"The heavens declare the glory of God."

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.

— Henry D. Thoreau.
The Architect of Your Life

An architect complains that many of his clients come and ask him to design a house for them, only to let him speedily discover that they have fully designed it for themselves. What they really want is the sanction of their own plan, and the satisfaction of seeing him draw on paper what they have fully designed it for themselves. In very much the same fashion we often go to the great Architect with our lives. We ask for wisdom and guidance, like Solomon, but we have already planned how we will build our fortunes and shape our course; and it is not His way we are seeking but His approval of ours. — Bible Advocate.

Relief for Yugoslavia

Relief shipments from Church World Service and other American organizations to Yugoslavia have been "a substantial and deep contribution to the development of friendly co-operation between peaceful and freedom-loving nations," declared Milenko Filipovic, Yugoslav Minister Plenipotentiary to the U.S. Mr. Filipovic spoke at a luncheon aboard the SS Hrvatska, at which CWS presented him with 5,000 bushels of seed grain for Yugoslav farmers in the drought-stricken Upper Danube plain. "Such gestures," he said, "are the best expression and best ambassadorship of good will and understanding from friend to friend and nation to nation."

The already-acute food shortage there has been heightened, the CWS executive said, by a large influx of refugees who for months have continued to stream across the Yugoslav border from Iron Curtain countries. — Release.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

MEMORY TEXT

I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Ps. 17: 15

A Prayer

O God, we bless Thee for the joy of life, the wonder of life, the discipline of labor and sorrow, the glory of struggle and adventure. Life is a capacity for the highest; help us to make it a pursuit of the best, a winged and singing life in Thee, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all good life. — Joseph Fort Newton.

BIBLE CHARACTERS

XVII

The Hem of His Garment

In closing this series of brief studies of Bible characters, we are thinking of one whose name we do not know but whose faith was richly rewarded. Jesus was on His way to answer an emergency call. The only child of the ruler of the synagogue was dying. It was to be supposed that Jesus would do nothing but that He would hasten to make a path through the crowds that thronged Him to bring help to one so dear to this man prominent in the synagogue. No matter what His errand, Jesus was never unmindful of the needs of those whom He passed on the way. On this occasion when He felt a timid touch upon His garments He recognized it for what it was; an act of faith upon the part of one too humble to make an open request. But need was help. The response of His healing power was immediate and effective. The confidence of the woman who said to herself, "If I may not touch his garment, I shall be whole," was completely justified.

This woman who had suffered for years from what seemed to be an incurable malady was healed and Jesus was no less able to restore life to the little daughter of the ruler of the synagogue because He had paused for a moment to confirm the faith of one who was obscure and unknown.

The date set for Sabbath Rally Day is Sabbath day, May 16, 1953.
THE CHURCH AT ASHAWAY

In a sparsely settled wilderness, "in the midst of Indian wars, persecutions, and imprisonment," the Sabbathkeepers in Western Rhode Island held up the banner of Christ with bravery and devotion for forty-two years from 1666 on. During this time those pioneers of the Seventh Day Baptist faith and the group at Newport formed one communion. In 1708 it was thought best to divide into two churches, and 72 members organized the "westward" church, leaving 41 with that on the island. Within four years the number of this church had increased to 130 (not by migration). In 1808, one hundred years after the organization, the number of members was 764.

The new church was called the Westerly Church, taking its name from the township, which was later divided into four townships, the portion in which the church was located being called Hopkinton. In 1819 a charter from the state conferred the official title, "Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ Hopkin-
ton." In 1880, because other churches had been organized in the township, a request was sent to the legislature to change the name and make it "the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton." The request was granted, and this is the official name of the church at Ashaway today.

"Mother of Churches" is what the late Rev. William L. Burdick called this "westward church" in Rhode Island. A fitting name it is, for groups of members living in various sections, or migrating to other states, have themselves into separate churches. Rockville was organized in 1770; Second Hopkinton, at Hopkinton City, which had been meeting separately since 1779, in 1833; and Pawcatuck, in the city of Westerly, in 1840. In 1745 a church was formed at Shrews-
bury, N. J., by members of the First Hopkinton Church who had migrated there. In 1789 this church moved to New VA. The church building was sold, they packed their belongings, and migrated as a body.

In 1780 another group migrated to Berlin, N. Y., and organized a church there. The church at Waterford, Conn., formed in 1672, Longmeadow, N. Y., in 1797; De Ruyter, N. Y., in 1816; Verona, N. Y., in 1820; and Little Gene-
see, N. Y., in 1827 — all from groups who migrated from the Hopkinton Church.

But this is enough of the past. After telling of the hardships, the loyalty, the faithful witness, the evangelistic service of those grand old pioneers of the Seventh Day Baptist faith, Secretary Burdick said, "It is too late to legislate in the last sight of me. No better blood ever flowed in human veins than flowed in the veins of those who espoused the cause of God's truth to the last sight of life."

We do have a precious heritage. May we be true to this sacred trust!

Now the church at Ashaway is 245 years old. Its present meetinghouse was built

THE SABBATH RECORDER

A century ago. The membership at the end of 1952 was 190, of whom 60 are nonresident. We are five miles north of Westerly, Rhode Island on the New York and New Haven Railroad line, No. 3. The Second Hopkinton Church is four miles north of us. In Potter Hill, which with Ashaway is just one settle-
mint, there is a Baptist Chapel with a student pastor. We hold union services with them at Thanksgiving, Easter, and other times. It is a pleasure to have the two Baptist services; churches. A three-year-old Roman Cath-
olic Church in the village which has a large membership exerts a strong influ-
ence.

The interior of our church is one of the most beautiful in this section. The basement is fitted up splendidly for the graded department of the Sabbath school. There are rest rooms and an efficient heating system. The only fault we can find is that the church has so many empty pews. Our tower sound system sends out the gospel message with "carillonic bells" and other recordings on Sabbath eve and Sabbath morning and on special occasions.

Our immediate project is arranging transportation for boys and girls to Sab-
both school. So many people in our community do not attend church any-
where, and their children are growing up without Christian instruction. When we began this work it would be like asking our boys and girls to attend, but who are unable to bring them to the church, we organized a "Pick-Up Brigade," with cars taking turns going after them and taking them home. This has proved inadequate, so we are canvassing certain sections to find enough boys and girls to make it worth while to rent a bus. We shall give it a trial during March to see if the plan will work, and if we can finance it.

What For?

We have a beautiful and convenient building. What for? We have worship services and prayer and study meetings. What for? We have auxiliary organiza-
tions in the little school. What for? The accompanying cut of our colonial style pulpit with the open Bible is sym-

bolic of our slogan, "The Church of the Open Bible, the Sacred Past, I seek Thee, Lord," is our desire, and our prayer is "Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word." But we do not want to be selfish with it. We want to hold forth the Word of Life to those about us. We want our church to be a light-
house of the gospel and of the Sabbath truth. The church is the body of Christ. We would be feet walking in His way; hands reaching out to help those in need; ears listening for the cry of the helpless; voices speaking words of comfort and cheer; fingers pointing to Him who is the Way of life. We would follow the example of those who have gone before, and be worthy of our heritage.

Lester G. Osborn.

THE STORY OF MILTON COLLEGE

(Continued from last issue)

The Students of the College

An automobile hurries along the level highway in the grey light of the new morning. Suddenly the broad fields are left behind and the car moves down a village street, lined with neat and white houses. The car slows down, glides past a village green, wheels around a cor-
er, and on up a leisurely winding street. At last burst of power carries it up a steep hillside to its destination, a long drive-
way under a row of sheltering trees. The driveway runs in a gentle curve, four, five, or even six boys, laden with books. Another day is about to begin at Milton College.

Students come from Janesville, Edger-
ton, Fort Atkinson, Jefferson, Evansville, Stoughton, Whitewater, and way points, as well as from adjacent Milton Junction, and from Milton. They travel in family automobiles, jalopies, in buses, and even by foot or by the grace of a "lift.

In a manner of speaking, history is here repeating itself. When Milton was founded 109 years ago as a one-room select school, its pupils came largely from the members of the church in the region about Milton. By 1867, the year that
Milton was chartered as a college, it listed 355 students in all departments. Among these students were boys and girls from 60 towns and cities throughout the length and breadth of Wisconsin.

An Economical College
Milton College makes available to the young people of southeastern Wisconsin, an opportunity to gain advanced training at a cost considerably less than in most colleges of comparable rank. Its accessibility has opened college doors to many ambitious and able young people who might otherwise have been denied a higher education. At Milton a student finds a schedule of fees and tuition that is considerably less than the average in privately endowed colleges.

A Liberal College
Milton is a college of liberal arts which gives special attention to the preparation of young people for professional training. As a liberal arts college it carries on the fine tradition of scholarship which its first president, Dr. William C. Whitford (1857-1902), implanted and his successors have developed. Beginning, Milton has laid emphasis on the fundamentals — languages, science, mathematics, and history — and has developed through its School of Music a diversified curriculum in the musical arts. Milton has been from its inception a home of good teaching, in which the men and women of proved ability, have literally consacr­ated their lives to the education of youth.

A Small College
Milton owes a good measure of its strength to the fact that it has been kept to the advantages that accrue to a small college. Not the least of advantages of Milton is the abundant opportunity it offers the individual student to develop his personality. In the pleasantly informal atmosphere of Milton, students participate readily and naturally in campus affairs, and so develop a sense of leadership and acquire poise and self-assurance.

A Community College
The community is fortunate in having in its midst a college that is so well con-stituted to serve its young people, an institution which in fact has been devoting itself to such a service for more than a hundred years. Milton is centrally located — having some 30 incorporated towns and cities within a radius of 25 miles. It is ideally situated on a lovely hillside campus enclosed in six build­ings which are well equipped and adapted to their varied needs. But more than this Milton College, as a service, a tradition for unselfishness, and a will to co-operate which is ably represented by its public-spirited board of trustees, its faculty which gives generously of its time to public affairs, and its capable admin­istrators.

With such assets, consider the possi­bilities of Milton as a community agency of higher education. Within 25 miles of the college there are at least 100,000 persons, citizens of one of the world's richest agricultural regions and of a score or more entering towns and cities, within this radius approximately 1,500 young people are graduating from high school each year. Possibly half of these are equipped and ready to go on to col­lege. Many of them, has been in too another, cannot leave home to continue their training. If there were no Milton College here in southeastern Wisconsin, many of these might be deprived of any schooling beyond the secondary level; much as they might be worthy of a college training, it would be denied them.

Singers from the conservatory join with students and faculty in the annual Choral Union performance of some great oratorio. Men and women from as far away as Evansville, Jefferson, and Delavan have joined with those from nearby villages and cities in the public performance in years past of such great anthems as “Hallelujah,” “Eliah,” “St. Paul,” “The Creation,” “Hymn of Praise,” etc.

In the spring, the college orchestra, which President William C. Daland (1902-1921) founded and directed for a number of years, has been open to players from the community.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for April 4, 1953
Scripture: Matt. 28.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
DENVER, COLO. — Our church was uplifted and blest by the visit last No­vember of the North Loup, Neb., Gospel Temple, which has already been mentioned. We were glad to see the sermon, “Broken-Down Altars” (which we had requested), in print. What tre­mendous work should be wrought if every family would “Take Time to Be Holy” with their Bibles and pray every day.

Our Christmas program consisted of a play, “Christmas in Germany,” cleverly written and arranged by Mrs. Ethel Dick­inson from a personal letter she had re­ceived from a missionary. The choir, directed by Mrs. Geraldine Van Dyke, fur­nished beautiful music. Carols were sung to the shut-ins by the Friendly Class of the Sabbath school. The quarterly mis­sionary collection of the Sabbath school was given to the Nyasaland Mission in Africa.

The annual business meeting elected the following officers for the coming year: Maud A. Shepard, clerk; Neda Shepard, treasurer, Dr. Don Shepard, special agent, Esther Stanton, trustee for three years, Ted Turpin. It was voted unanimously to keep our pastor. The budget adopted for the coming year was $4,633. There was a change made from the local New Year dinner to a Spring Home-concert, which will be held on March 28, with the Communion planned for the Sabbath eve before. An all-day program is now in preparation which will be both interest­ing and inspirational.

Our Christian Endeavorers entertained the District Christian Endeavor meeting on Tuesday, February 24, with our church harbor­ing of such a great attendance of 150. Colorful refreshments were served, with the letters C E on each serving of cake and apple cider, which were to drink. The program consisted of hymns singing, solos, and duets, a chalk-talk — “Walking in the Winter Wonderland,” a beautiful picture of our church, covered by snow, based on Psalm 19, stressing the point of unity and co-operation between man and man, and between God and man, by which means we will, we can build a better world.

THE NEED
3,600,000 Americans are now under arms. 52,000 men will be called in the draft each month from February until summer. 1,250,430 men have been earmarked for service, this service was resumed in September, 1950.

On February 16, our casualties in Korea reached the total of 130,093.

Every day the sons and daughters of America are wrenched from their homes, their communities, their churches. Every day uprooted men and women work on the streets of our towns and cities ... without Christian fellowship and without satisfying activities for their free time.

And nowhere — not even among the churches! — is enough concern being shown ... enough being done ... for this vast body of especially needy men and women.

The needs of service men and women MUST become a serious concern of the local church. The church MUST have a vital plan of welcome that reaches out to bring them within its fellowship.

An Answer
Now, the member communities of the National Council working through the Council's Committee on Ministry to Service Personnel, which is their instrument of co-operation in this field, have developed a splendid answer to the need.

(Continued on back cover)
DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, February 28, 1953

Receipts
February 5 months
Balance on hand Feb. 1 $ 1,899.33
Adams Center $ 95.60 168.55
Albion $ 70.01
Alfred, First 147.98 1,042.79
Alfred, Second 266.65
Andover 10.00
Associations and groups 45.00
Battle Creek 1,724.36
Berlin 294.10
Bozalder 173.21
Brookfield, First 100.00
Brookfield, Second 163.55
Chicago 60.00 319.81
Daytona Beach 67.35 225.45
Denver 48.92 272.33
De Ruiter 20.00
Dodge Center 50.00
Edinburg 4.69 15.94
Farina 15.00 171.60
Fouke 40.33
Friendship 5.00
Hebron, First 27.61 70.62
Hopkinton, First 161.35 517.80
Hopkinton, Second 20.00
Independence 209.00
Indianapolis 47.15
Individuals 155.00
Little Geneva 140.22
Little Prairie 4.20 18.20
Los Angeles 191.50
Lost Creek 232.67
Marlboro 736.02
Middle Island 48.45
Milford 12.80
Milton 372.85 1,568.89
Milton Junction 131.50 634.32
New Aubur 88.85
New York 82.30
North Lope 173.47
Nortonville 140.00
Pawnee 1,214.12
Philadelphia 10.02 82.50
Pecosway 11.50 82.50
Plainsfield 143.34 1,545.01
Richburg 150.56
Ritchie 30.00
Riverdale 516.04
Roanoake 26.00
Rockville 20.70
Salley 222.00
Salmonville 45.00
Shiloh 350.00 1,079.47
Syracuse 30.00
Tunis 50.00
Washington 423.78
Washington 10.00 80.00
Waterford 29.00 89.01
Welton 10.00
White Cloud 17.10 216.97
Totals $1,899.33 $16,229.22

Disbursements
Budget Specials
Missionary Society $ 337.54 $ 125.00
Tract Society 310.46
Board of Christian Education 291.55 13.00
Women's Society 38.59

Comparative Figures
1952
Receipts in February: Budget $1,650.79 $1,936.67
Specials 177.20 400.79
Receipts in 5 months: Budget $1,726.56 $1,438.19
Specials 2,502.26 4,318.25
Annual Budget 46,615.00 43,825.00
Percentage of budget raised to date 29.4% 32.8%

Milton, Wis.
L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.

for some explicit expression of the churches' welcome to military personnel.
A full-color poster showing a group of service people before a beautiful church door will be prepared.
The poster will be made available in three styles: No. 1 is designed for display on church bulletin boards and will speak for the individual church; No. 2 speaks for all the churches of the community and will be displayed in store windows and other public places. The legend reads: "The Churches of This Community Welcome Members of the Armed Forces"; No. 3 is designed as a car card for public vehicles, and also speaks for the churches of the community.—National Council Committee on Ministry to Service Personnel.

The posters and other materials including: "A Book of Hymns, Prayers, and Services"; a prayer card; a card with Sallman's Head of Christ; a pamphlet "Out of Uniform — into What"; and other helpful materials may be secured from the National Council of Churches, Department of Publication, 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y.

Some of the above items are sent to our own servicemen whose addresses are known. These come from the office of the corresponding secretary of the Tract Society and are a prayer card, a book of prayers for the Armed Forces, and a card with Sallman's Head of Christ on one side and a little article called "One Solitary Life" on the other.