DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, Jan. 31, 1954

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Ministerial Retirement        | $ 304.40  |
S. D. B. Building             | $ 140.92  |
World Fellowship and Service  | $ 20.80   |
General Conference            | $ 710.32  |
American Bible Society        | $ 45.75   |
S. D. B. Memorial Fund        | $ 150.00  |
Bank of Milton, service charge| $ 1.66    |
Balance, January 31           | $44.33    |

Totals                        | $5,245.99 |

$1,551.91

Comparative Figures
Receipts in January
Budget                                      | $5,215.00 |
Specials                                    | $ 1,551.91 |
Receipts in 4 months
Budget                                      | $13,147.33 |
Specials                                    | 2,325.06   |
Annual Budget                               | 101,932.29 |
Percentage of budget raised to date         | 20.8%      |

L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

Marrriages

Monroe- Gladens. — Glathan Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Monroe, and Julia Gladen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shade Gladen, both of Fouke, Ark., were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. Trevah S. Sutton, at Fouke, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1953.

Obituaries

Jenners. — William, was born at Hastings, Mich., Jan. 4, 1877, and died at Boulder, Colo., Jan. 15, 1954, after an illness of about two years.

He was married to Nettie E. Sweet at Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 2, 1901. He was survived by his wife and eight children: Delbert of Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Rose Lackey, Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Louisa Pierson, Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Bessie Hard, Boulder, Colo.; and Mrs. Ena Boston, Boulder, Colo. There are also four sisters: Mrs. Grace Gereck, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Maggie Johnson of Oregon; Mrs. Lucille Moore, Grand Island, Neb.; and Mrs. Sylvia Stroud, Puyallup, Wash.; and one brother, Benjamin, Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Jenners was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder, Colo. They had lived in Boulder since 1902. Funeral services were held in the Howe Mortuary, Boulder, January 19, conducted by the interim pastor of his church, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton. Interment was in the Mountain View Memorial Park, at Boulder.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34.
GIVING HALF TO GOD

History, drawing upon all the treasures of time, often contains more gripping stories than can be found in our contemporary experience. A reader sent us a clipping about a remarkable clergyman being displayed in the Newark, N. J., museum. One of them is an English candle 12 inches in length with notches one inch apart. It is one of the type contrived by King Alfred the Great prior to A.D. 900. He wanted to measure time so he could give half of it to God.

Time was not the only object in which Alfred sought to divide equally with God. The church historian Schaff tells us that he gave half of his income to God and education. In both these areas he tried to teach his people by example as well as precept.

His life is cast against the darkest background of English history. He brought his country out of the chaos following the invasion of the heathen Danes and Normans. His was a time when even the clergy had lapsed into barbarism and had no knowledge of the meaning of the Latin formulas they tried to recite.

A man afflicted with epilepsy and other physical disorders, he was a brilliant military leader, the builder of a navy, a great administrator, lawgiver, scholar, and writer. He found time by carefully dividing time. Historians tell us he is esteemed the wisest, best, and greatest king that ever reigned in England. He fixed in lanthorns; he made use of burning tapers of equal length, which he fixed in lanterns; an expedient suited to that rude age, when the geometry of dialing, and the mechanism of clocks and watches, were totally unknown.

This little expedition back into the dawn of time, although 62% attending every Sunday and 26% attend not at all. They are virtuous only by comparison. Congregationalists appear to hit the bottom with 42% who do not attend at all and 10% who are at church every week.

Memories of King Alfred

The purpose of the church is not only to comfort the afflicted but to afflict the comfortable. — Bahnsen.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

President's Column

I've Been Wondering

What impression are we Seventh Day Baptists making on our communities?

Do people take us for granted? Do they just accept the fact that we are "peculiar" in the day and age in which we live, or do they ignore us, leaving us alone? They shouldn't! They should "sit up and take notice." They should watch us to see what is going on in the things which we are doing. It might even be antagonistic interest, but that is better than indifference.

What are we doing to show people the way of salvation? We should be bringing them to the One who can forgive their sins, and deliver them from the burden of guilt. We should be winning them to Christ as Saviour and Lord.

What are we doing to help them in their spiritual and devotional lives? We should be bringing them into contact with the power for right living, showing them the source of strength to meet the tempter. We should be helping them to know Jesus better, and to grow in Christian character.

What are we doing to lift the moral tone of our communities? We should be meeting and combating evil conditions, and working to expel the forces of unrighteousness.

What are we doing to make our communities Sabbath conscious? We must show them that the observance of the seventh day is not just a "freak notion" which we just happen to be different and stubborn. We must show people the blessing of Sabbath observance, and inform them about Seventh Day Baptists.

What impression are we making on our current fiscal year?

Listen to what one of our pastors wrote me in a letter recently: "I am more convinced than ever that if we want to spread the Sabbath truth we will first have to convert Seventh Day Baptists. I know my Seventh Day Baptist affiliation has not helped me any in my community as far as telling people about the blessings of Sabbath observance."

Does that "bring you up short" as it did me? Try to "shrug it off" as a snap judgment of a discouraged preacher! You can't if you examine the influence of your own pastor in your community in the light of your attitude toward and observance of God's Holy Day.

Look at it through your neighbor's eyes! What impression is he getting of the importance of the Sabbath and of its value by looking at you? That, I think, is what this pastor meant. He preaches the value of the Sabbath, the blessing of doing God's will in this matter. Then his people go out on the Sabbath "doing their own ways and finding their own pleasures." Their neighbors could not understand, attending socials and entertainments, going to ball games, taking part in civic affairs, and many other things desecrating God's day. And our neighbor's eyes - of course, unimportant, even a burden — and the pastor's words are nullified! What can people think?

If we are to make the impression on our communities which we wish, we must live these things ourselves. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you" is that which is part of our own experience. We cannot give or share what we do not have ourselves — salvation, victory, the joy of observing the true Sabbath.

May Acts 4: 13 be true in our lives.

Beloved in the Lord, we need, above all, to pray! Make these things a matter of concern in your prayer time.

L. G. O.

SECRETARY'S COLUMN

We can begin to take some encouragement from the report of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget if the month of January is any index of what we will accomplish the rest of the year. For the first time since the present Conference year began, the January receipts were in excess of one twelfth of the year's requirements.

Because of the light receipts during the first three months of the current fiscal year, it would take five more months of giving at the level reported for January to bring receipts up to current requirements. As it stands at present, although a third of the year has now passed, our total giving is still less than one twelfth of the amount required for the year.

Another encouraging factor is revealed when the giving of individual churches is compared with previous giving by those churches. Some time ago your executive secretary sent to each church a suggested monthly target for its giving, the target being based on the proportion contributed by that church during recent years. The treasurer's report as of the end of January shows that eighteen of our churches are exceeding or are fairly near the suggested targets. These are the churches at Adams Center, Albion, Battle Creek, Hammond, First Hopkinton, Independence, Irvington, Lake City, Marlboro, Northampton, Pawcatuck, Philadelphia Fellowship, Plainfield, Putnam County, Ritchie, Shiloh, and Wilkes-Barre. If these eighteen churches will but continue their good work, and if the remaining forty-seven churches will bring their giving up to the suggested targets we can end this Conference year with our budget met.

When looked at from the point of view of percentage of the budget raised, our accomplishment so far this year compares unfavorably with a year ago. On the other hand, our total giving to date this year is approximately $3,000 more than it was at this same time last year. The fact that some projects which were not covered in the previously incorporated into this year's budget by Conference was expected to result in an increased total
INTERPRETERS OF CHRIST

Edgar F. Wheeler

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

"Let your light so shine before men..." Matt. 5: 16; Phil. 2: 14, 15.

Are we aware that as Christians our responsibility goes deeper than superficially "telling about" Jesus Christ? The large majority of people will recognize the historical fact that He lived and walked on the earth, that He was crucified, rose again, and ascended to heaven. But the multitude are puzzled over the significance of Christ for them. We Christians must be interpreters of Christ and His way for them.

Men are seeking peace with God; they are searching for victorious power and incentive for a better life of purity, goodness, and godliness; they long for the secret of personal peace and felicity. Ours is the task — rather let us say the privilege — of interpreting Christ as the answer to all these needs. Christ declared Himself to be the Redeemer from sin, the Way to God, the Giver of the new spiritual life. Whether or not we are willing to be held responsible for our impressions upon others, many will pass judgment on the Christian way and the validity of Christ's claims in the light of our life testimonies. The very name "Christian," "Christ-like," implies that our lives are a reflection of His likeness.

The man who declares, "If that is what is meant to be a Christian, I don't care to be one," has seen an interpretation of Christ and His way, false though that interpretation is. Nowhere is the difference between God and His will, so often manifested by professing Christians, appears as a denial that Christ is the Redeemer who brings sinners into harmony with God. The anxious and fretful disposition of those who most readily profess faith in Christ pictures Him as disinterested in those who put their trust in Him, and unable to give them peace and power.

The grudges and antipathy harbored among self-declared Christians interprets the Christian way as not being the way to love and harmony among men. Inconsistent living denies the power of Christ to give victory over sin. Christ and His way are frequently tragically misrepresented before the world by those by those who profess His name and likeness.

There is a "gospel according to you" read by all who come in contact with you. And it may not be reduced to a mere formula. It must be a living demonstration of the redeeming, vitalizing power of Christ at work in every area of your life! It is an interpretation of Christ written in terms of confident faith, godly living, a loving and forgiving spirit, a life of righteousness flowing spontaneously from the heart that is filled with Christ. — De Ruyter Church Bulletin.

The time is short. The other day we saw a picture of an atomic fireball disintegrating a steel tower. The camera of revolutionary design without moving parts was set for what might be called a time exposure. How much time? One millionth of a second. A second is a second, whether we measure it in millionths of years in their description of the mutations of man they are just guessing.

Let it be remembered that our scientists are doing much better on the infinitesimal than on the infinite measuring of time. They are accurate to the millionth of a second when they measure the life of man. They are accurate to the millionth of a second when they measure the life of man.

Let us so trust Christ that when He says, "the elements melt with fervent heat," it will hold no terror for us. Ed.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

FEBRUARY 22, 1954

SHELL WE CHEER, BOO, OR JOIN THE TEAM?
Rev. Albert N. Rogers

Condensed by the author from an address given at the Battle Creek General Conference

It would be hazardous for a "York State" man to attempt to make comments on Michigan baseball, but perhaps he may be permitted an observation regarding two of the clubs in New York. The New York Yanks and the Brooklyn Dodgers have acquired whatever attention you may wish to pay its way. Here is a modern parable as we consider the educational work of Seventh Day Baptists carried on by the Board of Christian Education. We want to ask for teamwork in the denomination and I do not mean to stifle the cheers and boos. Our traditional principles of freedom of conscience, local church autonomy, and the responsibility of each individual before God cannot endure without complete freedom of utterance. Nor can our General Conference survive without the strength that comes from diversity.

Have you ever made a character study of John Mark, and Paul's difference with Barnabas regarding their fellow Baptists? We weaken unity, rather than strengthening it, when we take sides. This has been so much the case in the past that in every generation we have been arguing as if it was the world, and to God who loves us all if we divide that fellowship in any way.

The School of Theology has come in for criticism this year. I don't think this is unfair criticism. The Conference Committee on Theological Education has been very fair in its study of our work and we have tried to assist it in every possible way. I hope many of you will talk with me about the school and with Rev. Loyal F. Hurley who has been such a help at Alfred and to farmers of the country could sell to Ford employees and also buy Ford cars.

Cheers and boos, plus paid admissions, are what it takes to support organized baseball. Cooperation is essential to build automobiles and support the nation. And this same sense of belonging, this we-group spirit which is inclusive of all individual differences, is what we mean when we pray about our church life. During the first half of this century we have declined as a people while social belief in the next half century let us gain by co-operative believing. Now let us look at two parts of our educational work.

Rev. Melvin Nida has been sharply criticized for his work as editor of the Helping Hand. He has received condemnation also for his scholarship and originality. Edgar F. Wheeler regards his writing as a part of teaching and welcomes letters from his readers. He personally planned the last quarter 1933 lessons to be written by several different ministers. The Board of Christian Education lamented the canceling of subscriptions because that is like walking away from a man when you have been arguing, of course, but you can never patch up the argument until you start talking again.

I hope any of you who have canceled your Helping Hand subscriptions will go to Alfred and renew them. You are asked to do this not out of loyalty to us at Alfred, and not because it costs you proportionally more. It is the smaller circulation than for a larger one, but because you and I and Melvin Nida are on this Seventh Day Baptist team together. We weaken our way when we all are putting energy into the field and to God who loves us all if we divide that fellowship in any way.

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He is weakening his effectiveness as a Seventh Day Baptist minister and weakening our denominational solidarity. He needs tohistoric training that leads us to absorb the intangibles of our heritage and to learn with those who will be his fellow ministers.

Speaking personally, I had two and a half years at Yale Divinity School and one year before that at Alfred. If I had to give up one or the other it would not be the year at Alfred, grateful as I am to Yale. Dean Main died the year I was in Alfred but the imprint of his mind, the outlook of the Alfred churches and those of the Western Association, and my contacts with the university and community will always be part of me.

It would seem best in general for the theological student to enroll at our School of Theology his first year out of college. Then if he decides to continue his course in another school he will have our blessing. But if it is more feasible for him to study elsewhere first, we would hope that he would come to Alfred for a year before ordination. Such is the dispensation of most denominations. I may add that it has always been Alfred’s policy to welcome men and women as special students when they did not wish to or could not qualify for the degree course.

Theological education is much less expensive than medical education or the training required for lawyers, dentists, or nurses. I have reason to believe that our per-student cost is about midway between that of the least expensive and the most expensive theological training obtainable. Obviously it would cost us less per student if a larger number of men were in training at Alfred. Less than six and a half per cent of our Denominational Budget has gone to the School of Theology this year; but one large denomination recently marked thirty-eight per cent of its budget for denominational training.

Rev. George B. Shaw years ago described the School of Theology as several hens trying to hatch a few eggs. The same number of hens could cover a larger area or setting. My message is not primarily on the cost, but on the way in which our ministers are trained, how often, when a student fails to take any of his work at Alfred, because we believe national programs at the same time each one makes his own distinctive contribution to the whole. We have to know and trust each other, and to lead churches that will co-operate in denomi-
missions

strengthening the fellowship
at mill yard

Word has been received that Pastor J. E. P. Hansen of Copenhagen and Pastor Johannes Bahlke of Hamburg are accepting the invitation of Pastor James McGeachy to make a friendly visit in London and enjoy the fellowship of the Mill Yard Seventh-day Adventist church members and friends. The proposed time of their meeting at London is Friday, February 26. It is expected that Brother Hansen will travel first to Hamburg and be there for a short visit before traveling on to London accompanied by Brother Bahlke.

It is gratifying to know that our brethren across the sea are enjoying rich fellowship in Christ, drawn together by their common love for Him and the Sabbath He observed.

Pastor Bahlke is able to serve as interpreter for Pastor Hansen. It is possible that Pastor Bahlke will remain in England for a while after the meeting in order to visit old friends and acquaintances in Dublin, Ireland.

the steep ascent

The daily devotions of the Fellowship of Prayer for the seven weeks before Easter are written on the theme "The Steep Ascent." The author, Rev. Robbins Barstow, will be remembered by many as the speaker on Church World Service at the 1947 General Conference held in Westerly, R. I. Dr. Barstow is at present on the staff of the National Council of Churches.

The theme, "The Steep Ascent," is developed under such headings as "Training Rules" and "To the Heights." It remains true that "They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n through peril, toil, and pain; O God, to us may grace be given to follow John in their train."

The third devotional in the 1954 booklet is for Friday, March 5 (The World Day of Prayer). The theme for this day, "The Thirsting Life," will be the rallying point of prayers all around the world as the service is held especially for women's groups. Miss Sarah Chakki, President of Isabelle Thoburn College in India, has written the beautiful service for the council of the church. The doors of our churches will surely be the poorer spiritually if they do not unite their prayers with those of the women of the world on this day of prayer.

The Missionary-Minded Church

(By Mrs. Luther Hansen, chairman of Missions Committee of the Denver Sabbath School, written upon request.)

Some time ago the Denver Seventh-Day Baptist Sabbath School participated whole-heartedly in the "Second Century Fund," as did many other churches and Sabbath schools in the denomination. At the time the contributions were quite generous, and our church did not suffer financially because of this additional giving to mission work; as a matter of fact we felt that the church was more prosperous than it is at the present time.

Since the time of the Second Century Fund, our Sabbath school has voted the church treasury which needed extra funds for various worthy projects. Several times it was sent to the Denominational Budget when special pleas were sent out. One time it seemed advisable to give it to our local church treasury which needed extra funds at the time; and thus we sort of got away from the quarterly Missionary Sabbath.

Last December the "Religious Education Committee" of our church held a meeting and discussed ways in which we might do more toward Christian education in our local church. Several different recommendations came out of that meeting, and one of them was a recommendation to our Sabbath school that we give our quarterly special offerings to missions, and that a special program be given in connection with the offering. We considered this plan readily accepted this recommendation, and our first program was held on the last Sabbath in December, with the offering being sent to the Denver church.

In March we are having our second program and offering for Jamaica, and Secretary Harris and the Missionary Board have been very co-operative in supplying us with materials including some lovely slides, and a new group of snapshots from the yard. Word has been received that Pastor Bahlke is able to serve as interpreter for Pastor Hansen. It is possible that Pastor Bahlke will remain in England for a while after the meeting in order to visit old friends and acquaintances in Dublin, Ireland.

The Denver Church knows from past experience that God will bless us if we will do what we can for the spreading of this Gospel. A missionary-minded church will not die, but will grow numerically and spiritually.

On the Southwest Field

Pastor Tревах Sutton assisted Pastor James Mitchell and the Edinburg Church in special services February 4-14. The services began with the regular Thursday evening prayer meeting.

Word from Hammond tells of Pastor Ralph Soper had arrived and began his pastorate in mid-January. He has written, "At the time we arrived and for the first week or more it rained almost continually. Still the attendance was very good, one family driving 65 miles to be able to attend the services. I am planning a year's service in humility before our Lord, am praying that the Holy Spirit may guide in all our work and efforts, that God will bless the work here, and that many shall be led to Him who is able to 'save to the uttermost.' 

E. T. H.

Word Made Flesh

A mail boat was returning from the West Indies. Among the passengers was a man who had with him a dog of which he was very fond. One day a small child was playing with the dog. After throwing the stick for the dog to catch, he suddenly turned and threw the stick into the sea. At once the dog jumped over after it. In great distress the owner ran to the captain, and begged him to stop the boat and rescue the dog.

"Stop the mails for a dog! I can't do it," said the captain.

Then you shall stop the ship for a man," exclaimed the owner as he flung himself overboard. Of course the ship was stopped, and both man and dog were rescued. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." He identified himself with us in our danger that we might have rescue. — Selected.

"Prayer Reminder Cards" have been placed on the mess hall tables of the First Battalion at Fort Monmouth, N. J. The cards, signed "The Chaplain" read:

Each in his own words. Each in his own way. Let us remember at mealtime to thank Him for our blessings.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR MARCH

Topic: Jesus Our Pattern

Scripture: Matt. 5: 1-16; John 12: 32.

Be Thou supreme, Lord Jesus Christ,
My immortal king,
So I shall think as Thou dost think
And will as Thou dost will.
Anonymous.

Hymn: Teach Me Thy Will. O Lord!
or, O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.

In preparation for this meeting read also Luke 6, 20-28. Read the Beatitudes in Matthew 5: 3-11, using the word happy instead of blessed.

Thoughts to expand: This is Jesus' idea of a Christian way of living, so it becomes a pattern for us to use. We are familiar with patterns. They are guides for measuring and cutting various things and when a pattern for us to use. We are familiar the fabric follow the lines of the pattern. We very carefully trim off every bit of cloth where it does not conform to the pattern. A homely illustration, you say. But does the fabric of our lives follow the guide Jesus gave us? It may be we need to trim off some here, fill out some there.

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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY SUMMER PROGRAM AIDS RURAL CHURCH

Dr. Ralph A. Felton, eminent rural church specialist, has been secured to lead a three-week workshop on "The Rural Church and Community Leadership" at the School of Theology, July 3-23, in cooperation with the Alfred University summer session.

Author of a number of important studies of the problems of rural churches, Doctor Felton recently retired as professor of rural sociology at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. He is a Methodist.

Field trips will be taken to migrant labor camps, co-operative parishes, and to other areas of effective programing to see how a church meets changes in a rural community. Many Seventh Day Baptist churches find themselves surrounded by an entirely different situation than that in which they have previously worked. Dean Fred Gertz, director of the university summer session, is co-operating in the workshop plans which are designed for central school and adult education people as well as for church leaders.

Seventh Day Baptist pastors and religious education workers may wish to enroll for other courses in summer school along with the rural church workshop. Courses in denominational history and polity required for accreditation of ministers will be given. Conference can be set up if there is sufficient desire for them.

Living accommodations can be arranged at The Gothic or in Alfred Station. Anyone wishing further information regarding the summer program is invited to write to the School of Theology, Box 742, Alfred, N. Y.

A. N. R.

School of Theology Gift

The Alfred University School of Theology is pleased to announce receipt of a gift of $300 by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Randolph of Ashaway, R. I. It is given in memory of Mr. Randolph's parents, Rev. Lewis F. Randolph and Elizabeth Davis F. Randolph.

The late Rev. Lewis F. Randolph was pastor of the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church in Hopkinton Hill, R. I., for thirty years, having come there from Greenbrier, W. Va., in 1883. He passed away July 18, 1918, after active service in the church, civic activities, and the surrounding community. A second son was the late Curtis F. Randolph, treasurer for many years of Alfred University.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have stated that their gift was prompted by the Preaching Crusade in Westerly last fall shared in by faculty and students of the School of Theology. During the crusade, members of the team visited the Second Hopkinton Church for a Sabbath afternoon service.

The college has also received $300 from the Kohler Company of Kohler, Wis., according to an announcement by Kenneth A. Babcock, financial assistant to the president. Since students can pass along half of the actual cost of their education, operating fund gifts such as this are needed and very much appreciated, Mr. Babcock stated.

College Gets Gifts

Milton College reports that it has received a $10,000 gift from the Lynde Bradley Foundation. Under the terms of the gift, approximately half of the grant is to be used to place modern flooring in the hallways of old Main Hall, to build new stairways to the second floor, and to sound-proof the hallways. Main Hall will soon be celebrating its centennial, and its thousands of friends among past students will welcome the news of the attention it is receiving.

The college has also received 100 shares of Parker Pen B stock as the personal gift of Kenneth S. Parker.

A further gift of $2,500 has been received from the Kohler Company of Kohler, Wis., according to an announcement by Kenneth A. Babcock, financial assistant to the president. Since students can pass along half of the actual cost of their education, operating fund gifts such as this are needed and very much appreciated, Mr. Babcock stated.

Dr. Louis Hadley Evans, minister-at-large of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and Connie Haines, radio, TV, movie, and recording star, conducted a pre-Christmas preaching mission in Pacific Air Force bases by Ordered by the Air Force chaplains. The trip is the first experiment in a proposed program to team professional entertainers with clergyman in Protestant preaching missions. . . .
Dear Kendall and David:

I have so many letters this week that I’m going to write to you both at the same time. I was very much pleased to receive such interesting letters from each of you.

How I wish I could see that model farm you described to me, Kendall. I do hope that it was a success. I have not finished mine yet but have done the head. I am studying about birds in school, and the teacher drew a big tree on the board and everyone was supposed to draw a bird to put on the tree. We were also supposed to choose a new bird to give a report about. I chose the bluejay, the nuthatch, and the bobwhite. I am also studying about Indians.

Alida Wattles

417 Mck. Ave.
Endicott, N. Y.

Dear Alida:

Since your Aunt Daisy sent me the letter written to her by Hilda Wattles I have been hoping to receive a letter from her. She is your sister, is she not? I was pleased to receive your letter. Hope you will write often and that Hilda will follow your good example.

We are having cold snowy weather but it is so windy that it does not make the trees Castle for coasting. The children have to be satisfied mostly with drawing each other along the street. The children next door have made a snowman.

Some time ago I saw a moving picture at the Methodist Church called, "Science in Nature." It showed numerous wonders with which God has blessed us. The different birds, especially, were wonderful.

Lovingly,
Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My daddy is the minister here. I go to school. I am in the second grade. I have a little grey kitty. His name is Bobby. I sang a song about him at Christmas. Sometimes Mommy helps me feed him. Jackie is not big enough to write to you. Your friend,
Nancy Cruzan.

Adams Center, N. Y.

Dear Nancy:

It was a pleasant surprise to receive another welcome letter from you. I will be looking forward to the time when Jackie is old enough to write to me.

I am wondering if you couldn’t send me the song you sang about your little grey kitty at Christmas so I could send it to the Recorder. I’m sure other Recorder children would enjoy it, and so would I. But most of all I wish I could have been there to hear you sing it.

With love,
Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Since it was Aunt Daisy that told me to write to you I will write a letter to you like I would to Aunt Daisy.

In Brownswe are making puppets. I have not finished mine yet but have done the head. I am studying about birds in school, and the teacher drew a big tree on the board and everyone was supposed to draw a bird to put on the tree. We were also supposed to choose a new bird to give a report about. I chose the bluejay, the nuthatch, and the bobwhite. I am also studying about Indians.

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Dear Mrs. Greene:

I thought I would write again.

I have been taking piano lessons since I was in first grade. I am now in the fourth grade and am also taking clarinet lessons.

I will be ten on February 14. I have two sisters. One is in the first grade. Her name is Mary Ellen and she is six years old. The other one is Virginia Beth. She is four years old.

We have two cats and two fish and snails for pets. Of course we can not play with the fish but can watch them. Yours truly,
Carolyn Smiley.

Dear Carolynn:

I will answer your letter next time.
Mizpah S. Greene

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — The annual church meeting was held at the parish house on January 10 following a tureen dinner. Reports of the various church societies, including the Sabbath school, Ladies’ Aid, Finance Committee, Family Night Committee, and the Missionary Circle were given.

Pastor Don Sanford was given a unanimous call for another year. His report was indicative of a year full of service with us. He has held office in county and other agencies and worked outside to supplement his salary. Our parish house kitchen under his direction has been completely altered. Much of this work he did himself. As a result we have an attractive and convenient kitchen.

In the spring he saw the possibilities of two Sabbath school classrooms in the long room upstairs in the church and, with the assistance of a committee this has been partitioned and painted in cheerful colors to provide the children with the needed space for classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Bassett have made and recently presented to our church fifty racks for Communion cups. The work required much time and effort and is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Kathrine Crandall, secretary of the Missionary Circle, reports as follows:

"We held nine meetings this year with an average attendance of nine. In March 90 packages of used clothing were sent to Korea. Our giving for One Great Hour of Sharing netted $25. We made $10 and tied a quilt to be used by a needy veteran at Bath. Mrs. Floyd Clarke has been our constant helper in this project although she is unable to do work outside her home. We showed the Joam and Beth pictures in place of one regular meeting, to which the public was invited. A $10 CARE package was sent to Korea and we have another clothing collection ready to go. We were sorry this year was 'This Is My Africa' by Emily Booth Langworthy."

White Cloud's report of their use of money was made by their mother and the amount raised by each member of the family putting in a penny is a most challenging. Let's all get mint boxes and drop in pennies or larger coins and encourage our missionaries in Jamaica, Nyasaland, and other places that need our support. — Mrs. Milford Crandall, Press Com.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — We sang this song again on the first Sabbath night of the new year:

"Ring out the old, ring in the new.
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

In a moment of retrospect, we regretted the silence in the church tower after the Christmas music had floated out daily for a week, as our organ was played each afternoon. Three rented speakers beamed it quite effectively throughout our area. Malera Curtis and Jean Lewis were alternating organists. Passing motorists stopped frequently to listen.

Action taken in the business meeting of January 10 showed enthusiasm for advancement and a spirit of generosity.

Considerable interest is being taken in the Bible Reading Fellowship. Pastor Wheeler is back in with us to Sabbath evening school and studies and his morning sermon, Highpoints from Matthew, Mark, and Luke have been covered as our reading has progressed. In this unfold manner Christ is more clearly unveiled to us. It is a blessed experience.

We are again a favored church blessed with a good public to our visitors. They bring new life to us as they enjoy our unusually lovely weather and the fellowship of our church.

Dr. Wayne R. Rood, associate professor of Religious Education at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, filled the pulpit January 30. He spoke dynamically to a well-filled and listening church on "The Meaning of Jesus." Such a delineation of Christ, showing His realistic faith, courage, and boundless love, fires us to "Follow in His Train." That evening, Alby Mackintosh brought us the report of the discussions of the Commission he recently attended at Alfred, N. Y.

A healthy sign for the new year is the increase in enrollment of children in the Sabbath school — such an increase that movable panels of plywood have been devised to devise the space of the large social hall for classrooms at will. — Florence Ritz, Reporter.
WATERFORD, CONN. — Another happy year of service has passed into history. We had the misfortune of losing our pastor, Rev. Carl Maxson, in the spring of 1953. However, we were able to have the pastor of the Niantic Baptist Church, Rev. Theodore Echols, to preach each Sabbath.

Our annual business meeting was held on the evening after the Sabbath, January 2. The officers elected are as follows: moderator, Morton Swinney; clerk, Miss Helen Maxson; treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Avery; deacons and deaconesses, Albert Brooks, Morton Swinney, Miss Helen Maxson; trustees, Virgil Neff, Morton Swinney, Albert Brooks; organist, Mrs. Leslie Avery, assistant, Mrs. Ruth Neff. Charles E. Gardner, one of our active members and senior deacons, passed away on Christmas Day.

Extensive repairs and redecorating of the sanctuary is now in progress. While the work is being done the service is being held at the home of Minnie Maxson. Our Friday evening service is led by Rev. Edith Northrup of Niantic. We are now studying the Gospel and Epistles of John which go with our Sabbath school lessons.

The Sabbath school can report an inspirational year. A Vacation Bible School was conducted by Miss Ellen Swinney in August. Officers have been elected and teachers for the year are Mrs. Damaris Getchell, Albert Brooks, Mrs. Selena Swinney, Miss Emma Burdick, and Mrs. Florence Fctrow.

For Christmas a group went caroling to shut-ins. A party was planned for the children but due to a chicken pox epidemic each received a party at home. The adults enjoyed a worship service December 23 led by Ellen Swinney. Each one was able to share his Christmas with some needy family by giving for a white Christmas. The Ladies’ Aid members feel that God has been very close to them this year. Mrs. Selena Swinney has been president. We have been able to help the church substantially. We have been unable to have sales as we have in the years before but with several quilts, which have been tied and donated to various churches, we were able to keep our treasury built up. The annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Albert Brooks with twelve members present.

Mrs. Albert Brooks.

Marriages

Hulett - Weaver, — Douglas Leland Hulett and Mavis Ella Weaver were united in marriage on June 21, 1953, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Following the groom’s completion of military service the couple plan to reside in Milton.

Anderson - Loofboro, — On Oct. 10, 1953, Arthur William Anderson and Virginia Annette Loofboro exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are at home in Janesville, Wis.

Drake - Zaborek, — Donald Leland Drake and Loretta June Zaborek were married in a pre-Christmas ceremony in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Dec. 23, 1953. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, minister of the church, officiated. Following a holiday leave, the groom returned to his tour of duty in the Navy.

Births

Hurley, — A daughter, Deborah Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. George Hurley of Milton, Wis., on Dec. 4, 1953.

Obituaries

Lowther, — Lillie Ford, was born Sept. 7, 1866, in Doddridge County, W. Va., a daughter of the late James and Talitha Davis Ford, and passed away at her home in Salem, W. Va., on Dec. 18, 1953, following a short illness.

She was married in 1898 to Lucian D. Lowther, who died in 1935. She was a faithful member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church for some sixty-five years. She is survived by two children, Mrs. Courtland V. Davis of Somerville, N. J., and E. Jean Lowther of Salem, W. Va. There are three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Farewell services in her honor were held in the Salem Church with her pastor, Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Sutton, — Adolphus, was born Feb. 11, 1866, at Blandville, W. Va., and died Dec. 23, 1953, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. C. Vauban of Mannington, W. Va. From early life he was an active member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was married in 1894 to Cecelia Chloe Davis who survives him, as do also two sons, Fronce E., of Salem, W. Va., and W. Ede of Washington, D. C., and three daughters: Mrs. Robert J. LeMasters of Salem, W. Va.; Mrs. B. C. Vauban of Mannington, W. Va.; and Mrs. William G. Marseiller of Morgantown, W. Va. There are 21 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, assisted by Rev. James L. Skaggs, in the Salem Church, and burial was in the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Three Lessons

There are three lessons I would write—Three words as with a burning pen, in tracings of eternal light, upon the hearts of men.

Have Hope. Though clouds environ now, and gladness hides her face in scorn, put thou the shadow from thy brow — no night but hath its morn.

Have Faith. Where'er thy bark is driven — the calm's disport, the tempest's mirth — know this: God rules the host of heaven, the inhabitants of earth.

Have Love. Not love alone for one, but man as man thy brother call; and scatter like the circling sun thy charities on all.

Thus grave these lessons on thy soul — faith, hope, and love — and thou shalt find strength when life's surges rudest roll, light when thou else wert blind.

—Johann Christopher Friedrich von Schiller, in Masterpieces of Religious Verse.