DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, October 31, 1954

Receipts

| Alburn | $17.67 |
| Albion | 36.13 |
| Battle Creek | 428.88 |
| Berlin | 24.00 |
| Boulder | 41.77 |
| Brookfield, First | 10.00 |
| Chicago | 120.00 |
| Daytona Beach | 43.70 |
| Des Ruyster | 341.63 |
| Dodge Center | 95.00 |
| Farno | 15.00 |
| Independence | 30.00 |
| Indianapolis | 15.90 |
| Individuals | 1,953.11 |
| Little Genesee | 64.29 |
| Los Angeles | 76.50 |
| Marlboro | 317.82 |
| Middle Island | 16.13 |
| Milton | 363.75 |
| Milton Junction | 127.69 |
| New Auburn | 18.72 |
| Norristown | 34.50 |
| Philadelphia | 20.00 |
| Piscataway | 12.00 |
| Plainfield | 207.50 |
| Putnam County | 10.00 |
| Rockville | 11.00 |
| Salemville | 68.00 |
| Schenectady | 100.00 |
| Shiloh | 220.00 |
| Walworth | 25.00 |
| Waterford | 21.35 |
| White Cloud | 31.59 |
| Total | $4,928.63 |

Disbursements

| Missionary Society | $1,238.08 |
| Tract Society | 289.60 |
| Board of Education | 566.08 |
| Women's Society | 140.48 |
| Historical Society | 51.52 |
| Ministerial Retirement | 398.72 |
| S. D. B. Building | 53.56 |
| General Conference | 448.96 |
| World Fellowship and Service | 11.20 |
| Balance on hand | 12.38 |
| October 31 | |
| Totals | $3,212.38 |

Comparative Figures

| Receipts in October: |
| Budget | $3,212.38 |
| Specials | 2,403.31 |
| Annual Budget | 70,750.00 |
| Portion of budget raised to date | 4.5% |

By Baptism:
Carolyn Loofboro
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By Testimony:
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Obituaries

Johnson. — Bertha G., daughter of Louis Frank and Anna Ayres Glassy, was born in Farina, Ill., on June 1, 1874, and died in Point Pleasant, N. J., on Oct. 20, 1954. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Charles A. Manson, of Point Pleasant; Dr. Isabel Johnson and Mrs. Joseph G. Hancock, both of Greenwich, N. J., and a son, Arthur A. Johnson, of Point Pleasant. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Benjamin R. Durham at the Van Hise Funeral Home, with burial in the White Lawn Cemetery in Point Pleasant. — B. J. M.

Van Horn. — Alberto Jay, was born Feb. 23, 1888, at Welton, Iowa, and died at a Cedar Rapids hospital Oct. 4, 1954. Mr. Van Horn resided at Garwin, Iowa, most of his life and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that community until its dissolution. His first wife and mother of his children, Lucy Babcock, died many years ago. The second wife, Mrs. Mary McPherson, whom he married in 1927, died in 1936. At the death of his third spouse last spring he returned to Oakland, Calif., to make his home with a daughter in Cedar Rapids. Survivors are a son, Harold, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Van Horn, both of Cedar Rapids; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Blanche Furrow, of Blair, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jackson Burns of St. John's Methodist Church of Cedar Rapids and burial was at the Garwin Union Cemetery. — Mrs. Blanche Furrow.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for December 4, 1954
The Use of the Sabbath

Accessions

By Baptism:
Lost Creek, W. Va.

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Ent.r.d of three boys. They live in Cedar Rapids, wife of Rev. Theodore Choy and mother

THE BIBLE'S DAY
In the last issue we printed the Thanksgiv­ing-to-Christmas Bible readings suggested by the American Bible Society. We hope that if there are not enough of us to get them from the churches, we may expect to have more church readers to remember every special day.

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THE KING AND I
Since there are so few people who can use the expression "The King and I," it gives one a peculiar sensation to read those quoted words. There just aren't very many kings any more and not many folks who have common experiences with kings. What was the remainder of that sentence? Notice: "I can truly say that the King and I found great comfort and strength from our reading of the Bible." Those words were spoken recently in the Bible House in New York City by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, when she accepted a King James Version Bible from the American Bible Society.

No, we cannot claim that we sat down with the king and read the Bible with him. But we as husbands and wives and families sitting down in our own homes can read the same Word of God. We receive the same comfort and strength that is needed by kings and queens. It is usually little people, not big people, who are ashamed to admit a dependence on the Bible.

The Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, in a double-breasted business suit was recently pictured in the Bible House without his imperial retinue, adding his name to the long list of millions of others who are signing the World Good Will Book and contributing to the work of the Bible Societies. It was not too many years ago that the Emperor of Ethiopia had to flee his throne under the aggressive onslaughts of a so-called Christian nation. None stand so high that they need no help. None sit at so low a footstool that they need be without hope. All of us may have common experiences with kings in reading the Bible. That is because before the great King there is neither bond nor free. We can all have daily fellowship with the King. Such is the joy poetically expressed in the hymn, "I Walk with the King."

Let us remember the words of Queen Elizabeth, "The King and I found great comfort and strength from our reading of the Bible." Are you reading your Bible every day?
THE SABBATH RECORDER

NOVEMBER 29, 1954

Prayer Thought

When in dire need of help we need no urging to enter the prayer closet; the cry of prayer comes spontaneously to all who know or even hope that God hears. Almost equally natural is the urgent intercession for the health of loved ones. It needs little instruction. Far too many of us, however, have to be spurred, encouraged, and instructed before we learn to pray earnestly, consistently, and effectively for the conversion or spiritual welfare of those outside the usual circle of our family love. How can we account for this? It is not because we disbelieve in prayer or that we really think that physical health is more important than spiritual wellbeing. It is a form of self-centeredness that can be corrected. Therefore, let us take it to the Lord in prayer.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

Secretary's Column

We Are Seventh Day Baptists

As Seventh Day Baptists we have always guarded jealously our practice of freedom of choice and spiritually. This is one of the major tenets which set Baptists apart from many other church groups. Because we hold many basic beliefs in common, and because we recognize many common tasks which are too big for us to handle individually, we have affiliated in local churches, in associations, and in the General Conference. We have set up joint agencies to carry out various facets of our common task of making "disciples of all nations (including our own), baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We have set up various boards to which we have delegated different portions of this common task. We have the Missionary Board whose charge is to carry the Gospel abroad and to certain areas within our own country. We have the Tract Board which is charged with carrying on the task through the printed word. We have the Board of Christian Education basically responsible for the training of Christian leadership. Each of our denominational agencies has been assigned a part of the task for which each of us individually is basically responsible. Such delegation of a part of our duty does not in any way relieve us of our individual responsibility. Christ's command was directed to each of His followers personally, and each of us personally is responsible for the discharge of this command. Since we can't each of us individually carry the Gospel to Jamaica or Nyasaland, or print tracts presenting the Truth, or train ministers and young people's leaders, or preserve the history of our faith in safekeeping, it behooves us to do the next best thing and furnish the sinews for those whom we have charged with these portions of our duty.

There are a few churches listed in our Year Book whose names did not appear at any time in the record of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget during the Conference Year recently completed. There are, of course, many more individuals who did not give anything toward the budget this last year. Recognizing that we are Seventh Day Baptists, and as such are members of the denomination as a whole, let us search our consciences and see whether we are obeying Jesus' command when we fail to make any contribution toward the discharge of portions of that command which are too big for us individually to handle.

This year's budget could be realized if every member of the denomination contributed $12 during the year. Obviously there are many of us to whom a contribution of $12 per year would be impossible. It is equally obvious that there are many to whom a contribution of this amount would be merely a token gift. If each of us gives according to his means we can realize the budget, but if some fail to give even a widow's mite, we stand in danger of ending the year with a repetition of past history and the budget not met.

1955 Conference Plans

It was decided at the General Conference session at Milton, Wis., last August that the 1955 Annual Conference of Seventh Day Baptists would be held in a resort area, namely, Mt. Sequoyah, a well-developed camp near Fayetteville, Ark. The exact dates were to be worked out with the management of the resort.

Conference President Clarence Rogers now announces that agreement has been reached whereby the Conference will be held from Monday, Aug. 13, to Sabbath, Aug. 20. The program as planned will begin with a devotional service on Monday afternoon or evening. The business will start Tuesday morning as usual and an effort will be made to conclude all business on Friday.

Conference will then end on Sabbath day with a program filled with inspiration. Watch the pages of the Sabbath Recorder for further plans to be announced by President Rogers.

Conference Theme: "To Serve Him"

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR REVIVES CHURCH

The fifty-year history of the Battle Creek Church paralleled the direction of Dr. B. F. Johnson who has recently been received at the Recorder office. It is interesting to surmise that this strong church might have died a death soon after its organization if it had not been for an active Christian Endeavor Society.

The history statement that the church was organized with 17 members, Dec. 10, 1904. On the next page we read: "Because of a lack of denominational leadership this church was inactive for several years until Rev. Iudson G. Burdick was sent here by the Missionary Society late in 1908. A reorganization was effected by the Rev. Mr. Burdick early the next year and the church began to thrive. This was due largely to the fact that it was made known through the Sabbath Recorder and other sources that there was opportunity for Sabbath employment in our city."

From the above it would appear that the Sabbath Recorder in a small way and the Missionary Society in a large way were responsible for the revival of this languishing infant church. However, when Dr. Johnson comes to the story of Christian Endeavor he says that this society was the group which petitioned the Missionary Board to send a minister to Battle Creek. 'The situation looked promising for reviving the church.' The C. E. organization had sprung into existence during the time when the church itself was dormant, namely, in March of 1908.

We may venture to guess that this is not the first or only time that youth in its Christian Endeavor organization has saved or revived a church. The story has had continuous existence and is the oldest auxiliary of the church. Once more we take off our hats to youth banded together in a society with such lofty ideals as the Christian Endeavor.

REVELATION

By Leona Frances Choy

Perfect love, yes, perfect love,
This my constant plea!
How can I ever attain its height?
Its depth I cannot see.

I sought to love Him as I ought,
I faltered constantly;
He lifted every stumbling step,
And led me patiently.

At last He drew me to Himself,
And poured His love so free;
Then my response was perfect love,
HIS LOVE revealed through me!

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For December 11, 1954

The Fourth Commandment

Lesson Scripture: Ex. 20: 8-11;
Deut. 5: 12-15; Matt. 5: 17-20.
Newark 246

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. Luke 4:14, 16.

RURAL CHURCH SITUATION

Any denomination may well learn something from the reports of the eleventh National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country which was held in Salinas, Kan., October 26-28. It was attended by 1,000 delegates from 20 denominations who gathered together from 250 communities in 30 states and 4 Canadian provinces.

With the decline of the small church in the country arrested only in the last dozen years, the purpose of the convocation was to consider the current situation, exchange ideas, and inspire rural leaders with plans for greater strength of church program in the nation's towns and "wide open spaces."

The leaders found that there was a great deal of overlapping of effort in many communities and large gaps in others. In seven counties in Kansas it was discovered that there was a church for every 300 persons. More than half of the churches had less than 100 members. A survey disclosed that in one town of 4,000, eleven of the twelve churches had changed pastors during the two-year period of the survey. This appears to be part of the reason why the youth program in the rural church is generally given less attention than the local church work. It indicates that all is not well when the turnover of pastors is that large.

Herbert E. Stotts of Denver's Iliff School of Theology charged that the "population is not leaving the rural areas as fast as the church is," and that the rural church cannot continue to bear the burden of church membership and the burden of the local church work. Let us dedicate our resources and our talents.

History of Sioux Bible

The Sioux Indians were deported from Minnesota for the uprising of 1862 before the translation of the Bible into their language was completed. History turns back its pages to show the difficulties of making the translation.

"The Dakota language used by the Sioux was extensive and complicated. The Minnesota Historical Society possesses a dictionary of the Dakota language used by the early missionaries, a thick book, 383 pages written out in patient longhand.

"The Rev. Thomas Williamson, the great missionary, took some of the Bible from the Greek into the Dakota. One man who translated part of the Bible could not pronounce words. He learned the alphabet, wrote it in Arabic Braille; Joseph Renville, listened to the Bible as it was read to him in English, translated the English into French and then the French into the Indian language." — Star Record.

Bibles for the Blind

During the past year, the American Bible Society produced a new edition of the New Testament in the Revised Standard Version in four volumes of Braille Grade 2; and the same New Testament on 40 talking book records; while continuing to supply the entire Bible in the King James Version in 170 records. Large shipments of Braille paper were sent to Japan for Bible translation. In the year, a new edition of the New Testament in Korean Braille was completed; a first edition of the Society's "Small Volume of Scripture Passages" was printed in Arabic Braille; the first edition of the Gospel of Matthew in new Armenian Braille was completed; and attention was given on the production of the "Small Volume" in Portuguese in talking book records.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Recent World Council publicity comments on the post-Evanston discussions in 1953. The denominational yeast is high, and the dough calls for vigorous and immediate working. A number of books have already appeared for those who want to read more about it.

Former Premier Tetsu Katayama, Japan's first Christian prime minister, who held office shortly after the war, has completed a translation of the New Testament into Japanese. It presents the essentials of the New Testament in a form that can easily be understood by all. Working with a group of associates, including experts in the English, Greek, and Hebrew languages, this political leader who is the senior advisor of Japan's right wing Socialist Party, used the popular Goodspeed English Bible.

"No nation in the world's history has ever been as rich as the United States is now. It has in many ways the greatest population of the century. Yet, the country's income distributed equally, it is estimated by the Twentieth Century Fund that it would be $1,525 per capita, as contrasted with $181 per capita in Soviet Russia." — Newark (N. J.) News.

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RISE UP AND BUILD

"Our zeal and dedication must grow! Too long we have been relatively ineffective in the summer and moved to another community, is again serving the church as pastor. Because Mrs. Coltrin is teaching school in the other community they have not been able to take up full-time residence in the parsonage.

In our articles about pastors in the September 6 and 27 Recorders we did not have the latest information about Rev. Carl R. Maxson. He has finished his training and is located in the Protestant Chaplain's office at Kings Park State Hospital, Kings Park, N. Y. In addition to his duties as chaplain, he supplies the pulpit regularly for the New York City Church.
New Filmstrips Available

Among the new sound filmstrips available from the American Sabbath Tract Society, is one entitled "The Church Is There," It has 88 frames in black and white and two 78 rpm records with running time of 18 minutes. It can be used from junior age to adults and would be suitable for a worship service as well as missionary education meetings. Its story is about as follows:

"Various members of a 1950 Christian family report on their findings concerning the many projects which today's church is carrying on to help solve major problems of the world's people. In a council meeting, a family decides that they should know more about the work of the church. In subsequent family meetings, this family learns that the church is really accomplishing results in areas of Christian education of children and youth, better race relations, wholesome recreation for young people, Christian youth camps, religious ministry to migrants, overseas relief, displaced persons resettlement, home and foreign missions.

"The family soon comes to appreciate the church as a progressive, dynamic program at work today in every area of life in the United States and other lands. No longer taking the work of the church for granted, the family resolves in a spirit of prayer and consecration that each member will accept his responsibility for continuing and enlarging the service of the church."


Ofibitaries

Barber. — Howard M., son of Paul M. and Clara Lee Angeline Kenyon Barber, was born July 24, 1872, in Ashaway, R. I., and died after a short illness in the Wister Hospital Nov. 6, 1954.

Mr. Barber, a former chief engineer of C. B. Cottrell and Sons Company, retired in 1947. During his 36 years of service, over 300 patents were taken out by himself for improvements made on the printing presses. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and for 32 years a member of its Board of Trustees. He was also a trustee of Alfred University, and of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

He was the husband of the late Bertha Roberts Barber, whose death occurred March 22, and is survived by a son, Robert S. Barber, of New London, a grandson, Robert Winship Barber, also of that city.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor Rev. Charles H. Bond, at the Schilke Funeral Home on Nov. 9, and burial was made in the River Bend Cemetery. — G. H. B.