The Sabbath Recorder

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“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

The Helpers Sabbath School Class held a food sale in Oneida last week from which they realized $20. The Boosters Sabbath School Class held their monthly meeting at Sylvan Beach last Thursday night and all enjoyed a fried chicken supper.

Richard Warner spent last week at the F.F.A. Camp at Oswegatchie, a V.V.S. Central School agricultural award.

The successful two weeks’ Vacation Bible School closed July 18. A public demonstration was given Thursday night in our church and a picnic was held Friday on the church lawn. There were 114 pupils registered, 10 teachers, and several assistants.

Pastor Skaggs supplied the pulpit in the Baptist Church, Durhamville, Sunday morning, August 10, and will be the speaker at the last of a series of vesper services to be held in the Westmoreland M. E. Church Sunday evening at seven o’clock. — Correspondent.

LITTLE GENESSEE, N. Y. — At the beginning of the year the Little Genesee Church was without a pastor as Rev. Victor Skaggs and family had gone to a new field of work at Verona, N. Y.

On the first Sabbath was the usual communion service. It and the church service were conducted by one of our deacons, Mark Sanford, who is also a licensed preacher. The next Sabbath we were able to secure the service of Kenneth Smith from the School of Theology at Alfred. He served as supply pastor until June. By that time we had learned to love him and his family and were very reluctant to let them go to their new fields at Milton Junction and Albion, Wis. We tried by a farewell supper and gift to show them our appreciation of their efforts. The first of July our new pastor, Delmer E. Van Horn and family of Sistersville, W. Va., arrived to occupy our newly decorated parsonage and take over our church service. Our able chorister, Mrs. Leta DeGroff, and her choir gave us inspirational music during this time and our Ladies’ Sunshine Society functioned as usual with efficiency. Following the redecoration of our church auditorium last year has been the redecorating of the church vestibule and lower classrooms. Many thanks should be given to the willing workers for all these extra hours given for the beautification of our church and parsonage.

A wood lot of 80 acres has been given the church by the heirs of Dr. Walter Burdick.

Material is being prepared for use on our Community Hall and at Camp Harley. Our Vacation Bible School, which is usually held in July, is planned for August, awaiting the leadership of our new pastor.

— Lucy Champlin, Correspondent.

**Soldier Builds Altar**

What does a soldier do in his last weeks in the Army? Corporal Bertrand Remy, of Fall River, Mass., who was recently discharged, spent his last two weeks in the service building an altar for one of the chapels at Camp Rucker, Ala.

Designed by Post Chaplain (Major) Earl L. Mayo, the white and gold plywood altar and baldachin were constructed by Corporal Remy and other soldiers who volunteered their assistance.

That’s how one soldier spent his last two weeks in the Army.

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For Sale at Milton, Wis. — Excellent dairy farm of 96 acres. Prairie silt loam alfalfa (limed) soil. Coldest well water — endless supply powered by automatic electric pump. 10-room house, dairy building and cooling room, 32 ft. by 85 ft. basement barn; 24 cow watering cups, new milk house attached to barn with electric refrigeration; silo, etc. Excellent church, schools, black top roads, and other advantages. Desire to sell to a reliable Seventh Day Baptist. Terms 1/4 cash down, balance in ten years at 4% interest. Dwight and Beatrice Clarke, Box 71, Milton, Wis.

—Henry van Dyke.
Conference President's Corner

Jesu said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." John 12:15-16

The big news of the week is the observance of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. "The Greatest Bible News in 341 Years."

Why Gamble?

Rev. Hurley S. Warren

Now and then we hear someone say, "Life is a gamble. Look at the farmer for instance. He does not know from one season to the next what his crop, if any, will be."

There should be rejoicing in the heart of every Seventh Day Baptist, with Thanksgiving, that after a period of fifteen years' work by thirty-two outstanding Biblical scholars, the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible has been published. We are reminded of the truth from God is for everyone who will accept it. "You shall call His name Jehovah. He will be gracious unto you; He will lighten your light, and the grace of the Lord will be upon you." Isaiah 9:16

We maintain that life is an adventure, not a gamble. There is a vast difference. Of course one does not know from one day to the next what life may have to offer him. This much is sure — life can be an adventure and not a gamble for him. When a person regards life as a gamble, he disregards the purpose and goodness of the Giver of life. It is recorded that God made man in His own image. Certainly God did not gamble with His own likeness.

Likewise, the farmer cannot correctly be called a gambler. Is it not recorded: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

How well we remember the drought summer of 1934 in Central Nebraska! Not a sprig of grass grew in many gardens. Again and again we observed farmers up and down the North Loup River Valley cultivating knee-high corn, which would have been high or more. As they changed teams of horseshoes two or three times a day, they were doing their part in faith, hoping that the crop would at least produce fodder. Those farmers were adventuring, not gambling.

Sound investment cannot be considered gambling. People buy government bonds, others purchase stock in reputable concerns, still others place their savings in financial institutions to draw interest. Some people invest in real estate. Few men there are who would term such investment as gambling. Different indeed are they from the placing of money on a horse, from bingo, from the buying of chances at a raffle, from all the rest of the "skin games" in which the promoters are bound to win and all but a lucky few are bound to lose.

The best investment anyone can make is in the lives of children and young people, the future leaders and citizens of Church and government. In our college days at Salem there were several men of the church and town who took a personal interest in providing work for young people who went to Salem to attend school. They did at considerable sacrifice and inconvenience to themselves. Some of them experienced eventual severe financial setback because of economic conditions. A member of one of these families said not long ago that his father and mother often remarked that their best investment scholars was to be found in the lives of the boys and girls whom they had helped. Blessed is their memory and blessed are they "who follow in the steps of the patriarchs and the Lord their God."
to a life of Christian discipline. When a person accepts Christ as his Saviour and Lord, he trusts Him to help when he may be tempted to gamble.

Jesus Christ was sound in His economics. Therefore, His Church is built upon a sound economy. The true Church will not promote gambling schemes as a means of supporting its program, thus taking advantage of the weakness of its members whose character it is the Church’s business to strengthen.

**TRACT SOCIETY MEETINGS**

On Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1952, in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., meetings were held of the New Jersey and New York Corporations of the American Sabbath Society, the Board of Directors of the New York Corporation, and the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Corporation.

At the society meetings the annual statements of the treasurer as to the financial condition of the societies were received and the officers and boards were elected. The statements of the treasurer to the two societies are different, but the officers and boards elected are identical. While the New Jersey Corporation owns real estate, the New York Corporation, which is much the older, holds the endowment funds.

For expediency in business it was thought best that the assets of the New York Corporation be transferred to the New Jersey Corporation and it was so voted at the meeting of the directors of the New York organization.

The former officers of the board, with Franklin A. Langworthy as president, were re-elected and standing committees were appointed.

In the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Corporation a report of the committee on securing an editor was given but no recommendation was made as to the person to be selected.

The board voted to join the Missionary Society in subsidizing a radio program to be sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre Church provided that it seems wise to that board to do so after a three months’ trial period.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

One of the over 3,000 Bible observances will be held in Brookfield on September 30th celebrating the publication of the first authorized translation of the Bible in 51 years. The program, on Tuesday night, will be held in the Baptist Church at 8 o’clock.

The program is being planned by Rev. Fred Harding, Mrs. Marion Van Horn, and Johnny Grantier. Exhibits and displays are being arranged for by a committee headed by Mrs. Jewett Marvin — Brookfield Courier.

Two letters of inquiry about Seventh Day Baptists have been received by the pastor as a direct result of Conference publicity. The pastor and family are planning a trip to Montrose during the coming week, and if the Lord wills, will call on one of the inquirers as well as members and friends of the church who live over there.

Average attendance for the first half of this year was 65 at church and 14 at prayer meeting. — Denver Church Bulletin.

**Friends in the Storm**

It was sleeting overhead and slushy underfoot. People hurried along Forty-second Street with their coat collars up about their ears, hardly glancing at passers-by. A young Negro, carrying a heavy parcel in one hand and a huge suitcase in the other, hurried toward the Grand Central Station, slipping and skidding as he went. Suddenly a hand reached out and took the parcel while a pleasant voice said: "Let me take one, brother! Bad weather to have to carry things." The Negro was reluctant, but the young white man insisted: "I'm going your way." All the way to the station they chatted like two old buddies.

"Years later, Booker T. Washington said: 'That was my introduction to Theodore Roosevelt.' — From an old clipping.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

For October 11, 1952

Description of the Christian Life. Scripture: Matt. 5.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**DAYTONA BEACH CHURCH**

(From the second of the series of articles on our Churches and What They Are Doing, in which is included the suggested sermon.)

**SESSION**

To Pupils in Our Shanghai Schools

When I came back from Liuho, where I preached last Sabbath, I noticed the farmers working in the fields. As most of you live in this big city, perhaps some of you have not seen their kind of work.

Do you know what a yoke looks like? It is a heavy piece of wood, perhaps a foot and a half long, which is hallowed out on the lower side where it rests on the animal’s neck. There is a wooden bow fastened to this and going down around the neck.

When I look at a yoke I think of what Jesus said about one. You can read it at the end of the 11th chapter of Matthew: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; my burden is light." And then I think, too, how when Jesus began His work as a teacher, folks said, "Is not this the carpenter?" And I remember that a famous Christian who lived only about a hundred years after Jesus, wrote that Jesus used to make plows and yokes. I remember, too, that when we visited Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up, we saw boys working in a carpenter shop. So I like to think of the boy Jesus making yokes under Joseph’s teaching. He used a saw such as a Chinese carpenter uses — a narrow blade fastened in a frame. It was not like a foreign handsaw, but more like the backsaw I used when we boys had to cut wood to burn in the stove. I am almost sure He made the wood smooth with a drawing-knife — a short blade with a handle at each end — not with a plane as an American carpenter would do it. And I am very sure He made it very smooth so that it would not hurt the beast’s neck.

But in one way the yokes we saw in use on oxen in Palestine, and the yokes I used to see in America when I was a boy, were quite different from the yokes you can see in this country. Those were all double yokes — yokes for two oxen working side by side. I believe that when Jesus said, "Take my yoke" He meant that He would be working beside us in pulling the load. Our Lord does not take all burdens from His followers, but He does share them with us.

Let’s look at it in another way. You know the Chinese farmer usually carries his products to market in two baskets, one in front and one behind him, at the ends of a short pole over his shoulder. But if he has something too heavy for that — perhaps a big pig — two men
carry it hanging on a pole on their shoulders. Every day you see a man, the cook, carrying two baskets — what you call `t'iau' them. And often you see two men carrying three baskets. But I wonder if you have seen a man and a boy carrying some heavy load between them. Have you noticed that when they do the load does not hang from the middle of the pole, but nearer to the man? Why is that? So that the man who will have the heavy part of the load and his boy the lesser weight of course.

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The church and the early Sabbath schools owe a debt that no human mind can estimate to the consecrated enthusiasm of David D. Rogers who lived here from 1874 till his death in 1919, and to his family. He was one of the founders of this city as well as of our Seventh Day Baptist work. Throughout the years that family has been largely responsible for all that has been done. At present, when most of the family live elsewhere, two daughters, a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter render such support, moral and material, that it is difficult to imagine how the church could get on without them.

The church has never secured many members from native fields. When Rev. Elizabeth Randolph was pastor she brought a considerable number of children into the Sabbath school, but none of them are now active in the church. Since there is no longer a nucleus of Rogers' children or grandchildren we seldom have a primary department except when they come home to visit mother.

If anyone is inclined to think that this is a dying church it is suggested that he consult the notice of the Board of Trustees of the Denominational Budget, as reported by Treasurer Van Horn in the Recorder.

If any of our friends have the desire to escape the snow and ice and wintry winds so soon to vex the North, they are invited to write to us for information and we shall be glad to answer them.

Sabbath Recorder subscribers are: L. Emilie Babcock, Jay W. Groof, Mrs. Edmund E. Gaver, Mrs. B. M. Morgan, Mrs. Charles M. Rogers, Dr. M. Josie Rogers, George A. Main, Mrs. Less Finch, and Earl Burdick.

J. W. C.

A RUNNING REVIEW OF CONFERENCE
Rev Hurley S. Warren
President O. B. Bond called the General Conference to order promptly at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 19, in the sanctuary of the Broadway Baptist Church, Denver, Colo. The theme chosen by Mr. Bond was "Experience with God."

Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, pastor of the Deering Seventh Day Baptist Church, welcomed us as delegates in the name of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ. He welcomed us to "cool Colorado. The bright, sunny morning was quite a contrast to the opening morning of Conference in the same place eleven years before.

Rev. Mr. Dickinson referred to the late Editor Herbert C. Van Horn's account, in the Sabbath Recorder, of the downpour of rain in Colorado Springs and the heavy fog over Denver at that time. Pastor Dickinson concluded his address of welcome by declaring his expectation that we would receive an enlarged "Experience with God," and that those present had such an experience.

Dr. E. Keith Davis, as a layman of the Denver Church, continued the welcome, stressing the physical arrangements at the Broadway Baptist Church. In beckoning us to the task ahead, and as a member of the Commission, he said, "Come on into the salt mines with the rest of us."

Chairman Channing Smith of the Board of Trustees of the Broadway Church brought a word of greeting on behalf of our missionary societies. "You are going to a great Conference in a great place." This proved to be true.

Pastor Zwiebel concluded, "Problems we have, but let us not allow them to prevent us from availing ourselves of the power that we have from God. Let us take the better look."

Following special music, "Cousin" Charles H. Bond presented "Cousin" Orville B. Bond with a new member of the Church, his son. Mr. Bond's address. This appeared in full in the Sabbath Recorder for September 1 and was also summarized, when presented, by Dr. E. Keith Davis.

The first business session consisted of the appointment of the usual committees by the president, upon the authority of the Conference, and the receiving and adopting of "reports of Conference officers and committees, boards and societies."

Throughout the Conference, the president shared the responsibility of presiding over sessions with First Vice-President Charles H. Bond of Wittery, B., and Third Vice-President Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles, Calif. Second Vice-President Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn of Dunedin, N. J., acted as be present. Dr. Paul C. Saunders of Alfred, N. Y., was recording secretary, assisted by Rev. J. L. Ballin of Salemville, Pa., in the absence of Charles F. Harris of Shiloh, N. J., assistant recording secretary. Other officers of the General Conference were: Corresponding secretary, Courtland V. Davis, Plainfield, N. J.; treasurer, James H. Coon; assistant treasurer, Forrest M. Branch; and treasurer of the Denomination, L. Milton Van Horn; all of Milton, Wis.

There were few changes in the Conference program as it appeared in a condensed form in the Sabbath Recorder of August 18. Due to automobile difficulty, Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms, recently returned from New Zealand, Australia, and Nyassaland, were prevented from arriving in time for the program of the Missionary Society on Wednesday afternoon.

"Conferences and Conventions" forum planned for Friday afternoon followed the Missionary Society program, and Rev. Crofoot spoke on Friday afternoon. A very limited number of persons scheduled to appear on the program were unable to be present.
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The addresses which were presented as a part of the board programs’ will appear in the respective sections of the Sabbath Recorder as the contributing editors and authors may determine. Other features of the Conference were covered by various writers. Some of these have already appeared and others will be published as they and space become available. Upon request, the former editor solicited sermons and addresses which were presented at Conference and which will appear from time to time under the conditions just mentioned.

Through the years a high point of inspiration has been the Christian greetings received from those who because of circumstances were not in attendance at Conference and from other Seventh Day Baptist conferences and churches which were not represented. Greetings were received by the Denver Conference from Rev. and Mrs. Jay W. Crofoot, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Rev. and Mrs. Alva L. Davis, East Aurora, N.Y.; Chaplain Kenneth, Holland, Mich.; and from the United States; it. The 22nd Annual Observance of Vacation Bible School for $3.50 a year. Each junior felt that his home Sabbath school could support at least one.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

The 22nd Annual Observance of Christian Education Week, September 28—October 5, 1952, will celebrate the most important event in biblical history—the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible after 14 years of study, research, and revision by 32 outstanding Bible scholars marks the greatest advance in the study of the Bible in 341 years.

The tremendous impetus given by the observance of this event among the Protestant denominations of the United States, a great development and increase in the study of the Bible. The Department of Publications of the National Council, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Ill., has a wealth of material of suggestive value in celebrating the “Observance” and the study of the Bible in the various organizations of the Church.

A man never gets what he wants until he is worth a little more than he gets.

Salem Herald.
REV. AND MRS. EMMETT BOTTOMS VISITING THE CHURCHES

Following General Conference, Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Bottoms spoke at the Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church telling of their recent trip to New Zealand, Australia, and Africa, and showing their beautifully colored slides. From there they journeyed to North Loup, Neb., spending the weekend of August 30. On Sabbath day, September 6, they visited the Nortonville, Kan., Seventh Day Baptist Church. A portion of Mr. Bottoms' report in a letter dated September 8 is as follows: "Attendance at Nortonville was good, a few more than a hundred present. I spoke to the Ladies' Aid, approximately twenty-five ladies, on Thursday afternoon; attended prayer meeting on Friday night; delivered the Sabbath morning sermon; spoke to the young adults' class in Sabbath school; and showed slides on the night after Sabbath. There were approximately eighty out to see the slides, and following the pictures there was a reception for the new pastor, Duane Davis.

Further itinerary for Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms is tentatively planned as follows: September 9 and 10 at Albion and Milton Junction, Wis.; over the weekend of September 13 at New Auburn, Wis.; September 16 at White Cloud, Mich.; and Sabbath, September 20, at Battle Creek, Mich. It is hoped that they may attend the Harvest Home services at Marlboro and visit the church at Shiloh, N. J., over the weekend of September 27. Present plans are that they will be with our churches at Alfred Station and Alfred, N. Y., October 4 and 11, respectively.

The account of the mission of Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms is of much interest in the churches, and those privileged to hear them and see the pictures of people and places visited have been benefited.

E. T. H.

A PERSPECTIVE IN MISSIONS

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The Sabbatical work outside his church under the auspices of the Missionary Board. Brother Hurley writes us that arrangements are already made by which he is to assist the pastor of the church in a most interesting at an extended campaign. (That pastor was Rev. T. J. Van Horn.) 10 years ago — in Sabbath Recorder of August 24, 1942.

SECRETARY WILLIAM L. BURDICK writes, "We have come to an important milestone in the work of the year. About five years ago the Missionary Board founded this society and its work has grown and increased through the century. At the time of its organization Seventh Day Baptists had no foreign missions and there were no Seventh Day Baptist churches west of the Mississippi."

Karl G. Stillman, treasurer, wrote, "At the present time about fourteen of every dollar this society receives from the Denominational Budget is applied on our indebtedness. At the present rate of reducing this debt, we forecast the fact that we will be out of debt in approximately five years."

Rev. Harold R. Crandall, president of the Missionary Society, at the 1942 General Conference at Salem, W. Va., stated, "We are here marking the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. It is a time both to review our past and to prepare to go forward into the future. The hearts of some burn with zeal and the hearts of others burn with the desire of Christ advance. Look forward to the desired goal and keep busy with the task at hand."

E. T. H.

CONTINUING WORK

Time goes on steadily. The sun rises and sets with unvarying regularity. The seasons come and go according to the plan of God and according to His promise: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." When you read this we shall have entered upon a new season. The summer will be over, the autumn is at its glorious height, the beauty of flowers and foliage will have begun. Summer has been a busy season for many; for some there has been a period of relaxation and rest. Church activities have been lessened for a time and now there is anticipation of the beginning of a new church year.

Seventh Day Baptists have experienced the highlight of their year in the General Conference. So far as humanly possible, evaluations of the year were made and forward-looking plans evolved for the future.

Everywhere the continuing work of the Church is receiving special attention in these times. Emphasis should be put upon this by every one of our churches. Every effort must be made, tenacity is required in visiting. One of our pastors has used the expression, "Every Pastor Own Evangelist." This is as it should be. In some cases another pastor may be desired to assist. Seventh Day Baptists are too small in numbers to employ a full-time evangelist, and they are too independent to be limited in their choice. Every church must use the method best adapted to its locality.

Our mission is to the world. Our work, in the homeland or abroad, is one. Our missionaries and workers in other lands are zealous in their labors together with us. The principles of our missions are to encourage and "establish self-supporting, self-propagating, self-governing congregations and believers' groups and to develop leadership from within their ranks."

H. R. C.

John Milton Society

The John Milton Society, a world-wide service to the blind, is doing a wonderful work in behalf of the sightless ones of the world. The Society is supported by the churches of the United States and Canada. It reports that there are 250,000 blind persons in these two countries, and 1,200,000 in mission fields abroad. It announces that "4,000,000 pages of Braille literature, magazines for children and adults, Sunday school quarterly, religious calendars, hymn books, and Bible stories have been published in nine languages and distributed free to 66 countries." A member of the Board of Directors of the Society. She has held the position for 26 years. — United Presbyterian.
DO IT

Ecclesiastes 9: 10a
Mrs. John Langworthy

Let us use three points in considering the text for the October devotional thought.

The first is the work we have to do. Each one has some type of secular pursuit. We also have social obligations which must be given some time and consideration. Perhaps the greatest work of all there is a debt and this may well begin in our work for souls. For each of us has opened the door to a future life; let us be lighted lamps and be about our Father's business.

Second, think of the manner of performing your work. Do you start it with a willingness? Is it easier to put it off until another day or push the responsibility to another? I well remember a sermon given by our pastor some time ago. He suggested that instead of shirking and dreading a job at a job, just say, 'I'd love to.' It does work. Join a fervent faith with faith and you will gladly accomplish it.

Third, what motive enforces this appeal for work? Life is so very short and each one can surely accomplish great things.

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Children's Page

Dear Recorder Children:

No letter from a single one of you this week. Was it because you have not written a story on your society or church. Our present age. Encourage our youth to find an avenue in which to serve even though it may seem very small. God has willed it.

The Lesson Bobby Learned

Once upon a time, in the country, lived a little boy whose name was Bobby Clarke. Bobby had everything to make him happy, but I am sorry to say that he was not always happy and so, sometimes, made others unhappy. To tell you the truth he never liked to do a bit of work and he was very cross if interrupted in his play.

One day his mother called, "Come, Bobby, please shell the peas for dinner. It's a very busy night. I am having so much fun playing with Dixie. I don't see why I have to stop and work." You'll have to help me, my little boy, for I haven't time to shell them myself, but I am sorry you cannot do it more willingly,"

So, grumbling under his breath, Bobby took the pale of peas out on the shady back porch and began shelling them, but he worked very, very slowly and kept thinking how abused he was that he had to work at all.

"I wish I were a bird or a bee, then I wouldn't have to work at all. I could play from morning till night,"

Just then he heard a funny little chuckle beside him and looking up he was surprised to see a funny little old woman all dressed in brown and yellow. She looked some like a bird and some like a bee. "Come with me, Bobby," she said with a cheery little laugh. "I'll just have to show you something, and then you'll see why you have to do all this work after all."

"Oh! I don't want to," said the startled little boy. But the little old woman, although she seemed so little and frail, was much stronger than he, and taking him by the hand she led him along so fast that he had to almost run to keep up with her. She took him a little way into the green woods and then stopped beside a large spider with two large black eyes. "Look, Bobby," she said, "these ants are busy building their nest. To Bobby's surprise he found that he could speak and understand their language. "Come, little robins," he shouted. "Come and play with me. I want to hear you sing, and I want you to tell me all about your nest, where it is made of, and how many eggs you are going to put in it. What do you do all day long? It must be fun to play all day." "Not oh, no!" said the robins, not stopping a moment in their work. "We cannot stop to play with you. Can't you see that we are very busy?"

"Dear me! Do you have to work?" exclaimed Bobby in surprise. "I thought birds had nothing to do all day but sing and play."

"Oh, ho! you funny boy," said the robins with merry chirps of laughter. "Of course we have to work and we like it, too. How do you suppose we would get our nest built if we didn't work? Then pretty soon we will have our eggs to take care of. You must take care of our little birds to feed and care for. We are very busy from morning till night. What made you think we didn't have to work?"

"Come along," said the little old woman, taking hold of his arm again. Although the little boy had rather stay and talk to the robins he had to hurry off with her. Their next stop was at a hillside where thousands of tiny ants were rushing around in all directions.

"Oh! Do stay with me, Bobby. You make me nervous rushing around so. What game are you playing, and what do you do in your funny little house?" She asked the little old woman a little worried about some little ant in disgust. "Can't you see that we are working as hard as ever we can. It will not be long before cold weather is here. We have no time to waste talking with you."

Again the little woman hurried Bobby away before he was nearly ready to go, and she didn't let him until they came to a large beehive where many bees were busily going in and out.

"Please stop, little bee and tell me what..."
you are doing; how you make your nice sweet honey; what good times you have.
You do not have to work, do you? cried the little boy.
"To be sure we work," said one busy bee.
"I am in such a hurry now that I cannot stop to answer your questions," and she was out of sight almost before she had finished speaking.
Then just Bobby awoke suddenly to hear his mother calling, "Bobby, are you
peeled yet? I am almost ready for them." Then how he did hustle. His
dream had taught him a lesson, and after that he did not grumble so much when he had to work, for he knew he had plenty of company.

MISSIONARY INTERESTS

Report of the General Conference Committee

The Committee on Missionary Interests recommends the adoption of the report of the Missionary Society.

In view of present conditions in China and our necessary temporary withdrawal from the region, we urge the continued support in its budget. We recommend that the Conference request the Missionary Board to do all in its power to provide the means for evangelism in the Southwest.

We further suggest that the members of this denomination be exhorted to spend much time in prayer and attend church services, and for the missionary projects which are undertaken.

Respectfully submitted,

Orylle W. Babcock, Chairman
Leona M. Malby
Sarah Beck
Mrs. Robert Lippincott
Leonard M. Clapper
Herslly S. Warren
Sylvia Beaton
G. W. Garthwarsner
Mayola Warner.

The penalty that good people pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. — Plato.

Nearly three out of every five Americans are members of a church or other religious body.

One out of three is a Protestant.

Religion continues to upset the nation's growth in population, as it has
ing the last decade. — National Council Outlook.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — So much has happened since my last report that I hardly know where to begin! Our new pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn and family, came the first of June. Prior to their coming the back porch at the
parsonage had been made into a kitchen and the whole house redecorated. Also the Ladies' Aid sponsored a shower of foods, etc. The second Sabbath they were here a welcome service was held at which time many other ministers came to take part in the service and meet the Van Horns.

A very successful Bible school was conducted June 16-27 with classes for children four years old and over. Marguerite Clapper, Evalyn Turpin, Mary Thorngate, and Pastor Van Horn were the teachers and nearly thirty children attended.

The Seminannual Meeting of the Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota Churches was held here in June. There were several from New Camburn in attendance and a fine series of meetings was held. There will be no meeting this fall since the North Central Association meets in August.

A dedication service for parents and babies was held June 28. About twelve children and their parents took part in this service.

The annual Sabbath school picnic was held at Clear Lake, Wasca, Minn., early in July.

The night after the Sabbath, August 2, a surprise housewarming was held for the pastor's family. Now we hope they really feel they are one of us!

A dinner was held at the church for the pastor's aid Rev. Earl and Mrs. Crusan who visited in town a few days en route to Conference. He showed slides of the children and Adams Center, N. D. as pictures of interest.

Last May Bob Austin came from Okinawa, where he is stationed, to take his family back with him. We surely miss them and we wish they could be with us.

In June Kirk Clapper was home on leave having finished his training at Great Lakes, Ill. He is bound for Japan now. Great Lakes will be leaving us in about a month.

We have enjoyed seeing these former members or residents of Dodge Center: Mrs. Gertrude Sanford, Milton, Wis.; Mrs. Coral Ling, Battle Creek, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bennett, Battle Creek, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Zuriel Campbell, Kent, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Daggett, Downer, Wis.

Pastor Van Horn is very much interested in organizing a fellowship in the Twin Cities. There are enough Seventh-Day Baptists and people interested in the Sabbath to make a fine group there. May we as a people hold up his hands and help in every way we can to further the work of the Lord in southern Minnesota! — Arthid Greene, Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — We had a very successful Bible school this year beginning June 9 and closing June 20 with Sabbath morning services. There were 33 enrolled. Miss Zella Babcock was the supervisor and intermediate teacher. Other teachers were Mrs. Marvin Stephan, Mrs. Melvin Hargis, Mrs. Ira Bond, Mrs. Douglas McCoy, and Mrs. Lee Stephan.

The Misses Darlene Crouch and Helen Bond were in charge of the children.

We were very fortunate to have Rev. Ronald I. and Mrs. Hargis with us for two weeks in May. Although we have been without a regular pastor for over a year, our church has carried on with everyone working earnestly together and attendance has been increasing.

We have been making the parsonage ready for our new pastor. The floors are finished and new drapes have been purchased and hung.

Last weekend Pastor Lester G. and Mrs. Osborn and Marilyn were with us. Pastor Osborn brought us the Sabbath morning message. Sabbath night the Young Married Class had a picnic supper in the church basement for them. Sunday there were 120 attending the Sabbath school picnic held in the Jack Zeck woods near Parmington.

We are looking forward to the arrival of our new pastor, Duane Davis, the 30th of August. — Correspondent.

It is better to be nobly remembered, than nobly born. — Church Management.
DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, August 31, 1952

Receipts

August 11 months

Balance on hand Aug. 1 $30.39
Adams Center 45.70
Albion 265.91
Alfred, First 350.25
Alfred, Second 623.06
Andover 31.00
Associations and groups 1,240.25
Battle Creek 3,155.35
Berlin 17.15
Boulder 71.64
Brookfield, First 199.00
Brookfield, Second 235.39
Chicago 40.00
Daytona Beach 522.75
De Ruyter 109.00
Dindhoven 810.11
Dodge Center 235.70
Edinburg 224.12
Farina 15.00
Fouke 281.20
Friendship 155.12
Gentry 15.00
Hammond 102.07
Hebron, First 14.48
Hopkins, First 169.75
Hopkins, Second 1,053.00
Independence 1.00
Indianapolis 41.00
Indians 21.00
Jackson Center 280.00
Little Genese 21.50
Little Prairie 6.00
Los Angeles 25.50
Lost Creek 181.70
Mariboro 1,100.38
Middle Island 9.75
Milford 581.35
Milton Junction 268.01
New Auburn 1,413.79
New York City, First 58.86
North Loup 17.23
North Loup 48.30
Nortonville 291.03
Pawcatuck 19.63
Philadelphia 283.13
Piscataway 3,091.10
Plainfield 94.00
Plainfield 254.50
Pottawatomie (Pla.) 4,687.96
Richburg 245.00
Richie 378.00
Riverside 191.00
Roanoke 2,603.43
Rochester 41.00
Rockville 160.89
Saline 1,161.86
Savannah 205.09
Shiloh 2,279.20
Stone Fort 28.00
Syracuse 100.00
Verona 768.90
Walworth 72.00

* Unmarked contributions in Conference collection.

Disbursements

Washington 13.45
Waterford 225.17
Welles 10.00
White Cloud 412.62
Wilkerson 52.59
Totals $3,953.41

Missionary Society $1,266.51
Tract Society 352.78
Board of Christian Education 747.03
Women's Society 17.02
Historical Society 101.38
Ministerial Benevolence 278.61
S. D. E. Building 116.18
World Fellowship 23.31
General Conference 597.18
Bank of Milton 2.38
Balance on hand 4.65

Totals $3,707.03

COMING EVENTS

Mid-Continent Association, North Loup, Neb., October 3-5, 1952.
Pacific Coast Association, Fall Meeting, October 11, 1952.
The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Churches will be held with the Plainfield Church on October 17 and 18, beginning at 7:30 on Sabbath eve, October 17.

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LET ME BE A GIVER
God, let me be a giver, and not one
Who only takes and takes unceasingly;
God, let me give, so that not just my own,
But others' lives as well, may richer be.
—Mary Caroline Davies,
in Watchman-Examiner.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

"The holy supper is kept, indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need;
Not that which we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who bestows himself with his alms feeds three—
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

—James Russell Lowell.