DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, May 31, 1947

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Disbursements

| Missionary Society | $782.98 | $287.58 |
| Board of Christian Education | 430.54  | 50.00   |
| Board of Women's Work | 469.70  |
| Historical Society | 35.20   |
| Historical Society, German | 185.00  |
| S. D. B. Building | 58.74   |
| General Conference | 176.15  |
| World Fellowship and Service | 35.90   |
| Committee on Relief | *139.55 |

* Includes $97.00 for German S. D. B. relief.

Comparative Figures

Receipts in May:

| Budget    | $2,160.75 |
| Specials  | 328.33    |
| Budget in 11 months: | 1,974.54 |
| Specials  | 1,324.27  |

Receipts in eight months have totaled $14,024.05, which amounts to 49.90 per cent of the total budget. A year ago $14,764.25 had been raised in eight months, but that amounted to 61.65 per cent of that year's smaller budget.

OBITUARIES

(Continued from page 35)

He was a leader in youth work, not only in the local church but in the county and state youth organizations. Locally, he was instrumental in starting the Intermediate Sabbath School in 1924, and served as its superintendent for fifteen years.

He was as outstanding leader in civic affairs, whatever he undertook to do, he did well. As a leader in Alfred University, he taught industrial mechanics. He will be greatly missed as father, friend, church worker, and civic leader.

Farewell services were held at the First Alfred Church June 12, 1947, with burial in Alfred Rural Cemetery. Pastor Everett T. Harris was assisted by Dean A. J. Bond at the church and by the Alfred Post No. 370, American Legion, at the grave.

E. T. H.

Wells — Emily, daughter of Harry P. and Julia Wells, was born in the town of Lincl- lan, N. Y., February 23, 1854, and passed away May 23, 1947, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Swain. She was married to William C. Wells November 23, 1881.

Surviving her are five daughters, Mrs. Wallace Swain, Mrs. Blanche Daugherty, Mrs. Andrea Jean- nes, Mrs. Wm. More, Mrs. Theo Key Kendall; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

On Sabbath morning of General Conference, one of the services of worship will be held in this Church.
WHAT AND WHERE
TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

THE THIRD PORTION: A VISION

By Elmer Thomas
in Church World Service

"A sower went forth...."

A man had a bushel of corn.

Or was it wheat—or cotton—or milk—or

ends from the looms of his factory.

Maybe it was not just a bushel, but a whole

carload!

A man had a bushel—or a carload—or a hun-
dred yards—of something he had raised or made

by the labor of his hands—or money from the

investment of his capital.

It was his to use and handle profitably, as one

would seed grain—an investment against the un-

certainties of the future.

Now one portion of the corn (let's say it was

that) he sold, and spent the money on a thoroughly

up-to-date machine to show for it but a headache.

Then he sold another portion.

"I've learned my lesson," he said. "This money I

will spend for something worthwhile." So he built a fine

house and paid for piano lessons for his children,

and bought the slickest car in town.

But each morning as he read his newspaper,

he found it full of stories of atom bombs and

quarrels between the nations, as well as personal

proclamations, and prophecies of destruction. And somehow it

came about that as he looked at his fine house

and his beautiful car and his clever family, there

began to sound on his brain a question—How long?

How long? How long?

And he found that his investment had brought him

no sense of security—no peace.

So now he stands, with the third portion in

his hand. And I hear him praying...

"O God, and..."

The Kingdom of Authorised Version reads..."I" instead of "We."

This Scripture verse is a part of the account of Jesus' healing the man born blind.

While the disciples were occupying them-

selves with the question of whose sin ac-

counted for the blind man's plight, Jesus

proceeded to heal the man's blindness. He
gave as His reason: "I must work the works

of him that sent me, while it is day: the

night cometh, when no man can work."

Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world

with work to do, so does the Father set us a task.

Jesus "did not come into the world to take

state, but to do business; whom God sends he employs, for he sends none to be idle." — Matthew Henry's Commentary.

As it was with our Master, so it is with us.

What our hands find to do, let us do it with

our might.

THE SPirituAL StruggLe

II.

Ours, Christ commands and commissions.

Ours is to obey and carry out the mission.

He has full authority from the Father, His

Father and ours. Here is the place and now

is the time to act.

Some folks may think how alluring it would be to go, to make disciples, to baptise them, and to teach them somewhere else, not in the home church and community; on some distant, more convenient day, not today.

Nevertheless, now is the time! If the business of earth's rulers and leaders requires haste, how much more does that of the Lord

of the universe and of our lives demand
diligence?

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Corin-
thian Christians, said: "We then, as workers

withgether with him, beseech you also that

ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he said, I have heard thee in a time

accepted, and in the day of salvation have

I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted

time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"

2 Corinthians 6: 1, 2.

As our Lord declared: "We must work the

works of him that sent me, while it is day:

the night cometh, when no man can work.


This is a tremendous statement, Christian

friends. The King James or Authorized

Version reads..."I" instead of "We."

Jesus saw that His death was drawing near

and the time for His doing works of mercy

was short. Certainly if He felt the divine

compulsion to finish the work that His Father

had sent Him to do, how much more ought we.

So, catching something of His spirit as He

looks forward into the centuries to invit-

e us, we hear His voice: "We must work

the works of him that sent me, while it is day:

the night cometh, when no man can work."

(The to be concluded)
Q. Are there U.N. meetings going on now?  
A. Yes. Various organs of the U.N. are meeting since the Assembly closed. The Security Council is in continuous session (i.e., not meeting only two weeks can elapse between meetings).

Q. What other sections meet continuously?  
A. None, but different groups meet for varying lengths of time, for example, during March a section of FAO met in Rome; governing body of ILO in Geneva; section of WHO, Ottawa, Canada; section of UNESCOParis; and at Lake Success, Military Staff Committee, Atomic Energy Commission, Commissions on Human Rights and on Status of Women, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council.

Q. How many nations are in U.N. and how many people are included?  
A. Fifty-five nations now for four were added during the last Assembly: Afghanistan, Iceland, Siam, and Sweden, with a population of about 15,000,000.  

Q. In how many of the U.N. do women have the right to vote?  
A. Forty-seven, but that does not mean that all have equal political rights, such as holding office, being members of controlling political bodies.

Q. What aid will be given women who are being granted political rights?  
A. The Commission on Status of Women and UNESCOParis are cooperating to put on a non-political educational program to prepare women for their responsibility as voters.

Q. What is the World Health Organization doing?  
A. It operates at its Geneva office an information service on epidemics; a malaria and tuberculosis control program in Greece; has a medical mission in Ethiopia; set up committees to deal with control of yellow fever, malaria, narcotic drugs. Is establishing international scholarship and fellowship programs, and seeking the extension of public health service on a global scale.

Q. What is the annual budget of the U.N.?  
A. The Assembly approved the amount of $27,740,000 for 1947. The cut of 8% of what was requested will curtail its work in some serious ways. Some of the Committees will be able to meet twice a year instead of three times; some international conferences will not be held. A few comparisons are interesting; the U.S.A. will spend about $100,000,000 daily in government operations; the U.S.S.R. about the same; the United Nations is a complicated task will have about $89,500 a day.

Q. How much of the budget of U.N. does the U.S. contribute?  
A. 39.89 per cent.

Q. What is being done about reconstruction in Europe and the Far East?  
A. The Economic and Social Council is setting up two commissions—an Economic Commission for Europe, and one for Asia and the Far East. The estimated need for the twelve devastated countries of Europe (including Ethiopia) is about 10/4 million dollars, 60% of which may be met by the countries themselves. The needs for Asia and the Far East, where one-half of the world's population lives, have not been met, less can be done in the way of specific aid until the standards of industry and agriculture can be raised.

Q. What visual aids are being furnished by the U.N.?  
A. A series of documentary films are being prepared, including "film strips," also a dozen or more charts and posters and many photographs have been prepared. The official posters for the 1948 Olympic games will be distributed to 17,500,000 people: for understanding—for peace—and displays a globe and a dome with an olive branch. These are available from the Department of Public Information.

Q. Who are some of the U.S. representatives on the groups now meeting?  
A. Former Senator Warren R. Austin, on the Security Council and the Atomic Energy Commission; Judge Dorothy Kenyon on the Status of Women Commission; Francis B. Sayre on Trusteeship Council; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Chairman, of Human Rights Commission; Iadar Lubin, Economic and Employment Commission; Leroy Stonebrower (acting), Francis Biddle, "nomination not yet confirmed—and Byron Price, new Assistant Secretary General—Mainel Head, in The Church Woman, May, 1947.

MY GREAT DESIRE

By Helen (Powell) Meininger

I was ten years old. God is strength, and know, In everything that I may do, I have faith that man can do, In heaven's royalty of bliss, I have faith that man can do, In heaven's royalty of bliss, MY GREAT DESIRE is this.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

All who plan to attend the Southwestern Association at Hammonton, La., from July 32 to August 3, please notify Mrs. Phoebe Mills, 500 East Merey Avenue, Hammonton, La.

We expect to see you at WESTERLY, R. I., AUGUST 19-24
This is the date of General Conference.

Dr. Thorngate Writes Regarding Dr. Crandall and Conditions in China

Dear Mr. Stillman:

We shall try to get a financial report of the China Mission off to you at the end of June, as well as a general report of the situation shortly. I am writing at this time, however, concerning Dr. Crandall and Dr. Pan.

Dr. Crandall's condition is slightly weaker each day. She is somnolent much of the time, but her mind is clear when she arouses. She is at home, with two nurses who keep her very comfortable, and it has fortunately made no demand on her strength.

When we first came last winter, Dr. Crandall wrote that she was asking to be retired. At that time we thought that if she could go to Liuho she would be too valuable as a supervisor of repairs and building not to stay in active status. Then when she became more ill, the expense of being cared for, with her consequent worry about it, deterred us from bringing the matter up, although she mentioned it several times.

Dr. Pan has left her position in a Shanghai hospital, expecting to begin work at Liuho as soon as she is not needed by her mother. It may well be that she will already be at Liuho by July first, but perhaps not. We have feel that her salary should begin with the first of July.

The repairs at Liuho are to be completed this week, and Mr. S. D. Dauz and family (Mr. Dauz used to be the Chinese superintendent of Grass Hospital) are to go out there for the summer with the Liuho people and help start the work when Dr. Pan goes out. We hope to get out to check the repair work soon.

Mr. T. M. Chang is all set for his trip, but on account of the shipping strike, he is going to be lucky if his ship reaches America in time to get him to the Conference. Very truly yours,

George Thorngate.

23 Route de Zikiawi,
Shanghai 25,
June 24, 1947.
THE MINISTER AND HIS WIFE

We wish to speak a good word for the preacher's wife. In the hey-day of life she may have a good time moving every few years from one town to another, but as old age creeps on it becomes increasingly difficult for her husband to obtain another church when he is told that his usefulness in his present position is exhausted, the preacher's wife is a rather tragic figure.

It would be different if all preachers were men of genius and could command a wide hearing and a large salary, even unto old age; but this is not so. Too often we see a white-haired, rather futil old man, who has given the strength of his youth to the cause of Christ, and has lived Christ through the years, bowed beneath a load of worry as he finds it impossible to secure new employment. Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the preacher and his wife often find it difficult to maintain even a humble place where they may lay their heads.

The demand for youthful preachers, who can work with young people, preachers modern in spirit, who can organize hikes and parties and lead pep songs, is partly to blame for the sad plight of the aged minister and his wife. The woman is in a hard position. She can do little to help. To see her husband discarded is not amusing. Who knows the agony that preachers' wives have suffered on this ground? Some denominations provide for the welfare of their workers; but many do nothing. One of the tragedies of the ministry is the uncertain future. One cannot do one's best work when dark days loom ahead.

Perhaps neither the preacher nor his wife will thank us for calling attention to their difficulties. Perhaps they prefer to cling to their faith and their Father. After all they have given themselves and made their sacrifice. Why regret it now? If old age were the goal, then they would cringe reluctantly that it is only the prelude to eternal youth. In that confidence and with noble courage they go on meeting each day bravely with a smile. — R. P. Anderson, clipped by a friend from an old copy of the Christian Endeavor World.

WESTERLY BOUND!

We expect to see you at Westerly August 19-24. This is the date of General Conference.

Conference is just around the corner. Get your bearings. Proceed along the route that leads surely and safely to Westerly, R. I. Plan to be present for the sound of the opening gavel.

Be sure to let Chairman Elston H. Van Horn, General Conference Entertainment Committee, 31 Greenman Avenue, Westerly, R. I., know when you expect to arrive. Also, please give names and ages of children.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

(By Miss Beverly Burdick of the Westerly, R. I., Church.)

Continued from last week.

We've considered "What Is," now let's look at "What Ought to Be and How We Can Get There.

We "in-betweeners"—we who have graduated from the junior college and have not yet attained adulthood—need to find our place in the Church. It is urgent that we do find our place for, "Each of us is one of the causes of which tomorrow's world will be the effect." We must some day take over the positions of leadership and responsibility.

But it is not such a problem in the smaller churches where an increased amount of responsibility naturally falls on the young people. Let us, this, realize the value of our leaders emerging. I think we can use as evidence the fact that the smaller churches in our denomination have furnished a much higher percentage of our ministers and missionaries than have the larger churches.

The problem of the young person in the church is much the same as that of the child in the home. We want to give our children a Christian self for other's salvation and business in and parties and lead pep songs, is partly to blame for the sad plight of the aged minister and his wife. The woman is in a hard position. She can do little to help. To see her husband discarded is not amusing. Who knows the agony that preachers' wives have suffered on this ground? Some denominations provide for the welfare of their workers; but many do nothing. One of the tragedies of the ministry is the uncertain future. One cannot do one's best work when dark days loom ahead.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT at Lewis Camp, Ashaway, R. I., August 14-18, 19.

Primarily for Young People. Training. Will you be there?
WESTERN ASSOCIATION

By Miss Jeanne E. Coon-
Richburg, N. Y.

The 111th annual session of the Western Association was held June 28 and 29 at Alfred, N. Y. The chairman for the meetings was "Vitalizing the experience of salvation that we may serve to the glory of God."

The association commenced with the Sabbath morning service. The church was filled as Rev. Charles Bond brought the message, "Called Christians." His text was from Acts 11: 19-26. The speaker closed his message with an illustration showing the three classes of Christians. He said that there were three men chiseling rocks. The first was being and what they were doing, and the first answered that he was merely chiseling. The second man said that he was cutting a block to fit in a special hole in the wall, but the last man said he was building a cathedral. The first man represents those Christians who are merely chiseling their way through life. "They are parasites living on the name Christian," Rev. Mr. Bond said. The second worker signifies those Christians who feel that everything is simple work. He is too eager to start too soon. The third man is the whole cathedral. The last workman signifies those Christians who do nothing. He said that everyone should be present and introduce the speakers. Lyrin Christian, "Strengthening the Church Through Prayer." He brought out very clearly in her talk on "Making the Lord's Work Challenging," that the Lord's work is hard and should not be passed off as something easy merely to obtain workers. She emphasized the fact that the work in the church should be passed around and the same people should not be asked to do the same thing year after year. "The Lord’s work should be presented in such a way to make men and women eager to take up difficult tasks in the service of the Lord," said Mrs. Sutton. Burton Hemphill from the Second Hebron Church introduced the first speaker. He said that everyone was qualified to speak on "Keeping the Faith Through Regular Church Attendance," for his pastor testified to his regularity and faithfulness in his home church. This service was definitely the highlight of the whole association. Many in attendance testified to this fact.

THE LAYMEN

The laymen had charge of the afternoon session. There were four speakers, all of whom left the attentive audience with some fact that above everything else, leaves and flowers will be passed around the church. This activity is divided equally between the Denominational Budget and the Western Association, all of that reached by the last year's meeting. The need of Camp Potato sponsored by this association for its young people. At the youth rally another activity was taken for this camp fund which raised the total amount to almost $75. All those who attended the sessions received a great blessing and a bigger and even better association is looked forward to for next year.

THEY WERE TONGUE-CHILDREN

"Our churches today need to have real revival services," the speaker said. "There is nothing that can take the place of good old tongue children. The name of the game is where I was converted." Mr. Crandall then introduced Mrs. Harley Sutton who is a layworker even if she is the wife of a minister. She brought out very clearly in her talk on "Making the Lord’s Work Challenging," that the Lord’s work is hard and should not be passed off as something easy merely to obtain workers. She emphasized the fact that the work in the church should be passed around and the same people should not be asked to do the same thing year after year. "The Lord’s work should be presented in such a way to make men and women eager to take up difficult tasks in the service of the Lord," said Mrs. Sutton. Burton Hemphill from the Second Hebron Church introduced the first speaker. He said that everyone was qualified to speak on "Keeping the Faith Through Regular Church Attendance," for his pastor testified to his regularity and faithfulness in his home church. This service was definitely the highlight of the whole association. Many in attendance testified to this fact.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people had the evening after the Sabbath reserved for them. After a Youth Rally in the church in charge of Rev. Rex Zwiesel, they were to meet in South Hall on the University campus for an evening of fun. There were some who feared that the Alfred fire department would appear on the scene but the last workman of the game in which Pastor Rogers yelled, "Fire in the woods, run folks, run!" The next morning the young people met in front of the parish house with sleepy eyes to attend the fellowship breakfast. When Bob Burdick announced that the breakfast was to be held on top of one of the numerous hills surrounding Alfred, the young people immediately forgot and everyone set out with vigor to work up a good appetite for the breakfast. All the young people agreed that the fellowship breakfast was to be commended on the good job of cooking the meal over an open fire after we awakened at our destination. After breakfast a worship service was conducted by Marian Coon, president of the Youth Fellowship of the association. Socrates Thompson gave a heart-stirring message on complete consecration to the will of God, using Romans 12: 1 as a text. This early morning experience in God’s great out-of-doors will never be forgotten by those who came.

WORSHIP BUSINESS FRUIT BEARING

At 10:00 a.m. on Sunday a worship service was conducted by Theodore Hibbard, a student in Alfred School of Theology, preceding the business session of the association. The moderator, Mr. Lon Button, was in charge of the business meeting and the usual items of such a session were taken care of at this meeting.

At 11:30 the group adjourned to the Gothic Chapel where Rev. Ralph H. Coon brought the message of the morning on the topic, “Conditions of Fruit Bearing.” His text was John 15 and he emphasized the absolute necessity of unconditional abiding in the Lord Jesus Christ as a prerequisite for Christian fruit bearing.

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o’clock Dean A. J. C. Bond presided at the service based on the theme, “Reports from the Field.” After a worship service led by Socrates Thompson there were three reports given from three respective missionary fields of our denomination. First, Benjamin O. Berry brought a first-hand report from our brothers in Jamaica. He gave an account of the audience his intense feeling and interest for this promising field. He pointed out the fact that, above everything else, leaves and flowers will be passed around the church. This activity is divided equally between the Denominational Budget and the Western Association, all of that reached by the last year’s meeting. The need of Camp Potato sponsored by this association for its young people. At the youth rally another activity was taken for this camp fund which raised the total amount to almost $75. All those who attended the sessions received a great blessing and a bigger and even better association is looked forward to for next year.

THE MEETING TO COMMENCE IN NEW LONDON, CONN.

The Commission of the Seventh Day Bap-
tist General Conference will meet at the First Baptist Church in New London, Conn., at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 12. Through the discussion that as we pray to God for His guidance and blessing upon this meeting, the members of the Commission are well aware of their duties. As they gather to consider matters of material moment and spiritual significance, they will know whether or not we are praying for them.
DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-uP"

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. - The 125th anniversary celebration of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, was celebrated at the church, Sabbath, June 7. A program of special music was arranged by the choirmaster, Mr. R. B. Bottoms, with solo parts sung by Gareth Greene, Rev. Douglas Passage, pastor of a neighboring Baptist church. At the morning prayer, Pastor E. H. Bottoms read letters from five of the living pastors of the church; Rev. S. S. Powell, Rev. A. C. Ehret, Rev. L. F. Hurley, Rev. O. W. Babcock; and Rev. Paul S. Burdick. The oldest pastor, Rev. E. A. Witter, was present, and gave his own inspiring message. The program concluded with a final prayer of blessing from Rev. Paul S. Burdick.

BOULDER, COLO. - On April 5, our choir assisted in the ordination of the pastor, a deacon, and a deaconess of the Denver church. And early in April the Boulder church had the pleasure of having in their midst Rev. Harley Sutton in the interests of Christian Education; and a little later in the month, Rev. Loyal Hurley who assisted the pastor for ten days in a visitation campaign and special meetings, as a representative of the Missionary Board.

On May 3, the Denver church joined with us in a Quarterly Meeting of the two churches; Rev. Francis Saunders bringing the sermon of the morning. After a bountiful to tell of the event of the church, a forum, "Family Life," in charge of Mary Wells was held. The subject proved to be a very interesting one and many took part.

Our regular church services and prayer meetings are well attended, although many of our members have been confined to their homes on account of them spending some time in hospitals. Most of them are greatly improved in health and are again able to attend services.

Our Missionary Society is quite active in many ways, dinners being served to clubs, which have been served to clubs.

The Sunday school of the church is well attended, and the children are known for their good conduct.

The women of the church organized a Missionary society in March. The society met in June, and they have met monthly since then.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER
Dear Editor:

Have you read the two letters to the editor in the Recorder for June 16, 1947? I asked a friend. I hadn't. But this is my reaction upon reading them and before reading anything else in the paper I wrote these passing thoughts at midnight and may God help you interpret them as they are intended.

Some in our church believe communion is only for those baptized to the church. Christ said, "Suffer the children to come unto me and forbid them not." To me it is a most wonderful time to make the child reverent and tell the Holy Spirit also left us a message and died for us. No one has criticized me but I know some do not approve.

We have a most wonderful Sabbath school class. We agree and disagree and pray. No one is hurt. The other day we were discussing, "What is the true God?" Their opinions were most helpful to me but I am still not satisfied as to what it is. When I do become satisfied I won't force my interpretation on you. Words are so inexpressive.

To me science and the Bible in no way conflict. When I was young, two students, both Republicans by poll, had a thousand years long or twenty hours, we were asked a question. I received later. I said, "Red, do you realize this is the only church in the world today you can say the things you have said about your country and the President and not be shot at sunrise?" Thank God for a country like this.

The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is a democracy. No one can tell us what to believe. If you want to believe God is a myth, that doesn't force me to cease believing. If you want to force me to pray, I won't. I am not satisfied as to how it is done. If you think we must pray for help if we really must know, but what does it matter? There are so many wonderful things to do in the world to help the hungry and aching, lonely hearts. Why waste our time foolishly trying to understand what perhaps God never meant to be understood by us? His time helping the lame, the sick, the blind, the immoral, the unhappy to a way of happiness. I am a child who believes in God. I believed in Him long before I was able to read the Bible. Thank God for a broad-minded lading milk into it.

Many denominations write out what their members are supposed to believe. Children memorize these beliefs for many, many times having little comprehension of their real meaning. In many denominations the church members are discouraged from reading the Bible if they remain ignorant of the exact words of the Bible. It must be read only by their highly trained divine men and interpreted by them to the people. In our denomination you and I have the privilege of reading for ourselves, interpreting for ourselves but asking for His help always in the interpretation. You can't go wrong there.

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Almost 2,000 years. He never will. Why worry? The Master's work is waiting to be done on the part you do understand. Don't allow the Santa Claus story to annoy you. Ask your small child, "What does the whole story mean, according to your age?"

I enjoyed a sermon by a young Methodist minister at the church we are going to. He said something that should "hit home" to all of us. "The gamblers and liquor interests have difficulties now and then but neither talks on the other publishes the fact. It's hard on their business. But let something happen in the Church and it is talked, advertised, spread to the four corners of the earth. It is hard on our business of saving souls. Isn't that a tragic accusation?"

Theology and denominationalism needs an every-member-soul-searching house cleaning now and then. I mean I'd better clean my thoughts and mind instead of waiting for God. I'm not a Pharisee like my neighbor."

Our church burned—everybody knows. It is a tragedy or a blessing whichever way you look at it. Trouble and a common interest can unite people as nothing else. We are going to Asia to Alleluia! If the rebuilding can split the church membership ship if there should be violent disagreement as to how it should be done. That has happened. Thank God World Peace can split the Allies and World War III will be here.

We are getting along wonderfully in our town. I have got a letter along in a denomination, how can we ask Thy help in having a World Peace? Think on these things.

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Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We are feeling quite well, except for one who cares for her at home.

We are having wonderful weather here. The sun has been shining all week and it hasn’t rained yet. How is the weather there?

We had a wonderful time at the Eastern Association in Berlin. It lasted two and a half days, Sabbath eve, Sabbath, and Sunday. We also attended the Central Association meeting at De Ruyter, N. Y. Brother Joe Bullock from Berlin took us there. It also lasted two and a half days. There was a children’s breakfast at the park for the young people Sunday morning. We ate and then we sang hymns and listened to a talk. Then we walked in the forest that was in the park. It was so beautiful, and a little waterfall was trickling down. Sunday, Brother Joe Bullock said we weren’t too far away from the Indian Reservation, so we decided to go there. I talked with one little Indian girl and shook hands with her.

This will be all for now and may God bless you.

Your Recorder friend,
Natalie Davis
Schenectady 8, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

Your good letter reached me in the midst of a heavy rain shower, and today we are having frequent showers, but we are promised sunshine tomorrow. The farmers say we needed it. We need to make our late-planted oats grow, so you see whether the rain falls or the sun shines it all comes to us through the wisdom and goodness of God. I am glad God is blessing you and your loved ones with good health.

I, too, am enjoying the summer holiday at De Ruyter. I am glad you had the happy experience of attending two Associations. Pastor Greene and I attended the Western Association at Alfred on the Sabbath, two very inspiring messages, but had to leave and come home. But as the Indian Reservation was on our way as we had no way of getting there. Our car is not in running order and no bus runs on our road.

We have often gone through the Indian Reservation not far from here and seen quite a number of Indians.

You, too, must have found your experience on the Reservation interesting as we did.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.
GENERAL CONFERENCE
WESTERN, R. L. AUGUST 19-24, 1947
PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT (Leadership Training)
Lewis Camp, Ashaway, R. L. August 14-18, 1947

WILL YOU BE THERE?

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, June 30, 1947

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Receipts in nine months on the current budget have totaled $17,445.08, which amounts to 61.3 per cent of the total budget. A year ago $17,590.38 had been raised in nine months, but that amounted to 74.5 per cent of last year's smaller budget.

JULY 28, 1947

The Sabbath Recorder

Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R. I.

On Sabbath morning of General Conference, one of the services of worship will be held in this Church.