**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**

**Statement of Treasurer, March 31, 1950**

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**May 27, 1950**

**Sabbath Rally Day**

**Seventh Day Baptist General Conference**

**Salem, West Virginia**

**August 22-27, 1950**

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THE SABBATH RECORDER
DENOMINATIONAL DYNAMICS

A Beehive at the Denominational Building

No, the Denominational Building has not gone into the bee business. And to suggest that the building may have become a place of considerable activity for any length of time will be contrary to the impression made upon certain recent visitors.

The first of the week of April 16-21 saw our headquarters building fully and intensively in use. Beginning Sunday morning, the Committee on Budget Promotion met in the office of Corresponding Secretary Frank R. Kellogg of the American Sabbath Tract Society with Mr. Kellogg and Rev. David S. Clarke representing the Missionary Board, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, the Board of Christian Education.

While this committee was in session, the Conference president, Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, in company with Rev. Elmo F. Rogers, president of the Commission, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, last year's Conference president and a member of the Commission, and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley, representing the Women's Society of General Conference, were completing their trip from Salem to Plainfield in the Hurleys' fleet Hudson.

Early Sunday afternoon the Budget Committee and the Hurleys' Hudson group, being joined by Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, president of the Historical Society, Karl G. Stillman, treasurer of the Missionary Society, Franklin A. Langworthy, president of the Tract Society, Courtland V. Davis, corresponding secretary of General Conference and secretary of the Commission, and the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, became a committee of the whole at the invitation of the Conference president.

Problems perennial and matters mutual, many and various, were presented and discussed.

Saved by Tea

Temporarily, at least, the "dear old" Sabbath Recorder was saved by time for tea for the annual retirement of the executive committee of the Historical Society, the entire com-

mittee was afforded an opportunity for brief recess and a pleasant time for social fellowship with coffee, tea, and wafers in the Historical Rooms.

The matter being discussed at time for tea was the Sabbath Recorder, and particularly the large subsidy necessary to publish it in its present standards. The subject was not considered again in the committee of the whole. We understand that at the Commission meeting on Monday, April 17, the chairman was authorized to appoint a committee for further study and report at the Pre-Conference meeting of the Commission next August.

The Sabbath Recorder is cited as an example of the many matters considered. Followngs of further study and report — the committee of the whole continued under the leadership of the Conference president and the Conference members present met with Treasurer Stillman and Secretary Clarke.

Sunday evening the entire group met again.

The Commission Meets

Monday morning the Commission assembled for work with the addition of Rev. Lester G. Osborn. Throughout the day and well into the evening this body continued in session. Much of the denominational organization and program was given thorough, careful consideration. Several matters were referred to committees for further study and report.

S. The Co-ordinating Committee

The Co-ordinating Committee, consisting of the board secretaries or their representatives and the Conference president, sandwiched in meetings along with other committees of the Commission.

Summer Evangelism

One feature of our work that was of great concern to all present was the proposed program of summer evangelism. This program is being ardently promoted by the Conference president in cooperation with the denominational boards. Mrs. Hurley reported that the Women's Society of the General Conference will support an evangelistic team at Woodville, Ala., this summer for two or three weeks...
and will contribute $200 toward the support of the Summer Co-ordinated Evangelistic Program.

We asked a member of the Commission this (Tuesday) morning about a certain matter. He replied that so much was discussed that his head was almost in a whirl, that the recording secretary, a past master at the task, had made complete minutes, and that in due time items would be released for publication in the Sabbath Recorder.

These brief comments prove that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination is alive and deeply concerned about the Father's business — this is Denominational Dynamics.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Sabbath Recorder:

I am enclosing $3 for my subscription for one year. I don't want to get along
without it.

Yours truly,

Jennie Burdick.

Box 223, De Ruyter, N. Y.,

March 17, 1950.

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Box 223, De Ruyter, N. Y.,

March 17, 1950.

Sabbath Recorder

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $3 for my subscription which expires this week. I

"loan" my Recorder, and then give it to a new convert to the Sabbath, who hopes soon to subscribe for it. I shall be alert to find someone else who needs the Recorder — I believe nearly all the Seventy-First Baptists here take it. It is an excellent publication. Much success to it and to you all.

Mrs. Flora R. Schule.

De Ruyter, N. Y.,

April 6, 1950.

Sabbath Recorder

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing $3 for renewal of my subscription to the Recorder which expires soon.

The Recorder is a welcome visitor in our home each week as it helps us to keep in touch with other Churches and happenings throughout the denomination.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Harry E. Thomas.

Milton, Wis.,

April 12, 1950.

DENVER PASTOR ACCEPTS NORTH LOUP CALL

Rev. Francis D. Saunders, now pastor at Denver, Colo., has accepted the call to become pastor of this Church, beginning August 1, 1950. This will cause a lapse of a few months following the going of your present pastor, who, with his family, will leave here Monday morning, May 29, for De Ruyter, N. Y. — North Loup, Neb., Church Bulletin.

Lewis Camp, Ashaway, R. I.

Lewis Camp this year is to be held from July 18-27. A committee consisting of the pastor and a layman from each of the New England Churches met Tuesday evening, March 28, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson to make plans for the coming year at camp. The above dates were set, and it is hoped a goodly number will be attending our camp this year.

We believe that we are going to have our best year and young people from the ages of 12-18 are urged to begin early making plans to come. The following officers were elected to serve: President, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson; business manager, Rev. Charles H. Bond; secretary, Miss Dorothy Palmer; publicity, Rev. Kenneth A. Stickey; director to be announced later, Kenneth A. Stickey. Publicity Director.

THE LAYMAN AND THE CHURCH

By Deacon Frank R. Kellogg

Corresponding Secretary,

American Sabbath Tract Society

(Sermon preached Sabbath Rally Day, May 28, 1949, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J.)

Text: Romans 15:15; Exodus 31:1-12.

We hear so much of criticism today about the Church not meeting the challenge of the world, and that religion is losing out. I believe that the majority of these critics feel that they have no responsibility or part in helping the Church meet this challenge of the world. They never have done anything, yet claim membership in the Church and believe themselves to be Christian.

Constructive criticism is worth while. I am not speaking of that of the world at large but of the laymen who go to make up the Church in general. Laymen who criticize but do nothing to help would be offended if told they were not honest in their religion. This applies not only to Seventh Day Baptists but to every Christian Church.

I believe there are many problems confronting the Church that could be handled by a layman more efficiently and easily than by a pastor. In the eyes of many, the pastor does what he is paid to do, but were a layman to do or say the same thing, these people would give it more serious consideration. This is not in any way to discredit our pastor, for we in Plainfield recognize him as our leader, love him, and believe in him. However, we as laymen should realize that we are appointed as helpers.

Jesus was the head of the Church — the leader, yet he needed helpers. Therefore, he gathered about Him twelve laymen, and gave them a task to do and command of them their lives. Later he chose seventy — not merely as followers, but as witnesses to the glad tidings of the love of Jesus Christ for everyone.

We are familiar with the story of Jesus at the age of twelve — how He said to His parents, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" That gives us a clue as to what our business as laymen of His Church is. Jesus went about His Father's business, and during His ministry showed His disciples just what their work would be. Jesus did not finish His Father's business, He finished His part, but the work must go on, and He has left this work in the hands of pastors and laymen. They are to be partakers in the greatest of all businesses, the saving of souls.

This work is not to be done by a certain few but by every true follower of Jesus Christ. "But as to the work of the Church, you and me. Any well-conducted business does not depend on just the head ones — the president or superintendent or deacon, but upon everyone working in the plant. Each one has his particular job, each is a part of the organization. So, in our Father's business, every follower has a certain task to do. We are not just born into this world, rather, we are born for a purpose. As true followers we must find just what that purpose is, and where God needs us most. We must not stand idle by and say there is nothing we can do.

Jesus said to the fishermen: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" partners in this great business, "My Father's business." Jesus did not ask just for followers. We are not simply Church members, but followers, or deacons, but co-workers in the business of saving souls. "But," you say, "there is nothing I can do, I have no talent for that kind of work." Remember what Peter said to the lame man that he and John met at the temple gate: "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give unto you." Very well, then, let us see, can we say less? Surely, such as we have, we should dedicate to God's work.

Perhaps we think we are giving our all. Remember the young ruler who asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life and Jesus reminded him of the commandments. The ruler answered: "These have I kept from my youth." Jesus said: "But one thing thou lackest." Maybe we lack only one thing.

There was the widow with the two mites. She cast in all she had, and Jesus said to her, "Thy faith and thy gifts are greater than any." Did you ever wonder how she might have cast in one and kept one
That our young people are leaving the Sabbath we should not condemn them. Rather, we should use Jesus' way, and through love and inspiration prove to them that the seventh day as the Sabbath is a sacred day. To keep it is all gain, to neglect it is all loss. We should pray as Elisha did when he exclaimed to open the eyes of his servant that he might see that the power of God that was with them was far greater than that with which the young men were armed. We should open the eyes of our young people that they might catch a vision and realize that the treasures laid up in heaven are of far greater value than any earthly treasure.

I would not be a true friend of our young people if I only mentioned those who are indifferent through our denomination, in every Church, groups of young people who are true, loyal Seventh Day Baptists. They are doing a wonderful, noble, and loyal work in the Church that will lead them to that city which goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza. And he arose and went quickly. We know how he met the Ethiopian and explained to him the Scriptures, "Lo, I am with you always." It is such groups as this that give us confidence for the future. All through young people who are doing their part in helping this Church to meet any challenge that may come before it. No matter what the test may be, they are taking it, as at His word, "Lo, I am with you always." It is such groups as these that will secure our denominations, in every Church, groups of young people who are true, loyal, and noble.

The Church needs men and women whose ideals are of the finest, who realize that the treasures laid up in heaven are of far greater value than any earthly treasure. No man knows God's plans. He has a plan for each of us, both young and old. Who are we? Perhaps some of us may be among those of whom Paul spoke in his letter to the Romans, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Or possibly, if we are willing to give such as we have, we might be like the widow who gave all she had before the world. So pray the great God of the harvest that we may so live that He will use us as reapers — that, when we are called before Him, He may come bringing our sheaves with us.

If there's anything you want to know about Alfred University students, the man to ask is Registrar Clifford M. Potter.

Mr. Potter's statistics on students span all 93 years since the university was granted its charter. He has gathered and compiled pertinent information about men and women now living in all corners of the world. A teacher of mathematics for several years before assuming his present job in 1946, the registrar still finds a slide rule his most handy gadget for keeping track of student grades. In addition, he must classify the university's 1,061 men and women by classes, courses, geographic distribution, and religion.

The variety of forms and files in his office are almost endless. He keeps tabs on honor students, attendance, with...
As revealed by this survey, a high percentage of the parsonages are well painted and generally clean. Eighty-five per cent gave affirmative answers to questions about the physical appearance and average standard of the parsonage and the community. Four parsonages are above average, and two are below the average of other homes.

An old proverb says, "Clothes do not make the man, but a good roof, and shade trees do not make the parsonage — they only help. Let us proceed inside. The pastor's study is the most important room in the Church's physical setup. In his study the conscientious pastor communes with God, prepares to help his people, and meets many of his parishioners when they come for help and advice. The active Church should demand of its pastor that he "grow in wisdom, and the active pastor should demand of his Church that they provide a place where he may do so. With only 71 per cent of our Seventh Day Baptist parsonages equipped for private meditation and 60 per cent suitable for personal interviews with his people, the pastor is handicapped in his work at the grass roots. Even the best artisan is able for personal interviews with his people if he has a good roof, and shade trees do not make the parsonage — they only help.

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The pastor's wife fares even worse. Only 38 per cent of the kitchens are adequate equipped and only 12 of the 45 have coverage on the furnishing.

Remembering that 45 questionnaires is the denominator, here are some returns from which you may figure out the percentage: 33 parsonage: 3 garden space; 35 garages; 5 provide recreational equipment on the parsonage property; 1 parsonage has a fireplace; 23 have screened window; in 38 the heating system is adequate for the coldest days in that area; 28 have a kitchen adequate for efficient living space; 31 have storage space; 35 garages; 5 provide recreational equipment on the parsonage property; 1 parsonage has a fireplace; 23 have screened window; in 38 the heating system is adequate for the coldest days in that area; 28 have a kitchen adequate for efficient living space; 31 have storage space.

Have we neglected the heavier matters of the pastor's study and the kitchen of the pastor's wife for that of outside appearance? Sixty-five per cent of our Churches pay all the pastor's moving expenses and another 18 per cent pay about half of this expense. About 60 per cent of our Churches own the basic furniture — stove, refrigerator, piano, tables, chairs, beds, kitchen cabinets, bookcases, etc. — and if a greater percentage did, it would not be necessary for the pastor to have this heavy furniture moved every time he changes parishes.

The pastor's study is inadequate insurance coverage. One third of the parsonages are not adequately insured, and only 12 of the 45 have coverage on the furnishing.

We would suggest the following in way of recommendations:

1. Some standardization of parsonage furnishings. The heavy basic furnishings mirror well be the basic furnishings of the Church.

2. More careful planning for, and of, the pastor's study.

3. More careful planning of the kitchen. All permanent improvements such as built-in cupboards, built-in sinks, refrigeration, and work surfaces should be planned in the study.

It is certainly encouraging that so many of our Churches are planning improvements in the way of the pastor's study.

About 12 per cent of the questionnaires indicated that plans were laid for improvements or that they were already underway.

The following are some excerpts from the questionnaires:

"The answers were not 'yes' when we came, but we ourselves built in all kinds of work helps and storage."

"Basic items of furniture might be supplied by the Churches to a much larger degree than they now are. Caution should be taken that such items are not community castoffs but good, substantial, and reasonably modern pieces. Observation shows that a good deal of parsonage furniture is not fit to live with."

"More attention needs to be given to the provision of adequate closet space in the parsonage."

"Whenever there is any possibility of doing so, a piano should be provided in the parsonage. A piano is an essential, and many pastors cannot afford to buy their own, nor to ship it from place to place when moving."

"I would especially like the study moved from the parsonage to the Church. This would do away with many unprofitable, though pleasant, distractions at the parsonage, and allow the pastor to study and work in solitude."

"We are putting on a new roof and making a new chimney, and there will be considerable redecorating inside the parsonage."

"One item needed in many parsonages, and in ours, is bathroom facilities on the first or main floor. Many times it is awkward to take guests to the family bathroom on the second floor."

"Our lawn is adequate in size for a sociable group of a hundred people; but there is no outside lighting and no way in which a set of lights might be connected to supply the experience of three winters ago. I borrow outside light, and if a greater percentage did, it would not be necessary for the pastor to have this heavy furniture moved every time he changes parishes."

FOREIGN MISSIONS IN THE DEVELOPING NATIONAL COUNCIL

The proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America as designed by the 1944 constitution will have basic representatives and one additional lay representative. One of these representatives will be a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council. One half of these representatives should be appointed by the boards and agencies of the member denominations according to the proposed constitution. One of the strengths of the new body will be more efficient channeling of the actual doing of the agencies of the denominations and not simply of the conferences or conventions as legislative bodies.

Representative quotas will be determined by the number of "communiting" members (adult believers) although the Division of Foreign Missions will determine its members from quotas based on amount of work in any area.

Alternates are to be appointed where desired who will serve in the general assembly and division assemblies, etc., in case of inability of representatives to participate.

The developing National Council for the Churches of the United States seems to be in harmony with the ecumenical movement. It is basic Protestant cooperation by National Christian Conferences of many lands since the middle of the last century. It provides the possibility of more effective Protestantism in America because it brings together the working agencies of our major denominations within a representative yet responsible federation. It can forge ahead in the Master's kingdom work if we all take a responsible part in expressing our faith in "Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour," recognizing many imperfections but yielding together to God's purpose of saving all men, using our lives to help. The council can greatly enlarge the possibilities of the American Churches working together with other national Protestant groups as well as sending workers and supplies to them. It can draw together the educational, missionary, and service activities. It will be a positive step forward in the Christian Church.
functions of our Protestant Churches in a tremendous response to Christ's Great Commission, if we will recognize the largeness of God's kingdom and the importance of our own denomination in the great ecumenical movement. The new council can grow along with Protestant movement fast. We firmly believe that the spirit of cooperation and efficiency will be enhanced by the organization of the National Council. It is scheduled to occur at the Constituting Convention, November 26 - December 2, 1950, at Cleveland, Ohio. D. C. S.

PROTESTANT RALLY IN NEW ZEALAND

From a recent letter dated March 29, from Auckland, New Zealand, Rev. Frances Johnson reports: "We are carrying on the work, looking forward with renewed interest to the coming evangelistic Outing. One Sunday night I held a Protestant rally, speaking on the errors of the Church of Rome and the necessity of salvation. I told two strangers outside of our own members attended and we had quite a good meeting. "You will be sorry to hear of the death of Pastor Asvatham, our Indian missionary (Nazareth, South India). We do pray God that He will raise up another worker for his service. Pastor Asvatham gave a life of service to the truth he loved so well; his courage was great amid hardships and privation. We do praise the Lord for his whole life. "I feel that this message of Sabbath truth must go to all the world. What is our board doing about Italy? By the way, I believe the leader of the independent Sabbathkeepers in Poland is coming to Australia. I do hope I can contact him and win him for our work. I believe Brother Ballinger and Pastor McPachy might be able to help in this matter."

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Youth to Take a Hand for ICU

Just as the International Christian University is designed to have a great impact on the youth of Japan, even so the youth of America are feeling the momentum of the undertaking through their plans to aid in the $10,000,000 project. All over the United States and Canada there is a quick-loving of the coming on of interest and the desire to take a leading part in getting out "the vote for peace and good will" in ICU Week, April 19 to 26, and in making a gift as a token of what the friendship of American youth really can mean.

Eminent Americans and Canadians Are ICU Fund Sponsors

When the International Christian University $10,000,000 Fund Campaign opens on the day after Easter, April 9, it will have behind it a most influential group of Americans and Canadians. Nearly 140 prominent people have already promised to serve as sponsors. Representing 28 states and the District of Columbia and several provinces of Canada, this sponsoring committee includes United States senators and representatives, a number of State governors, ranking officers of the Army and Navy, editors of influential newspapers, bishops and moderators of the major Churches, labor and industrial leaders, lawyers of wide reknown - a cross section of the upper strata of the men and women whose prestige is greatest in North America.

Many Letters of Endorsement

From nearly all of those who have accepted membership have come letters expressing the undertaking of the undertaking of JICUF to establish in Japan a university that will play such a valuable part in making that nation's democratic and great friend of the rest of the world.

The $10,000,000 campaign to be carried on in the seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost. By the end of the campaign, it is estimated, the $10,000,000 Yen ICU Fund by more than 5,000,000 yen, are
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS NOTES

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers
President, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

Yesterday was National Christian College Day on the calendar of some Churches. College associates become life-long friends. And friends are as influential many times as they are worthy for good or ill. Does your Church have a future in the leaders being trained in Christian colleges?

We are prompted to pay tribute to the late Velma Davis of Lost Creek, W. Va. She was a teacher in public schools by profession and in Church schools by choice. In both she gave completely of herself to others. For her there were no reservations in the response she gave to Him who said, "Go teach."

"Sometimes I think our children get too many papers. I would prefer they get one good paper with the lesson and maybe one story. The Sabbath Visitor is a fine paper, and it is yours!" — Mrs. Gladys Randolph, Milton, Ws.

National Family Week is coming up early in May. Plan what you can do to make your family ties stronger. God works through homes to build, through devoted homes, through modest homes, through genuine families, through brave families. He works even through unkindness when family help takes the shock.

Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, secretary-elect of the Board of Christian Education, met with the board on April 16 to discuss plans for beginning his work the last day of May. He will commence at the Hartford Theological Foundation, Hartford, Conn., before moving to R. D. 2, Coudersport, Pa., where he will occupy the First Hebron Church parsonage while carrying on a study of religious education in the Church and community there.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

SALEM, W. VA., AUGUST 22-27, 1950

WORLD CONVENTION
ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

From Angola and Venezuela, from Australia and the Fiji Islands, from the Bible lands, the Gold Coast, and behind the Iron Curtain, from Kenya, Pakistan, Thailand, and many other countries will come 5,000 delegates to the World Convention on Christian Education at Toronto, Canada, next summer.

Church school leaders, children, youth, and adult guidance experts, ministers, and laymen from nearly 70 nations will attend the mid-century convention from August 10 through 16, sponsored by the World Council of Christian Education, according to Dr. Forest L. Knapp, general secretary.

The theme will be "Jesus Christ — Teacher and Lord." Among the more than 300 speakers, leaders of worship and discussion groups, and others in responsible positions are the following world-known Christian educators: Lord MacBook, of England, president of the W. C. C. E., and chairman of the National Savings Movement in the United Kingdom; Dr. Charles Malik, of Lebanon, president of Beirut University, chairman of the Assembly of the W. C. C. E., and dean emeritus of the Yale Divinity School; Bishop Stephen C. Neill, of England, assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury; General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Dr. Charles Malik, of Lebanon, president of Beirut University in the United Nations, and former chairman of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); C. W. McR. of China, chairman of the World Christian Youth Commission, and formerly on the staff of the World's Alliance of the Young Men's Christian Association, associated with mission societies and leaders from India, Canada, Switzerland, Mexico, Japan, and the Fiji Islands.

Special features of the convention include a mass youth service of witness; a vesper service at the statue of Robert Raikes, founder of the modern Sunday school movement; national and international symposiums; regional gatherings; recreation; morning worship services; and international choirs at evening plenary sessions.

Films and other audio-visual aids will be prominent in the many sessions of the convention. Paper pictures, charts, filmstrips, and slides are being gathered from all parts of the world. Filmstrips are being prepared for premier showing at the convention.

Morning sessions will feature delegates divided into groups, to consider the effect of the contemporary world upon Christian education.

Afternoon sessions will see the four groups further divided into two sections each. One will introduce visual aids and literature on special topics for each group; the other will feature exhibits, demonstrations, examination of materials, and making of new friendships.

On five evenings the 5,000 or more delegates will meet in the auditorium of the Canadian Exposition Park for worship, fellowship singing, with familiar hymns in different languages; dramatic episodes; and addresses by notable Christian leaders from different continents.

Included in the convention will be the 22nd Quadrennial Convention of the United World Council of Religious Education, previously scheduled for 1951 — International Council of Religious Education Release.

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rowed an electric pump . . . borrowed help to carry the bags . . . headed for the front lawn for a skating rink. The result? Untold satisfaction in providing a clean, wholesome, supervised recreation, and the hearty appreciation of all the youngsters in the neighborhood."

Parsonage improvements planned. We are planning and are raising money for another bedroom and a large living room, also kitchen cabinets.

The "Home of the Rural Pastor" contains a full interdenominational survey with plans for building, suggestions for improvement, ways to make the parsonage more effective, etc. The pamphlet may be obtained from Ralph A. Felton, Drew University, Madison, N. J., at 40 cents each or three for one dollar.

Melvin G. Nida.

Alfred, N. Y., March, 1950.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mrs. P. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am eleven years old and am in the sixth grade. I have two sisters and two brothers. Barbara is three years old, Bobby is four years old, and Billy will be two years old on May 15. We go to Sabbath school and like it very much. There are four other pupils in our class. My teacher is Mrs. Wallace Greene. We also have parties, including roller skating parties.

I guess I will have to study my Sabbath school lesson.

May God bless you.

Vivian Louise Bonser
R. R. 1, Dodge Center, Minn.

Dear Vivian:

It was good to receive your letter and to learn about your nice family. Barbara and Barbara must be happy playmates, judging from your ages, and the same will be true of Bobby and Billy as they grow older. We have just been enjoying a trip from our son and his family from Bridgeton, N. J. They got here soon after ten o'clock last Wednesday night, April 5, and started for home soon after the nine o'clock whistle blew Sabbath night. It was our first sight of their darling baby Katie, just five months old March 27. Her older sister and brother think she is wonderful and I, of course, agree with them.

They had only been here a few minutes when, to their dismay of us all, we discovered that six-year-old Kristie was coming down with chicken pox, though he hated to own up to it. He kept saying, "I didn't have chicken pox."

It sort of spoiled the visit for him as he had planned to stay nights with a little friend, the son of one of our near neighbors, and besides, he didn't like being cooped up in the house, especially as he wasn't very sick.

Roller skating parties must be a lot of fun. I don't believe my thirteen-year-old granddaughter, Joyce, would rather roller skate than eat.
Don't forget to write often.
Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am a little girl seven years old. I come over to my grandma's and read the Children's Page, so I thought I would write you a letter.

I am in the second grade. I like to read. I live close to school. The Church is just a little way from my home. I like Sabbath school.

I have a brother whose name is Bruce. I like to play with him.

Your friend,
Janet Lippincott.

Milton, Ws.

Dear Janet:

I'm pleased that you enjoy reading the Children's Page enough to do your part to make other children enjoy reading it and do hope I'll receive many good letters from you. Please send your letters directly to me after this instead of to the Recorder.

I'm glad you like to read, for in doing so, you can spend many happy hours. Little Kristie's chicken pox was more bearable when we were able to read and to be read to. He likes to read the funnies — that is, the really nice, ones. Do you?

My favorite playmate when I was a little girl was my own brother, too. We lived on a farm just a short distance from the country school, so of course we had other friends, but we enjoyed our fun at home best of all. My brother now lives in Alberta, Canada, and I haven't seen him in a long, long time, but I often hear from him.

My granddaughter, Joyce, has a new dog which she has named Cheeko. Isn't that a funny name for a doggie? Now her sister Gretchen thinks she must have a kitty. What do you think?

I heard the other day about a little girl who was surprised to find a nice white kitty at the front door begging to be let in. Her mother said she could have it for herself if no one else claimed it. At first she was very happy, but the kitty was playful and loving. But one day she came crying to her mother and said the kitty was bad and had scratched her. "Did you do anything to the kitty to make her scratch you?" asked her mother. "I only pulled her tail," answered the little girl.

"It must have hurt the poor kitty," said her mother. "If you are kind to the kitty, I'm sure she will be kind to you." The little girl hung her head and said, "I won't pull her tail any more, lady." Your loving Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS
PLAINFIELD, N. J. — The 112th annual business meeting of the Plainfield Church was held in the sanctuary on April 2, 1950.

The pastor's report revealed a modification in the order of the morning worship to add interest to that service. He also reported that as a result of the directory notice in the Plainfield Courier-News and the news items on church activities, an interested person has started coming to the prayer meetings and morning worship.

The pastor was re-elected for two years.

Highlights from the report of the advisory committee reveal the rendition of parts of Handel's "Messiah" in mid-December in which residents of the community participated. This project was successfully consummated under the capable direction of Dr. Howard S. Savage, choir director. The committee also aided in the visitation campaign last fall of church members who have failed to attend for a long time. Much enthusiasm and interest was engendered.

The Pro-Con group, young adults in the Church, has helped to initiate the raising of funds to replace pew cushions. The succeeding project will be the recarpeting of the sanctuary.

The Sabbath school showed an increase in membership. The primary department under the able leadership of Miss Lucy H. Whitford is filling an important need in Bible instruction of preschool children.

A chicken supper was tastefully prepared by Mrs. Henry A. Poulin and her committee, which followed the afternoon session.

— Frederick J. Bakker, Reporter.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Special evangelistic services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church the weekend of March 21, beginning Thursday evening. Visitors in charge were a quartet, Willard Wells, William Saunders, Deryl White, and Roy Davis. Two pastors were also present, Rev. the offices of Saunders of Denver, Colo., and Rev. Leland E. Davis of Boulder, Colo.

There were sermons both Sabbath and Sunday mornings and afternoons, given by these and other persons. Several selections were sung by the quartet, the theme was, "The Christ of the Cross."

Dinners were served at the Church both days, under the leadership of the social directorship of the Church, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson. The food was brought by the members. On Sabbath evening the singers called on shut-ins and sang to them.

One carload of visitors left for their homes Sunday evening and the others remained until Monday morning.

This is an evangelistic project started in the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Boulder last October at an associational meeting and several similar teams will come from Nortonville, Kan., and that a team will go out from the local Church to Kansas and Colorado. — Myra T. Barber, Correspondent.

Resolved, That while this life leaves a vacancy which will be deeply felt by all connected with this organization and which proves a serious loss to both the community and the Church, we will continue to hold her life of faith and service in grateful remembrance; and be it further

Resolved, That we do say with her this Scripture verse from Deuteronomy 31: 8 which so dear to her heart in her last illness — "And the Lord, he is it that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." — T. Barber, Correspondent.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family with our deepest sympathy, a copy be sent to the Sabbath Recorder, and a copy placed in the records of our society.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

Marriages

Lindahl - Rogers. — Robert N. Lindahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindahl of Dodge Center, Minn., and Lois Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Jessie Rogers of Rochester, Minn., were united in marriage on February 4, 1950, Rev. R. N. Buress officiated. The new home is at 311 North 5th St., Austin, Minn.

BIRTHS

Perrin — A daughter, Brenda Rae, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Perrin, R. 1., Ashaway, R. I., on March 30, 1950. The young father and mother are both members of the First Hopkinson Seventh Day Baptist Church.

PICKETT, A son, to Mr. and Mrs. William Pickard of Washington, R. I., February 12, 1950.

Bogie — A daughter, Beverly Brina, to Lieut. and Mrs. Bruce Bogie of Battle Creek, Mich., March 7, 1950. Lieut. Bogie is stationed in Japan at the present time.

Payne — Douglas Alvin, on March 18, 1950, to Donald and Dean (Red) Payne of Dodge Center, Minn.

Bond. — Susan Rae, on December 4, 1949, to Raymond and Joan Bond, Dodge Center, Minn.

Cruzan. — Jonathan David, on April 5, 1950, to Earl and Mabel Cruzan, Dodge Center, Minn.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Anna Wells Holston

No one heart the door that opens
When they pass beyond our call,
Soft as loosened leaves of roses
One by one our loved ones fall.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our sister, Anna Wells Holston (Mrs. E. M.), our intimate mother in death, or by death has many years made it fitting that we record our appreciation of her; therefore be it

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Battle Creek, Mich.,
Seventh Day Baptist Church.
The Annual
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
MAY 15-18, 1950
Indian Trails Camp, Milton, Wis.

THE CONFERENCE LECTURES
7:30-8:30; Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings
World War in the Soul: A New Theology
Dr. David W. Soper, head of the Department of Religion at Beloit College, is eminently qualified by study and personal contact with contemporary theological leaders to speak of developing religious thought in a world needing spiritual guidance.

THE BIBLE STUDIES
9:15-10:15; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings
Sources of Strength
(1) Our Father; (2) Our Saviour; (3) Our Consolation.
Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, through many years as editor and author of The Helping Hand, has amassed a background of Scriptural information from which to speak on matters of primary concern to all pastors.

THE WORKSHOPS
1:30-3:00 and 3:00-4:30; Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons
I. The Practice of Private Devotions, 1:30-3:00
Led by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, pastor of the Salem Church.
Demands upon the spiritual resources of the minister of the Gospel are heavy, not only in counselling others but in maintaining a significant personal religious experience. This workshop is designed to challenge ministers to probe new depths of personal devotional living.

II. Methods of Sermon Preparation, 3:00-4:30
Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, pastor of the host church, will direct in this workshop, half of the delegates, toward a sharing and evaluation of the sources and methods each man utilizes in preparing to declare the Word to his congregation.

III. Radio Techniques, 3:00-4:30
For pastors interested in microphone practice, studio procedure, and technical speech improvement, Professor Herbert Crouch of Milton College will conduct a radio speech clinic. Pastors are urged to be prepared to choose between these two late afternoon workshops.

GROUP PARTICIPATION
The Evening Discussions
8:30-9:30, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings
Following each of his lectures Dr. Soper will preside at an open discussion, and be prepared to answer questions and pursue further any interest of the group relating to his central theme.

Viewpoints and Experiences
11:00-12:00, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
Mr. Sutton will be in charge of the morning period of shop-talk.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE
Morning Devotions
9:00-9:15, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings

Evening Prayer
7:00-7:30, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings

The Retreat
10:15-11:00, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings
A period for private prayer.

The Communion Service
11:00, Thursday morning
Rev. Hurley S. Warren will conduct the period of "Viewpoints and Experiences," and the Communion will be administered by Rev. Claude L. Hill and Rev. Carroll L. Hill.