The New Year

I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained,
Fresh from the hand of God.
Each day, a precious pearl to you is given
That you must string upon the silver thread of Life.
Once strung can never be unthreaded but stays
An undying record of your faith and skill.
Each golden, minute link you then must weld into the chain of hours
That is no stronger than its weakest link.
Into your hands is given all the wealth and power
To make your life just what you will.
I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months
Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;
The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.
All that I have I give with love unspoken.
All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken!

—J. D. Templeton, in Quotable Poems, compiled by Clark-Gillespie.
International Essay Contest for Youth

To promote "ideas of world citizenship and Christian responsibility for world order," an International Essay Contest for Youth is being sponsored by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches and the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches. The topic for senior entries—aged 17 to 21—will be "As a young Christian what concrete action should you take for world peace today?"

The first award for seniors will be 1,000 Swiss francs (approximately $250) to be used for travel. In the senior group there will be thirteen other awards and fifty medals will be given out.

Final judgments will be made by an International Body of Judges meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

The essay contest is open to all Christian young people wishing to participate in the contest. All entries must be sent to Rev. William Keys, Secretary for Youth Work, World Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York, no later than January 1, 1948. (Editor's Note: Any Seventh Day Baptist young person who is interested in entering this "International Essay Contest" may please write to: Editor, The Sabbath Recorder, 510 Washington Ave., Plainfield, N. J., for detailed information.)

Doors Speak

Though silent, they speak. They speak volumes, the impressions of which are not seen in print. These impressions are sensed by those who pass through the doors.

Some doors speak the welcome of hand and heart and head. Other doors are mute—ashamed of the attitudes of the ones who open and close them.

Doors portray character. That is, when the owners or users determine the designs. At least they take on certain characteristics that tend to identify them by their users.

The size of the door is often determined by the stature of the folks using it.

There are photographs who make a hobby of taking pictures of doorways. To such close observers, doors truly speak an eloquent, though silent, language.

Doors to Life

A door is a passage, an opening, an entrance. The portals through which we pass from day to day, and year to year, will mean spiritual life or spiritual death to us. As the year's end draws on apace, let us consider whether or not we have been entering doorways to life. It is not expected that many who read these lines will have been passing through doorways to death, but some of us may need to consider whether or not all doorways of thought and speech and action that we have entered during 1947 have led to life. Certainly no greater resolve could engage us completely throughout 1948 than that of frequenting doorways opening to life.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14: 6.

And, again, He said, "I am the door of the sheep. . . . I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10: 7, 9.

Doors to Character

Doors of Life are Doorways to Character. There is good character and there is bad character. But bad character means eventual spiritual death, while good character means eventual spiritual life. We are dying when we are bad. And, conversely, we are living when we are good. If we would enter into life wholly, we must leave off badness and put on goodness. The size of the door is often determined by the stature of the folks using it.

Doors are of necessity surrounded by walls, yet walls also have doors, sometimes heavy, sometimes small; sometimes high, sometimes low.

There are doors that forbid and doors that welcome. There are doors that are open and doors that are closed.
Ye Cannot Serve Two Masters

By Albyn Mackintosh

Many people have asked me why I am opposed to military conscription. There are many reasons which are published and available to those who are interested in giving the problem more than a passing thought, but I desire briefly to set forth a Biblical reason.

In Matthew 5 Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: but I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Jesus goes directly to the root of the problem involved in keeping the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Anger is like a fire. It can be smothered easily only at the first spark; afterwards it is too late. Anger leads to evil words, evil words to evil deeds, evil deeds to blows, blows to murder.

Yes, anger leads to evil words, and Jesus follows through in analyzing the root of trouble in life. He swears not at all. . . . let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay . . . . " He who swears to the truth is afraid, and he who swears to the false is a traitor. For us to call on God to witness in our worldly ways infer that we are afraid and thus we speak the truth through dread of penalty. The man who demands Christ in his dealings with another is usually the man who is afraid that he, himself, cannot keep his word unless under penalty and fear. He who speaks the truth through the natural desire of his own soul needs no oath.

Then Jesus strikes deeper at the trouble in humanity. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. That ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

There are three answers which men can make to violence—revenge, flight, or turn the other cheek. If I take revenge into my hands, I limit God and set aside His word, "Avenge not yourselves . . . Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." The barabarian principle of retaliation, the old frontier rule of action, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," the rule of striking back can give a base relief to him who is first struck, but instead of lessening evil it multiplies it. To answer blow for blow is to lower oneself to the level of the other.

Flight is no better than revenge. If I run away from trouble when I am brought face to face with it, do I suppose for a minute that God has lost track of me? Will I run like Jonah from the position that God has permitted me to get into? He who flees, invites pursuit; he builds up his enemy's courage. So in flight also, we see that evil begets evil.

In spite of the apparent absurdity, the seeming unrealistic position of "turning the other cheek" is the only way to break the chain of wrong doing. Every man has an obscure respect for moral courage in others. Quietness when it is not stupidity, gentleness when it is not cowardice, astounds mortal man. Try it!

To turn the other cheek demands a mastery of the baser instincts of our being. Jesus never said that we could "bear the old man" into heaven. He said, "Ye must be born again." He never said that it would be easy to follow Him, but He did say, "Fear not them which kill the body, but after that have no power to destroy the soul; but rather fear him which hath power to destroy both soul and body in hell." If this threat of hell does not dissuade, it must be cast aside. "We quickly go to the operating table when the physical body suffers, but when the spiritual body suffers we are not willing to sacrifice even a finger. Yes, we cling to the old "man" as long as we can even though it keeps us from being used by God. The greatest temptation is the strangest of all those which dominate us, yet Jesus says, "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake the same shall save it." 

Some say that if we refuse to fight and use the dastardly weapons of destruction, we shall be destroyed or enslaved. Christ reminded us that when he was crucified at the cross? God's blessing was on that cross method and He turned seeming defeat into glorious gain.
God has created a world of moral law which is binding even on Himself. 2 Timo-
thy 2: 13, "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithfull: he cannot deny himself." God can-
not lie; He cannot act contrary to His nature. He cannot punish without law, for He ignores or violates this moral law. Though God wills peace, yet when our civilization has broken the laws of the universe and trans-
gressed the principles of a civilized society, the fact that we are in trouble does not indi-
cate that God wants us there. It demon-
strates the extent of His law that whatever man soweth that shall he also reap. Shall I then fight back when I am being punished? Shall I run and hide, know-
ing full well that I am guilty and need pun-
ishment? Do I submit my soul and body to the will of others and then ask God to use me in His way? "Ye cannot serve two mas-
ters." 2 Tim. 4: 15, 16

Jesus Christ said (Matthew 18: 7), "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

Turn now to secular history and see how Christendom has compromised its way. We all know how Sunday came into being as a political compromise between pagans and Christians. Do we also know that followers of Christ refused to take part in war until that kind of political compromise took place?

We find that in the first one hundred fifty years after Christ, the soldier's life was held to be in such obvious conflict with that of the Christian that Christians did not enter the army. During the next one hundred fifty years the Christians began compromis-
ing with the world. Tertullian and Origen, while admitting that their brethren were serving the army, still laid down in emphatic terms the incompatibility of war and military service with Christianity. When Constantine became emperor and Christianity was offi-
cially recognized, the leaders of the Church modified their opinion. Augustine goes far en-
ough to say that the soldier is a Christian, but he is a Christian as a peacefellow. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting.

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By Rev. E. Adelbert Witter

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Prepating Workers

There is great need of efficient Christian workers. Mission fields are languishing on account of a lack of them, and Churches are suffering for the same reason. Having recognized this fact, Churches, mission boards, and denominations must, it seems, get their preparation is necessary for workers in Christ's kingdom. The rising generation should hold this fact in mind also.

Preparation has always been necessary. Christ took the apostles and trained them. Paul's schooling was only a part of his training. It was some years after his conversion before he entered fully upon his public ministry. These years were spent preparing for his work through meditation, study, and prayer. Timothy was trained in his home, and forty years of exile completed the schooling of Moses for his work. To special tasks God always calls those who in some way have been trained in body, mind, and spirit, though often they have not known what was taking place. The Father's methods are many.

From these facts three conclusions naturally stand out:

1. Churches, mission boards, and all Church bodies should constantly seek workers for Christ's kingdom. Churches should endeavor to put all members to work, and in addition to this they should strive to lead out the apostles, or the leaders of men and individuals in making His call known to those whom He is calling to special work.

2. Those called to special service for Christ must remember that special preparation under the providence of God is required. This training may come from a school, or from the struggles and experiences of life. Paul, for example, took a special lesson in the school of the prison and the dungeon, and above all a changed heart which gives those called a passion to help men.

Sometimes young men preparing for the ministry and mission work are in too much of a hurry to be in the work, and because of this impatience they are not prepared as they might have been. Furthermore, it sometimes happens that when they have entered upon the duties of the ministry, they selfishly crave to do things for which they were not prepared. It is not a favorable sign for one to rush into the work, and it is a less favorable symptom when men in positions of influence and authority do the same thing. These things show that they do not grasp the tremendous responsibility resting upon those whom God has called. If they did realize the greatness of the task, they would be moved to be humble and tremble. Our fathers used to advise those who were impatient to be in the work and those who coveted places for which they were not yet fitted, "Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown." 2 Samuel 4: 5.

3. Still another thing to be noted is that God calls. His workers to the ministry, and unto Him. He summons one to the work, no amount of preparation will make one a success. The Father calls every follower of His to some work in His kingdom and everyone should train himself, body, mind, and spirit, and be ready to do for the Master whatever comes to hand. But for the minister and missionary there is a special call, one which cannot be ignored.

After all is said and done, whether a candidate for the high calling is prepared or not, depends more on himself than all others. No disciple of Christ should demand or expect special where there is no work to be done. He should seize every opportunity for preparation; but if opportunities do not appear, he should make them and use them.

The kingdom of Christ needs workers of many kinds, but especially ministers and missionaries. "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." The fullest preparation possible should be made and all consecrated to the accomplishment of the task assigned. The duties of the ministry are not to be grasped, but to be undertaken with fear and humility. If God calls, one must obey; if God does not call, it is useless to undertake the work. All should look for the leadings of the Spirit.

W. L. B.

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Evangelism is the primary task of the Church and of the individual Christian. It is integral to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through which God revealed His will to reconcile man to Himself and to one another. God has spoken His decisive word; He has wrought out salvation for men and nation through Christ. Man must repent and believe for it is only if they have received a new life from God. They must be born again if they are to enter the Kingdom of God and have eternal life.

All Christian endeavor issues from the power of His Holy Spirit working effectively in the lives of those who put their trust in God through Jesus Christ. Unless the hearts and minds and wills of men are converted to Christ, the labor of this world and human relations will be in vain. Nothing less than a profound penitence for our sins and a fresh and transforming experience of the saviourhood and lordship of Jesus Christ can save us from disaster and create within us a sense of mission and destiny in this criss-cross world. Furnished by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council.

OUR PRIMARY TASK

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS IN BUFFALO

Will there be a new Seventh Day Baptist Church in Buffalo, N. Y.?

At the meeting of board representatives with the Conference president December 14, it was my pleasure to report on a recent visit to Buffalo, where I attended a meeting with Seventh Day Baptists at which ten were present. This meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bottoms. Charles is the son of Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms. Besides the Bottoms family there were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Reynolds of the Little Genesee Church and Mr. Larry Camenga of the Brookfield Church. Word came from a number of others who could not attend but who are interested in the starting of a fellowship among the brethren in the Western New York City area.

There are families in the Buffalo area who have not yet been contacted. Rev. Charles Bond and Rev. Ralph Coon will be visiting these people, and it is hoped that this will soon be an active group, and of course there is the possibility of a new Church.

NEW YORK CITY

It is an interesting experience for me to visit New York City. On Sabbath day, December 13, I had the new and delightful experience of worshiping with the New York City Church. Several could not attend because of sickness, but there was an interested group present. Rev. Mr. Stella, who was at the service, did not attend the SABBATH school lesson after Dr. Prentice had conducted the worship service. It was my privilege to give the sermon of the morning.

Five of us had dinner together in a near-by restaurant, which was an interesting place, as it had been at one time a stable and the large rough beams still showed. This seemed appropriate setting for the Christmas season. There was fine fellowship around the table. This, I understand, is the custom for all those who can remain after Church to have the noon meal together.

Yes—the New York Church is a very much alive Church. Those who are carrying the load of the work there are very zealous for the cause and will carry on, I know.

H. S.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
WESLEYAN MEETING

It made a deep impression on me when Mr. Karl Stiller, Conference president, at the meeting of board representatives held December 14, showed on a large map of the United States the places where we have Churches, small groups, and fellowships. It was good to get the national picture as part of the world picture. It shows the job before us, to see how many of the small groups may become Churches and Sabbath schools. We need a guide for guidance of the Holy Spirit so that, like the Apostle Paul, we may hear the call from the places where God would lead us to do special work.

H. S.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

In Allegany County, N. Y., the County Bible School Association represents Churches of many denominations at work cooperatively to promote better Church schools.

At its annual convention held at Scio, October 26, 1947, Rev. Everett T. Harris conducted the opening worship service, with a meditation fitted for workers in the Church school. Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall most vividly brought reports of the Des Moines Church School Convention. Rev. A. N. Rogers was in charge as president of the association, and was re-elected for the coming year. Rev. Charles Bond was busy taking notes as recording secretary, and he was re-elected. Mrs. Madge Sutton sent her report as chairman of Vacation Church School work, and a number of us were there as laymen to participate in the convention.

As far as we know, Dr. Ben and Mrs. Crandall were the only delegates at the Des Moines convention from this county. Mrs. Crandall in her report reminded the group that the county was honored by the award of the $1,000 scholarship received by Don Sanford as Chairman of Little Geneva, in the 1947 National Youth Week contest.

That person who is most faithful to his own Church, his own convictions, makes the best worker for the Church. This is demonstrated by the place of leadership held by Seventh Day Baptists in interdenominational work.

H. S.

FOR THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER

Selected by Mrs. A. T. Bottoms
Princeton, Ala.

"We cannot teach what we do not know.
We cannot lead where we will not go."

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling the word of truth."

"We are not teaching lessons. We are teaching children. Lessons are merely one of the tools at our disposal."

"Lord, who am I to teach the way
To little children, day by day,
So prone myself to go astray?"

"I teach them knowledge, but I know How faint they flicker and how low Their fires of light knowledge glow.
"I teach them love for all mankind
And all God's creatures, but I find My love comes lagging far behind.
"Lord, if their guide I still must be,
Oh, let the little children see
The teacher leaning hard on Thee."

"I read
In a Book
That man called
Christ Went about doing good.
"It is very disconcerting
To the To
That I am so easily Satisfied With just Going about."

H. S.

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MISSION STUDY (1947-1948) WORLD EVANGELISM

Theme for Adults and Young People — World Evangelism.
Theme for younger grades — The Bible Goes Round the World.

"Evangelism cannot really be an emphasis for one month or one year. It is the Church's whole task; it is the presentation of the Good News so that something will happen; it is the inseparable responsibility of every Christian to tell others of his faith in every way he can."

This all-embracing, vital expression of evangelism was found in "That All May Know"—a study course compiled by youth leaders for seniors and young people, which interprets the meaning of evangelism for individual Christians and its place in the program of a Church youth group.

To both older and younger adults will be revealed, in this book, undreamed of possibilities of contacts, helpful suggestions, and true stories, even though everyone would not desire to follow the class study method as suggested. Through this small book will be found many new ideas, capable of being.' expressed, such as "We are not so much called to undertake new enterprises as to get hold of the old, because even though we mean what we have been saying. There are new things to be done, of course. . . . But the 'new things' most needed are a new urgency and a new consecration to further the Church's mission to bring men to the knowledge of God, without whom they cannot know themselves or live with one another. . . . Everyone knows the wealth of absorbing, inspiring, helpful material on this subject—World Evangelism—in books, religious magazines, and publications. From the many splendid series published by the Missionary Education Movement only a very few are here suggested, each having been written from a different standpoint, but if these few are read it is quite safe to predict that one will emerge with a fuller realization of the immediate need of a "Christ-spirit" throughout the world and of one's own responsibility of helping—through word and deed—to bring about this spirit.

In addition to "That All May Know"—"New World of the Bible" by D. R. Baker is suggested. "It is illustrated with many striking photographs. . . . Hope that mankind will have a better world is revealed in stories of what Christians can achieve whenever and wherever they live and share their faith."

"Commited unto Us," by Willis Lamott, gives examples of the constructive work of Christian leaders and laymen. It gives also something of the history of missionary movements, together with present needs and approach. In Dr. Lamott's words, "Although it has been said that modern man is obsolete, it has not yet been proved that Christian man is obsolete. In this fact lies hope."

In the final analysis, the responsibility rests irrevocably upon the individual adult Christian to make Christ known by life and word, in and through the fellowship of the Church.

In the suggested source material children have not been forgotten. A set of eight pictures of children at "Worship Around the World" is very appealing. These show the character of the country type of worship and the dress and customs of the children. Appropriate worship service is included.

Another attractive series is booklets of colored pictures showing home and family life, work and play in different countries. Children in America thus get better acquainted with children of other lands and look upon them as their friends and comrades.

Always alluring to a child is the outline picture to color and cut out. These may be procured about children in China, Japan, and some other countries.

All suggested reading on this year's Mission Topic of World Evangelism, will be of value if and when the individual conceives a new or renewed interpretation of the presentation of the "Good News" and his responsibility to the task.

The miraculous working of the love of Christ in a relatively small but increasing company of human beings confirms our conviction that there is a way to a better world. We have responsibility for a share in the coming of the kingdom.

Beissie T. Hubbard.

Plainfield, N. J.
**Worship Program**

By Alberta D. Batson

Prayer for the New Year:

"O God, we come not to accept what cannot be changed; courage to change what can be changed; and the wisdom to know one from the other."  — Reinhold Niebuhr.

"Eternal Spirit, amid the tumult of our days we may keep within our souls a holy place where Thou canst dwell, Thy great and unsearching love strengthening us; and a quiet place where Thou canst speak, Thy strong and certain voice directing us. Now and again we may withdraw from all the feverish struggle and loud anger of the world, and silently commune with Thee, the Unchanging God who comes to visit and refresh our spirits, beings made alive by Thee, live in Thee and, being loved by Thee, love Thee in return: Then as we go among men to face our daily tasks again, may we still possess the inner peace so real and all-pervading that nothing, neither life nor death, can ever lead us from Thee, O strong and mighty One, O holy, silent God. Amen." — Dorothy Ann Gardyne.

O Master Mariner, as we attempt To chart the Future's unknown seas, Lay Thou upon our hearts a clearer vision, Steadfast purpose, and a will to dare
Where others have failed.
As we plan, we would anticipate the needs That must arise, and through awareness For the storm of changing fortune.
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**MISSIO STUDY BOOKS**

Any of the books listed below may be ordered from: The Recorder Press, The American Sabbath Traction Society, 210 Wakefield Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey.

**Committed Unto Us**, by Willis Lamont. Paper $1.00

A Guide for Leaders (for book above) prepared by Margaret B. Cobb. $35

New World Ahead, by David D. Baker. Paper $.75

Program Suggestions (for book above) by Oliver de W. Cummings. $35

That All May Know, prepared by several youth leaders. Paper $.40

For Children

Children at Worship Around the World.
8 Pictures—World Children Series, different countries, each $.50

Paper Dolls to color and cut out — China B. T. H. $1.15

**LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP ENJOYED BY TRACT BOARD**

The Stillman home at 426 West Seventh Street, Plainfield, N. J., was the scene of a delightful get-together at noon, Sunday, November 9, with Mrs. William M. Stillman and Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard opened their pleasant home for a luncheon of the Tract Board members and their wives and husbands. This long-sought-to-be-remembered occasion persuades us that as Christian groups engaged in the Lord's work, fellowship around the luncheon table abounds in benefits and blessings. Although three committee meetings of the board were scheduled for one o'clock, full advantage was taken of this gracious opportunity.

**Large Board Meeting**

Neccessary to say, the luncheon gathering was reflected in the attendance at the bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Traction Society that afternoon.

Those present were: Franklin A. Langworthy, Hurley S. Warren, Lester C. Osborn, Albert K. Bakker, Mrs. E. Wendell Stephan, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Lavern C. Bassett, Herbert C. Van Horn, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Mrs. Frederick J. Bakker, Miss Lucy Whitford, Bert B. Sheppard, Lloyd D. Seager, Mrs. Maxwell A. Tiff, E. Wendell Stephan, Rex Burdick, and Business Manager L. Harrington North.

Visitors: Mrs. E. Wendell Stephan, Mrs. Luther S. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook, Mrs. Robert D. Seager, Mrs. Lester C. Osborn, Mrs. Charles F. Harris, Mrs. Bert B. Sheppard, Mrs. Lavern C. Bassett, Mr. Oris Stutler, Mrs. L. Harrison North, and Mrs. William J. Ayars.

The board meeting was opened with prayer by the editor of the Sabbath Recorder and the session was closed with prayer by Luther S. Davis.

Franklin A. Langworthy presided at the meeting and Frederik J. Bakker recorded the minutes of the meeting.

President Langworthy remarked concerning the fine hospitality and luncheon, and the difficulties of making a luncheon. He added that the large number of members present from South Jersey and Philadelphia extended a rising vote of appreciation.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report**

The report of Rev. Victor W. Skaggs revealed that during the two months travel and field work were necessarily restricted by lack of funds in the board treasury. However, he had met with the Philadelphia Fellowship, attended the meeting of the secretaries and representatives of the denominations, and agencies which was called by President Karl G. Stillman of General Conference, and the organization of the First Seventh-Day Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind.

Pursuant to the action of the board at its September meeting, the secretary secured an office assistant for the preservation of his files, reporting that such files are in order. By correspondence the secretary continues with real encouragement to answer those who inquire about our faith.

Further, the secretary prepared and mailed over 500 copies of the first edition of "The Loadstone," a mimeographed paper for lone Sabbathkeepers.

He also continued his preparation for teaching in the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y., in February and March, 1948.

Upon recommendation of Secretary Skaggs, it was voted:

1. That we approve the general co-ordinated denominational program, with the provision that the procedure in the formation of a new Church be made flexible according to the circumstances in each case, and commend the president of Conference for his leadership thus far.

2. That we approve the additional meetings of the president of Conference and board secretaries that have been planned, and authorize the corresponding secretary to attend these at board expense.

**The Indianapolis Campaign**

Rev. Lester C. Osborn spoke briefly, yet enthusingly, of the John Evangelistic Campaign, October 17 - November 1, and the organization of the First Seventh-Day Baptist Church in Indianapolis, on November 1. He mentioned the consecrated work of Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Davis in making over 1,000 personal calls. Also, the untiring efforts of Leo L. Wright, Mr. Wright being the "Business Manager and Advertising Man" of the campaign.
COMMUNISM AND CHRISTIANITY
By H. N. Wheeler

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
May Christmas bring you every joy, and the coming year be bright with happiness.
From Rosemary Johnson
Auckland, New Zealand.

Thank you both with all my heart for the attractive Christmas cards with their cheery message. I'm sorry I cannot decorate the Children's Page with them. I wish for you and yours that the premises of Christ may light your way to enduring happiness in the new year.
Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE
Address: Mizpah S. Greene

Christmas greetings with hopes for a most enjoyable Christmas.
With love from Dorothy Johnson.

Report of Treasurer
According to Mrs. Maxwell A. Tift, treasurer of the American Sabbath Tract Society, during the quarter, July-September, receipts from certain items in the General Fund were as follows, from:

Denominational Budget $1,415.41
Invested Funds 1,559.92
The Sabbath Recorder 843.55
The Helping Hand 432.99
General printing and distribution of literature 194.24

The treasurer further reported cash paid out from the General Fund for the following purposes during the quarter ending September 30, 1947:

Expense of the Sabbath Recorder 3,168.92
Treasurer's salary 706.18
Special account: fee of special agent 90.00


Other Items
Charles F. Harris, reporting as chairman of the Committee on Distribution of Literature, recommended publishing 2,000 copies of the "Handbook of Information Concerning Seventh Day Baptists," at an approximate cost of $400. The recommendation was adopted.

L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house, called the attention of the board to the fact that competition in the printing field is growing keener and that cash discounts have been lowered.

Among the visitors introduced by President Langworthy, Mr. Oris Stutler of the Salem, W. Va., Church and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook of the Marlboro, N. J., Church spoke briefly.

MY PRAYER
By Mrs. Almina Butler
Wetumpka, Ala.

Dear Dorothy, and Rosemary:

I am glad to be with you, and I wish you a very merry Christmas, a happy new year, and that you may be guided in all you do by the good Lord and His grace.

Sincerely yours,
Theron Barber.

THE SABBATH-RECORDE
GENTRY, ARK. — The third week in November the Gentry Church and parsonage were hosts to the first of several projected “Retreats,” where the pastors of our different associations may meet together for study and consultation. Assistant Missionary Secretary Clarke led the retreat. Other ministers in attendance were Pastor Verney A. Wilson of Nortonville, Kan., Pastor Orville W. Babcock of Milton Junction, Wis., and Pastor C. A. Beebe of the entertaining Church. Mrs. Verney A. Wilson accompanied her husband to Gentry, but did not attend most of the meetings. David L. Beebe, son of the pastor, “sat in” at the night sessions, as he has the ministry in view. The day sessions were held in the Church building, but since we do not have electricity in the Church, the night sessions, after the evening meal at the parsonage, were held in an upper room there.

On Sabbath, November 22, Secretary Clarke spoke on “Thy Kingdom Come—Now—Through Me.” At noon we had a good time, with potluck dinner and fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ricketts. Afterward Secretary Clarke showed colored slides of many of our Churches, pastors, and workers, also several views taken by Dr. Ben Crandall in Jamaica. These were accompanied by informative comments.

We are so glad that Secretary Clarke and the other ministers could be with us for a time. It is one event when a Seventh Day Baptist gets to Gentry, since we are rather remote and small. Secretary Clarke was here several days after the others left, visiting in the homes. He went on to Fouke in time to be there for their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Recently we have lost some of our faithful members. Mrs. Lottie Knight has gone to Edelstein, Ill., to spend the winter with her daughter. Sharon and Larry Ricketts have gone with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ricketts, Jr., to Modesto, Calif. We shall miss them all.

Last Sabbath Deacon Darwin Maxson celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday. His sister, Mrs. Dan Ricketts, and Mrs. Beebe had a birthday dinner for him at the parsonage. (Deacon Maxson is the father of Pastor Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., and of Carl Maxson, a student in the School of Theology in Alfred.) — Correspondent.
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