Beneath the headings of 'Statement of Treasurer, September 30, 1953', the document provides detailed financial information for the denomination, including receipts and disbursements. The figures are categorized by location, with specific amounts listed for various denominations and contributions. The text also includes a comparative view of receipts and disbursements for the years 1953 and 1952. Additionally, it mentions the disbursement totals for specific categories like missionary society, tract society, Board of Christian Education, and various subspecies for the 12 months ending September 30, 1953.

The page also features the beginning of a text labeled 'A Last Prayer' by Helen Hunt Jackson, which begins with the title "Father, I scarcely dare to pray..." and continues with an emotional appeal to God, expressing regret and asking for forgiveness. The prayer is interspersed with brief excerpts from religious texts, such as "I have wasted..." and "Meditate upon these things...".

A section at the bottom of the page, possibly a Diablo, is titled "The Sabbath Recorder" with the subtitle "October 26, 1953". The text ends with a passage from 1 Timothy 4:15, "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly unto them: that thy profiting may appear to all."
STATEMENTS OF BELIEF

We are happy when the ranks of the ministry, thinned by age, death, and other causes, are filled up again by young men called to ordination. Our rejoicing has to be somewhat restrained because the ordained leadership is still far from adequate. Nevertheless we do rejoice when statements of several young "Timothys" can appear consecutively in our denominational paper.

Why do we print these statements of belief? Can we be sure that people read them carefully? To take the second question first, we cannot be sure that all have read them carefully, but we are aware of the statements in recent Recorders or the next one that will appear, shortly. We are of the opinion that it would be good for people to read these carefully prepared statements of belief. How avidly we read the news of our old home church which often tells us things we already know in language and style that is sometimes far short of elegant. Can we honestly skip over the far greater news that tells of the culmination of long years of study and long weeks of careful preparation of these statements?

The whole work of tract publication centers around the "Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists." We spend considerable sums of money to print and distribute a tract bearing that name which contains statements of belief, books, and small tracts. Each tract takes up some phase of "those things which are most surely believed among us" (Luke 1:1). We want people to know what we believe, the 14 scriptural "creed" that the Protestant world knows as the Westminster Confession of Faith. Our citizens' ship is in heaven while we walk the earth. Our affections are set on things above while we walk the earth. We expect to die with our "affections set on things above while we walk the earth."

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The training and discipline of priests. The "staggering height" is not personal consecration. Neither does it refer to the spiritual influence of a priest as pastor and confessor. Seventh Day Baptists ministers have just as great responsibilities as pastors.

By virtue of his office (sometimes quite unrelated to virtue) the priest is recognized as standing in the place of God every time he celebrates the Mass. In a certain sense he is thought of as being higher than God. Our reading of Catholic literature (and we have read quite a bit of it) gives us to understand that the lowly parish priest holds God in his hands when he holds the consecrated wafer. He offers Christ as a sacrifice every day and he dispenses God to the communicant as he places the wafer on his tongue.

We would agree that this is "an almost staggering height." The Scriptures hold forth for men heights never dreamed of before conversion, heights of moral attainment, heights of spiritual discernment, heights of joy, and high planes of experiences. Our citizenship is in heaven while we walk the earth.

MAN'S STAGGERING HEIGHT

On Oct. 14, Pope Pius XII dedicated in Rome a three and a half million-dollar establishment for the education of American priests. The funds were contributed in America. He said to the American people that it was necessary to raise a man to anything like a staggering height. The statement serves two purposes: It opens a window by which future congregations and leaders may catch a glimpse of the foundations of a faith systematically set forth. Some of us may be weak in the faith. There can be healing, strengthening what someone else has thoughtfully prepared.

Do you read these statements of belief? You ought to. Sooner than you think you may have to help call a pastor to your church. The clearness with which the young man outlines his concept of the Gospel on the day of his ordination will be some indication of the effectiveness with which he will preach the Gospel if you call him to your church. There are people in our churches who long to help build up the church but they do not have a sufficient grasp of the basic doctrines of the church to make them known to others. They look to the minister to lead them into a clearer thinking than before.

RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

A report from Church World Service giving 1953 payments to October 15 shows Seventh Day Baptist contributions of $20 to the Material Relief Program and $101.25 to the "Program for Asia and Other Non-European Areas. Seventh Day Baptists remain interested in and contribute to the various programs of this department of the National Council of Churches. Despite the fact that the Conference has felt it necessary to drop its former membership in this department, we are still listed as a "Confessional" and the contributions of our members when so identified by the contributors or sent through the Denomination's budget treasurers are reported as coming from Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Courtland Davis.
**President's Column**

Rev. L. G. Osborn

**"SEE YOU IN CHURCH"**

If someone said to you, "I'll see you in church Sabbath day?" would the statement be true? How often do you attend worship services on Sabbath morning? If no one attended any oftener than you do, how long would it be before the church door would be closed? Did you ever stop to think that failure to worship God in His sanctuary is a violation of the Sabbath? Have you ever considered the blessing you miss by not attending? For your own sake, go to church — it pays!

Look at it from your neighbor's viewpoint: What opinion of the value of the church does he get from your attitude toward it? What estimate of the worth of the services of the church does he form by observing the frequency (or infrequency) of your attendance? Does he say, "There must be something in it or they wouldn't go week after week!" Like it or not, your neighbor is watching you. Just what is your influence?

A year ago President Randolph proposed as a project for November an attendance emphasis by RIAL. Keep records of attendance each week and report the results in the Recorder. Let's exceed last year's average! A more detailed mode of procedure has been sent to pastors and church clerks. But the success of the project is up to you!

No, we don't think records and reports are the summum bonum. But they may be an incentive to more frequent attendance and greater loyalty, which in turn will benefit you. And who knows but it might draw your neighbor to Christ and the Church? Certainly less empty pews will be a great encouragement and inspiration to your pastor. Fill them up and see how much better he preaches!

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**ST. LOUIS FELLOWSHIP**

Joe E. Lewis of 2637 Roseland Terrace, Maplewood 17, Mo., wants Recorder readers to know that a number of Sabbathkeepers in the St. Louis area are hoping to establish a Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship with weekly meetings. Time and place of service are not yet announced. Mr. Lewis has been very active in tract distribution and has been generous in sending Sabbath Recorder subscriptions to lone Sabbathkeepers. He writes humbly, quoting Scripture as follows:

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain" (Psalm 127: 1, 2).

He reminds us that we need to confess our faults one to another, and pray for another, according to James 5: 16. Acknowledging his own need (Rev. 3: 17) and his own sins of omission and commission, he affirms his delight to do the will of God and to have His law in his heart, according to Psalm 40: 8, and to be crucified with Christ as Paul said (Gal. 2: 20).

Mr. Lewis asks our pray for him and the others, "that the Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship we hope to have here in Catholic St. Louis vicinity may be altogether built up on the strong foundation laid by Christ and His apostles." He says that "we are thankful for the remembrance of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Jones as one of the zealous Sabbathkeepers who is helping.

He reminds us that God "settet the solvetary and the bond..." (Isa. 58: 6), and calls on us to "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (1 John 3: 1).

All who are interested are urged to pray that the truth may in the future go out to men from St. Louis. In the words of 1 Chronicles 29: 3 the final question asked, "Who then is willing, says the king, to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

We suggest that names and addresses of people who might be interested be sent to Joe Lewis so that they may be contacted by the workers in that area.

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**LETTERS FROM DENMARK**

(In order that our readers may feel somewhat acquainted with this young Danish pastor whose church was recognized by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference this year we are taking the liberty of publishing two of his letters. Ed.)

To A. Burdet Crofoot, Executive Secretary:

Grace and Peace be with you and all of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. We thank you very much for your letter in which you announced us that we had been recognized as brethren of the same precious faith by which we live. We are very thankful for this recognition and hope that we, although we are separated by distance, shall be able to have a close contact with each other, supporting each other in prayer and practical things.

God and our Saviour Jesus Christ give abundant grace to His own earnest assemblies, that they, strengthened in intimate godly love, may stand together founded and grounded on the rock in whatever times that may come looking towards the second coming of our blessed Lord. We read your letter in the assembly to great joy for us all to hear from you and anyone (everyone) asked to greet our brethren in America. Brotherly greetings to all the saints from your brethren in Kobenhavn.

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"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." 1 John 4: 7.

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**MEMORY TEXT**

To L. M. Maltby, Corresponding Secretary, American Sabbath Tract Society:

God's Peace be with you and all our beloved brethren in Christ Jesus. We thank you very much for your letter and send you here a picture which you asked for. We should be very happy if we might send more tracts even if they are in English, because they are translated to our assembly, and we are glad of the tracts from the American Sabbath Tract Society. If you should be very happy if we might buy the book: Church Manual.

We are very glad of your letter from our American brethren and of being in close contact with you our brethren. The Sabbath Recorder gives us information which interests us very much and it also serves to translate for our brethren. Being close to you all in contact, we remember you much in prayer in the assembly. We ask you, Brother Maltby, to bring the most hearty greetings to the beloved brethren from your faithful brethren in Copenhagen.

Yours in Christ,

E. J. P. Hansen.
PREACHING CRUSADE

The Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., enters upon a period of special meetings beginning Oct. 24, and continuing through Nov. 1. Rev. Loyal F. Hurley is the guest speaker at this "Preaching Crusade." We understand that this is a project of the School of Theology, and Professor Hurley is being assisted in the effort by the Seventh Day Baptist students in the school as a part of their training. It is an outgrowth of plans that were discussed at the Ministers' Conference last spring.

May our prayers be with this large New England church and its pastor, Rev. Charles Bond, as they seek to save souls, strengthen church members, and train young people for service.

Meetings are going on simultaneously this coming week on the West Coast at Los Angeles and on the East Coast at Westerly. Advertisements are in the papers; literature is in the homes; personal workers are doing their part. May the blessings be large and the decisions faithfully nurtured and conserved.

"Religion in American Life" Campaign Expands

American business and advertising contributions to the 1952 "Religion in American Life" campaign totaled some four million dollars, according to a recently issued report of the Advertising Council. Since it was established four years ago, "Religion in Life" has conducted a national nonsectarian campaign each November to emphasize the importance of religion in personal and community life, and to urge all Americans to attend and support the church or synagogue of their choice. In 1952 virtually every radio station in America contributed time for RI AL programs and spot announcements.

Newspapers and advertisers co-operated on 10,000 newspaper ads in some 1,700 daily and weekly newspapers.

Rev. E. Wendell Stephan is the representative of the Seventh Day Baptists at the national level of planning.

MINISTERIAL INCOME

Factory workers and store clerks have fared well in fighting the skyrocketing cost of living the past twelve years compared to members of one of the poorest-paid professions in the world's richest nation — the clergy.

To find out if clergymen's incomes had kept pace, the research staff of the National Council of Churches delved into salaries of Protestant ministers. It found in a preliminary study that not only had clergymen not been able to keep up with the rising cost of living, but their purchasing power, were nearly 13 per cent worse off in 1951 than twelve years before.

Now, let's see what the picture is for a few others. During this same period the average manufacturing employee's annual pay check jumped from $1,363 to $3,611. Even in 1950-dollar-buying power it was $1,954, or 42 per cent more than he was making twelve years ago.

The worker in trade service who earned $2,342 in 1951, could earn per cent more than his $943 secured in 1939.

Similarly, the buying power of the average government employee rose 24.9 per cent in these same years. Many a minister could only struggle to get along as best he could, hardly understanding why his parishioners were faring so much better than he.

HIT PARADE OF RELIGIOUS SONGS

If you were to choose your top ten favorite hymns what would they be? Some hymnbooks are edited and arranged on results of such hymn-popularity polls. It may be that there has been a change in the musical appetites of the religious public.

Anyway, we are glad to present one popularity poll for whatever it may signify. We doubt if it has much relation to denominational affiliation. (Information from Atlantic Union Gleaner.)

The Voice of Prophecy (Seventh Day Adventist) which is heard on 330 North American stations has polled its listeners on favorite religious songs. They found that Stuart Hamblen's "It Is No Secret" was among the top ten. It will be remembered that this Hollywood singer was converted three years ago by Billy Graham's first bigrevival meeting in Los Angeles. It would appear that some favorite songs are made by radio. People are listening to Gospel broadcasts in large numbers.

Out of 883 songs counted as favorites by some listeners the following list of the top ten is based on a compilation by Voice of Prophecy: The Old Rugged Cross, The Love of God, What A Friend We Have in Jesus, In the Garden, Beyond the Sunset, Fading Rose, The Man of Sorrows, It Is No Secret, Abide With Me, No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus. These are listed in their relative order.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — Rev. Ronald Barrar spoke to the children one morning during the co-operative Daily Vacation Bible School when the group included Baptist and Methodist children in addition to youngsters of our own church, Mr. Barrar's message and unusual stories were well received by all.

On August 1 and 2 the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist and Brookfield first day Baptist Churches — who share the same church building — entertained former residents and nonresident church members for Brookfield Old Home Day. This event was well attended. The first day Baptists served the meals on Sabbath day and the Seventh Day Baptists served the meals on Sunday. In addition to the church services at which the guest speakers were former residents, there was a conducted tour to sights of early churches of the community. An old-fashioned tea was served by the ladies of both churches at the Seventh Day Baptist parish house, at which place there were exhibits of various antiques and literature of historical interest.

Six youngsters from this church attended the associational camp near Waterloo, which was a new and happy experience for most of them. — Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — We are enclosing a card for a year's subscription to the Sabbath Recorder to be mailed as a gift to our Central Library, 40 East St. Clair Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

It shall be placed on the tables in the reading room so we may keep all reading material for six months.

I was glad for this opportunity, something I had hoped we could do for some time.

I am getting the extra Helping Hands in the different libraries; perhaps later, our Sabbath Visitor for children. We need to increase the size of this department. We shall know when we know who the Seventh Day Baptists are. We shall welcome any suggestions.

I have heard it said, "He that doth not know those things that are of use to him to know is but an ignorant man, what ever he may know besides." Emerson has said, "Men of God have always from time to time walked among men, and made their commission felt in the heart and soul of the commonest bearer."

Rev. and Mrs. Leland Davis came to our service August 1. They did our hearts good. Praise God! — Mrs. Helen Heil.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Beginning on Oct. 3 the Chicago Church is meeting for services in a building at 5052 W. Division St., owned and used by first day Church of God. The move from the St. John's Reformed Church, which filled every need for our group at a reasonable rental, was necessitated by the wishes of a higher group of laymen of the Reformed Episcopal denomination.

The pastor of the local church had been most co-operative and through his efforts we were able to remain there longer than we at first anticipated. The new location is two short blocks south and two east from the former meeting place. While smaller, it meets the needs of our congregation for worship services and Sabbath school for the present. The place is rented for all day on Sabbaths but cannot be used as much as desired due to lack of kitchen facilities and because our members' homes are so widely separated.

Alfred Keller of Detroit, Mich., a graduate of Milton College and a second-year student in the Denver Baptist Seminary, was called to the pastorate of the church on June 27. He, with Mrs. Keller and small son, David, are living in the semi-
nary apartments at 124 N. Albany St., Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Keller were ac-
tive last year in Sabbath school work and
are still teaching the junior and children's
classes. They also helped conduct the
children's camp last year.

Former Pastor and Mrs. David Williams
have been greatly missed as have all our
young student pastors and their wives
when they have been called to fields of
greater usefulness. Mr. Williams, who
received his Master's degree at Northern
Baptist Seminary in 1934 and became its
treasurer in 1941, which position he held until
his death.

He was a member and actively engaged in
the work of his church. He served for many
years as assistant treasurer of the Plainfield
Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was a trustee
of Alfred University. For the past several
years he has had the responsibility of treasurer of
the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Surviving are his widow, a son, Roger C.,
and a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Van Buren; two
brothers, Dr. Edwin Whitford of Westerly, and
Ernest C. of Plainfield; a sister, Miss Lucy
Whitford; a grandson, Susan Van Buren.

Services were held at the Memorial Home on
Oct. 11 and 12 and interment was in Hillside
Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J., L. M. M.

Burdick. — Mary Babcock, daughter of Herbert
and Fanny Watrous Babcock, was born
July 27, 1880, and passed away August 17
1953, at the Westerly hospital after a
brief illness.

She was married Oct. 10, 1900, to Elisha
Burdick, who preceded her in death. There
are no immediate relatives. Mrs. Burdick was
active in church and community affairs for many
years.

Funeral services, held in the Pawcatuck
Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 26, were
conducted by Rev. Eli F. Looboro in the
absence of Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor.

Babcock. — Martin, was born March 6, 1875,
and passed away May 8, 1953.

He lived in and near Riverside, Calif., for fifty-eight years. In 1895, with
his parents, he first came to Colony Heights, the
original beginning of the Riverside Seventh
Day Baptist Church. Young Martin returned to
Humboldt, Neb., for a time, where he married
Laura Gilmore in 1897.

As a member of the Riverside Church, Mr.
Babcock was very active, for a long time being
a member of the choir, the men's chorus,
the board of trustees, and holding other offices. He
made many improvements and repairs on the
buildings at Pacific Pines Camp, the church
building, and other church property. His
Christian thoughtfulness and helpfulness will
long be a cherished memory.

Mr. Babcock is survived by his wife; two
daughters, Ada Sloan and Ethel Karstens; two
sons, Charles Benjamin and Lewis Hubert; two
sisters, Besse Herbert and Lillian Babcock; one
brother, Robert; several grandchildren, and
a number of great-grandchildren.

T. D. L.

Rowe. — John Clarence, was born March 14,
1884, and passed away July 15, 1953.

Mr. Rowe was educated from a child to
young manhood at the Nebraska City School for
the Blind at Nebraska City, Neb. He learned to
play violin and also to tune pianos. On
Oct. 20, 1906 he married Eva Wright at
Auburn, Neb. On June 7, 1952, they became
faithful members of the Riverside Seventh
Day Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have been
Sabbathkeepers since 1908. Altogether they
have lived in California twenty-three years.

Mr. Rowe is survived by his wife, a brother,
W. T., of Passadena, a sister, Mrs. Laura Russell
of Sacramento, as well as other relatives.

T. D. L.

B. Cottrell. — John Clarence, was born March 14,
1884, and passed away July 15, 1953.