it. Today the tendency is to swing back to the recognition of corporate responsibility.

Jesus knew the joy of winning such a person as Zacchaeus into the kingdom of God, but He was also quick to act against social wrongs, as we find Him cleansing the temple with a whip.

His blessed lips would call tenderly to little children but spoke with utmost courage in the cause of social righteousness. Yes, the emphasis of Jesus is perhaps the very basis for the true Christian life. We see that He emphasized those things which, when followed by the individual, will give rise to a better world as a whole. His emphasis on the personal should be to each one of us a challenge to live in His way of life. We should be challenged to let every mustard seed we sow into others' lives be a seed of goodness and righteousness. Above all we should never allow the importance of our means of worship to outweigh our motives of worship.

The emphasis of Jesus is the challenge to the youth of today also, to build a better world of tomorrow, a world in which God is first in every life, and a world in which every tongue might say: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

**Accessions**

Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

**Baptism:**
- Estra Anderson
- Marion Donaldson
- Joyce Coombs
- Theda Oates
- Miriam Mills
- Harold McVassel
- Paul McVassel
- Barrington Stephens
- Waldron Donaldson
- Ronald Fitzrandolph.

**Westerly, R. I.**

**Baptism:**
- Judith Ann Hoffman
- Ward A. Kuehn
- Roland B. Kuehn.

**Associate Membership:**
- Mrs. Bernice B. Hoffman.
- John B. Hoffman.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Fraser.

**Testimony:**
- Mrs. Philip Lewis.

**Obituaries**

**Lewis.** Robert Ira, son of Robert and Mirtella Lewis, was born September 24, 1879, at Stonefort, Ill., and died March 15, 1953, at Riverside, Calif.

His boyhood days were spent on a farm near Stonefort, where his father was pastor of the Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church. He accepted Christ, was baptized, and joined this church when he was 14 years old. He later held membership in the churches of Gentry, Ark., Marlboro, N. J., and Riverside, Calif.

Mr. Lewis attended Milton Academy and College in Milton, Wis. He served in the United States Army from 1906-1909, after which time he was a farmer, until his retirement 6 years prior to his death.

On June 3, 1913, he was united in marriage with Dolly Joanna Martin of Stonefort, with his father officiating. To this union were born seven sons: E. Paul of Marlboro, N. J.; J. Ford of Stockton, Calif.; R. Samuel of Tampa, Fla.; Norman S. of Fairmont, W. Va.; Philip H. of Winchester, Calif.; Alfred E. of Culver, Ind.; and Murray M. of Ft. Ord, Calif. There are 12 grandchildren. A brother, Oliver Lewis, and a sister, Mrs. Cora L. Green, of Stonefort also survive.

Funeral services were held in the M. H. Simons Funeral Home on March 17, 1953, conducted by Rev. T. Denton Lee, Elder E. S. Ballenger assisting. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Riverside, Calif. — Mrs. Philip Lewis.

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**Births**

Parry. — A daughter, Amanda Bond, to Mr. and Mrs. William Parry, Bala Cynwyd, Pa., October 21, 1953.

Clarke. — A son, Timothy David, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kenyon Clarke, Kulpsville, Pa., January 26, 1953.

**I sought the Lord**

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me; It was not I that found, O Saviour true, No, I was found of Thee.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold; I walked and sank not on the storm-vedexed sea, — Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold, As Thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but, O the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to Thee;
For Thou wert long before-hand with my soul,
Always Thou lovedst me.

— Author unknown.

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10: 28.
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Without a Preacher
God's people need leadership not only in their worship, but even more
in their evangelistic outreach. All too
many groups of Seventh Day Baptists
find themselves without a preacher. Can
we give an answer to the double ques-
tion of why it is and how it can be
avoided? Perhaps there is help in the
tenth chapter of Romans which asks a
related question: "How shall they hear
without a preacher?"

That which produces preachers is a
vital experience of the saving power of
Christ coupled with a concern for the
burden for other souls that need salvation.
The Apostle Paul expressed his changed life
principle thus: "Brethren, my heart's de-
sire and prayer to God for Israel is, that
they might be saved." (Rom. 10: 1.)

From a fire-eating persecutor, filled with
zeal without knowledge, he was changed
to a flaming torch of gospel truth. The
New Testament churches were not long
without preachers, deacons, and lay leaders
because the Holy Spirit kindled a fire of
love in the heart of a few. Our
problem of churches without pastors
requires us to ask first of all: "Is there a
fire in the preacher that the fire that makes them burn to save souls;
and is this fire transmitted by their preach-
ing to the people in the pew? If we
can answer that in the affirmative then
preacher timber will be constantly in the
making in our churches. Then our
problem is one of training and of
distribution. That requires time and the expenditure of
money, but it is not a serious
problem.

Within a period of about three weeks,
one denomination has lost three veteran
preachers. One has been a leader of evangeli-
lism, another has served well as a mis-
sionary evangelist, and the third had a
fruitful ministry as a pastor. Two of
them leave churches pastorate.
We may say they all served their generation and
were taken away by the diseases common
to man. To replace them is more than a
problem of distribution. Before we
look to getting them, we must be sure that
there is fresh on the pages of this paper,
may we pray that the fire may fall on new
men, perhaps descendants and relatives,
and that the mantle of these Elijahs may

Come to rest upon the shoulders of young
Elishas in the schools of the prophets.

"Make them apostles!"
Heralds of Thy cross,
Forth may they go to tell all realms Thy
grace. Their voices may be con-
siderately heard by this true
church which is reported well prepared
by special prayer meetings and a personal
enlistment class.

The other church looking for an out-
opouring of the Spirit on a two weeks'
series of meetings which were scheduled
to begin April 10 is the Salemville, Pa.,
Church of which Rev. Paul S. Burdick is
pastor. Evangelist Wayne R. Marona
has journeyed from California to conduct
this campaign. He is accompanied by his
wife and children. Miss Mary Alice But-
ler of the Southeastern Association is also
present to help the service. As also
we have reports of prayerful prep-
ation by pastor and people.

It is true that both of
these churches are cramped for room and
both have plans for adding to their church
buildings. It is a sound principle to
look ahead to the spiritual needs and as
these churches are doing and thereby
making sure of the right answer to the
verse: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

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More Evangelistic Meetings
As this Recorder goes to press (April
14) two of our eastern churches are launch-
ing out on a two weeks' period of ten
days' or two weeks' duration. The roots of
Seventh Day Baptists are so interwoven
that the needs and the blessings of one
church are felt in many churches. This
notice may not read our readers early
enough to encourage prayer for the meet-
ings which are in progress, but it is
not too late to urge prayer for lasting
blessings to come upon revived churches and
closely consecrated lives.

The Verona, N. Y., Church under the
leadership of Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pas-
tor, has invited Rev. C. Rex Burdick of
the Marlboro, N. J., Church to do the pre-
aching. He comes fresh from a revival
in his own church. Attention is called
to an article by him describing the results
of the meetings led by Rev. Ralph H.
Bore. These may be con-
siderately prayed for in this rural
church which is reportedly well prepared
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Memory Text—187

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and he that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6: 37.
Before the next issue of the Sabbath Recorder is dropped in your mailbox, Missionary Ronald Barrar will probably have arrived in New York aboard the SS New Amsterdam which was scheduled to leave Rotterdam, Holland, on April 13. It is hoped that his first view of the Statue of Liberty will be followed shortly by a glimpse of the friendly, though strange, faces of a group of representative Seventh Day Baptists anxious to welcome our Nyasaland missionary who went out from his home in faraway New Zealand.

A missionary, fired with a zeal for his work, may take a furlough but he allows little besides his traveling time for vacation. In this case our good brother has chosen not to go home to his family and native land and not to be absent from his mission station much more than six months. Rather, he comes to our country with intentions of packing his time full of further preparation for effective service. Let us remember that as he visits us he is still a missionary, and one with a message for us. We need have little fear that he will rise to the occasion. There could be grave apprehension lest we of the churches and of the ministry fail to rise to the occasion. He has been accustomed to a life that is next to poverty by our standards, as Rev. E. H. Bottoms has testified. He has voluntarily kept himself very poor that the work might prosper. What will he find in our comfortable land? Surely he will be able to make allowances for our worldliness, self-centeredness, and callous indifference to the Gospel needs of the world will try his patience. It is so with every true missionary visiting the average church.

We pray that he may find a warmth that is deeper than politeness and a desire to help which needs no knowledge to make it more effective. We hope that in our entertaining we may refrain as far as possible from the atmosphere of social teas and from foolish cultural questions. May we let the man talk about the burden of his soul and his hopes for the future. Let us constantly remember in prayer the mission and its needs during the absence of its superintendent. Let us pray also for the girls planning to go to Nyasaland early next fall.

For another picture of Missionary Barrar bringing candidates see the cover of the Sabbath Recorder for July 7, 1953.

FIGURING OUT THE FIGURES

On the back page of this issue is the March 31 statement of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget. The treasurer adds no comment, but every thoughtful member of our denomination ought to do more than comment on those comparative figures. Toward a larger budget than last year we gave during the past three months $4,000 less than a year ago. A special appeal was made last year. Perhaps a lack of it this time is the greatest single factor in producing these figures of only one third as much money contributed. If true, that is a sad commentary on our devotion to our cause. Do we give because we love or because we are prodded? Don't try to answer that of the Seventh Day Baptists — answer it for yourself and your church with deeds and tithes.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for May 2, 1953

Paul as Teacher and Pastor

FOOD FOR KOREA

The milk of human kindness needs to flow less than the science of nutrition stores a food called MPF, 2 ounces of which provide the approximate nutritional equivalent of 1/2 lb. of beef, a glass of milk, a serving of peas, and a small potato. This can be purchased for 3 cents. Science provides it but only gifts can send it to famine-stricken areas. Seventeen sponsoring American agencies are regularly shipping aid to Korea and India, the largest amounts being shipped by the Methodists and Presbyterians. Money can be handled through the W.C.T.U. Our literature comes from the Meals for Millions Foundation, 648 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. The testimonies from the missionaries distributing the food are very touching. Let the milk of human kindness flow!

NEW SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH IN WESTERN AFRICA

Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen

Shortly before the middle of January, 1953, I received a letter from an unknown Christian in Western Africa. The writer of the letter told how he had chance to find a copy of the Sabbath Observer, our London publication, in a book which someone had given him. The message in the paper appealed to him: "On the spot," Since the paper had mentioned the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, he wrote to the church here for more literature about Seventh Day Baptists. We sent one copy of "Handbook of Information Concerning Seventh Day Baptists," one copy of "Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs (a Manual for Study)," and one tract. I also wrote him a letter. Just a little more than two months later, during the last week in March, I received another letter from this man stating that he had called a group of interested people together to study the beliefs of his new church. On the basis of what these people found in this literature, they organized a church of thirty members — a Seventh Day Baptist Church. But that is only half the story. Within a few weeks, twenty more people joined the church, so that the total membership when he last wrote was fifty.

This man, and some of the other believers, are now holding meetings in other churches and in the open air in neighboring towns. They officially requested recognition by our denomination, and has elected the brother responsible for bringing them the Sabbath message to be their pastor.

Surely this is an indication of the tremendous power of the printed word. As a people, we need to do much more to bring the Gospel of Christ in its purity, for which we stand, to the attention of others. There must be thousands — yes millions — of people hungry and waiting for such a message.

Between the great things we can do and the little things we won't do, the danger is we shall do nothing. — Selected.
EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS AT MARLBORO
Rev. C. Rex Burdick

Deeper Life evangelistic meetings were held in the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church March 13 through 22 with meetings every night except Wednesday. Rev. Ralph H. Coon, professor of Bible in Salem College, was the leader in these meetings which were specially designed for a deepening of the spiritual life of Christians. We in Marlboro have received a number of blessings from these meetings, which, at the invitation of the editor, we would like to share with readers of the Sabbath Recorder.

Deepening of Prayer Experience
All members and friends of the church were called upon to offer themselves in prayer for the spiritual success of these meetings. Prayer meetings were held daily in several areas of the community served by our church during the week preceding the special meetings, and during the meetings. One of the special services was planned toward a fuller prayer life. A group met for prayer at the close of nearly every service. Some of the prayers have already been answered, and others we pray will be answered by others. An increased prayer consciousness is most certainly one of the results of our meetings.

Deepening of Spiritual Life
Christ-centered, Biblical preaching will always have its effect in the lives and hearts of Christians. It is impossible for Christians to sit through ten days of such services with the Holy Spirit working, and not come to a deeper experience with the Lord. An increased devotion and commitment to the Lord on the part of the people is an observable result of these meetings.

Stimulus to Personal Work
Before the special services began, a large number of people volunteered to visit every home in the community. An invitation to the meetings, and literature distributed of fact. On the one night when we had no service in the church, members went out for visitation in the interest of Christ and His Church. Some who participated in this work had never before done any personal work. An increased interest in the soul welfare of the lost, and an increased awareness of our responsibility in presenting the way of salvation in Christ are other results.

Witness to the Community
It has been said that Seventh Day Baptists are a people living to themselves with little, if any, interest in others. We are becoming increasingly aware that the purpose of a local Seventh Day Baptist church is not primarily to provide a fellowship of worship for those who have been Seventh Day Baptists all their lives, but primarily, its purpose is to provide a living, vital witness to the community and the world at large of God’s grace in providing a way of salvation to all who will come to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ, and holding aloft the principles of Sabbath worship as a part of God’s plan for the life of every Christian. The way of salvation and our belief in the Sabbath were made known by visitation and by preaching. One advertised sermon to every Sabbath School of our church delivered by Professor Coon. An increased witness to the community is one of the most evident results of these special services.

ETERNAL VIGILANCE
Herbert A. Philbrick, the government’s surprise witness against top-down veteran Communists, declares in the April issue of Christian Herald that Soviet agents are using the clergy and ‘good church members’ to carry out their destructive and anti-God policies.

In a newsletter ‘The Communists Are Your Church!’ Philbrick shows how the Communists capture the hearts and minds of laymen and clergy. He says that government cooperation and Congressional investigations have sent ‘scores of comrades scurrying for respectable disguise. As a disguise, the church offers...the perfect cover for Communist agents, the perfect place for the recruiting of unsuspecting puppets.’

Describing his nine years of ‘loyal’ work for the Party — while he was actually a volunteer ‘agent’ for the FBI — the author of ‘I Led Three Lives’ tells how he was ordered to sow red seeds in his Baptist church. He continues, ‘The most shocking fact...was a special subversive cell formed around the subject of the trained disciples of Stalin, men who were ministers of the Gospel!’

He cites the hundreds of prominent Americans — ministers and church leaders — who were tricked into signing petitions to ‘save the Rosenbergs’ and the eleven convicted Communist leaders. These documents were written under the sponsorship and name of Communist-inspired ‘reverends.’ Many of these duped signers, he states, didn’t read what they signed, or else the published statement differed radically from the original.

‘Don’t sign a petition,’ he warns, ‘because you become a prominent church preacher already appears on the list.’

— News Release, Christian Herald

One on God’s side is a majority.”
— Wendell Phillips.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — Mr. Charles D. Swing of the Shiloh, N. J., Church, now residing in Syracuse, has brought the Sabbath morning message several times recently. Edgar E. Wheeler of Athens, Ala., has accepted a call to become the pastor of the church and is expected to arrive this May. — De Ruyter Gleaner.

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — There was good attendance at the Community-Church Family Night at the parish house in Rockville Sunday night. After the supper community singing was enjoyed with John E. Kenney leading and Walter Reynolds at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton H. Van Horn of Westerly entertained. Mrs. Van Horn gave two groups of readings in her inimitable manner. Mr. Van Horn, adept at color photography, showed slides of interest and beauty, both of coastal and inland scenic. The committee on arrangements was Mrs. G. Carlton Irish and Mrs. Clinton L. Armstrong. — Congregational.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The last Sabbath in February two cars full of Daytona Beach people enjoyed the services at the Carraway Seventh Day Baptist Church of which Rev. Clifford Beebe is pastor.

Thirteen residents of Alfred and Slaton attended church here March 21: Drs. N. and W. A. Trentham, Daytona; Mrs. A. J. C. Bond, Mrs. Degen, Miss Louise Ellis, Miss Iva Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hays, Mrs. P. P. Hays, and Mrs. Leon Davis and N. Norwood. — Alfred Sun.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The Florida-Alfred Branch of the Alfred University Alumni Association held its annual meeting at the Marigold Restaurant in Daytona Beach. The fifty alumni, former students, and friends were presided over by Dr. Ruth T. Hogan. The invocation was voiced by Dean A. J. C. Bond of the School of Theology, and a tasty chicken dinner was duly dealt with by the members. — Alfred Sun.

MINISTERS’ CONFERENCE
May 4-7, 1953 — Alfred, N. Y.
Accessions

First Alfred
Baptist:
Audry Jean Pierce
Linda Pauline Spaine
Dale Stanley Butts
Theodore Jack Glover
Ernest D. Button
Letter:
Donald E. Richards
Edna Ruth Richards

Riverside, Calif.
Testimony:
Rev. and Mrs. T. Denton Lee
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nophsker
Letters:
Joy Berry Ross (Mrs. S. J.)

Marriages

Riverside - McClain. - Rex Maine Randolph, son of Asby and Ruth Randolph of Bristol, W. Va., and Phyllis Lorene McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo McClain of Bristol, were united in marriage at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on March 27, 1953, by Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, pastor of the grooms.

Births

Strech. - A son, Keith Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Strech of Mineral Point, Wis., March 12, 1953.