New Year's Message From The Baptist World Alliance

The New and the Old

From the president and secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance to our Baptist Churches throughout the world:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Master.

Tennyson once described a journey of two people who were closely bound to each other in affection in these lines:

“And far across the hills they went
In that new world which is the old.”

Baptists are bound together by ties of affection in the common cause, which is one of the reasons why our Alliance theme song from 1905 has remained “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” We link hands and hearts across the oceans as together we face the year that is new.

For some of us there are new opportunities for bearing our witness — what stirring stories come to us from fields ripe unto harvest like those in Japan! For some of us there may be new difficulties and perils; but as we face them it is surely with the strength which comes to men and women who are linked first of all to their Lord and then in fellowship to one another.

But if we face the new, it is with the confidence we have derived from the old. Our world is indeed new in its methods and organizations, in the emergence of special problems; but it is old in its needs. The change from the last fleeting hours of a December to the gray dawn of a January still leaves us where we were as far as human minds and hearts are concerned. The world has not outgrown its need of a Saviour, nor of those who would declare Him faithfully, bearing in their voices the challenge of the Son of God and in their hands the compassion of the Son of Man. The finest greeting we can give to one another as a new year dawns is that which the Apostle Paul bequeathed to every generation of Christian men, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

So may our Heavenly Father make 1952 memorable for all our Churches. May the old gospel make the new year to be a year of blessing, crowned with revival and the honoring of that Name which is above every name.

F. Townley Lord, President,
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary,
Walter O. Lewis, Associate Secretary,
Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary.
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY NEWS

The planned retirement of Dean A. J. C. Bond of the Alfred University School of Theology and the leaving of Dr. Wayne R. Rood for another position were announced this week, effective June 30, 1952.

Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, chairman of the Board of Managers of the school made the announcement and added that the board has asked Dean Bond to continue as head of the school pending the appointment of his successor. Dean Bond has served for seventeen years, and consented reluctantly to carry on beyond his expected retirement date.

Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of Salem, W. Va., was elected to the school faculty at a recent meeting of the Board of Managers. He will enter upon his duties on July 1, 1952, and will strengthen the school as instructor of Bible Interpretation. Mr. Hurley served as pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Chicago, Ill., and Adams Center, N. Y., Churches before going to Salem and was president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference for 1948-49.

To further lighten the load of Dean Bond, the board appointed Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Dr. Donald B. Crandall, and Dr. Ronald I. Hargis as his assistants in Church and Sabbath History. Mr. Rogers will serve part time and continue as pastor of the Second Alfred Church, Alfred, N. Y., as an ex officio member. Rev. Melvin G. Nida will be on leave of absence for graduate study in the field of theology during the coming year.

The members of the Board of Managers elected by the trustees of Alfred University are Dr. Norwood, Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, Dr. Ben R. Crandall, Stanton H. Davis, Rev. Everett T. Harris, M. Elwood Kenyon, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Rev. Victor M. Skaggs, Alfred E. Whitford, Paul A. Whitford, and President M. Ellis Drake, ex officio. - Contributed.

Alfred, N. Y.,
December 14, 1951.

Remember the School of Theology in your year's end giving.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

DEERFIELD, COLO., AUGUST 19-24, 1952

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APPRaising OUR ASSETS

"You don't count them. You weigh them." According to Editor Ernest R. Bryan of the Christian Endeavor World, this is the comment of a leader in a larger denomination concerning the "great and noble service being rendered by the Quakers.

We believe that the same can be said of Seventh Day Baptists, "You don't count them. You weigh them." Perhaps we should allow someone else to say this about us as a people. Nevertheless, it does help to believe that the size of our denomination does not altogether measure our effectiveness in the kingdom task.

Our Greatest Asset

As we undertake an appraisal of our assets, we readily declare that the truth from God is our greatest spiritual asset. All peoples who are making an earnest effort to give and share the glorious Gospel of God have received a measure of the truth. No one group has as yet been entrusted with all of the truth. All groups which accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord have this one truth in common. Beyond this one truth, and even within the conception of it, there are marked and various beliefs concerning Him who is our One Lord. It may be that as Seventh Day Baptists we have allowed our preaching and teaching of the Sabbath truth to overshadow the basic, first truth, salvation by Christ's sacrifice. We do hold the truth of salvation by the Cross of Christ in common with countless Christians throughout the world.

Then, in addition, we observe the Bible Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, as do a number of other denominations. It is the Sabbath truth which almost solely distinguishes us from other Baptists.

The truth, in whatever form it may be revealed to us, is our greatest spiritual asset. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." John 14: 6 (RSV). And, "If you continue in my word, you are my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8: 31, 32 (RSV).

Increasingly as we know Him who is the truth and continue in His word, we will be His disciples, lovers and taught by Jesus Christ, is our greatest asset.

It is high time that we move forward boldly as a people in the realm of our greatest asset. All other assets are of lesser importance, yet they are of genuine value in teaching and practicing teaching and sharing the truth from God. Man-power is altogether essential. Money is necessary. Concordation is needed. Conviction must be evident. Courage is required. Co-operation is the keynote of any successful venture for Christ and the Church.

Seventh Day Baptists have been greatly blessed with physical as well as spiritual assets. As the midyear Commission meet-

VIA WESTERN UNION

NOVEMBER BUDGET RECEIPTS TOTAL $1,770.47. RECEIPTS FIRST TWO MONTHS OF BUDGET YEAR TOTAL: $4,137.27. FIRST QUARTER QUOTA NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET $10,956.25. NEEDED IN DECEMBER TO MEET FIRST QUARTER QUOTA $6,818.98. COMMISSION URGES YEAR'S END BUDGET OFFERING IN ALL CHURCHES SABBATH, DECEMBER 29.

ELMO FITZ RANDOLPH, CHAIRMAN.

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ing approaches and the second Planning Conference is less than two weeks off, it behooves every one of us to seek the help of God in appropriating our assets so that our plans may become a channel for His truth.

To this end, let us rededicate ourselves anew.

PLAINFIELD'S NATIVITY SCENE

(Guest Editorial)

In response to the pleas to put "Christ" back in our "Christmas," cities, towns, and villages all over the nation are giving ounces of extra effort to react in defense of the true celebration.

Worth mentioning as a practical example is the scene taking place less than a stone's throw from the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield where a group of industrious young citizens are putting a religious touch to the City Hall lawn. In front of the tall, traditionally-decorated evergreen, in a spot of more prominence, stands an unusual reproduction of the Nativity scene. Set off from the rest of the huge plot by a simple rail fence, the setting in row, was constructed by a group from the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Straw is strewn over the ground and real lambs play happily around the manger.

The chances are that this exhibit will attract thousands of visitors to the city this season. Topping that achievement, however, is the fact that Christ is at last gaining His place in Christians.

Barbara Warren.

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES

Pastors of Seventh Day Baptist Churches have recently received copies of the Universal Week of Prayer booklet from the office of the acting secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

The "1952 Week of Prayer" topics have been prepared by Dr. David MacLennan of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. "Seven Decisions That Shape History" is the theme around which "the series of seven topics or lessons has been written." This booklet comes highly recommended for use by the Churches and is available at 15 cents each, or 12 cents each in lots of 100 or more, from the Joint Department of Evangelism, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Truly, "the world today is standing in need of prayer." Universal Week of Prayer will be observed on January 6-13, 1952. Many of our Churches will join in this observance, thus opening channels for fresh spiritual power through the matchless privilege of prayer.

SALEM COLLEGE PRESIDENT SUFFERS INJURY

Word has been received that President K. Duane Hurley, Salem College, Salem, W. Va., suffered an injury as the result of an automobile accident in Charleston, W. Va., Thursday night, December 13. President Hurley was riding with a colleague when the accident occurred. He had gone to Charleston on business for the college.

The faculty and students received Christmas greetings this year from President Hurley by telephone at chapel Friday morning, prior to the college holiday recess which began Friday afternoon.

Since it is reported that President Hurley will be in the hospital for a while, friends throughout the denomination will want to shower him with greetings and messages of good cheer. The College Hospital, Charleston, W. Va., will reach him.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The December issue of The Church Woman carries an article entitled "Peace" by Miss Clara Loofburo, New Auburn, Wis. Seeing this item in a publication such as The Church Woman enhances its value manifold. Sometimes we fail to fully appreciate the quality of contributions by our own writers until someone else calls our attention to it.

Front Cover Picture

Seventh Day Baptist Church, Little Genesee, N. Y. See feature article on page 327.
Glory

"There is . . . the glory."

What is glory?

Glory is light, glow the dictionary says. God's glory shines or glows. A star-studded sky, the northern lights, earth in moonlight, a brilliant sunset — these reveal God's glory. Again, a soldier in a good cause, the glow on the face of a saintly mother in Israel, a mother's face at the sight of her new-born child — these glow a God's glory. Jesus on the Cross and Jesus in resurrection-glory reveal God's greatest glory. Moses' request to see God's glory is an astounding story. God's reply was: "I will make all my goodness pass before thee." So, sons and stars are God's glory, but they would not be if God were not good. They would be only "pride and terror." That is a different idea of glory: goodness is essential to true glory.

Consider the auto speedometer which clicks along mile after mile. Each mile causes a figure on the speedometer dial to change. Occasionally several figures change. Let us say that the speedometer stands at 19,999. When the next mile is recorded, that mile changes every one of the five digits — a total change. So, 2,000 years ago millions had come to earth, each one had made almost imperceptible changes as he came and went. Then Christ came and everything changed! Like numbers on the speedometer dial. His coming changed men's ideas of God who not only operates a physical universe but a spiritual one. Christ brought God to us in a new, deeper, richer way — a saving way. God's Son was God's greatest glory. You say, "Did He really change life much?" Look at our fears, perplexities, confusions.

A story is told of a preacher who, in Hyde Park, London, one day was asked what he had done for the world. A ragged, disheveled little man, whose face was caked with dirt, listened close by with a cynical grin. "Mister," he said when the preacher concluded, "you claim that Jesus Christ has done so much for the world. I would declare that it is biased by our own interpretations of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

available on this earth for two million years, and yet see the mess you're in." The point is obvious.

God's glory worked wonders — in people, in institutions, in the breadth of our sympathies, in the "quiet comfort, courage to heart and anxious hearts," in bringing salvation to sinners, etc. He has changed the meaning of these words: kingdom, power, glory. Real glory consists of goodness.

FOREVER

FOREVER — God's kingship, His power, His glory, forever!

How long is forever? How far is space? How long is eternity? How long?

Many years ago I heard this illustration: At a certain place there is a solid mountain of hardest granite. It is a mile long, a mile wide, and a mile high. Once in a century a robin comes and rubs its bill back and forth against that rock. When that bird has worn that rock level with the ground, the first second of eternity will have passed.

Such is our God. His kingship, His power, His glory are forever, eternally. How can we with His help fail in His service? "Rise up, O men of God. " Go forward!

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York — New York State's highest educational authority — has proposed that the fall school session be opened with a prayer and program stressing the moral and spiritual values that undergird the American people. The prayer will be: "Almighty God, we acknowledge your dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country. They believe that the proposal will have great influence for good. Catholics, Protestants, and Jews alike. The prayer would not be binding upon schoolmen, but permissive. Governor Thomas Dewey and many faiths have expressed approval of the suggestion. The American Civil Liberties Union, however, has been reported as opposing the proposal. It declares that it is biased by our own interpretations of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

ORDINATION AT LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y.

(Rev. Victor W. Slagg, who assembled the following statements, notes that the ordination service was held at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church, Genesee on Sabbath, November 19, 1943. The "regular service was held in the forenoon," he states, with the sermon emphasis falling on the election of new candidates. In the afternoon the "regular ordination procedure" was followed, which the ordination of Communion served by the new deacons and deaconesses. The Churches of the Western Show were invited to send delegates to the ordination council.)

Statement of Gordon Sanford

When I was asked if I would be a deacon in the Church my first impulse was to say, No. I thought of a deacon as an older person who, after many years of Christian living, had proved himself worthy. After much thoughtful prayer and consideration, I now look at the diaconate as a challenge to duty, and it is time some of my generation were willing to take on more responsibility. "I slept and dreamed that life was beauty. I woke and found that life was duty."

I was born, April 26, 1923, into a Christian home and am standing here today because I was brought up by Christian parents who regularly took me to Church and Sabbath school, and my early example of Christian living.

I also owe much to Rev. Harley Sutton as he was my pastor when I was growing up. It was he who baptized me at the age of 11. Mrs. Sutton, who was one of the best Sabbath school teachers a young person could have, had a strong influence over my life. I shall always value the training I received from the Suttons — they gave religion a practical value to young people who often put other things first.

Following my graduation from high school, I entered the Agricultural Technical Institute at White where I attended the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and was active in its young people's activities.

In 1943 I entered the Army and was assigned to the Army Air Corps at Caribou. While in the Army I attended Church regularly when possible and most always
took others with me, often those who would not otherwise go. Many times I have had men who have made no pretension of being Christian come to me with their troubles. It is a good feeling to know others have confidence in me. I think one feels closer to God through service to others. On two occasions I was stationed near enough so I could attend other Seventh Day Baptist Churches. These contacts with others of the same faith were very stimulating. It is a good feeling to know others have had men who have made no effort to go. Wouldn't otherwise go. And because I could not feel the exaltation when I went forward, I was sure it was because I wasn't good enough. Then followed a period of confusion, doubt, and moments of unbelief. It was under the feeling of exaltation as I began to think of Christ and my Church. I feel it is another opportunity for me to serve Christ and my Church.

In 1943 I was married to Wilma Seidhoff of Salem, W. Va. She is a loving and understanding wife, which is an essential to a happy Christian home.

I have never pretended to be a religious scholar. I have had stimulating religious experiences, but they have not given me a holier-than-thou attitude. My Christian faith is simple and trusting one that has gradually developed, and I can thankfully say, it is still developing from my early training. I have been through periods of doubt and misunderstanding but always feel drawn back to a firmer belief in and close to God. I don't believe a man has a right to say, This is my life — I can do as I please — for he is responsible to God, first; his family, next; his church, third; and himself. He should do only that which has no ill effect on any of those to whom he is responsible.

I believe in the power of prayer if it is sincere and from the heart. I do not believe we should pray for or expect easier lives, but we should pray for and expect more of ourselves. I feel, so, we may better face the tasks of life. Alone I can not accept the responsibilities of the deaconate but with sincere prayer and trust in God I'll do my best.

Most Jesus bear the cross alone, And all the world go free; No; there's a cross for every one, And there's a cross for me.

Statement of Mrs. John Reynolds

I wish to say that I came here this afternoon with the same sense of humbleness and unworthiness that I experienced when Victor came to my home and informed me that I was being chosen as one of the candidates for the deaconate of this Church. I have had a long time to think about this. I feel it is another opportunity for me to serve Christ and my Church. I want my feeling to be "good." I'm afraid that at age 39 I thought "everything is going to be easy now." I could not look ahead and see the doubts and the struggles that were to face me. When I was 18 years old I had lost the hope of ever being a Christian come to me with their troubles. It is a good feeling to know others have confidence in me. I think one feels closer to God through service to others. On two occasions I was stationed near enough so I could attend other Seventh Day Baptist Churches. These contacts with others of the same faith were very stimulating. It is a good feeling to know others have had men who have made no effort to go. Wouldn't otherwise go. And because I could not feel the exaltation when I went forward, I was sure it was because I wasn't good enough. Then followed a period of confusion, doubt, and moments of unbelief. It was under the feeling of exaltation as I began to think of Christ and my Church. I feel it is another opportunity for me to serve Christ and my Church.

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No people, if Christ meant what He said, were to be left out. So the Church sent its message not only to China and India with their teeming millions but to the Eskimos, the Bushmen, and the "Fuzzy Wuzzies" of the islands of the seas. President Henry P. Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary has given us in his little book, "They Found the Church There," the testimonies of our fighting men — of how they found in New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, in Tarawa, Kwa- jalein, Ponape, Guam, Saipan, everywhere they went, natives, whose ancestors had been savages, if not cannibals, but who greeted our boys with Bibles, Bibles taken to them and their fathers throughout the last century by the messengers of the Church.

At the last accounting the whole Bible has been translated into 185 languages, the New Testament in 241 more, and some substantial, although lesser part into still 664 more, so that 1,190 languages now possess the Scriptures — tongues enough, so authorities tell us, to speak the gospel intelligently to nine tenths of the people of the world.

So, quite evidently it isn’t fair to compare the distribution figures of the Bible with those of any other book when one considers just this feature alone, for no commercial publisher has ever had so great faith in any book of his to believe that he could get it translated into a thousand tongues and make men want to read it.

And what are the present facts? Every week the Church, despite the fact, the Bible speaks in 253,000 Churches, scores of thousands of Church schools, in military camps, on Navy vessels and merchant ships, and in language schools where people are gathered under the auspices of the Church. No best seller was ever accorded that recognition, yet that is the Bible’s privilege every weekend of every year, a practice which has been going on since our nation’s founding. And what I say of one language is true, in greater or less degree, all around the world. The Bible speaks literally every weekend and in between weekends as it is read aloud by missionaries in each country alone, the supplementing millions of eager listeners — many of them unable to read themselves — "from Greenland’s icy mountains" to "India’s coral strand."

But that is only a part of the story. The basic missionary enterprise of the Christian Church is to get a copy of the Bible into every man’s hand so that it may speak to him in the secret place of his own communion with God. It is this single, simple purpose that lies behind the inception and the vigorous program of the world’s Bible societies. The beginnings of the Churches, constituted for this purpose, the British, Scottish, American, and other Bible Societies, since their founding a century and a quarter ago have actually distributed over 1,075,000,000 copies of the Word of God.

Their policy has always been to seek out the man who otherwise would not be able or be inclined to obtain a copy. The story of the Bible societies is a story of brave, resourceful, utterly consecrated men, most of them natives of the countries in which the work, who follow the trails out into the hinterlands where forgotten people live, through the jungles of Africa and out over the burning sands of Arabia and the Middle East, up to the steep slopes of the Tibetan Himalayas, among the criminal tribes of South India, over the lofty mountain passes of the Andes and down into the steaming jungles of Peru and Brazil, to minister to the Indians living there.

Here in our own country, where, in spite of all our abundance of millions of people who have never seen a Bible, the Bible Society, as the agent of the Churches, seeks out the Indians on their reservations, the Chinese living in the Mississippi delta, the huddled colonies of foreign-speaking people in our great cities. When disaster falls upon the people anywhere — a flood, an earthquake, a drought, this agent of the Churches is there with his stock of free Bibles for those in need.

And this picture, as it is drawn today, is not complete until one realizes that it is the Bible Society, agent of the Churches, which, by the hand of the chaplains, ministers, and the Congregational leaders to whom it is in uniform with all the copies of God’s
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Word they need, skillfully prepared to meet their hazardous requirements. For though Jesus said, "He that believeth in me, the Bible Society has, with every care against wasting the books, distributed, through the chaplains, over 3,700,000 Testaments, 400,000 whole Bibles, and 2,000,000 Gospel portions.

And what of the future of this — the greatest publishing business of history? Everything indicates an unprecedented expansion. Europe, Europe, the Bible has been known longer than in any other part of the world, has not been in such need of Bibles for a thousand years as it is today.

Most of the countries of Europe will be enduring for months if not years more suffering than possibly at any time since the visitation of the Black Plague. Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr is one of the many churchmen who have come back to tell us that next to food, clothing, medicine, and shelter, the great need of Europe is for Bibles. If men must endure hardship, they need a guidebook and the Bible is that book, for Europeans especially.

The American Churches, true to their zeal, are trying to help the Bible is rising. The prospects of the whole earth, as it is today. The Bible is a book that marches to all the world. Men seem to take it to their hearts on sight. The Church is responsible for its distribution. The whole process stands outside the realm of merchandising. It is a great literary crusade with which nothing ever will or ever can compete. The task of translating, publishing, distributing, republishing every volume, will be the task of a lifetime. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. — From "The Bible Speaks to You," the Greystone Press, publishers, used by permission. Adapted.

THE STARS ABOVE BETHLEHEM

(Condensed)

By Maude Ethelyn Rose

"Tis night — and the Stars of Heaven Shone like a jeweled crown. While over its sleeping village The moon looked calmly down. Above the frightened shepherds They watched their flocks by night Shone a star of matchless beauty 'Round them flashed a dazzling light. The Star of the East moved slowly Above the shepherds — leading the way Across the plains to Bethlehem And stopped — where the Christ baby lay.

"Tis night, and the Star of Heaven Looked down on Mount Olive's brow But what serene and glowing we listen. "Tis the Man of Sorrows now. Upon the cross He suffered Our sins for us He bore Then darkness fell upon the earth And the stars could see no more.

Two nights — and the Stars of Heaven Watched and still shine on Through which to the lost and sin-sick world Deliverance was shown. Salvation now is offered Through Heaven's wide open door Glory in the Highest — Glory, Peace on earth, for ever more. R. J. Edgerton, Wis.

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OUR EVANGELIST IN NEW ZEALAND

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms, having spent some six months with the Church at Auckland and the following visits to South Island with Dr. Francis S. Johnson, were busy the latter part of October preparing to go to Christchurch for work there and on South Island with Dr. Johnson and Mr. Barrar.

The Excerpts

Tomorrow is our moving day and Emmett is still busy with legalities, therefore I shall write a brief report of the Church work here before we leave for Christchurch, then one soon after we get settled there.

Our hearts are yearning for the spreading of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ; more men and money to support their work. The fields are white and ready for harvest and the laborers are few.

You will be pleased to learn that the ordination service ordaining Mr. Tonge into the Christian ministry was a most outstanding event in the Anglican Church. Although Pastor Barrar could not be present, due to illness of his son, for which we were very sorry, the service was in every way very well attended.

Mr. Tonge gave a fine sermon including his statement of beliefs. Pastor Johnson did marvelously well giving the charge to the candidate. In the absence of Pastor Barrar, Mr. Bottoms gave the ordination sermon combined with the charge to the Church. He also gave the prayer of consecration. Mr. Tonge pronounced the benediction.

Just before the ordination service, Mrs. Tonge, the wife of the candidate, was received into the Church. This made a most perfect day. No doubt you will receive a detailed report of the service from the secretary of the ordination council.

Last night, October 21, was the closing of the Sunday services. Salvation now is offered is the theme, "Rebuilding the Broken-down WALLS." Text, "I am doing a great work so I cannot come down." Please forgive, but he put himself in the hands of God and He spoke mightily through him to the people. We all felt a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Then Rev. Mr. Johnson joined Rev. Mr. Russell for prayer. This prayer moved the hearts of the people.

The little Church has not made tremendous growth in numbers, but there are several additions and one restoration, since we came here but there are things of greater importance in some cases, especially where there are no churches. The Church has gained a more solid foundation and a spirit of optimism. The entire group seems to have a will to work and a burning desire to gain new members and to go into new fields of labor. They are raising a fund to send Pastor Johnson out on the field to do full-time work and at the same time are raising money for the building fund.

Our hearts are with these dear people and we really regret that it is necessary for us to move on just now but we are told that Pastor Barrar is greatly in need of help and people here are not selfish. As much as they would like to have us remain, they want to see us go to assist the group in South Island.

Pray that God will give us wisdom and strength to see and do the work most needed to help the cause here and at Christchurch and other places we go.

At Christchurch

A letter from Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms gives a brief but interesting account of the trip from Auckland to Christchurch where he and Mrs. Bottoms are now located. They drove their Morris from Auckland to Wellington, a distance of 500 miles. The beauty of the scenery was pleasing to the eye and we felt we never had a nicer drive. At their hotel route was down the west side of the island and they were in sight of Mt. Egmont, which is perpetually snow-capped. It is a volcanic cone, 8,260 feet above sea level. "It appeared as a dark cloud hanging in the sky."

The trip of 175 miles from Wellington was by boat, leaving at 7:00 p.m. and arriving at Lyttelton on South Island at 7:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms were met at Lyttelton by Pastor Edward Barrar. "The harbor was crowded with the Port Hills, through Dyers Pass into Christ-
THE SABBATH RECORDER

Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am seven years old and live on a farm near CouIDersport, Pa. I go to Church at the Hebrew Seventh Day Bap-


tist Church on Crandall Hill. I am in second grade.

I have a cat. Her name is Tiger. I have a dog. His name is Skipper.

Daddy has four horses. Their names are Molly and Nell, Jerry and Tom. I like the horses better than anything else.

R.D. 2, Coulersport, Pa.

Dear Michael:

I was happy to receive your letter and I do hope you will write very often. A cat and a dog can be fine companions for boys and girls but I agree with you that horses are best of all. I was a little girl we had a horse named Topsy that I called my own horse. I guess it was because she was so gentle and my father would sometimes ride her. When I was older I sometimes drove her to town two and a half miles away. Of course you have guessed why she was named Topsy; because she was all black.

My father always brushed her so thoroughly that her hair fairly shone. It is my guess that you enjoy helping your father take care of Molly and Nell, Jerry and Tom. But I'm sure you are not like a little boy named Bobby I heard about the other day. He handed his mother a slip of paper on which he had written: "Gathering the eggs, 30 cents; going on an errand, 35 cents; feeding the chickens, 35 cents; owe me $1.00.

His mother left the room but soon returned and handed Bobby a slip of paper on which was written, "Knitting Bobby a sweater, nothing; mending Bobby's coat, nothing; putting up Bobby's lunch, nothing; helping Bobby with his arithmetic, nothing; owe me nothing." Bobby decided then and there that his mother didn't owe him anything, but that it would take him a long time to repay all he owed her.

Yours with love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Roberta:

I know just what you mean when you say your little sister Carol is getting into everything. For there is a little boy next door who does the very same thing. He and his Mama and Daddy stay with me nights. His name is Jimmy Hurlbut and he will be two years old March 6. When he first comes over at night he hurries to my dial telephone and grabbing the receiver he asks, "Mama! Mama!" The other night he discovered my electric lamp which stands on the table beside the phone. It has two bulbs, and for the time being he lost interest in the telephone and began to pull the lights off and on. When we got him away from that he hurried to the small gas stove in the living room, put up his hands, and cried, "Hot! Hot!" Then his mother hustled him off to bed. When she called him he expected him to say as he did one time, "Who, me?" We all love the dear little fellow but he keeps us all guessing sometimes.

I wish I could see you in your holly costume. You will be dressed in green and red, will you not?

You do not give your last name so I'm not sure what it is. You see three or four Robertas write to me; one other in Wisconsin, as I found out when I examined the Children's Page in about fifty Sabbath Recorders. How about it?

 Lovingly yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Because of the first snowfall we are having cold weather. Have had frost a few nights since our coming to South Island and the wind blows cold.

It is with some surprise that we hear about the students who have gone to the farm near Coudersport. But I agree with you that there is no harm in spending a day or two on the farm near Coudersport. They are located temporarily at 159 Potomac Avenue, Coudersport, Pa.

Her name is, Jimmy Hurlbut. His phone is Grant 8359. He would be glad to receive any requests for further information.

BUFFALO FELLOWSHIP

The Buffalo Fellowship wishes to give an invitation to anyone interested in Sabbathkeeping and in seeking better financial opportunities in a metropolitan area to consider Buffalo. We are a small group meeting every third Sabbath of the month but very interested in growth. Visitors are always welcome. Our secretary and treasurer is Graydon Monroe at 159 Potomac Avenue, Buffalo 13, N. Y. His phone number is Grant 8359. He would be glad to receive any requests for further information.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

Two thousand college students from 600 col-

leges and universities in the United States and Canada will attend the Student Volunteer Move-

ment's quadrennial convention at the University of Kansas, December 27 to January 1. Two hundred students from foreign lands will also attend. "Christ's Kingdom — Man's Hope" will be the theme. . . . Since the movement first started in 1888, more than 13,000 students have gone out as missionaries. — W. W. R.
### DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, November 30, 1951

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### The Bible Went Westward With the Pioneers

According to the American Bible Society, there has been an unprecedented demand for its new film strip, THE GOOD BOOK. In production over a year, the picture illustrates the influence of the Bible on America. The large demand grows out of the fact that early users were impressed with the quality of both pictures and sound. The film, produced by The Jam Handy Organization, is in color, and the art work has attracted particular attention as an example of the high standards which the Church has a right to expect.

The sound includes some top radio voices. Specially prepared music was played by the NBC Symphony Orchestra. This unusual sound track came into being as a network broadcast of the National Broadcasting Company. As a service to the American Bible Society, permission was granted for its use in this film strip.

There are 89 pictures; 36 minutes of sound is available on either one 33 1/3 RPM or two 78 RPM records. For information concerning rentals or purchase, address inquiries to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

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### GOD KNOWS

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’

And he replied:

‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.’

Minnie Louise Haskins.

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Receipts in 2 months:

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Milton, Wis.

L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.