secretary:
Salary ..\$93 75
Expenses:
Traveling ..\$69 78
Stationery .. 5 92
75 70
Denominational Files Committee:
Classifying literature, etc. 19 25
Life Annuity payments .. 418 25
RECORDER subscription, John L. C. Kenyon .. 2 50
2,256 47
\$7,352 44

MAINTENANCE FUND
Re-lettering two doors ..\$ 5 00
Changing awning at building .. 11 00
Shelving .. 95 00
Repairs .. 2 55
\$ 113 55

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT
Transferred to savings account .. 1,274 94
\$8,740 93

By balance on hand:
Denominational Building Fund (old) ..\$3,092 62
Denominational Building Fund (new) .. 85 00
Maintenance Fund .. 2,861 30
\$6,038 92
Less overdraft, General Fund... 140 17
5,898 75
\$14,639 68

E. & O. E. F. J. HUBBARD, *Treasurer*.

Plainfield, N. J., October 3, 1924.
Total indebtedness (loans) General Fund.....\$1,700 00
Examined and compared with books and vouchers, and found correct.

O. B. WHITFORD,
F. A. LANGWORTHY,
Auditors.
October 10, 1924.

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND
September 30, 1924
Dr.
To total contributions and income to 7-1-24, less loss on sale of Liberty Bonds...\$58,074 47
To contributions and income, first quarter... 1,396 06
\$59,470 53
To loan from Permanent Fund, less amount repaid .. 5,000 00
\$64,470 53

Cr.
By cost of site, and of building, as per last annual report ..\$61,377 91
By cash on hand .. 3,092 62
\$64,470 53

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING—MAINTENANCE FUND
September 30, 1924

Dr.
To balance on hand July 1, 1924.....\$2,360 85
To rent from publishing house .. 600 00
To interest on daily bank balances.. 14 00
\$2,974 85

Cr.
By re-lettering two doors.....\$ 5 00
By changing awning .. 11 00
By shelving .. 95 00
By repairs .. 2 50
113 55
By cash on hand .. 2,861 30
\$2,974 85

AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY
Treasurer's Receipts for July, 1924

GENERAL FUND
Contributions to General Fund:
Mrs. Lucinda P. Waldo, Venango, Pa. ..\$ 4 00
Mrs. George F. Annas, Geneva, N. Y. .. 10 00
14 00

Collections:
One-third collection, Central Association .. 18 33

Income from Invested Funds:
H. Gillette Kenyon Gift ..\$ 1 00
Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Board:
American Sabbath Tract Society.. 23 91
Charity L. Burdick Bequest..... 8 85
Delos C. Burdick Bequest..... 279 23
Delos C. Burdick farm..... 12 78
Eugenia L. Babcock Bequest..... 129 28
E. K. and Francelia Burdick Gift 9 98
George H. Babcock Bequest..... 1,102 99
Hornell Church Fund .. 54 34
Mary E. Rich Bequest..... 30 73
Penelope R. Harbert Bequest.... 28 47
S. P. Potter Bequest..... 27 32
1,708 88

Publishing House Receipts:
RECORDER ..\$ 237 59
Helping Hand .. 340 36
Intermediate Graded Lessons .. 7 80
Junior Graded Lessons .. 20 80
Outside Sabbath School Board Publications .. 51 05
Tract depository .. 2 40
Refund of overcharge on RECORDER. 143 71
803 71
Interest on daily bank balances..... 12 00
Refund of expenses to Salem, Dr. Theodore L. Gardiner..... 27 70
\$2,584 62

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND
Old Building:
Interest on daily bank balances.....\$ 9 40
MAINTENANCE FUND
Rent, from publishing house ..\$ 200 00
Interest on daily bank balances..... 14 00
214 00
EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT
Publishing house, profits for year 1923-4... 1,274 94
Total ..\$4,082 96

Treasurer's Receipts for August, 1924

GENERAL FUND
Contributions to General Fund:
Forward Movement contributions...\$ 559 13
Parallel Program .. 276 16
\$ 835 29

Income from Invested Funds:
Reuben D. Ayres Bequest ..\$ 4 38
Sarah Elizabeth Brand Bequest... 79
Susan E. Burdick Bequest..... 63
Electra A. Potter Bequest..... 31 50
Mary S. Stillman Bequest .. 4 37
Villa Ridge, Ill., Church Fund.... 2 08
43 75

Publishing House Receipts:
RECORDER ..\$ 230 46
Helping Hand .. 109 85

Intermediate Graded Lessons .. 1 20
Junior Graded Lessons .. 2 40
Outside Sabbath School Board Publications .. 9 63
Tract depository .. 16 82
370 36
\$1,249 40

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND
Old Building:
Forward Movement ..\$802 23
Parallel Program .. 325 03
\$1,127 26
New Building:
Contributions:
Mrs. D. E. Titsworth, Plainfield, N. J. ..\$ 15 00
Lucius Sanborn, Goodrich, Mich. 50 00
65 00

MAINTENANCE FUND
Rent, publishing house .. 200 00
Total ..\$2,641 66

Treasurer's Receipts for September, 1924

GENERAL FUND
Contributions:
Forward Movement ..\$ 122 73
Parallel Program .. 56 66
Onward Movement .. 98 46
\$ 277 85

Collections:
One-third collection, General Conference .. 142 17

Income from Invested Funds:
Lois Babcock Bequest ..\$ 01
Mary P. Bentley Gift .. 1 40
Berlin, Wis., Parsonage Fund..... 4 40
George Bonham Bequest .. 1 00
Sarah Elizabeth Brand Bequest... 2 04
Harriet Burdick Gift .. 2 00
Annuity Gifts .. 5 44
Susan E. Burdick Bequest..... 2 05
Eliza M. Crandall Bequest .. 01
Nettie J. Coon Bequest..... 1 00
S. Adeline Crumb Fund .. 14
Oliver Davis Bequest .. 01
Nancy M. Franks Bequest .. 01
Amanda B. Greene Bequest..... 1 45
Olive A. Greene Bequest .. 01
Rhoda T. Greene Bequest..... 12 00
George Greenman Bequest..... 5 00
Greenmanville, Conn., Church Fund 1 40
Celia Hiscox Bequest .. 02
Lucy M. Knapp Bequest .. 2 00
Clark F. Langworthy Bequest..... 1 22
Life Memberships .. 1 20
North Branch, Neb., Church Fund 50
Olive Hall Pierce Bequest..... 3 40
Electra A. Potter Bequest..... 52 31
Deborah A. Randall Bequest .. 01
Arletta G. Rogers Bequest..... 1 03
John G. Spicer Gift .. 4 00
103 06

Publishing House Receipts:
RECORDER ..\$ 279 65
Helping Hand .. 250 05
Intermediate Graded Lessons .. 6 30
Junior Graded Lessons .. 15 30
Outside Sabbath School Board Publications .. \$14 15
Refund account same..... 6 33
20 48
Tract depository .. 15 05
586 83
\$1,109 91

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING FUND
Old Building:
Forward Movement ..\$ 176 08
Parallel Program .. 50 51
Onward Movement .. 32 81
259 40

New Building:
Contributions:
A Friend, Humboldt, Neb.....\$ 15 00
Mrs. Ellen S. Ramsey, Wis..... 5 00
20 00

MAINTENANCE FUND
Rent, publishing house .. 200 00
Total ..\$1,589 31

CHILDREN'S PAGE

RUTH MARION CARPENTER, ALFRED, N. Y.,
Contributing Editor

ESTHER

Junior Christian Endeavor Topic for Sabbath Day,
November 8, 1924

DAILY READINGS

Sunday—Unselfishness (1Cor. 10: 24)
Monday—Ready to die for people (John 15: 13)
Tuesday—A sense of duty (Matt. 7: 12)
Wednesday—Self-sacrifice (Matt. 16: 25)
Thursday—Prayer that counts (Acts 12: 5-8)
Friday—Prayer for others (Exod. 32: 31, 32)
Sabbath Day—Topic: Esther, a girl who saved
her people (Esther 4: 13-16; 7: 2, 3)

This is written especially for the junior who is to lead this meeting. Of course you plan your own meeting and then take your plans to your superintendent for her approval? If you never have before, ask her to let you this time, I know you will surprise her with the fine program you make out. Ask ten of your juniors to help you with the story of Esther. Assign one chapter to each one and let them tell the part of the story found in their chapter. Here is a brief outline of each chapter:

Chapter 1

King Ahasuerus gives a feast.
The king requests Queen Vashti to come to the feast.
Queen Vashti refuses to obey the king's command.
King's decree against Queen Vashti.

Chapter 2

Selection of most beautiful girl for queen.
Mordecai brings Esther, a Jewess.
Esther chosen queen.
Mordecai discovers a treason to kill the king, and sends Esther word.

Chapter 3

King's command to bow down and reverence Haman.
Mordecai refuses. Haman obtains decree from the king to have all Jews destroyed.

Chapter 4

Great mourning among the Jews.
Mordecai requests Esther to seek release for her people from the king.
Esther replies that she will go to the king.
Jews fast.

Chapter 5

Esther invites Haman and the king to a banquet.
Gallows made to hang Mordecai.

Chapter 6

King seeks counsel from Haman.
Haman's reply.
Mordecai rewarded for former service.
Haman's great sorrow at this.

Chapter 7

Haman and king attend Esther's feast.
Esther requests the life of her people.
Haman hanged on gallows prepared for Mordecai.

Chapter 8

Mordecai set over house of Haman.
King grants liberty to the Jews.
Rejoicing of the Jews.

Chapter 9

Jews smite all their enemies.
Haman's ten sons are hanged.
Jews feast.

Chapter 10

Mordecai is made next in honor to the king.

RIGHTS

As I was walking out today,
A little worm crawled in my way.
I stepped aside and let it pass,
And it was soon hid in the grass.
I didn't try to step on it.
I wouldn't hurt it—not a bit.
Suppose I were a worm like that,
I wouldn't care to be mashed flat!
I think perhaps he had a right
To crawl out in the sunshine bright,
As much as I to run and play,
And so I let him go his way.

—Our Little Ones.

UNCLE DOCTOR'S CURE

Catherine was very cross, indeed. She cried when she was being dressed because mamma put on a pink dress and pink hair ribbons when she wanted blue. Then she cried because there was no school; until Uncle Harry Doctor looked over the edge of his newspaper, and said to mamma:

"Send her into my office after breakfast. I see she needs some medicine."

Then Catherine cried harder than ever, but Uncle Harry Doctor took her hand and led her into the office where he saw his patients.

"Dear me," he said, as he looked at her and saw the marks of tears all over her face. "This is very bad. What was the matter with the pink dress?"

"I like blue better," sobbed Catherine, "I am tired of the pink one."

"Mmmmm," said Uncle Harry Doctor again. "I think you need something to do. I prescribe that you spend the morning playing with Blinky and Pinky."

"I don't want to play with them," pouted Catherine, "I hate kittens that color."

"Why don't you play with your dolls, then?" asked Uncle Harry Doctor.

"I haven't any nice ones to play with," said Catherine. "Dorothy Rose has brown eyes and I want them blue, and Margaret has a finger broken off and Daisy needs a new wig."

"Dear me," said Uncle Harry, "that is too bad. Why don't you read, then?"

"I have read all the old books until I am tired of them," pouted Catherine.

"This is very bad," said Uncle Harry Doctor, gravely, "but I think we can find a way out. I shall have to give you some medicine, and although like some of my other patients you may not like it, I know it will make you well. Now we will go and find mamma."

Catherine was very sober when she took Uncle Harry Doctor's hand as he led the way to mamma, and more so when she heard what he said.

"I find this patient," he said soberly, "is suffering from a very common disease among families where there is only one little girl. She is suffering from 'surfeititis.' There is only one remedy I know for it. Put on her wraps, and we will collect all the things that make trouble and take them away."

"For good?" asked Catherine, a little bit frightened.

"Yes, for good," said Uncle Harry Doctor firmly.

Then he picked up the dolls.

"O Uncle Harry Doctor," cried Catherine, "not Dorothy Rose! I love her, really I do. Why, I couldn't let her go."

"But her eyes are brown," said Uncle Harry Doctor.

"But I love them brown, really," pleaded Catherine. "If you will only let her stay, I will never, never wish them blue."

"We will see," said Uncle Harry Doctor. "Perhaps if you wish hard enough she may come back, but we must put her in now."

Then, last of all, he picked up Blinky and Pinky.

"Oh, no, no," pleaded Catherine, "Please please leave them."

"Well," said Uncle Harry Doctor, reluctantly, "we will leave them today and

see how the other medicine works. Now put on your hat and coat and come with me in the automobile while we take the medicine."

Usually Catherine was happy to ride with him, but today she didn't quite know what was going to happen; so she sat very still until he stopped before the door of a poor little house, in a narrow street, and lifted out Catherine and the package that held the pink dress.

"Good morning," called Uncle Harry Doctor, cheerfully. "Rose, this is a very sick little girl I have here with me. We have to cure her, however, and so she is bringing you this little package."

Rose opened it. "Oh," she said softly, "see, mother, now I can go to school when I am well."

Catherine would have liked to stay longer but Uncle Harry Doctor whisked her away. There were so many places to visit. There was a sick little boy who lay all day in a bed, with braces on. They left a good pile of books with him.

There were two little girls who were glad indeed to get Margaret and Daisy and did not seem to think they needed new fingers or wigs.

Last of all Uncle Harry Doctor stopped before the door of a large building. "Catherine," he said, "the little boys and girls who live here have no fathers or mothers, and when they are sick there is no one to love and pet them." He led the way into a room where a little girl with big blue eyes and long golden curls sat in a chair by the window. "This is Ruth," he said, "she has been very ill but she is better now, and can look out of the window, but I think she is lonesome. Will you not lend her Dorothy Rose?"

"Uncle Harry Doctor," Catherine whispered softly, "I think I would like to give her Dorothy Rose for good, if I might just see her once in a while."

Then Uncle Harry Doctor left Catherine with Ruth while he went to make some long calls. When Uncle Harry Doctor came back in the afternoon he found the two little girls playing together happily.

"Uncle Harry Doctor," said Catherine, "I am all cured now. May I come and play with Ruth again?"

"Yes indeed," said Uncle Harry Doctor, "I am glad you think you are all well."

Perhaps you won't have to have any more medicine; only the kind that keeps you well."

The next morning Catherine found a lot of new gifts around her Christmas stocking, even a new doll that looked like Dorothy Rose, only she had blue eyes. "I shall call her Dorothy May," said Catherine to Uncle Harry Doctor, "and I will truly love her."

Uncle Harry Doctor smiled. Then he said, "Mamma, papa and I have talked things over, and we have decided that you were sick with such a dangerous disease that we must not let it happen again; so we are going to give you something to keep you well all the time," and going into the den he brought out Ruth herself, with Dorothy Rose in her arms.

"You see," he said, "it is almost impossible for one little girl to escape having 'surfeititis,' so we think the best way is to have two little girls always, so little Ruth is coming to live here and be a sister and playmate for you."

"Oh," cried Catherine, "this is the very nicest present of all. She can wear my clothes and play with my playthings, and we can play games together. And she may have Pinky or Blinky for her kitten, too."
—*Storyland*.

MY GRANDMA USED TO SAY

"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

Ask your grandma what she thinks my grandma meant.

H. C. V. H.

HOME NEWS

SCIO AND PETROLIA.—The small but faithful band of Sabbath keepers at both Scio and Petrolia have been maintaining their regular services for worship and Bible study every Sabbath this summer. Once a month the Scio people have been meeting with the Sabbath school mission at Petrolia, and once a month the people of Petrolia have been attending the church service at Scio. Thus the two communities have been broadening their influence and strengthening their ranks to promote the cause for our Friend and Savior, Jesus Christ. The alternate Sabbath afternoons in the month both the people of Scio and

the people of Petrolia have held their regular meeting in their own respective communities.

September 7, there were seventeen people at Petrolia baptized, and two weeks later another candidate came forward for baptism. There are still others thoughtfully considering the question of baptism. Six of these persons who were baptized at Petrolia are our own Seventh Day Baptist people. This last Sabbath day, October 11, we all met together at Scio for our communion service. Pray for us that we may be faithful at all times and do our part to bring the world to a greater recognition of God and to a fuller realization of the value of God's holy Sabbath day, for developing our spiritual life and to fit us for kindlier and more effective service to our fellow men.

The people of Petrolia are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to the coming of the Semi-annual Meeting of our Western Association which is to be held with them, October 24 and 25. This is the first gathering of this nature which the Petrolia Mission has entertained. But there is a very happy spirit of co-operation manifest on the part of all the people and interests in the community. Thus with the assistance of many kind friends, the members of the Petrolia Mission are hoping that they will succeed in providing ample accommodations for all who may be able to attend; and we are looking forward to a very profitable gathering.

Faithfully and sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH F. RANDOLPH,

Pastor.

Scio, N. Y.,

October 13, 1924.

The motorist who finds his *Blue Book* correct trusts it again. The patient who finds relief in a certain medicine believes in taking it again. The indisputable argument of these people is, "It helps me."

Millions today are drawing from memory's storehouse passages of Scripture to guide, comfort and enlighten them. Their unanswerable argument is, "These passages help me."—*Selected*.

"Unless the past has enabled us to master the present, we will be slaves to the future."

Lone Sabbath Keeper's Page

AN INTRODUCTION

This is to introduce to you, dear lone Sabbath keeper, the newly elected secretaries: Angeline P. Allen and Lois R. Fay, who enter upon the year's work with joyful anticipation, and confidently hope for your co-operation. We stand ready to help you in any way possible, and ask for your help in like manner.

The work of the denomination is forging ahead, and we feel sure that all loyal lone Sabbath keepers will be glad to have a large part in the expansion of the work as planned and as the Holy Spirit may further direct, that the Lord's work be not hindered, but that we may all work together for the bringing in of the kingdom of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

We shall be glad to receive suggestions; or, if any of you have problems or perplexities, troubles or sorrows, write us, and we can at least pray, and perhaps help a little as we shall consult together.

Yours in the love of Jesus,

ANGELINE P. ALLEN,
Fouke, Ark.

LOIS R. FAY,
Princeton, Mass.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

We are revising the list of lone Sabbath keepers; and if any of you know of new names or of changes in address during the past two or three years, will you please notify Mrs. Allen at once?

We have written to church clerks, and they have been prompt in responding, but you may know of some names they do not. There are some who believe as we do, and are keeping the Sabbath, whose names are not on the church roll.

Please help us if you can.

LET US PRAY

"In the secret places of the stairs." Song of Solomon 2:14.

"The dove is in the cleft of the rock—the riven side of our Lord. There is comfort and security there. It is also 'in the

secret places of the stairs.' It loves to build its nest in the high towers to which men mount by winding stairs for hundreds of feet above the ground. What a glorious vision is there obtained of the surrounding scenery! It is a picture of ascending life. To reach its highest altitude we must find 'the secret places of the stairs.' That is the only way to rise above the natural plane. Our life should be one of quiet mounting with occasional resting places; but we should be mounting higher step by step. Everybody does not find this way of secret ascent. It is for God's chosen ones. The world may think you are going down. You may not have as much public work to do as formerly. 'Blessed are the poor in spirit.' It is a secret, hidden life. We may be hardly aware that we are growing, till some day a test comes and we find we are established."—*A. B. Simpson*.

In the secret place of his presence there is joy, there is peace. It is there that we confess our sins, our shortcomings, our mistakes, and receive his forgiveness. "He knows it all." It is there that his voice reveals the work he would have us do, oftentimes, and *there we dare not say no to Jesus*.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ON PROHIBITION

The prohibition amendment to the Constitution requires the Congress and the President to provide adequate laws to prevent its violation. It is my duty to enforce such laws. For that purpose a treaty is being negotiated with Great Britain with respect to the right of search of hovering vessels. To prevent smuggling, the coast guard should be greatly strengthened and a supply of swift power boats should be provided. The major sources of production should be rigidly regulated and every effort should be made to suppress interstate traffic. With this action on the part of the national government and the co-operation which is usually rendered by municipal and state authorities prohibition should be made effective. Free government has no greater menace than disrespect for authority and continual violation of law. It is the duty of a citizen not only to observe the law but to let it be known that he is opposed to its violation.—*Part of President Coolidge's Message to Congress*.

DEATHS

BYERS.—Armina Saunders Byers was born December 8, 1853, and died at the home of her son at Lawton, N. Y., on September 23, 1924.

She was the daughter of Jonathan and Rhema Emerson Saunders, and was the youngest of six children, being the last to survive. She was born near Alfred and lived in the same vicinity for more than twenty years. Her education was acquired in the public schools and Alfred University, graduating from the university with honors in 1877. Before and after graduation she taught school, teaching thirteen years in all. Three of these years she taught in Michigan.

On April 21, 1878 she was united in marriage to Robert N. Byers of Grawn, Mich. To them was born one son, Harry. Here she lived until the death of Mr. Byers, which occurred July 12, 1901. She then moved to Alfred where she has since lived.

For some time she has been in poor health and was taken suddenly ill while visiting her son, and there, after about two weeks of sickness, died.

At the age of fourteen she was baptized and united with the First Alfred Church and remained a faithful member until death. While a lone Sabbath keeper in Michigan, she was true to her conviction and there won the esteem of her friends and neighbors. She was also active in many of the organizations of the church and community.

Funeral services were conducted in the church

at Alfred, by her pastor, and she was laid to rest in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. A. C. E.

HARRY.—Madison Harry, son of Jacob and Susanna Toby Harry, was born February 3, 1845, about ten miles west of Dayton, Ohio, and died very suddenly at his home in Gentry, Ark., on the morning of September 30, 1924, having reached the age of 79 years, 7 months, and 27 days.

He graduated from the United Brethren College at Westfield, Ill., at the age of twenty-five. During his college life he was converted and united with the United Brethren Church. Later he was ordained to the ministry by this denomination and preached for this people for several years.

He was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Davis of Bourbon, Ill., in 1872; she departed this life in 1895. To this union were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Seven of them, six boys and a girl remain to mourn the loss of a loving, devoted father.

About the year 1877 Rev. Mr. Harry moved to Colorado on account of poor health, where he resided about fourteen years. While living there he embraced the Sabbath and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination. Later he moved to Kansas and engaged in missionary work for several years.

February 16, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Esther Williams of West Edmeston, N. Y. To this union was born one son, Allen, who makes his home with his parents.

Brother Harry was active in the ministry until the year 1913, his last pastorate being at New Auburn, Minn. In June of that year he, with his wife and son Allen, moved to Gentry and united with the Gentry Seventh Day Baptist Church.

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During these eleven years he has not only taken an active part in the work of his own church but has also been interested in the religious life of the whole community. For several years he preached more or less regularly in the schoolhouses surrounding Gentry. When his health permitted he also supplied the pulpit in his home church in the absence of the missionary pastor who, in the past six years has spent much time in other parts of this great Southwest.

A useful man has gone to his reward and he will be missed by the church and community as well as by his family.

Burial services were held from the church on Thursday afternoon, October 2, conducted by the pastor, Rolla J. Severance, assisted by Rev. Carrie Bernard, a missionary for the United Brethren Denomination. Interment was in the local cemetery. R. J. S.

THE SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

REV. C. C. VAN HORN, SECRETARY

Returning from Conference we spent two Sabbaths at home and were much pleased to find that the appointments of the church had been well sustained during our absence.

With Brother Plemons and wife in the back seat we headed our Ford toward Hammond, La., the meeting place of the Southwestern Association. We crossed the Mississippi River at Helena, Ark., near which place, in a battle during the Civil War, my father received his only wound. We passed onto the Jefferson Highway at Clarksburg and followed it most of the way to our destination. We found the crops—mostly corn and cotton—greatly damaged by the drought. We tarried some time in Jackson, Miss., a point of particular interest; reached Hammond late Wednesday night, having spent two nights on the road. Not being familiar with the town, we inquired for the Seventh Day Baptist Church. The party questioned asked if that was the church that had meetings on Friday night; receiving an affirmative reply, very definite directions were given, and we soon found the church and located Brother R. J. Mills. Here we were welcomed by friends of twenty years ago. After a general clean up and a hearty supper, we were escorted to the pleasant home of Brother "Forry" Crandall, which was to be our home during the sessions of the association.

Every church in the association, except that of Rock Creek, Okla., was directly represented by from one to four delegates.

This was what we had planned, worked, and prayed for. It is an advance step, and we hope that at the session in 1925 every church will be represented.

There were fourteen authorized delegates present, seven of whom were pastors and ministers. This number included: Director A. J. C. Bond, representing the Missionary and Tract Boards and the "Onward Movement"; Rev. John Randolph, representing the Eastern, Central and Western associations; and Pastor Ellis R. Lewis, delegate from the Northwestern Association.

Rev. S. S. Powell gave the address of welcome and Director Bond gave the response. Brother Powell not only welcomed us to their homes and hospitality, but to the new duties and opportunities.

Brother Bond said, among other good things, that the auto had been looked upon as a detriment to religious worship. It largely depends on the will of the person behind the steering wheel. In this instance Fords brought delegates from Attalla, Fouke and Little Prairie.

Every session was full of good things. Brother Bond's accounts of the work of the different boards and what the "Onward Movement" means, will bring a heartier response because of a clearer understanding of the needs and methods of co-operation.

On Sabbath morning, baptism was administered to a young lady, a convert to the Sabbath, who later united with the Hammond Church. The Lord's Supper was also an appropriate and impressive part of this morning service.

The woman's hour and young people's hour were filled with good things, many of which will appear in the RECORDER.

Brother Colwell kept the church house beautifully decorated with pot plants and flowers from his greenhouse.

Every session was a spiritual feast to those who were hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and while the 1924 association is past, I am sure the churches of the Southwest are going to do bigger and better things because of the Christian fellowship of those days, the plans laid, and the inspiration that has gone out from it.

The next association of the Southwest is to be at Gentry, Ark., in September, 1925. Let us begin to plan, pray, and work that

we may have reports worth while to take to that meeting.

The Little Prairie delegation, with Brother Severance accompanying them, started homeward Monday morning, reaching the Arkansas River, three miles from our destination before sundown, the second day. "So near and yet so far." A bad place to ferry and water in the gasoline we bought at this ferry, were the causes of our taking till 3 a. m., the next morning to go those three miles.

However, we are at home again and at work, and before long will write you of the Little Prairie work.

Remember us when you pray.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

With vacation season over and business opening up for the fall and winter months we find the commercial work of the Publishing House increasing, September showing about \$1,200 more commercial business than August. July, August and September are the "lean" months and there is always a deficit for this period. The balance of the year usually shows a profit. One of the problems to be solved before the printing plant can make a reasonable profit, is to fill this three months' "dull" period with productive work. If this could be done our Publishing House would show yearly profits that would compare favorably with those of other successful business firms.

We are glad to tell you that Miss Aletha Thorngate, of North Loup, Neb., a recent graduate of Milton College, has been secured as assistant bookkeeper and has been on the job for several weeks. Part of her duties are to fill orders for denominational supplies and to enter new and renewal subscriptions to the SABBATH RECORDER.

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THE PRODIGAL SON. Luke 15: 11-24.

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DAILY READINGS

Oct. 26—The Prodigal Son. Luke 15: 11-24.

Oct. 27—Seeking the Straying One. Matt. 18: 7-14.

Oct. 28—The Good Shepherd. John 10: 11-18.

Oct. 29—A Prayer for Restoration. 2 Chron. 6: 36-39.

Oct. 30—The Offspring of God. Acts 17: 22-31.

Oct. 31—The New Covenant. Jer. 31: 31-34.

Nov. 1—A Prayer for Pardon. Psalm 51: 1-8.

(For Lesson Notes, see *Helping Hand*)

THE SYMPATHETIC MOOD

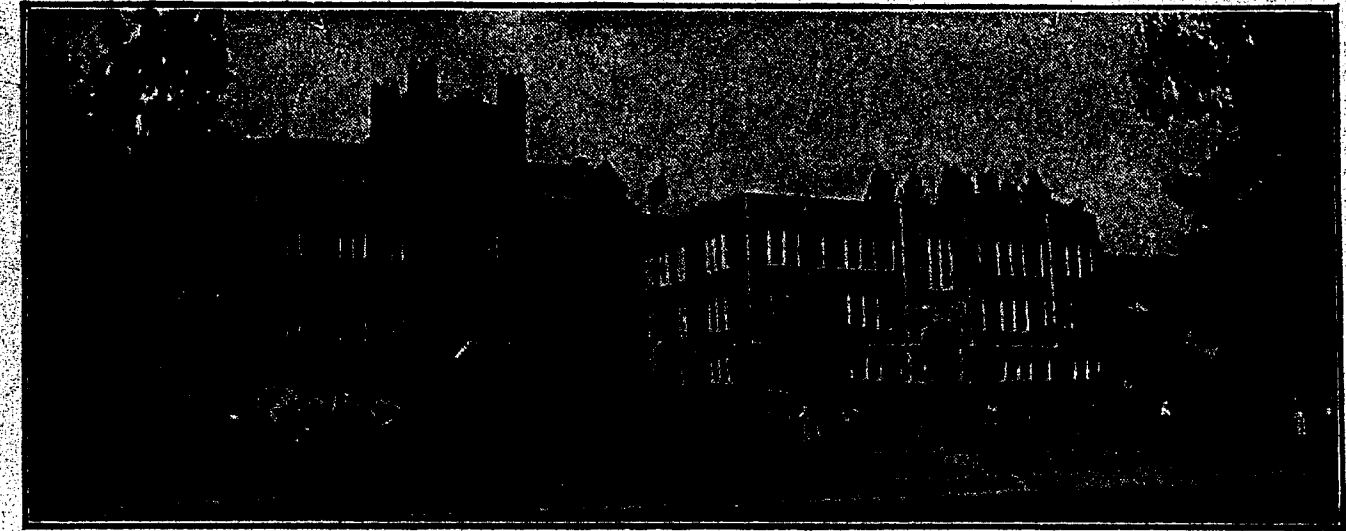
Most men in America have some silver and gold about them. But each one has something of infinitely more worth than all that—health and brains, courage and aspiration! And if you stand ready to use what you have in friendly fashion, touching those other lives immediately about you and for those less fortunate lives which are more remote, no end of good can be achieved. You can set in operation forces which will be far-reaching in their beneficent influence. Your highest usefulness as well as your final salvation is bound up with this habit of living in the sympathetic mood.—*Charles R. Brown.*

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In peace will I both lay me down to sleep;

For thou, Jehovah, alone makest me dwell in safety.

Now the gloomy night is come on earth, O Lord, thou Guardian of Israel, who dost neither slumber nor sleep, care thou for us and for all men. Refresh all who have been wearied with the toil of the day, and strengthen those to whom even night bringeth not repose. Guide aright the traveler on his way; protect and provide for those who know not where to lay their heads. Watch by the sick; guard our little ones; shorten the hours of darkness by thy presence, to those who can not sleep, to all sufferers in mind and body who are looking forward to them with dread. Finally be thou the Guardian of our whole community from peril and loss, and whether this night be like all the past ones to us, or to any one of us be the last, may we alike be found safe in thy gracious keeping.—Selected by A. E. M.

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