Some conference statistics

According to the committee on credentials, the following delegates were present from the Churches in the Continental United States:

Albion, Wis. .................................................. 7
Alfred, First, N. Y. ......................................... 13
Alfred, Second, N. Y. ..................................... 1
Andover, N. Y. .............................................. 3
Battle Creek, Mich. ......................................... 7
Boulder, Colo. ............................................... 1
Brookfield, First, N. Y. ................................. 1
Brookfield, Second, N. Y. ............................... 1
Chicago, Ill. .................................................. 2
Denver, Colo. ............................................... 6
De Ruyter, N. Y. ............................................ 1
Dodge Center, Minn. ....................................... 3
Farina, Ill. .................................................... 3
Gentry, Ark. .................................................. 2
Healdsburg-Ukiah, Calif. ................................. 1
Hopkinton, First, R. I. .................................... 4
Independence, N. Y. ........................................ 2
Irvington, N. J. ............................................. 5
Jackson Center, Ohio ...................................... 1
Little Prairie, Ark. ........................................ 1
Los Angeles, Calif. ......................................... 10
Los Angeles, Christ's, Calif. ............................ 3
Lost Creek, W. Va. ......................................... 7
Marlboro, N. J. .............................................. 3
Milton, Wis. .................................................. 6
Milton Junction, Wis. ..................................... 5
New York, N. Y. ............................................ 4
North Loup, Neb. .......................................... 12
Nortonville, Kan. .......................................... 4
Old Stone Fort, Ill. ........................................ 3
Pawcatuck, R. I. ............................................ 3
Piscataway, N. J. .......................................... 1
Plainfield, N. J. ............................................ 4
Redley, Calif. ............................................... 3
Ritchie, W. Va. ............................................. 1
Riverside, Calif. .......................................... 18
Salem, W. Va. ............................................... 13
Salemville, Pa. .............................................. 1
Shiloh, N. J. .................................................. 1
Verona, N. Y. ................................................ 7
Washington, Evangelical, D. C. ......................... 2
Waterford, Conn. ........................................... 1

In addition to the foregoing delegates, there were delegates present representing Holland, Germany, China, and New Zealand. Miss Ploon Dijk from Amsterdam, Holland, and Herr Heinrich Brugs from Hamburg, Germany, represented the churches in their respective countries.

Further, the
Number of Churches represented ........................ 42
Total registration at desk ................................... 441
Number of official delegates (this number includes 8 duplications) .......................... 147
Number of visitors .......................................... 251
Number of pastors present .................................. 26
Number of ministers present not serving as active pastors of Churches ..................... 10

Candidates for baptism at the October, 1948, baptismal service of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shanghai, China.

(See Miss Mabel L. West's article on page 169.)
SPEAKING OF POWER

Many of us Seventh Day Baptists — approximately 200 in fact — have traversed the vast mountain and desert and plain areas of America to Conference at Riverside. People like Christian Bruhn and Mrs. Hennig of Hamburg, Germany, and Miss Ploos Dijk of Amsterdam, Holland, have recently seen much more of our globe's variety of expression in God's created beauty and power than we have. I have seen more beauty and power in one "eyeful" than ever before in my life. I am amazed at how man has used God's good earth — bringing forth fruit from the desert by stewardship, bringing forth desert from fruitful plains by exploitation. God has expressed His power in order and beauty, and He makes it easily available for man's weal or woe.

General Conference also was an expression of power. That was as it should be. Whenever even "two or three" are together as Christians, God's power is ready to work. May He be allowed to use us as Seventh Day Baptists because we are "a willing people" when brought together. (Psalm 110:3.)

Aside from the powers put at your finger tips by Christian prayer, you can be used by God by the very concrete exchange of potential work through money gifts. This year, 1948-49, shows a greater change of potential work than did 1947-48, and this despite "less money" in the average American's pocket. The facts are:

1947-48 1948-49
Budget $31,500.00 $34,500.00
Amount raised in 10 months 20,089.78 24,357.70
Per cent of total 63.78% 76.6%
Conference offerings 1,820.61 2,125.00
Balance needed before September 30 9,607.61 8,017.30
Per cent budget raised by September 30 84.59%
We can put 100% in the above space after "September 30, 1949!" We can begin 1949-50 fiscal year with the concrete hope of doing the basic denominational work effectively and together — "a willing people in the day of His power." Christ counts 100% on Christian strength in unity (see John 17) and your Conference voted 100% on a basic $34,500.

Are you praying that the Denominational Budget will be fully raised?

Are you doing your part to bring it to pass?

Amount raised in 11 months $29,237.22
Amount needed during September $5,262.78

An average of $35 during September from each Church now contributing would put the 1948-49 budget well over the top.
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MRS. LLOYD D. SEAGER

ACCEPTS GAVEL, BELL AND STRIKER

(Speech of acceptance by Mrs. Seager in behalf of Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, newly elected Conference president, who had been called to Buchanan, Va., because of the death of his brother-in-law, Glen Ford.)

One afternoon during Conference, Dr. Seager came to me and said: "They have asked me to be president of Conference. It is most embarrassing, because I suggested during those days with the Commission many things for the new president to do. I can't possibly accept because of the added professional responsibilities I have just accepted."

We went immediately to the auditorium. Lloyd told me later that the message given by Rev. Marian Hargis about leaving a share of our time for the service of the Master, the words in the duet: "I have done all I can for the One who has done so much for me," along with the encouragement from many of you caused him to accept this post. Equally important in the decision was the constant response from you who promised to help in any suggested capacity.

A huge sign, SERVE YOURSELF, loomed before our eyes as we drove to the airport last night. However, YOURSELF was not lighted. It occurred to me that that was the reason that we don't accomplish more in the service of the Master. You and I did not yet blotted out completely YOURSELF in that SERVE YOURSELF sign.

Saved to Serve.
Go Work Today.
Workmen Approved of God.
Fervent in Spirit.

If we go forth "Fervent in Spirit" to serve our Lord, the yourself and myself will be blotted out and only SERVE will be lighted on the pathway ahead of us. In behalf of your Conference president, may I say, let us go forth "Fervent in Spirit" as ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
SALEM, W. VA., AUGUST 22-27, 1950
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE RIVERSIDE CONFERENCE

Resolution 1
Whereas the people of the Riverside Church have provided every physical convenience for our comfort and enjoyment; therefore be it
Resolved, That we, the General Conference delegates, tender our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Riverside Church by whose labor and prayers this Conference is made possible; and to Rev. Loyd F. Hurley, for his painstaking efforts in preparing and presiding over this session of General Conference.

Also, that appreciation be expressed to
1. The directors and personnel of the choirs and orchestra who have enriched each meeting with the beauty of music.
2. The Decorations Committee for its lovely floral decorations that have beautified the halls and auditorium.
3. The Cafeteria Committee and staff for excellently served food.
4. The Transportation Committee for its lairs in our behalf.
5. The officials of Riverside College for the use of their buildings and equipment.
6. The Riverside Chamber of Commerce for its materials to acquaint us with the city and the Department of Police for relaxing parking restrictions in the vicinity of the college.
7. Massey's Radio Shop for the loan of sound equipment.

It is recommended that letters of thanks be written to the Chamber of Commerce, Department of Police, Riverside College officials, and Massey's Radio Shop.

Resolution 2
Whereas we take the Bible, the supreme record of the revelation of God to men, for our guide in life and conduct, and since it teaches that our bodies are the temples of God, and since moral laxity is a major weakness of our humanity, we feel the need of admonishing another one toward a continued perfecting of our personal moral standards; therefore be it
Resolved, That General Conference recommend to our people that they take a personal stand against the use of intoxicating beverages, tobacco, and the harmful use of any narcotic, and that we guard ourselves against the indulgence in the use of any food, beverage, or physical and mental powers God has given us; that we faithfully submit ourselves to the disciplining of the Holy Spirit within us. Be it further
Resolved, That the Churches in all meekness diligently take measures to educate our people as to the personal responsibility in the development of clean physical and mental living; and that we also guard our lips against doing injury to God's name or to man.

Resolution 3
Whereas we desire more effectively to combat the evils from the traffic and use of alcoholic beverages; therefore be it
Resolved, That we as Seventh Day Baptists assembled in General Conference, wish to assure our United States Congress of our appreciation of the withdrawal of our government from the manufacture of rum in the Virgin Islands. Therefore be it
Resolved, That we urge our people to support the prohibition of the manufacture of intoxicating beverages, and the enforcement of proper laws concerning alcoholic beverages and narcotics— aids to the solution of the problem which permeates American life, shackles us with immense expense in accidents, crime, and care of inebriates, and threatens the very life of our nation.

Resolution 4
Be it Resolved, That we recommend that all members of our Churches study in the light of our historic belief in the separation of Church and state, the Barden- grant, H.R. 4643, granting federal aid for public elementary and secondary tax-supported schools and notify their Congressmen as to how they want them to vote on said bill.

Resolution 5
Whereas, the Seventh Day Baptist Commission went on record in 1945 as opposing conscription of our youth for military service (see pages 7 and 8); therefore be it
Resolved, That General Conference reaffirm our stand opposing such conscription and call for repeal of laws which have been passed en- forcement of the Barden-grant, H.R. 4643; therefore be it
Resolved, That we appeal for leniency for all such religious conscientious objectors and petition the President of the United States that they may be granted their release.

Resolution 6
Whereas certain religious conscientious objectors to war are being retained in prison because of their refusal to serve in the armed forces under the existing conscription; therefore be it
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NOTE: The Committee on Courtesies and Resolutions was as follows: Rev. Everett T. Harris, Chairman, Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Rev. Trevor R. Sutton, Norman Whitney, Rev. Rev. and Mrs. Verney A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lippincott, Mr. and Mrs. Orville E. Davis.)

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST WORK IN GERMANY

By Heinrich Bruhn

President, German Seventh Day Baptist Conference, Hamburg, Germany

(Message delivered on Sunday afternoon, August 21, 1949, at the Riverside, Calif., Conference.)

In 1930 it was my privilege to hear Dr. Schweikardt, who at that time was conducting an evangelistic campaign. He called to my attention many unscriptural beliefs to which I was adhering as a Seventh Day Adventist. I became an avid listener and pupil, and soon thereafter became a Seventh Day Baptist.

At that time I was in the fortunate position to be at liberty to travel with Dr. Conradi and take care of all business arrangements for his Evangelistic promotion campaigns. It was an ideal partnership— he the spiritual leader, and I his business manager.

Within a short time 7 Seventh Day Baptist Churches were organized—the first one in Hamburg, then Berlin, Braunschweig, Chemnitz, Gelsenkirchen, Halle, Hannover and several groups elsewhere.

In September, 1939, 14 Churches had been established. Everything looked very promising and favorable; but suddenly Dr. Conradi was called to his final rest, far too soon for us. It was a terrific blow to the Seventh Day Baptists in Germany.

We were at that time left without a leader. Then came the disastrous war that robbed us of our most promising young men, and people who was Pastor Walter Loesch, who had worked with Dr. Conradi and showed great promise of becoming the able leader who could not understand why he fell in action when the German Seventh Day Baptists were so in need of him. He had no choice—he had to obey the draft call. There was no such thing as being a conscientious objector or noncombatant—the State ruled supreme.

A short time thereafter it became impossible to hold meetings of any kind. Due to the dreadful destruction of all German cities and consequent disorganization, our members were scattered in all directions and all evangelistic work was at a standstill until 1945.

After the capitulation the members of the various Churches whose lives had been spared came in private homes for fellowship and prayer. I say homes—if such may be called. In some cities not a single house was undamaged. Houses stood with just three walls, others without roofs and with huge holes in the walls. Windows and doors were shattered, and often one house was converted into a barracks while another was turned into a temporary shelters and Quonset huts! In these huts two, three, and more women cooked at one stove. The Chinese have a proverb: "No stove is large enough for more than one woman to use." The housing conditions are deplorable and do not help to build up the general morale of the people. The dwelling places are inspected and space is prorated. An inspector visited all the houses, measured all rooms, and recorded the number in each family. Soon thereafter we had to give up part of our house—total strangers moved in and now use the furniture, linen, and kitchen.

This condition still exists.

In Hamburg we have been most fortunate to be privileged to have the use of a wooden Moravian Church which was
HERR HEINRICH BRUHN
RETURNS HOME

Brother Heinrich Bruhn informed us at Conference in Riverside, Calif., that he had sailed for Le Havre, France, on the SS America of the United States Lines, on Wednesday afternoon, September 21, 1949, at 4 p.m. Brother Bruhn will travel by rail from Le Havre to Paris, his way of returning to his home city of Hamburg, Germany. He, being president of the German Seventh Day Baptist Conference, will arrive home in time for the meeting of the conference to be held in October.

It is interesting to know that the reason for Mr. Bruhn’s going by Le Havre instead of returning to Hamburg by ship is due to the early discontinuance of passenger service because of winter conditions in the northern waters.

The Sabbath Recorder joins Brother Bruhn’s many friends in wishing him God-speed on his homeward voyage and travel. Seventh Day Baptists in this country have been wonderfully blessed in meeting Brother Bruhn and hearing his messages at the Riverside Conference as well as having him visit some of the Churches in company with the Schmids and Schobers.

SECRETARY SKAGGS
ACCEPTS CALL

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Geneseo, Little Genesee, N. Y. He and his family will move to their new home about October 1.

LITTLE GENESEE PASTOR
GOES TO WIS.

Rev. Charles H. Bond will become the pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., on October 1, according to reliable information. The congregation was formed in 1829, and was organized in 1835. It is the seventh in a ten-year series. For the words to be used, see the list of entry of Rev. Thomas H. Hamilton, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.

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CHINA MISSION NOT DEAD

The explanation below the cover picture (Shanghai baptist class) on the February 28, 1949, Sabbath Recorder was deleted, not by mistake, but by authority of the secretary, Miss Mabel L. West, who kindly prepared the article, writes with the intimacy of a Christian friend who has a heart for and faith in these people.

At General Conference in Riverside many people had the feeling that our work in China may be finished, that Americans are shut out of China for a generation at least. We suggested at Conference that perhaps Christian missions’ greatest hour has struck in China and throughout the world. The picture referred to shows a concrete reason for continuing support and interest in Chinese Christian work.

In the first place, Chinese Christians are exerting an indigenous influence far beyond their numbers. The Chinese Protestant Church was nourished and broadened by the wave of maturity by foreign mission boards chiefly of Britain and America. Why should we drop all contacts when American workers and American money can be excluded from “liberated” China? Why turn away from helping “teach and baptize”? Here is opportunity to show Christianity’s power in the face of Communism’s power.

And secondly, since six months or a year’s time may show radical changes and since we are still able to transmit money to our native workers, should we not carry on with our Chinese Seventh Day Baptists in that living and spoken witness to God’s love in Christ? The coming of Communist military threat to Christian work is no more immediate reason for us to drop all contacts than famine or epidemic. Rather, we should prepare for advanced work although in radically different form perhaps.

Hence, we and other boards are continuing our preparations for sending American missionaries to China and our support to China work. We continue to transmit funds through our remaining missionaries, we will pay their transportation expenses, and Miss Sarah Becker is being sent to study Chinese history and culture and missions. Only God knows what a year’s time may spell for China. We hope for opened doors so that Miss Becker may study the Chinese language and may return with others perhaps in 1951 or 1952.

D. C. S.

BAPTIST CLASS PICTURE

By Miss Mabel L. West
Milwaukee, Wis.

The picture on the cover of the Sabbath Recorder for February 28, 1949, was taken in front of the Burckhard-West house late on a Sabbath afternoon in October. Of those baptized in late June and early fall, 1948, some 15 were absent. This picture shows Pastor Taitaug, village and church helpers and have found a responsive group in the city where unrest and suffering were prevalent even before war had reached its doors.

Several times a year special evangelistic services were held for students and people outside who came to see what this Church has to offer. On Sabbath morning meetings brought in women from the various neighborhoods.

Since I was laid up last year, I did not write. But I was especially interested in several of those who joined the Church, some not being in the picture. Several years ago my sister Anna Becker, supported by the family of a poor cabinetmaker, called frequently on them when the wife and children were ill. Some work was found for Mr. Koo from time to time. The children came to our school. Before the father died in 1938 they had found better living quarters. The oldest boy was apprenticed to a fellow carpenter. His mother washed clothes for students and did a small business in buying and selling stuff at a very small profit. The second boy joined the Church before graduation from junior high school. He was able to add to the family income as his mother gave up her hard work. She offered to help the matron in our school for which service she and the little boy had their food. This year his older brother joined the Church. Though she is not able to read much, yet she will continue to exert
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WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

By Mrs. G. D. Hargis
3203 Mount Helena Avenue,
San Bernardino, Calif.

"Serving God in Sincerity and Truth"

(Proverbs 24: 16, 22-24)

Prayer

Thanking God for the precious privilege of being His "beloved" child.

Praising God for "His unspeakable gift," and for His understanding love and great faithfulness toward us.

Praying for His forgiveness for our sinful neglect of His work, and all sin (which separates us from Him).

Praying that His blessing and peace may fall on all who are suffering persecution for His sake, and that His personal presence may comfort those who are in great sorrow and loneliness.

Asking Him for definite consecration in service, understanding of His Word and will, and for courage, strength, and endurance to fulfill His plan for our lives, individually.

Praying that in our daily fellowship with others, the Christ may be uplifted, and His Name be magnified, and that we may have the opportunity to "make Him known."

Helpful Scripture References

1. Early to stand before the Lord—Genesis 19: 27.

2. Early to worship Him—Psalm 5: 3; 55: 17.

3. Early in service—Ecclesiastes 12: 1; Psalm 71: 17.

4. Early in prayer—Mark 1: 35.

5. Early fulfill duties—Exodus 34: 2; 21.


Songs (suggested)

"Teach Me Thy Will, O Lord."

"A Charge to Keep I Have."

"Be Strong, We Are Not Here to Play."

"I Would Be True."

"Make Me a Blessing."

(The Service Hymnal, except last.)

MANKIND NEEDS GOD

By Warren R. Austin

United States Representative

It is daily becoming clearer that man cannot expect to work out his destiny independent of God. Everything in the teachings of the Master Christian pointed to the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. That life of great humility, lived so long ago in a distant land, has shone down through the centuries and today man of different races, creeds, and colors, have united to implement its ideals in subscribing to the Charter of the United Nations.

To achieve its purposes we shall need the understanding spiritual support of citizens everywhere. For "Of ourselves we can do nothing," but "with God all things are possible." — Released by the International Council of Religious Education.

STATEMENT OF PAUL G. HOFFMAN

Acting Chairman of Economic Co-operation Administration

If man is to handle the problems created by his technological advancements, he will need all the encouragement and sane religious education can give him. If he places all his dependence upon the material, he will be lost.

Never greater was man's ability to destroy himself physically. He must be educated, both materially and spiritually, if he is to find the right answers to the problems the nations forces press upon us. — Released by International Council of Religious Education.
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1949 PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

By Albert N. Rogers

Four days of mid-August spent on the San Bernardino Mountains surrounded by towering pines of the primeval forest could be called the duration of the Pre-Conference Retreat for very young people. But some would say it was longer than that for the richness of the experience. Fellowship among Christians has a timeless quality when it is not invaded by a secular world.

"From Texas to Rhody" 52 young men and women shared in the experience and their names will be published at a later date. A few of the more mature campers were Irving Seager of Little Rock, Ark., Richard Dreyer and Nellie Jo Bond of Salem, W. Va., Glen and Evelyn Hemminger of Boulder, Colo., Dale Curtis and Al Lewis of Riverside, Calif., and Norman Whitford of Albion, Wis. All were most co-operative in the program.

Duane Hurley of El Monte, Calif., former editor of the Sabbath Recorder, was the pivot around which the camp life turned. His wise direction, geniality, and consecration set a high tone for the Retreat. Carl Becker, repatriate missionary from Liuho, China, who served so efficiently as recreation director, announced that the camp should henceforth be called Camp Miles. Miles could stand for the many, many miles the campers cover to meet each other each summer, and Miles can also stand for May I Live Ever Steadfast.

A MESSAGE FROM RETREAT

I was very glad to receive names and messages from many of the young people and some of the staff of Retreat.

Two of the young people mentioned the fact that they were pleased to know that other young folks of other associations whose names I had given them during camp.

I have never met some of the young people who attended Retreat this year, but still through experience of Retreat I feel that I am now acquainted with them. Speaking for the Board of Christian Education, I would like to express thanks to K. Duane Hurley who served so efficiently as director, to all who worked on the staff, and to all of the California people who gave assistance in any way. It is very satisfying to hear about the wonderful Retreat which was at Pacific Pines this year.

Harley Sutton

CAMP MILES

(Southwestern Association Camp)

By Jim Stillman, Secretary

The Young People's Camp of the Southwestern Association was held at Metairie, La., July 24-30, 1949. Metairie is a suburb of New Orleans. Classes were held in City Park, New Orleans, and swimming was enjoyed in Lake Pontchartrain.

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The directors in charge of the camp were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coalwell. Other leaders were Pastor Edgar Wheeler of Hampton, Ga., Gilbert Butler, and George S. Stillman. Campers from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas enjoyed a week of classes in Christian Living and Christian Witnessing, of fellowship and fun. The camp was climaxd with a Sabbath spent at Hammond with the Hammond Church.

At the end of the week, it was decided that the camp should henceforth be called Camp Miles. Miles could stand for the many, many miles the campers cover to meet each other each summer, and Miles can also stand for May I Live Ever Steadfast.

ANNUAL MEETING

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., for the election of directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Board, will be held in the Gothic at Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, October 9, 1949, at 2 p.m.

Albert N. Rogers, President

C. R. Maxson, Recording Secretary

REV. RONALD I. HARGIS
APPOINTED SECRETARY

President Albert N. Rogers, of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, announces that Rev. Ronald J. Hargis, pastor of the Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Church, has been appointed executive secretary of the board to succeed Rev. Harley Sutton of Alfred Station, N. Y., whose resignation and retirement because of ill health became effective October 1, 1949.

The observance of Religious Education Week, September 25 - October 2, offers a splendid opportunity to bring to the attention of the church and the community the spiritual ministry of Christian education.

— Bishop John S. Stamm

MUSIC AT
PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

By Nellie Jo Bond

Salem, W. Va.

Music at camp is usually just a few songs sung "here and there. At Pre-Conference Retreat there was an entirely different. It was considered as one of the main subjects of study. The music was under the direction of Miss Lois Wells, from El Monte, who really did a wonderful job.

There was a regular music period every day at 2 p.m. in which the campers, staff and otherwise, sang beautiful choruses and anthems as if their lives depended on it. "Aunt" Lois seemed to actually bring the music out. To help keep on tune, and since there was no piano, a portable organ was brought up to the camp and carried wherever it was wanted. Besides the choruses, the choir practiced three anthems to sing in the youth programs at Conference. They were, "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Cherubim and Seraphim," "Sons of Sion." Sometimes as these were being sung it seemed that the walls of the room would surely burst. There were also days when "Aunt" Lois thought that we hadn't had enough music, so there would be a couple extra practices crowded in anywhere possible.

There wasn't much opposition to the singing that day.

Besides practices, some were asked to furnish special music for vespers. Among those who helped was Lola Averitt, from Riverside, who played an accordion solo. Another of the campers was asked to sing in different ensembles at Conference.

Aside from the music for which there was practice, there were bits of choruses heard now and then anywhere among the campers in the quiet singing. The atmosphere of the camp seemed to go with the beautiful choruses. The consecration meeting on Sunday night brought many campers to Christ, not only through song, but in the experience which reigned over the whole camp. Music did its part at the Retreat to make the presence of God more real.
Dear Recorder Children:

When the pause came in this letter last week we were having difficulty in finding water for the car. In the meantime, Daddy had decided to give the car a drink of ice water from a Thermos bottle for a picnic lunch. Betsey Ford liked the cold drink and perked up right up and went on to camp purring like a kitten. I still had the pretty rock in my hand when I reached camp, and a native of Colorado told me it was gold ore so I still have it.

For you children who have never seen a western cattle ranch I would like to tell you that while we were standing on the "vaper rocks" watching the sun go down behind the snow-capped mountains, we asked the rancher how far his cattle roamed the range. He pointed to a big patch of snow on a mountain peak, about fifteen miles by horseback, and said, "We have a 'sall lick' for our cattle at the bottom of that patch of snow."

When one looks at the vastness of the mountains he wonders how he can ever be small-minded or petty again. As I stood on top of the mountains and looked out over the busy plains, I was reminded that God is above and looking out over all the world and watching over all His creation.

I want to close with this little poem, the inspiration for which came from a camp leader last year. The poem was made into a camp song this year.

Footprints of God
We feel His presence in the air,
Footprints of God.
He's manifested everywhere,
Footprints of God.
The rocks and trees proclaim His name,
In the mountains living,
Praise to Jesus giving,
For He is here.

Sincerely,
Gladys S. Randolph.
Milton, Wis.

Dear Gladys:
Thank you for your good letter. I have enjoyed reading it and I know the children and others will, too.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene and Recorder Children:
It sure is hot these days, isn't it?
We have two big dogs, three puppies, a cat, and I have a pig.
I have one sister. Her name is Shirley. She is eight years old. I have two brothers, Brice, four years old, and Cletus, two years old. I am eleven years old and will be twelve on October 17.

I go to the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup, Neb. We have seven in our Sabbath school class. It is made up of the sixth and seventh grades. At our opening exercises we have about twenty children from three to twelve years of age.

I would like some Seventh Day Baptist boy and girl pen pals, so please write to me.

Your Christian friend,
Katherine Severance.
North Loup, Neb.

Dear Katherine:
I was pleased to receive your letter and to gain another Recorder girl.
You have the right kind of a family, two girls and two boys. I met a very nice girl the other day and watched her. She was two nice little girls. I said, "You have two little girls." She laughed and said, "Two little girls! Why, I have seven girls and not one little boy." Just think of all the dresses, etc., that mother has to make or buy.

I hope you soon have your wish and gain several Seventh Day Baptist boys and girls. Several of my Recorder children have gained pen pals, some even in foreign countries, and I know of one at least who has gained a lifelong friend in that way.

I hope in years to come that I may receive letters from other children in your family and that way you will go.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

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OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE
Address: Mizpah S. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

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I want to close with this little poem, the inspiration for which came from a camp leader last year. The poem was made into a camp song this year.

Footprints of God
We feel His presence in the air,
Footprints of God.
He's manifested everywhere,
Footprints of God.
The rocks and trees proclaim His name,
In the mountains living,
Praise to Jesus giving,
For He is here.

Sincerely,
Gladys S. Randolph.
**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**

Statement of Treasurer, August 31, 1949

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| Totals | $4,929.47 | $ 383.56 |

**Comparative Figures**

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**SEPTEMBER 26, 1949**

**THE WHITE HOUSE**

Washington

April 23, 1949

Dear Dr. Ross:

I am happy again to welcome the annual observance of Religious Education Week, September twenty-fifth through October second, sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education.

The practice and teaching of religion constitute a significant phase of our American culture. Our people share the conviction that the motivations which lie at the heart of the democratic way of life are identical with those of religions teaching. The spiritual ideals which impelled our forefathers to seek freedom of worship in this country must constantly be renewed if our democratic institutions are not to decay.

Particularly in this crucial year of 1949 will united celebration of Religious Education Week serve a practical purpose. It will demonstrate to all the incontestable validity of religious teaching in our struggles with the forces of selfish materialism, both at home and abroad.

The resources of religion are an important factor in the development of the personal and social integrity of our own citizens. As for the forces of international strife, they can be persuaded by our example that a nation which cherishes the Golden Rule cannot but reap a fruitful harvest of good will among its neighbors.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Dr. Roy C. Ross,
General Secretary,
The International Council of Religious Education,
203 North Halsted Avenue,
Chicago 1, Illinois.

![Signature](signature.png)