DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1954

Receipts
February 5 months
Balance, February 1 $ 44.33
Adams Center 197.00
Alban 179.17
Alfred, First 285.65
Alfred, Second 188.50
Associations and groups 25.80
Battle Creek 1,927.73
Berlin 100.96
Boulder 82.33
Brookfield, First 91.80
Brookfield, Second 137.93
Chicago 420.00
Daytona Beach 163.20
Denver 65.18
De Ruyter 171.00
Dodge Center 166.53
Edinburg 25.95
Farina 75.00
Fouke 85.86
Hammond 74.00
Hartford First 49.16
Hopkinton, First 630.65
Independence 210.00
Indianapolis 35.10
Individuals 130.00
Irvington 100.00
Jackson Center 35.00
Little Genese 130.55
Los Angeles 399.15
Marrick 463.62
Middle Island 841.06
Milton 49.67
Milton Junction 1,600.19
Milton 765.05
New Auburn 30.10
New York 87.26
North Loop 420.33
Nortonville 163.32
Pawtucket 1,884.20
Philadelphia 88.00
Perryville 15.50
Plainfield 74.50
Putnam County 2,688.54
Richburg 10.00
Richie 147.35
Ritchie 100.00
Riverside 923.08
Rockford 15.00
Rockville 37.53
Salama 440.00
Salisbury 63.08
Shiloh 1,211.99
Stone Fort 55.00
Syracuse 50.00
Verona 276.85
Walworth 35.00
Waterford 45.00
White Cloud 103.72
Wilkes-Barre 187.55

Budget 20,322.76
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Comparative Figures
Receipts in February
Budget $2,760.61
Specials 721.91
Receipts in 5 months
Budget 15,907.94
Specials 4,414.82
Annual Budget 63,121.22
Percentage of budget raised to date 25.2% 29.4%

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

Births
Lippincott. — A son, Gary Lewis, to Rev. and Mrs. Robert P. Lippincott of Shiloh, N. J., on February 15, 1954. (Adopted.)
Penderon. — A daughter, Margaret Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Cayson Pederson of New Auburn, Win., on February 16, 1954.
Burck. — A son, Bradley Allison, to Dr. and Mrs. Allison L. Burck, Jr., 1637 Mobile Ave., Chicago, Ill., on November 22, 1953.

A new Bible paper, representing the first major advance in the manufacture of Bibles in thirty years, is announced by The World Publishing Company with the publication in March of a new series of Bibles printed on "World Indo-Text," a thin, lightweight paper, exceptionally white, very opaque, and with high tensile strength.

All World Bibles are in the familiar, traditional King James Version.

Tract Board Meeting
The spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held on Sunday, March 21, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J. The other three quarterly meetings are held at the denominational building in Plainfield.

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

"Father of all mankind of every land and race, we thank Thee that Thou hast blessed our land and our people with good things from generation to generation even until now.

"We humbly confess that too often we have accepted these blessings as our right rather than as a trust from Thee.

"Too often we have forgotten Thy children of other races and climes who suffer because of the wickedness of man and the catastrophes of nature.

"Open now our eyes, we ask, that like our Master we may be filled with compassion when we see the multitudes in need.

"Help us to translate compassion into action and so to use Thy bounty bestowed on us that we may help them wisely with Thy will.

"In the name and in the spirit of the Master who went about doing good, we ask it all. Amen."
MISSIONARY COURAGE

The greatest missionary courage is not that initial God-given bravery exhibited when an unmarried man or woman of tender maidens venture into a new foreign field like Nyasaland. They have the uncertainties of uncounted years stretching ahead of them, years that mean a forfeiting of the legitimate pleasures of a tranquil life among companions of one’s own race and social status. We who were brought up to minimize the courage that it takes to start on such a venture of faith, but we can find greater courage.

When a missionary identifies himself with the people he expects to serve for a lifetime; when he marries one who is of mixed race, then he has cast his lot with the people in a way that few of us can comprehend. He has also let himself in for possible friction and strife due to differences of customs, religion, and personalities. Suppose the wife does not continue to show all the evidences of a true conversion. Suppose one’s patience is tried to the breaking point. Suppose the work of the home appears to be suffering some damage by friction in the home. How then is real courage to be shown? It may be shown best by a resignation. It was a hard thing to do but it has been done by the supervisor of our Nyasaland Mission. The leader of the mission does not claim to be free from blame any more than he claims to be courageous. There are those who believe that he has not always been fair and just in his treatment of the natives. At the present time we are not qualified to fully evaluate these additional elements.

Our people owe a great debt of gratitude to the one who raised up the Nyasa­land work from a half century of ashes with the prayer, help us to give the new religion in New Zealand, Europe, and America. We should continue to pray that his present home difficulties may be straightened out to the glory of God and that he and his family may be used in the Lord’s vineyard as the Holy Spirit may lead.

Great courage is not limited to the leader who has resigned but is also manifest in the lives of those who have been faced with far greater decisions than they had anticipated. Their physical and spiritual resources have been severely taxed and will continue to be in the months to come. We believe their courage will be equal to the task.

Of the family workers we cannot speak with the knowledge of personal acquaint­ance. We believe that they have been well trained in the Christian way and that they have made the great progress in the knowledge of the truth as held by our people. Many had the courage to carry on their churches without leader­ship. We cannot measure the period of their courage will fail during the time we are trying to add new members to our mission staff.

There is one group of people of whose courage we cannot be quite so sure — the church members in America. We fear that some of our people in this country are not spiritually prepared to face dis­couragements. It is for these people that we ought most earnestly to pray. We have no reason to throw down the sword. Spiritually minded prayer warriors will pray with faith. With courage they will match the spirit of our missionaries and will increase their giving to meet the growing needs. God’s work is big. Let us pray that this will give way to small thinking in connection with it, but rather let us grow in faith and works.

FOR A TRAINED MINISTRY

"Why do Methodists need a trained ministry? There are so many good reasons. Here are some of them."

First, a trained Methodist ministry will know "Methodism’s distinctive heritage of history and doctrine."

"Methodism has a thrilling history from the days when Wesley spread scriptural holiness across England, Ireland, and Wales; when Frances Asbury pioneered New America in the name of Methodism’s gospel of new hope and faith."

"Despite shallow criticism, Methodism has a special message, a distinctive doc­trine, a basic theology which by its majestic simplicity and its universal appeal has made Methodism the strongest Protestant denominator in America."

The above paragraphs are from an editorial column in one of our Methodist exchange publications, The Alabama Christian Advocate. Most of these ele­ments would apply with equal or greater force to Seventh Day Baptists.

THEME FOR NEXT CONFERENCE
To Know Him and Make Him Known

MARCH 22, 1954

The writer goes on to speak of some of those distinctive doctrines which he says God has wonderfully preserved. He lists assurance, free grace, justification by faith alone, and sanctification or perfection. We do not understand Bible teaching on all of these points in exactly the same way as the Methodist writer Tillett (whom he quotes) interpreted it. We have a feel­ing that the mighty Methodist Church in its practice has departed from its historic doctrines far more than we have from ours. Their church is about a century younger than ours but we have reason to believe that we are more true to our founding principles than they are.

One of the reasons cited for an educated Methodist ministry is to guide the layman through the hundreds of dangers which he faces in interpreting the Bible. Among the many illustrations of this he mentions that Jehovah’s Witnesses think the Bible is against blood transfusions. He notes: "Some argue for making Saturday a ‘holy day’ while most use Sunday. And so it goes through some 260 denominations in America. Trained ministers know how to guide the layman along the thoroughly reasonable way Wesley pointed out."

Our ministry has been, on the whole, much better educated than the Methodist ministry. In times past they were so anxious to evangelize that they could not wait for college and seminary training — a training that gives them a feel­ing of their denominational heritage.

We currently see in our church two tendencies. On the one hand, there is an attempt at our higher levels of planning to bring our denominational understanding more and more up to date. On the other hand, men anxious to begin evangelical and pastoral work are being ordained by local churches without the 7 years of training beyond high school. It may be that these two tendencies ought to exist side by side in a denominational church. However, many of those who are to preach the word and whose gospel is the message of the Holy Spirit will be equal to the task.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

President's Column

Memorial Text

"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." Acts 4: 29.


WE NEED TO BE STRONGER

We Seventh Day Baptists need to be stronger. We need to be stronger in faith. We need to be stronger as a denomination, and we need to be stronger in our churches. With the help of God we can have all three.

We, as all Christians, need a stronger faith. A saintly person has a deep realization of such a need, so should the rest of us. This faith needs to bring us personally closer to God through Jesus Christ our Saviour. It needs to cause us to give a greater witness, a more loving service, and a wider Christian influence in the affairs of this world.

Our denomination needs to be stronger. We are too scattered and our churches are too few. Each of us and each church should endeavor to raise up new groups of Sabbathkeeping Baptists who cherish the faith, especially in those areas where no Seventh Day Baptist Church is within reach.

Then, too, our churches are too small. Most of our groups are so small we cannot do the effective work, and because of this smallness many who believe in the Sabbath are hesitant to cut their ties with present churches where they are already having vital Christian experiences. It should be the desire of all Seventh Day Baptist Churches to so grow by serving their Lord that they can be leading churches in the community year in and year out. We hope that different plans may be adopted to effect this end. - Fouke, Ark., Church bulletin.

SECRETARY HARRIS' COLUMN

MARCH 22, 1954

With many of our churches designating next Sabbath (March 27) as Stewardship Sabbath, we may think on the meaning of that term should be in order.

Webster defines a steward as "an officer or employee . . . on a large estate to manage the domestic concerns, . . . keep accounts, etc. Think of our selves as officers charged with the management of a portion of God's world, we must realize that we are directly responsible to God for the management, and use of that portion of worldly wealth which is in our control. We remember some of Christ's parables about rewards for stewards who managed the affairs left in their charge ably and punishments for stewards who mismanaged their portions of estate. There are also parables of just and unjust stewards and the rewards for their stewardship.

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to begin again on the house (after the rains are over).

"There is a lovely Christian woman who works for us. She carries our water, does our washing and many other things. One of the schoolboys does our ironing. We are doing our own cooking.

"The dispensary work has grown immensely since our arrival. We had 1,134 patients in November, 1,120 in December, and 1,186 in January. One day we passed the 100 mark by one. Since it takes about £4 to £5 monthly for medicine we are charging 1½ pence (about 2c) per patient call. The pennies count up, averaging an income of about £4 a month. Some, of course, cannot pay and are treated anyway.

"We do, at times, keep patients at the dispensary. We have a dispensary (treatment) room and one small and one large room for bed patients. There is only one bed. However, since the natives sleep at home on mats, they often do the same here, bringing food and sleeping mats when they come.

"Maternity work is at a standstill because Beth may be on the dispensary with only part-time help from Mary Barrar. Thus she is unable to leave on such calls. Joan is teaching full time."

[The above material was sent for Mission Notes, published at Los Angeles, but due to the present importance of news from Nysiland we are also including it in our pages. Ed.]

The newly-organized International Christian University, organized in Tokyo, Japan, principally with funds from American churches, seems to have a monopoly of "firsts." It is the first Christian graduate institution of higher learning in Japan. It has a student body of men and women. (Almost no Japanese institution has any housing facilities for students.) In addition, ICU will develop a campus-centered life; this experiment of faculty and students sharing community life together, and informally, may influence all Japanese education. Also, the university will be a unification of education in its specified fields. Administration of this kind is not practiced by Japanese colleges or universities today.
Nyasaland Mission Problems

A special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 7, to consider problems growing out of the resignation of Rev. Ronald Barrar as head of the Nyasaland Mission.

Letters were read which had been received from Joshua Chona, secretary of the Central African Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, from Miss Beth Severe and Miss Joan Clement, the American missionaries on the field, and from Rev. Ronald Barrar.

A Burdet Crofoot, secretary of Commission and Conference, and Rev. Lester G. Osborn, president of Conference, represented the Commission and Conference at this meeting, sharing communications that had been received by them.

After full discussion and with reluctance the board accepted the resignation of Mr. Barrar. Plans were started for carrying on the mission work in Nyasaland with a change of supervisor and policy.

Portions of their letters follow. Mr. Chona wrote:

"It was on the 24th of January when he (Mr. Barrar) put forth his resignation before the committee. The reason for his resignation is the disagreement in their family. The committee agreed with him to resign and to try to work it out with Beth and Joan. They were wrote down, 'in our thinking there is no other choice (than to accept his resignation) if we are to remain as a mission'. Mr. Barrar wrote as follows: 'It is very hard for me to write this letter, as you will know from (Secretary) Burdet Crofoot that I have resigned. I do hope the Missionary Society will get into this field now that it has the opportunity, as I believe this is the Seventh Day Baptist's last chance in Nyasaland. The work is here, as it always has been, and I hope you will look at this difficulty as just a change of supervisors and policy which is what it amounts to. Things seem to have piled up on me since my return and I'm afraid I can't take it. I'm not doing my job properly, it is hard to work with so much on one's mind. Please do what you can to get someone out here without delay. In the meantime, I am doing what I can.'

Special Meetings at Salemville, Pa.

Evangelistic services are being planned for the middle of April. Rev. David Pearson of Berea, N. Va., has accepted an invitation from this church to come to this field at that time.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson of Schenectady, N. Y. His wife is the former Bettie Butler of the Paint Rock, Ala., Church. Both are good musicians, and thus can add much to the service.

The meetings will begin on Sunday, April 11. - From Salemville Church Bulletin.

Secretary Harris to Visit Churches

Plans are about complete for the secretary of the Missionary Society to leave the office for a field trip on March 17 to be gone for several weeks. It is expected that assistance in preaching services will be secured in Loup, Neb.; Nortonville, Kan.; and at the Little Geneseo, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Secretary Harris hopes to be back at the office on April 20, a few days before the April Missionary Board meeting. Rev. Harold R. Crandall will carry on the work of the office during his absence. Mr. Crandall will assist under the same arrangements as were made during his co-secretaryship last year.

Plans are being made also for the secretary to assist the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church in special services during mid-May.

These proposed preaching and lay visitation leadership services are a part of the effort being made to co-operate in the suggestions of last Conference 'to undertake pilot projects in the field of home missions evangelism.' This was suggested in order to make possible the study and more completely detailed programs for the work of the Missionary Board's proposed full-time field worker on the Home Field.

Christian Mission Schools

Seven Day Baptist churches have always encouraged education and sponsored colleges as one of our first Christian responsibilities. "Not only is the development of the mind designed to add to the inherent worth and dignity of the individual, an ambition in itself worthy of the church, but it ensures a well-informed and enlightened leadership in the church and community. On mission fields it has been an inevitable and natural expression of Christian concern to establish a school soon after establishing a church." Mr. Barrar wrote as follows:

"When is a mission school Christian? "The majority of the managers and staff should be (professed) Christians and in their human relations should give a convincing demonstration of Christian brotherhood. "As a rule "half of the students in a Christian school should normally be within five to ten miles of some regions this may not be possible. "The difficulty of finding adequately trained Christian teachers to accept the relatively low salaries of mission schools compared to those of government schools" is a problem facing all mission school executives. This very problem is keenly felt by our mission teaching staff in Jamaica and deserves the sympathetic appreciation of the denomination. Those who teach at a sacrifice to themselves and families should be held up in our prayers.

(Quotes are from "Conference on Missionary Institutions" sponsored by the Division of Foreign Missions, May, 1953.)

Remember Stewardship Sabbath

Secretary Crofoot has reminded us that March 27 has been designated as "Stewardship Sabbath." It is the last Sabbath of the quarter, therefore our last chance to bring our contributions up to the quarter's goal.

Many of us are remembering with sharpness of pain right now that our government requires careful, costly stewardship. It requires about 20% after deductions. If we had given God more we would not have been required to give "Uncle Sam" so much. Federal tax money may be spent wisely, but not nearly as carefully as church and denominational money. If it be possible, let us aim now to further this plan. It is a wise investment and one that is accompanied by a glow of pride rather than that prick of pain.
Secretary attends great religious education meeting

It was a real privilege to attend the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ held in Cincinnati from February 7 to 13. There were about 1500 representatives from forty denominations. The theme of the meeting was, "Our Unity, Teaching — Our Task." Seventeen different sections discussed various phases of Christian education — children's, youth and adult work, leadership education, missionary education, the part of executives, editors, pastors, laymen, etc. People engaged in many kinds of religious work shared their experiences and conclusions. I can mention only a few of my impressions and a few people who contributed.

The high spot for me was the worship service on Tuesday evening in the huge Emery Auditorium. Such was packed from main floor to the last balcony with earnest worshipers. The music by a local choir accompanied by a brass choir was inspiring. A challenging address, "A Total Witness and the Teaching Task," was delivered by the well-known evangelist, Charles B. Templeton of the National Council's Department of Evangelism.

There were descriptions of the social work of student teams from Farham College in the surrounding communities, exchanges of experiences in operating youth camps, and demonstrations of the use of films and filmstrips and other audio-visual aids. Dr. Gerald E. Kent, executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education, pointed out several recent trends in Christian education. One is a growing popular emphasis on a more evangelical spirit, a desire to reach all for Christ. Great emphasis is being laid on the family as the most important agency for teaching religious values, and efforts are being made to help parents to do their part. A third tendency is toward more co-operation between denominations in weekday religious education, radio programs, the production of religious films and audio-visual materials, and other things that we can do better together than we can alone.

The popularity of alcohol is due primarily to the fact that it charms people with its own personalities. The drinker glows with self-affection and takes for granted that one share his adoration of himself.

No, I don't like drunks. But a drunk doesn't care. He likes himself well enough for both of us. — Don Herold.

"There is more joy in heaven over one repentant than over a ten thousand dollars for a building fund." — Dr. Carroll A. Wise.
Dear Mrs. Greene:

My name is Donna Bowman. I am in the eighth grade at school. I am thirteen years old. I go to the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Next week in school I go to sewing class. The teacher is teaching how to make a dress. The first six months of school we had cooking class. I have a brother who is twenty and a sister who is twenty-eight. My brother is in the U. S. Air Force. My sister lives in Highland Park and has two children: a boy named Russell who is seven years old, and a girl named Marjia who is one and half years old.

I take singing lessons from Lois Wells, the director of the church choir. We have a group of girls named Melody Maids who sing once a month in church. I also take swimming lessons.

In Christian love,

Donna Bowman

Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Our family was very happy at Christmas. We had two full seats in church. There were even more children present.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene

Los Angeles 41, Calif.

Dear Dixie:

You certainly are a very busy girl with many worth-while activities. But I think, don't you, that busy people are the happiest?

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Donna:

I was pleased to receive two nice letters from the Los Angeles Church, and I am hoping that this is only the beginning; that you will write often and get others to write. I have a brother-in-law and several nieces and nephews who lived in Los Angeles the last time I heard. His name is Sydney MacCarty.

Horseback riding is fun. I found it so when I was a girl on the farm. I also liked to drive our old horse Topsy and sometimes drove after the mail two and a half miles from home.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Grandpa and Grandma, Robert and Corry Clarke, had a Golden Wedding celebration a week ago. One hundred and eighty people came to their party. My sister and I gave them a Golden Wedding anniversary book.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I went to Doris Ann's wedding at the Christian Temple in Bellville. We have twelve cows and some calves, and we have dogs and cats for pets. I go to school on the bus. I am in the fourth grade. We have a new TV.

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 3, 1954

Jesus’ Intercessory Prayer

Lesson Scripture: John 17: 9-23.
standing among missionaries that 'some sort of social democratic revolution is necessary' to solve the problems inherent in the country's outworn feudal society. The assembly was held Dec. 8 to 12, in Buck Hill Falls, Pa. — National Council Bulletin.

During the 37 months of the Korean War, automobile casualties in the United States were 50 times greater than battlefield casualties.

New England Laymen's Fellowship
Lewis F. Randolph
A meeting of the men of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of New England was held in the vestry of the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. 1., on Jan. 31. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the formation of a fellowship. Fourteen men were present representing four of the New England churches. Morton Swinney of Niantic, Conn., was appointed temporary moderator, and Lewis F. Randolph of Ashaway, R. I., temporary secretary. It was voted that the fellowship meet again in the vestry on Sunday night, February 28, and that Mr. Swinney and Rev. E. T. Harris be a committee for a program for the next meeting.

The second meeting was held as scheduled with twenty-one in attendance. Mr. Swinney opened the meeting with a devotion after reading from several hymns. Merritt Kenyon of Ashaway read the Scripture of the evening and offered prayer. Following a brief talk by Mr. Swinney, pictures were shown by Pastor Osborne, Ira Murphy, Elston Van Horn, and Martin Oates. Many of the views were of local setting, all of them being greatly enjoyed by the members of the group.

Later, a nominating committee was appointed which met during the ensuing month of February. The nominating committee reported officers elected for the ensuing year as follows: president, Morton Swinney; vice-president, Ira Murphy; secretary, Lewis F. Randolph; treasurer, Elwin Kenyon, Jr. The vote was unanimous.

Pastor Osborne gave an invitation for the fellowship to meet at the Ashaway Church on Sunday night, March 28. A cordial invitation is extended to all the men of New England to attend these fellowship nights and to attend the fellowship, with the assurance that they will be well repaid. It has been mentioned that we may have one or two quartet groups.

We hope to become better acquainted in the fellowship group, trusting that with the presence and help of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bird of Dodge Center, Minn. From January 2 to February 20, our average attendance has been 30; morning worship attendance has averaged 33, about two thirds of them being children; Christian education on Sabbath afternoons has an average of 18 in attendance; and Wednesday evening prayer meetings averaged 12 of school age and above.

Evangelistic meetings were held nightly from Feb. 5 through Feb. 14 with Pastor Trevah R. Sutton of Fouke bringing good messages, including an illustrated message for the children at the beginning of each meeting. We are no professionals of faith in Christ, we trust that good was done. Those of us who have allowed Christ as our Saviour were blessed by the meetings and the opportunity of visiting with Pastor Sutton. We are very thankful to God for the spirit of evangelistic meetings. Attendance during the meetings ranged from 16 to 39.

Mary H. Van Horn, Correspondent.

SALEMVILLE, PA. — We started the new year by co-operating with the other churches in the community in the Week of Prayer. Services were held in our church on Sabbath eve with the pastor of the Methodist Church at Loysburg filling the pulpit. Our pastor delivered the sermon in the Church of the Brethren at New Enterprise on Sunday evening, January 10.

Last year was a very busy and happy year for us.

Some of our young people attended the Pre-Conference Camp and Conference last August. We had a successful Religious Day School the first week in August in the German Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Pastor and Mrs. Burdick had a vacation in Arizona at Sierra Verdes. On our pastor's birthday in November we gave him a surprise party which turned out to be a joyous occasion. We presented him with a birthday cake which has also raised the pastor's salary $100.

The Juniors presented a Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Melda Clapp, which was very enjoyable. An offering of $28 was taken and sent to missions.

Our young people have voted to put our bimonthly paper of church activities. The Women's Society meets the first Wednesday evening of each month in different homes, and a faithful few spend Wednesday of each week quilting in the home of Mrs. Minnie Wolfe.

The society has adopted the "penny-meal" plan suggested by our executive secretary, A. Burdet Crofoot. If this would and could be done by every Seventh Day Baptist our Missionary Society would have no trouble in meeting the budget.

We are looking forward to the coming of Rev. Mrs. B. W. V., to hold evangelistic services in April.

— Mrs. Mary Blough, Correspondent.

FOUKE, ARK. — A weekend series of evangelistic meetings were held in our church from Friday to Sunday night, November 6, 7, and 8. Deacon Glen Davis was charged with service and Pastor Sutton brought the three messages. Although the attendance was small those attending say they received spiritual benefit from the services.

A nice group of our people gathered at the church on Sunday, November 29, for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. The New Year's dinner did not materialize due to an emergency (the fatal illness of Mrs. Sutton's mother).

Several of our men participated in the "Men and Missions" service on Sabbath morning, November 7. A message was given by the pastor but laymen had other parts in the service.

A number of our congregation attended the Billy Graham film, "Mr. Texas," an evangelistic service, held December 12 at the Fouke school gymnasium. — The Church Echo.

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are those who discuss the frame of rhythmic personality which is seen of man as just a house of the soul. Others debate that man is a soul, not that he has a soul which is housed in his body. To none of these thoughts does the Bible give a statement more dependable than sure, but I know that he is capable of enjoying everlasting life. Since man was made a son of God, I believe that he possesses moral attributes, and moral virtues. He has the ability to love, like, hate, and dislike. God is infinite and man finite. I do not believe that man was born totally depraved and as a worm he has nothing to do in his integration, but that he is born free to, or not to, sin. His environment, especially in early life, leads him more quickly to sin than to righteousness, but it is all the action of his free will. I believe that, though sin seems more dominant in the world than ever, man is on the progressive state to goodness, and that he will one day reach it somehow or other, whether the entire race or not. This can and will do only through the help of God in Christ, but he must recognize that he is a sinner and needs God’s favor. Essentially, I do believe that man has the highest value in the sight of his Creator.

(To be continued)

**WINGS**

By Irene Hulett

How foolish, we, to stoop and cling To myriads of trifling things When opportunities abound Wherein the deeper joys are found Which, if embraced, would give us Wings — Celestial Wings.

**Obituaries**

Dewberry. — Zetty Kenyon, daughter of William L. and Mary Langworthy Kenyon, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., Oct. 18, 1883, and died in Bethany Deaconess Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1954. She was united in marriage to Rev. Arthur B. Dewberry, Nov. 17, 1919. His first parish was in Canada. Then since they have served several Methodist churches in Connecticut and New York State. She joined the Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church by baptism in her early years. Besides her husband she leaves one brother, Amos L. Kenyon of Ashaway, R. I.; two nieces, Mrs. James Waite of Bradford, R. I., and Mrs. C. N. Heath of Stoneham, Mass.; a nephew, E. Ellery Kenyon of Austin, Texas; and Miss Gwendolyn Dussault of Philadelphia, Pa., who has lived in her home since birth.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist Church in Derby, Conn., with the Rev. W. E. Rhodes officiating. Her husband who was a patient in the Bethany Deaconess Hospital was unable to attend. The committal service was held at the First Hopkinton Cemetery near Ashaway, R. I., conducted by Rev. E. T. Harris of Westerly, R. I.

— Buddington J., the son of Herbert and Eliza Jennings Carpenter, was born Jan. 25, 1879, and died suddenly Feb. 11, 1954, at Blockville (Ashville), N. Y.

He was graduated from Alfred University in 1908 and taught at Frenning, Findley Lake, and Kendall, N. Y. At the time of his death he was operating a farm.

He was married in 1912 to Elsie Stetson of Findley Lake who survives him, as do also two sons, Bruce and Paul, and a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Milks of Scio, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted at the Blockville Methodist Church with Rev. Ivan Rossell officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery, Blockville, N. Y. K. E. S. Palminter. — Vinnie Coon, was born April 24, 1870, the daughter of O. L. and Myra Coon, and passed away Feb. 24, 1954, at Albion, Wis.

She joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church May 1, 1886, and has throughout her life been a faithful member of that church. She sang for many years in the choir and was a member of the Missionary and Benevolent Society. A graduate of Albion Academy, she taught in several local schools. On March 18, 1893, she was married to Fred E. Palminter. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Oakley of Manhattan, Kan., and Mrs. Winifred Babcock of Albion, Wis.; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Davis; two sons, Roy L. Coon of Stoughton, Wis.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, besides several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Kenneth E. Smith officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery.

— Warren S., son of Rudolf and Margaret Ayars Harris, was born May 29, 1869, in Shiloh and passed away March 5, 1954, at the age of 84.

He resided all of his life in this vicinity except for three years which were spent in Minnesota. Mr. Harris has been a member of the Shiloh Church for many years and up until his recent illness was active in many organizations.

Surviving are his wife, Elsie; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Cobb and Miss Florence Ayars Harris; a sister, Mrs. Mable Davis; two grandsons, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott, on Tuesday, March 9, at the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeport, with burial in the Shiloh Cemetery.

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**Thou Remains**

By Annie Johnson Flint

Thou remainest, Thou the changeless, Though all else on earth may change, Old joys fade, new griefs awaken, Old things pass and new are strange. Strength declines and footsteps falter On the dark path God’s love forever, Thou remainest! Thou remainest! God of glory and of grace.

Thou remainest, Thou our refuge, When our hopes are all laid low; Though our faith in man may weaken, Faith in Thee will stronger grow. Heavy burdens weight our shoulders; And the night brings no release; Thou remainest! Thou remainest! God of power and of peace.

Thou remainest, Everlasting, When all else shall pass away; Friends are gone and pleasures fail us, And the clouds obscure our way, Still Thy promise stands unshaken, Life and death its truth shall prove; Thou remainest! Thou remainest! God of wisdom and of love.