DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, November 30, 1952

Receipts
November 2 months
Balance on hand Nov. 1 $ 64.14
Albion 48.84
Alfred, First 402.81
Associations and groups 45.00
Battle Creek 914.04
Berlin 86.00
Boulder 95.14
Brookfield, First 35.00
Brookfield, Second 43.50
Chicago 40.00
Daytona Beach 32.50
Denver 55.12
De Ruyter 82.00
Dodge 43.50
Farina 23.13
Hebron, First 15.00
Indianapolis 23.13
Hopkinton, First 10.85
Hopkinton, Second 230.45
Independence 60.80
Indianapolis 30.00
Little Prairie 3.50
Los Angeles 79.50
Marlboro 300.00
Middlefield 21.65
Milton 241.90
Milton Junction 176.63
New Auburn 16.78
Nortonville 95.00
Philadelphia 44.50
Piscataway 42.50
Plainsfield 292.07
Richburg 63.00
Roanoke 16.00
Rockville 13.25
Salem 125.00
Verona 152.00
Washington 40.00
Waterford 28.98
White Cloud 124.20
Totals $1,904.60

Disbursements
Budget $505.92
Specials $141.78
Tract Society 198.08
Christian Education 274.40
Women’s Society 36.32
Historical Society 60.80
Ministerial Retirement 181.76
S. D. B. Building 50.88
World Fellowship and Service 9.60
General Conference 283.24
S. D. B. Memorial Fund 50.00
Bank of Milton, service charge 97
Balance on hand 2.10
Totals $1,603.07

Comparative Figures
1951
Receipts in November: $1,538.93
Budget 301.53
Specials 503.14
Receipts in 2 months: 3,904.46
Budget 563.64
Specials 979.89
Annual Budget 46,635.00
Percentage of budget raised to date 8.4%
9.5%
Totals
Milton, Wis.

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven."

The greater the self-love, the less the self-loveliness.
A prayer

These are the gifts I ask
Of Thee, Spirit serene:
Strength for the daily tasks,
And to give our church our full
Contribution, as I know
Their yearly offering, yet
I ask the more important,
Our own homes and communities there is much
That we can do, perhaps more than we
now think.

The subject of New Year resolutions
has become more or less a cause for jokes;
but the end of the old year and the
beginning of the new is time for serious and
prayerful thinking. May we find the
lessons the old year can teach us and, with
high aspirations and renewed faith, go
forth into the new year.

A new leaf

He came to my desk with quivering lip—
“Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf,” he said,
“I have spoiled this one.”
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave him a new one unsoiled,
And into his sad eyes smiled,
“Do better, now, my child.”

I went to the throne with a quivering soul.
The old year was done.
“Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for
me?”
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,
“Do better, now, my child.”

Kathleen Wheeler.
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Cooperative in this area. Leon and Robert Lewis, another farming couple, and Robert is active in the country American Legion
branch, work a chicken hatchery and Judson Stearns a poultry farm that supplies frozen prod-
ucts. Miss Ruby Clarke is one of the editors of the children's paper, the Sab-
batch Visitor, and so the list might be extended — hardheaded, warmhearted people.

HOW A CHURCH CAN HELP THE PASTOR

David D. Allen (Continued from last issue)

What should be said about the pastor's residence? Many churches supply a par-
song, manse, or rectory, and shoulder the responsibility for its upkeep. That is
as it should be. The housing of the pastor is the responsibility of the church in
spite of the hundreds of churches which shirk such responsibility.

Recently I was speaking to a board
member of a particular church that was
desirous of calling a new pastor. He
told me that the sexton had lived in the
parsonage for about fifteen years, and that
the first thing the new pastor would have
to do would be to locate a place to live
in a city that had an acute housing shortage.

The preacher's residence should belong
to the church and be kept in just as good
condition as the church building. Some
churches pay expenses in connection with
the pastor's salary, funeral expenses, gas and
electric bill, telephone bill, and fuel bill.
Churches will invariably find that it pays
in the long run to be generous with their
pastors.

Pastors, being human, appreciate a vaca-
tion. Occasionally you meet people who
jeer, "Why should the preacher get a vaca-
tion? The devil never takes one."
They overlook the fact that the devil does
not have a body such as we have either.
Jesus recognized the need of man's rest,
too, would need a vacation. Many assemblies give
their spiritual leader one week's vacation with pay and think they are exceedingly
liberal. Others grudgingly grant him two weeks. Yet I know of business houses,
operated by unsaved, men, which give
their employees three weeks' vacation with pay. There is no reason why a pastor
should not be given a month's vacation with pay. The church would benefit by
hearing his mind's vacation in the pulpit during his absence. Moreover, he would come back refreshed and
invigorated, with the church receiving the benefit.

We are all more or less aware of the
fact that a plumber needs his wrenches, a carpenter's saws, and a tailor his needles.
These are tools which are essential
their work. Just so a preacher needs
books. They are his tools. A preacher
leaves a pastor year after year and a saw may stand up for a carpenter as long. But a preacher
constantly needs new books, more tools.
A bookless preacher is indeed handi-
capped. He may not be able, on his salary,
to purchase the volumes he needs. He
should not buy books at the expense of his
children. A preacher building and poorly sho,ld kiddles speak ill for the min-
ister.

There is no reason why the church
should not place the burden of the pastor's
study and permit him to stock it with
the books he needs at the church's ex-
 pense. These volumes would be the prop-
erty of the church and would be left
behind when the pastor moved. The
church would soon detect new depth,
meaning, and vitality in the messages.
Thus again it would be the church which
would ultimately profit.

Many a man of God feels the need of
getting away from the field to listen
to others minister the Word and to fel-
dships with other Christian workers.
Large denominations by energetic official
boards have made a yearly practice of
sending their ministers away to a Chris-
tian workers' Bible conference for a week with expenses paid. The man variably returns with a new fire in his
heart, a greater passion for souls, and a
new appreciation of the saints. He
should not pass up to his library, and
poorly sho,hld kiddles speak ill for the min-
ister.

There is no reason why the church
should not place the burden of the pastor's
study and permit him to stock it with
the books he needs at the church's ex-
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erty of the church and would be left
behind when the pastor moved. The
church would soon detect new depth,
meaning, and vitality in the messages.
whereby they take care of their men grown old in service. They have financial se­curity when they are old and unwanted. Millions of workers are now covered by social security. It must be borne in mind that there are literally thousands of churches that are not affiliated with the large denominational institutions and therefore their pastors have no assurance of financial security. Neither is this vast host of ministers covered by governmental social security.

Some churches with unusual insight have made provision for their pastors by taking out an annuity and meeting the premiums. Thus when the pastor reaches the age of 65 or so he will have an income for life of a hundred dollars or so a month. The cruel business world has many firms that provide a pension for their employees. Should the churches do less for their pastors than the firms do for their employees?


ITEMS OF INTEREST

At the present time Salem College has more Seventh Day Baptist students enrolled than have been for 3 years. There are 26 enrolled representing 13 different states. — The Highlighter.

A revision committee in Tokyo is engaged in preparing a new translation of the Japanese Bible into Kogotai (collegial or modern Japanese). The work is being subsidized by the British and Foreign Bible Society in cooperation with the American Bible Society. The present version of the Japanese Bible dates from 1887 and its text is in classical Japanese. — W. W. Reid.

Commission Meets

Commission is scheduled to hold its midyear meetings at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, beginning Sunday, December 28, and continuing through Wednesday, December 31.

REV. RILEY G. DAVIS

Rev. Riley George Davis, son of Cornelius R. and Louise M. Sutton Davis, was born May 2, 1863, at Greenbrier, W. Va., and died December 1, 1952.

He was a member of the Greenbrier Seventh Day Baptist Church, which licensed him as a pastor. He later attended Salem College for four years and was then called to serve the Benson Church where he was ordained. He served the churches at Salemville, Pa., Scott, West Edmeston, and Syracuse, N. Y.

He came to Des Moines, Iowa, in February, 1920, where he spent the remaining years of his life. He is survived by a brother, Creed, of Wolf Summit, W. Va., an adopted son, George Davis, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, all of Des Moines, Iowa.

Services were held Thursday, December 4, at the Filcher Funeral Home in Van Meter, Iowa.

He was laid to rest in the Van Meter, Iowa, Cemetery by the side of his wife, Viola H. Davis, who preceded him in death by many years. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Davis.

COMING EVENTS

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held at Milton on January 16 and 17, 1933. — May Burdick, Secretary.

There really isn't any use in thinking there isn't any use. — Westerly Sun.
"NINE WENT AWAY"

Edwin Raymond Anderson

Ten men came to Jesus one day, ten men with nothing to be thankful for — they were lost in the pit of leprosy. With nothing further to lose but everything to gain they came, cried, and claimed His cure. Then in one glorious, blinding moment they had everything to be thankful for! Their leprosy had been cured and they had found a new life of restoration!

But there is a bitter tragedy in the very heart of this testimony of triumph. It is a tragedy which has been repeated over and over again down the long corridor of years, upon the very part and from the very heart of those who profess Christ. It is a tragedy of which YOU may have been guilty over and over again, and all without knowing it!

It is the tragedy of forgetting that an experience in the heart and life is always meant to exercise itself in the expression of the lips and the voice. A touch from the Lord is always meant to teach us to say, "Thank you, Lord!"

Only one of the ten men remembered and returned. The other nine just went away — happy but heedless; remembering to tell loved ones, no doubt, but forgetting to thank the One who healed them. They were like so many present-day Christians — so filled with the good things of the Lord, but so empty in returning praise and thanksgiving.

Perhaps these nine never knew it — perhaps they would have been frightened or humbled if they had known, but in a solemn, spiritual sense, they went away to form the charter membership of one of the most Christ-wounding societies on the face of this earth, which since that time has tragically grown to cover the earth with a membership that is not even aware of its existence; and even less aware that they are an active part of it!

The society? It can go under many names. I choose to call it, "The Ancient Society of the Thankless Nine."

There is only one mark for membership. When I call it to your attention, I pray that you will bow your head, humble your heart, and let a solemn hush steal over your soul. Here is the mark:

Just forget to say "Thank you" to the Lord — Jesus, whenever He has done some-thing for you. — From tract published by American Tract Society, 21 West 46th St., New York 36, N. Y. Copies may be secured from the society.

Churches in Shanghai

Churches in Shanghai today include about ten different Protestant denominations represented by 139 churches, according to the pro-Communist China Monthly Review, published in Shanghai. These churches are listed by this publication as including: Church of Christ in China, 14; Baptist Church, 15; Anglican Church, 12; Methodist Church, 6; Salvation Army, 3; Seventh Day Adventist Church, 5; Spiritual Work Fellowship, 36; Lutheran Church, 1; Chinese Independent Church, 23; and 24 independent churches. These figures are reasonably close to those given for the year 1950 in the reliable China Bulletin of July 2, 1952. — EPS.

Three Things

I know three things must always be
To keep a nation strong and free.
One is the hearthstone bright and dear,
With busy, happy, loved ones near;
One is a ready heart and hand
To love and serve and keep the land;
One is a worn and beaten way
To where the people go to pray.
So long as these are kept alive
Nation and people will survive.
God keep them always, everywhere,
The hearth, the flag, the place of prayer.
— Clarence Flynn,
in Religious Telescope.

Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

Letter:
Mrs. Grace Lewis Parsons
Testimony:
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferro

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