DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, February 28, 1953

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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 Sal- man’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 Salman’s Head of Christ on one side and a little article called "One Solitary Life" on the other.
EASTER PRAYER

O Risen Lord, we lift our hearts and minds to Thee. We thank Thee that Thou didst break the chains of sin that bound us; that Thou didst conquer death that would entomb us, and that through Thy life and death Thou dost bring to man who trusts in Thee eternal life.

Angels sang at Thy birth and though no resurrection song is recorded, yet the angel at the tomb brought a message which will never be forgotten: "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said." Matt. 28: 6.

THE NIGHT IS OVER

Dark was the night on Calvary. The empty crosses bore mute witness to the tragedy. The streets were deserted. Clouds and midnight gloom and earthquake had attended the death of the Son of man upon the cross. With tender and loving care His broken body had been borne away and laid in the new tomb of wealthy Joseph of Arimathea.

Black, indeed, had been the hour for Judas the betrayer who sees not to have waited for the consummation of His treachery, but had hidden himself in unspoken remorse and self-condemnation.

The eleven, filled with vain and terrible regret for the part they had played in the event, must have been tortured with thoughts of their own cowardice which had led them to forsake their Master in His time. The longer and more in terror lest they, too, be seized and brought to trial. When all was over and it was then too late to save Him, how they must have wondered if they could not have protected Him if they had been wiser or more courageous. There could have been no rest for them during the long hours of the entombment. Not only did their consciences flagellate them for their weakness but all their high hopes had come to naught. They had "trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel."

The approach of the Sabbath prevented the complete preparation of the body of Jesus for burial. They had hurriedly done what they could in so short a time and placed it in the cave-like tomb. When the Sabbath was past, the devoted women had made haste to prepare the spices and anointed Him in its place to do with loving hands and breaking hearts all that was possible to be done.

And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"

Their concern was needless. No powers of earth could be equal to Him who was life itself. Instead of a waiting body they found an empty tomb and angel messenger.

The disciples were slow to believe the glorious truth, but at last, having seen, and heard, and touched Him, they were convinced of the Resurrection. Their sorrow was turned to joy, their fearlessness to courage. And when they had tarried at Jerusalem as they were bidden and had broken bread together in their homes, they went forth to preach the glad message. He is the Son of God, Saviour. He is risen!

SWAN SONG

With this number of the Recorder the task of the interim editor is done. We did not suppose the interim time would be so long. We thank God for strength which has been given us and express our gratitude for the support that has been ours through the sympathy and prayers of many friends.

All members of the Recorder staff have been most patient and helpful and to them much of the credit is due for the measure of success which has been achieved.

We regret the mistakes which we have made, but we have tried to fulfill the promise made in the beginning that "for the sake of the present and the future and the memory of the past" we would carry on.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,
AUGUST 16-23, 1953.
He is Risen!


Rev. Francis D. Saunders

Three little words! One simple sentence! Yet here is embodied all the distinction of Christian faith and hope. Here is the matter and finisher of our faith. Here is the emphatic statement of His eternal nature. Here is undeniable proof of the Resurrection: the doctrine of the risen Christ, above all the vanity of any other religion of man.

The subject of the text is the Son of God, the Son of man. He is the one of whom the beloved disciple bore witness, and dwelt among us, (and we glory.,

of the very brutality of the shameful deed.

The emphatic "is" is past accomplishment, present experience, hope. The fact that Christ was dead and buried is superseded by the fact that after three days He arose! The Gospel narratives bear out the resurrection story of the Baptist, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," to the time of the cruel piercing of the side, which it is said "out of His side there ran blood and water." He rose, He was the humble servant of God and man. Men of every station and class experienced His mercy and power. The son of the nobleman was healed, and the most despicable was freed from the power of evil which possessed him. The multitude on the mountain was fed from the meager lunch of an interested lad, and in fitting symbol He presented Himself as the "Bread of Life." "For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. . . . I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6: 33, 35.

Breaking through the barriers of racial hatred, He received from the hands of the detested Samaritan a drink of water, and enabled her in turn to taste of "living water." In His matchless life of service and sacrifice, He gathered about Him a faithful few, and unto one of them was imparted the Spirit of God: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," and hereby is the door of heaven unlocked for all true believers in all ages. The last days of His self-imposed solitude upon earth were filled with hours of terrible anguish and pain; terrible by reason of the very brutality of the physical torments which He endured. How the crown of thorns, the beating, the cross — even more terrible because of the weight of sin which was upon Him, sins, not of His own commission, but of those whom He came to save. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3: 17.

Following the hours of anguish came death. The Son of God died for the sins of the world that whoever believes in Him may have everlasting life. John 3: 16.

But — He Is Risen!

Christian testimony of word and deed has continually borne witness to the fact that Jesus does live today. His words to His disciples after the Resurrection, just before He was received out of their sight, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," have a far greater significant meaning than a mere remembrance of His words and deeds. It is true that Christ lives on in the teachings of the Church, and in the lives of His followers, but to deny that He lives in a more literal sense than this is to deny the fact of the Resurrection itself. That Christ is alive today and at the right hand of the Father, ever interceding for His followers, is vital to the believer. Christian salvation is dependent upon it, and if it is not so, we can say with Job, "My soul is verily full of vanity. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." As the women departed from the tomb to tell His disciples, they met Jesus and He spoke to them. Mark also tells us of the coming of the women to the tomb. He relates in addition the appearance of Christ to Mary Magdalene, and two of the disciples, and unto the eleven. In addition to what the first two Gospels tell, Luke speaks of the visit of Peter to the empty grave, as well as Mary Magdalene with the two on the road to Emmaus, and His eye-opening breaking and blessing of the bread in their midst. John's more intimate narrative speaks of John running to the grave with Peter upon hearing the Sabbath Recorder

Mary's information. It tells also of the appearance of Jesus to Mary, and how she supposed Him to be the gardener. Also here related is the dispelling of Thomas' doubts, by the evidence of the nail prints in His hands. Jesus rose again from the dead as He had promised!

The fact that Christ did rise from the tomb establishes another of the wonderful doings as Christianity, namely, "Christ Lives."

"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me, and talks with me Along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart. You and me, I know He lives! He lives within my heart!"

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Date: May 4-7, 1953.

Place: Alfred, N. Y.

Theme: "A Minister's Education.

Plans are well under way. Replies are back from enough men that we can be assured of good participation on the panels for discussion. Panels will be "Theological Education and Seventh Day Baptists" and "Continuing Study as a Pastor." Topics to be considered in these panels will be: "In Service Training."

Study Habits," "If I Had My Training to Take Over Again," "Bible-Centered Preaching," "Radio Ministry," "The Minister's Library," "More Effective Pastoral Calling."

Three Bible studies from the Pastoral Epistles will be led by Rev. Clifford W. Hansen.

There will be an opportunity to hear briefly from each of the major boards of the denomination and from the Conference president.

Sermon on the Mount

Anyone who has not seen the new large-leaf pocket-size Sermônon the Mount may receive a free copy by sending his address on a post card to Alton L. Hall, 17351 Nichols St., Huntington Beach, Calif.
Little reason have we as Christians to be proud, envious, hateful, or revengeful. We are not saved because of what we did or as a result of our good works. We are saved by Christ in virtue of what He did, and owe our salvation to His goodness and loving-kindness. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of any man should boast. Ephesians 2: 8, 9.

Through faith in Christ's shed blood we are forgiven of past sin, saved from present sin's dominion, and sin's consequence of death. All this is accomplished by means of "the washing of regeneration." God takes us as we are and gives us a new birth. When we receive His Son as our personal Saviour from sin, God richly "pours out" His Holy Spirit upon us. His Spirit dwelling within us regenerates us and makes us new creations of God. We are His workmanship, recreated in Christ Jesus for good works. No one can do a work for God until he has become the workmanship of God!

Good works are the spiritual fruit of salvation. Fruits are the proof to men that something has happened in the lives of those who put their trust in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the new life resulting from the transformation wrought by the Holy Spirit in each individual. Our Lord says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." A Christian does good not because he is good but because of God's goodness to him. We owe Him a debt of goodness.

Recent surveys show that over fifty per cent of American people are in debt. Two thirds spend more every day than they earn. Oh, that Christians might spend and be spent for God. Their greatest and foremost debt is to Him. We owe Him more than we can ever hope or ever repay. He brought us to Himself, the daughter and regeneration He has first claim on us and everything we claim as our own. He purchased us with His own blood, so that we are His. Our bodies as well as our souls were purchased by Him and as such should be devoted to Him. In His service Daily we should yield ourselves to Him and pray, "Here Lord, I give myself away. Use me as you see fit."

In exchange for His sacrificial death, Christ wants the sacrifice of your life! Of himself, Paul willingly said each day, "I am now ready to be offered. Are you ready for every good work, or are there some duties you shirk? Do you really seek daily to live a life resulting from the transformation wrought by the Holy Spirit in you, the life resulting from the transformation of a Christian does good not because he is good but because of God's goodness to him. We owe Him a debt of goodness."

The following information has been taken in part from a church history prepared in May, 1943, by Mrs. Clarissa Rasmussen assisted by Mrs. Mary Andrews and Mrs. Mina Coon for the 50th Anniversary Program of the church.

The Boulder Church was organized by Rev. S. R. Wheeler with fifteen members May 20, 1893, at the Twelfth and Arapahoe Streets. The first building was located at Fifteenth and Twentieth Streets. The land was purchased for $400 at Twelfth and Arapahoe Streets. A full basement had been excavated and the walls lined with stone had been carried to the windows were set when the Big Flood of 1894 washed away twelve feet of the foundation, resulting in a damage of about $400. As soon as possible the foundation was repaired. The money for the building came largely from the people of the denomination. The first from the young people (being a five-cent contribution from each of them) amounted to about $200. The building was dedicated February 17, 1895. There was an indebtedness of $600 and Rev. Mr. Wheeler again presented the needs to the denomination and the necessary funds were raised. A deed for the property was given to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board.

Rev. S. R. Wheeler served the church for ten years; Rev. F. O. Burdick from 1903, to 1909; Rev. A. L. Davis from 1910 to 1913, who served as a general missionary to Jamaica. Early in 1916 the congregation was sold to the Texas Oil Company who gave us all the material of the old stone building. A lot was purchased at Ninth and Arapahoe Streets.

The present building was dedicated November 9-11, 1928. Rev. C. A. Hansen was then pastor.

Rev. Ralph Coon came in January, 1930, and served until 1941. He introduced us to the work of Week Day Bible School, Daily Vacation Bible School, and Summer Camps for children and young people. The General Conference met here in 1936; it had also been held here in 1908.

Rev. Earl Cruzan came in 1942 and served until the summer of 1946. He was succeeded by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton in November, 1946, who retired in 1949 after forty years in the ministry. Our present pastor, Rev. Leland Davis, came in 1949. We have had a membership of 125.

Organizations which are active and meeting needs of the church are the Sabbath school, the Crusader's Sabbath School Class, the Young Married People's Sab­
TO VISIT BRITISH GUIANA

Rev. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph, superintendent of missions in Jamaica and British Guiana, plans to leave Kingston on March 19 for his annual visit to British Guiana. Going by plane, he will arrive in Georgetown the next day. Remember this mission of our superintendent in your prayers.

H. R. C.

WORK OF KINGSTON CHURCH

A lot on Whitehall Avenue in upper St. Andrew has been leased by the church and it is planned to open a work there. When this special work is started there will be three groups in Kingston: 27 Charles Street, Whitfield Town, and Whitehall Avenue. We wish the Kingston Church God speed as they endeavor to expand their work.

H. R. C.

ACCOMPONG

What does this heading mean to you? What is it? Where is it?

Rev. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph writes from Jamaica, “Yesterday I went to Accompong to hold services. Accompong is the capital of the Maroons and is in the cockpit county of St. Elizabeth and Trelawney. The Maroons are descendants of fugitive slaves who hid in the mountains. They aided other runaway slaves. The British authorities failing to subdue them finally gave them a large grant of land and their independence if they would return the fugitive slaves. They live in their own little country, make their own laws, and administer their own courts. None of them owns land but they are permitted by their government to settle on unoccupied land and build homes. They have a tax to pay and many things are held in common. Mr. Fitzrandolph says, “It is a peculiar way of life, but seems to work with them. They gave us a royal welcome and urged us to return again soon.” A few of them are Sabbathkeepers and plans are being made for a series of meetings to be held there in the near future. H. R. C.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL GROWS

A letter from Rev. Neal D. Mills gives information regarding Crandall High School as follows:

“We have 66 on roll now and prospects for more next term. Three out of five passed the Cambridge exams in December and two of them with Grade II certificates. (One of these was Joyce Hamilton, daughter of Rev. John Hamilton.) That report is giving us quite a boost among our own Seventh Day Baptist folks and outside. We promised more scholarships this year than we had, but several have come in and we are praying for more.”

The commercial teacher, on half time, also teaches at the Government Technical School. Two teachers of Spanish left after serving but a short time each. A doctor who practiced in British Honduras and knows Spanish well has been engaged to serve part time, teaching that language and physiology and hygiene. Mr. Mills says, “I don’t know of any secondary school in Jamaica that can boast of an M.D. for a hygiene teacher.”

Friends of Mr. Mills will be sorry to know that for the past three months he has suffered much pain from arthritis in his right shoulder. Mission Secretary Bertram Harris spoke of Mr. Mills in being unable to use the blackboard.

H. R. C.

ACCOMPONG

WISDOM FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE

Notably outstanding and second to none in the field of missionary publications is "Mission," an international Baptist magazine. Dr. William B. Liphard retired recently after twenty years of distinguished editorship and was made editor emeritus. His successor as editor is Dr. John C. Slamp. Under Dr. Slamp as chief there is confidence assurance of the continuing upward trend that has characterized this fine magazine.

In the March, 1953, issue of "Mission," there is an article by Dr. William W. Parkinson, candidate secretary of the American Baptist Mission Society and of the Woman’s American Foreign Mission Society. The article is entitled, "Needed — 100 New Missionaries!" "Needed — 100 new missionaries are top-notch character, thorough training, unreserved commitment to the task, and a capacity for hard work." The article is in the interest of "Missionary Recruitment Sunday, March 15." Present conditions and needs are discussed and the specific needs of American Baptists. A section entitled "Educational Perspective" is arresting and challenging. Dr. Parkinson writes:

"Under each type of work I have listed the training required. There are, in addition, some educational principles that each candidate needs to have in hand.

1. Short cuts do not pay. Take the college preparatory course in high school. Go to a college-preparatory college. Take language and stay on for a degree. Taking the college preparatory course in high school does not compel one to go on to college. It makes it possible if college suddenly looms desirable. Study hard. There is an obligation to do graduate study or to pursue further language work. It leaves the door open, and that can be decisive.

2. Good preparation needs a broad base. This is a second educational principle. Every missionary must meet and work with a very wide variety of people, cope with a range of situations in few other occupations, and make adjustments for which there is no textbook. For these demands a missionary preparation comes from the broad fields of learning and discipline — from history, literature, mathematics, psychology, the sciences, philosophy, sociology, from biographies, from nature; from athletics, gardening, conversation, campus meetings, youth gatherings; from worship, Bible reading, and prayer.

Let yourself grow. That statement may sound trite, but it is an important part of training. The missionary movement produces men and women of stature, both through the opportunities it presents and through the demands it makes upon its workers. The most successful missionaries are those who have learned to grow as giants; they grew in missionary service."
THE SABBATH RECORDER

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

(Our missionaries are much on all our hearts these days. We are indebted to Mrs. Cora Hemphill of North Loup, Neb., for this prayer.)

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy great love, given to all the world—love great enough to give Thine only Son to be our Saviour and Lord. We thank Thee for the faithful ones who carried the guidance of the Holy Spirit through the ages until it reached us. Grant to each of us the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the chain be not broken and the message be carried to the uttermost part of the earth. May all our service be according to Thy will and for Thy glory.

Thy presence and Thy guidance at all times. May all our service be according to Thy will and for Thy glory. We ask in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

Hold High the Torch

Hold high the torch! You did not light its glow—
'Twas given you by other hands, you know.
'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,
Hold high the torch!

Yours was given to you by other hands, you know,
For there are other feet that we must guide.
Let books be the torch carried on your shoulders,
Hold high the torch!

NYASALAND BOOKLETS READY!

The Nyasaland booklets compiled by the Women's Board are in the mail. Key workers of the various women's societies have been given the responsibility of distributing them to the women of their local church. A sufficient number of booklets has been printed so that each member of our Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society may have her own copy.

The study packets will be mailed to societies in a few days. It is the hope and prayer of the Women's Board that not only may our women participate in this Nyasaland project but that each church as a whole may become interested and undertake a program of action.

The set of slides and tape recordings that have been made on the West Coast for use in this study are, or will be ready very soon, and are to be available to societies on request. Pictures of the missionaries, Joan L’Estrange as Ida Beth Severe, and some scenes taken on the Makapwa Mission grounds are included in the set of slides. On the tapes are some Negro spirituals and music along, with him!

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My mother told me that you like to hear from children. I am in first grade. One hundred and fifty-nine is the number of my room in Alfred-Almond School. My teacher is Miss Mullen. My Sabbath school teacher is Mrs. Randolph.

I am learning to read. We read about Dick, Jane, Sally, Spot, Puff, and Tim.

Sincerely,
Helen Peary.

Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Helen:

I felt like saying “Hurrah!” when I received your letter, at least I thought it, which is almost the same as saying it.

And thank you for the photo. Probably your dear mother has told you that I have known her and all her sisters since they were little children. Now I ought to know you, too, for I have your photo on my piano where I can see you with your merry smile many times a day. I hope before many days I may really see you and visit with you. Indeed I do like to hear from children, especially those whose parents I know and admire. Please do write often.

I not only like to hear from children but I enjoy having children come in to call on me, as three or four do quite often. One of them is a little boy, Douglas, whom we call Doug for short. He has been calling on me ever since he was three years old and he will soon be seven. Then next door are Nancy, nine, Donnie, six, and Christine, almost two years old. These are the ones I see most often.

Yesterday I spent the day with my daughter and family in Wellsville and enjoyed catching and listening to television, most of the time with my granddaughters, Gretchen, twelve, and Joyce, sixteen years old. Then the family took me for a nice long ride, and then home. Yesterday was a regular warm spring day, but today like most of our spring days this year is cold with signs of a snowstorm. Perhaps you like snow, and I hear your family is very old in your age. No doubt you enjoy sliding down hill on your sled, just as I did. When the cellar for the farmhouse in Wisconsin where I was born was dug they piled the dirt not far from the back of the house and made it into quite a good-sized hill for me to slide on it.

It wasn’t a very large hill of course but my brother and I thought it was the very best place for us to slide down hill. The hills in Wisconsin seemed like real hills to me but they didn’t seem very high when I compared them with the hills in New York State.

Sincerely your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Sky Gazing

I like to look up at the sky And see the clouds go sailing by, Or, when the sky is dark and drear, To think that just beyond the here The sun is shining bright and clear; And, if it’s fair, I wish but wait, Ten million sunbeams to my gate Will come, and God will say, “My son, I love thee every day.”

When clouds sail shining thru the sky; Or, if o’erhead is dark and drear, Forget not, son, I will be near.”

— Ralph Spaulding Cushman.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55: 9.

Springtime Comes Again

Soft were the breezes that beautiful day, Golden the sunshine all over the way, The sparrows came home, brought their music along,
For I heard one singing the same little song.

“Good morning, Robin, in the old apple tree, Your voice seems so cheery and pleasant to me, I wonder if ever you’re gloomy and sad, Or are you always this happy and glad?”

Hear voices of spring on the soft gentle air, Soon blossoms will come to make the world fair; Let praises be given from children below, To the God of great love who planned it so.

— Devillo E. Livermore.
IT'S A GREAT WORK
Rev. Charles H. Bond
Seventh Day Baptists on the
Advisory Council of the American
Bible Society.

There are many things we do not agree
upon as individuals, but the denominations
have many points of emphasis, but we are of
one mind when we say that the American Bible
Society is doing a great work. We also agree
that it is the most important Book of all time,
and that it is the "Word of Life" for our
day and every day. We also believe there
is power in this God-inspired word, and
possible. The American Bible Society is try­
ing to do just this.

The fine job the society is doing was
revealed again on December 2 and 3, 1952,
when the Advisory Council met at the
Bible House, 450 Park Avenue, New
York City. There were
noteworthy facts about the lives of the
committees. The first three days of the
meeting represented
Day Baptist General Conference.

The Advisory Council met at
Washington D.C. and in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mr. E. Trogdon, 51 Blanch Street, Battle
Creek, Mich.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

by, ladies, here is another very worthy

As was leaving the Bible House after
one of our meetings, Dr. James V. Claypool,
secretary in charge of their promotion of the
use of the Scriptures, shook my hand
and said, "I am always anxious to meet the
Scriptures in the hands of workers. As an
American Bible Society in trying
to do just this.

We need to remember that the Ameri­
can Bible Society is alone in
America but in every part of the world
where it can gain
entrance. Dr. Eugene
A. Nida, Secretary of Translations, and
his staff work hard, 365 days a year.

The colorful book of new recipes ran
very second in this country to the
Book whose pages reveal the "Breath of life."

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the society has done this was revealed by
Rev. Richard H. Ellington, associate secre­
tary in charge of distribution, in his
report. He presented a comparison be­
tween the 1951 commercial "best seller"
and the Bible. He said, "The high­
efficient sales organization of McGraw­
Hill collaborated with reputable General
Mills to sell 675,000 volumes of the "Betty
Crockerr Cookbook." Incidentally, this
figure may be it is somewhat less than
5% of the total number of Scripture
volumes distributed during 1951.

Some

in the hands of
everyone in so far as it is humanly

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to do just this.

A Prayer of Washington That Lives On
"I now make it my earnest prayer, that God will have you, and the state
over which you preside, in his holy pro­
tection; that he will incline the hearts
of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of
subordination and obedience to the
government; to entertain a brotherly affection
and love for one another, for fellow
citizens of the United States at large and
particularly for their brethren who have
served in the field; and, finally, that he
would graciously be pleased to dismiss
us all to do justice, to love mercy and
to demean ourselves with charity and hu­
mility, and a strict sense of duty,
which were characteristics of the divine
author of our blessed religion, and without
a humble imitation of whose example in
these things we cannot hope to be a
happy nation." — United Presbyterian.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A group representing Milton College
trustees, administration, and faculty,
left the Rock County Airport at the crack
of dawn Saturday morning, for a one-day trip to Berea College, Berea,
Ky. They left by plane, furnished through the courtesy of the Parker
Pen Co. and arranged at Lexington, Ky., where they were met by car for
the trip to Berea. The purpose of the trip was to provide an
opportunity for the group to study the "Berea Plan". Milton College
provides an education for students through a self-help program. —
Milton and Benton Junction Courier.

David Beebe, a senior in Salem College,
headed the Dean's List with the highest
grade for the first semester. Mr. Beebe
is editor of the school publication, Green
and White, and in addition to his other
schoolwork, is pastor of the Middle Island
Seventh Day Baptist Church, near Bland­
ville. His parents, Rev. Mr. and Mrs.
Beebe, are now living in Putnam County,
Fla. — Salem Herald.

Time talks. Yesterday says, "Learn of me:" today says, "Trust me":
Alabama Christian Advocate.

PRESIDENTS PRAY

Just as the latest President of our land
wrote a prayer which was read at the
beginning of his inaugural address and
which papers and magazines in general
claim has done something for the religious
horizon of our land, so George Washing­
ton, the first President, wrote a prayer
the spirit of which, like the name of
Washington, hovers over the country in
"deathless splendor," to this very day.
The prayer was contained in a circular
letter sent by Washington to the gov­
ernors of the 13 states in 1783 shortly
before he relinquished the command
of the Continental Army. Wrote Washing­
ton:
DR. LESTER M. BABCOCK

Dr. Lester Maxson Babcock was born in Garvin, Iowa, the son of Granville and Harriet Bishop Babcock, on June 13, 1873. He was graduated from Milton College in 1898 and married Mary Anna Crumb on June 13, 1899. Following three years of schoolteaching he entered the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, being graduated in 1904. From 1904 until 1914 Dr. Babcock practiced dentistry in Jackson Center, Ohio, where, as a valued member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, he was elected a deacon.

Coming to Milton, Wis., in 1914, Dr. Babcock began a practice of dentistry that continued for thirty-five years, until his retirement in 1949.

A man of unusual interest and activity in educational and community life, Dr. Babcock participated in many organizations during his active years. He served, as a member of the Milton Graded School Board, and as a long-time trustee of Milton College. For fifteen years he was president of the Tri-County YMCA. He was a member, and past president, of the Rock County Dental Society, and of the Wisconsin Dental Society.

In community life Dr. Babcock served as a member of the Milton Village Board; a director of the Bank of Milton; a member of the Milton Civic Club and of the Janesville Rotary Club. He had also been affiliated with the IOOF fraternal organization.

Throughout his life Dr. Babcock was an active Christian. He was baptized at twelve years of age and joined the Garvin Seventh Day Baptist Church. Elected a deacon in the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, he continued to serve in that capacity when he affiliated with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. In the Milton Church he served as a Sabbath school teacher and superintendent, and for seven years was a trustee of the church. Shortly before his retirement in 1949, Dr. Babcock, together with his wife, gave their church a twenty-five-note set of carillon bells that enriched the spiritual life of the community, and will continue to ring out the music of the Christian faith for years to come.

Dr. Lester M. Babcock passed from this life on March 3, 1953, following a long illness. He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Ruth, of Philadelphia, Dr. Charlotte, of Chicago, and Helen, of Waukesha, Wis.; and one sister, Mrs. G. I. Hurley, of Eugene, Ore. (A son, Herbert, died in youth.)

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, March 5, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

E. F. R.

Resurrection

I will repudiate the lie
Men tell of life:
How it will pass
As fragile flower, or butterfly,
Whose dust shall nourish
April grass.

Since One, for love, died on a tree
And in the stony
Tomb was lain,
Behold I show a mystery:
All sepulchres
Are sealed in vain!

— John Richard Moreland.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LONDON, ENG. — Pastor McGechie attended the Conditional Immortality Mission Conference at Wimbledon last September, while two Sabbathkeepers from Leicester were contacted — Mr. H. G. Smith and Michael Phipps. A small group of Sabbathkeepers in the city met every Sabbath in the home of Mr. Phipps. They are an independent unit, but it is hoped that they will eventually link up with Mill Yard Church.

While the pastor of Mill Yard Church was on holiday the service on September 20 was conducted by Mr. G. M. Dyce-Keele, who preached on "The Pilgrim's Way."

The Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on October 4. The collection was in aid of the Sunshine Fund.

In the first Mill Yard Church social of the 1952-53 winter session was held on December 6. Unfortunately one of the worst fogs experienced in London for many years developed during the late afternoon and prevented many people from attending. The one who did arrive was well rewarded for their loyalty for there was not a dull moment during the whole evening. An excellent program was carried through and everyone enjoyed it.

Rev. Ronald Barrar is due in London from Nyasaland on March 21 and will no doubt pay a visit to Mill Yard Church before going on to Holland and America.

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E. F. R.
The support of our foster daughter, Sylvana Calagarri, under the Foster Parents' Plan. This is our third year of support.

Mrs. Roger Burdick is the new president of the Woman's Circle with Mrs. Truman Lippincott, Mrs. Guy Polan, and Mrs. Stanley Fox vice-presidents (or group leaders). Most of our church women are members of the circle.

The members of the Men's Fellowship have camp development as a project and have contributed to its progress with much voluntary labor. It is hoped that the lodge may be completed in time for the summer associational camps. Just now interest is centered on a name for the lodge, which may be voted upon at the April church business meeting.

The Young Adults also are much interested in the camp and are selling commemorative plates to raise funds. These bear a beautiful picture of the Milton Church on a gold-edged plate. On the back is a brief history of the church. They make lovely and decorative keepsakes.

The annual intercommunity Lenten services include sermons by two pastors from Madison, one in the Milton Junction Methodist Church and one in the Milton Congregational Church, the religious sound from, "I Beheld His Glory," in the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church; a program of music in our church; gymnasium; and a final Communion ice in the youth of the community are to join in an Easter Sunrise service.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in a union service in our church this year and was largely attended.


THE RELIGION OF RUDYARD KIPLING

B. S. Townroe

Writings of Rudyard Kipling are being more read and broadcast than at any time since his death in January, 1936. The recent publication of a book of his short stories, selected by Somerset Maugham, has further emphasized this.

There is no doubt that Kipling studied the New Testament in considerable detail. One of his stories — "The Church that Was at Antioch" — is headed by a quotation from Galatians 2:11. It is a reconstruction of St. Paul and St. Peter visiting the house of the Prefect at Antioch. Another of his stories about St. Paul is called "The Manner of Men" and is headed by the verse: "If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts," from the 15th chapter of the 1st Book of Corinthians.

This tells of Paul voyaging to Rome and concludes with the poem, "At His Execution," from which the following verse is taken:

"I am made all things to all men —
Hebrew, Roman and Greek —
In each one's tongue I speak,
Suiting to each my word,
That some may be drawn to the Lord!"

Another story showing Kipling's appreciation of those who serve is called "The Miracle of Saint Jubanus." This is a lively description of a motor run through France and the discovery of the village church of St. Jubanus, where there is a painted window of thirteenth-century glass depicting Saint Julian of Auvégre.

It would be misleading to deduce too much from these stories. It would certainly be wrong to claim Kipling as a pillar of the Church of England in spite of his interest in the church at Burwash, where there is a memorial to his only son.

In his preface to "Life's Handicap," Kipling wrote: "When men come to the gates of death all religions seem to them wonderfully alike and colourless." I agree with Dobree that Kipling had a curious religion of his own which probably most nearly approaches that Stoicism which was the religion of the Victorian public school.

Kipling had a strange belief in guardian angels. This is shown in his story, "Uncovenanted Mercies," where the chief characters are Gabriel, Michael, and Azrael. He had clearly carefully studied the teachings about angel messengers to be found in Moslem, Jewish, and Christian writings.

The more the poetry and prose of the Third Period of Kipling is studied the more it is clear that he was seeking for perfection, truth, and beauty with divine inspiration. — The Sabbath Observer.