DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, December 31, 1954

Receipts
Balance, Dec. 1 $50.69
December 3 months
Adams Center 101.50
Albion 41.67
Alfred, First 580.35
Associations and groups 69.35
Battle Creek 505.77
Berlin 16.00
Boulder 32.10
Brookfield, First 33.00
Buffalo 25.00
Chicago 45.00
Daytona Beach 76.77
De Ruiter 81.80
Dodge Center 17.30
Edinburg 10.86
Farina 15.00
Fouke 5.00
Friendship 17.00
Hebron, First 7.85
Hopkinton, First 33.00
Independence 82.00
Indianapolis 10.35
Individuals 1,953.11
Irvington 200.00
Little Geneva 64.29
Los Angeles 25.00
Marboro 610.82
Middle Island 10.00
Milan 439.39
Milan Junction 147.70
New Auburn 15.00
New York 35.00
North Loup 122.52
Norotonville 49.00
Pawcatuck 1,020.80
Philadelphia 16.00
Piscataway 31.00
Plainfield 969.30
Putnam County 5.00
Richburg 65.50
Ritchie 30.00
Riverside 231.78
Roanoke 728.44
Rockville 15.33
Salem 125.00
Salemville 123.00
Schenectady 100.00
Shiloh 380.00
Verona 72.90
Walworth 25.00
Waterford 36.02
White Cloud 54.26
Totals $5,428.28

Disbursements
Missionary Society
Tract Society
Board of Christian Education
Women's Society
Historical Society
Ministerial Retirement
S. D. B. Building
General Conference
World Fellowship and Service
S. D. B. Memorial Fund
American Bible Society
Bank of Milton, service charge
Balance, Dec. 31
Totals
Comparative Figures
Receipts in December:
Budget
Specials
Receipts in 3 months:
Budget
Specials
Annual Budget
Annual Budget
Percentage of budget
raised to date
L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.

Quarterly Meetings of Boards and Agencies
The Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will hold their regular quarterly meeting in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., Sunday, Jan. 23, 1955, at 2 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., Sunday morning, Jan. 9. Karl G. Stillman of Westerly, R. I., who is not always able to attend, was among those present. L. Meredith Maxson of Bronxville, N. Y., was absent on account of the death of his mother. The problems relating to our largest denominational investment fund were freely discussed and action was taken where necessary. The 1954 Year Book gives detailed information for those who are interested in examining the nature and scope of the operation of the fund. The next quarterly meeting will be held April 3.

The Sabbath Recorder

THE WORLD REACHES FOR THE WORD

In days of long ago a vision came to the Lord's chief apostle, Paul, with a Macedonian call. People in another part of the world were reaching for the Word. In that missionary party were one or two young men who must have been thrilled when they found in one place those who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so." As Youth Week approaches we rejoice that among those who receive a vision of the world reaching for the Word there are still today many of our youth willing to respond to the call.
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Coming Articles in the Recorder
The report of the midyear meeting of the Commission of General Conference was received in time for this issue but we failed to get it in. Look for it next week.

More articles on the editor’s impressions of Jamaica may be expected in the next two or three issues, also a Sabbath article by H. M. Howell of Kingston, Jamaica.

At the end of February we plan to begin a series of brief articles by Dean Luther A. Weigle explaining obsolete words that were changed in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

WHAT IS JAMAICA LIKE?
We who have visited Jamaica for only one week are not in a position to tell what the country is like or what our extensive missionary work (about 27 churches) is like. Others who have spent years of service there have not succeeded in creating an accurate picture in our minds, perhaps because we are dull of hearing. We can only hope to come away to try to help those who have sufficient background of reading, travel, or Christian experience to lay hold of the glimpses of beauty and truth to be remembered.

One is reminded of the way Luke's Gospel begins. “Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth those things which are most surely believed among us, . . . seemed good to me also . . . to write unto thee.” No one can see missions in a fair light unless he believes in missions. If one can see in any land the crying need of the people for the Gospel, then he can begin to understand missionary language. The temporary emphasis upon one field is no indication of failure to be interested in another. If we can love one child, we can find love enough to reach the next children that come into the family.

What is Jamaica like? Some would have us believe it can be characterized as the home of Jamaica rum. But a spirit of some supporting evidence such as extensive sugar cane fields and rum establishments, we reject that description. To say that it is a land of beautiful mountains covered over with tropical trees is not quite sufficient; the mountains need more description. We did not get very close to the highest elevation which is more than 7,000 feet, but we assume that mountain to be much like the 4,000-foot ones which we have come to know. There are inaccessible spots, some perpendicular cliffs whose faces are green only with unplanted trees and ferns but, for the most part, the mountains are tended by human hands everywhere. They are mountains of people, people who live inconspicuously in little houses and move about in the shadow of the sea. Sometimes we planted a tree, or planted a scantly living on the fertile coral soil by marketing their portion of the many fruits which grow luxuriantly.

For the missionary, it is the people that make the island. Outside the areas that still show the Spanish influence of centuries gone by, the Catholic Church does not have much sway. In a British island one is surprised to see so little of the Anglican Church. It thus appears to be wide open to Protestant churches such as we, and all that in the beauty of the island is the beauty of finding believers almost everywhere. It is easy to become sojourned with natural beauty alone, however, that the service that we should give to the believers of our own churches every home and the house of worship were swept away. The superintendents tell us that in those areas church building has been slow, they have no money. Many of the mission needs of the field will be met by a full support of our Denominational Budget.

YOUTH WEEK or C. E. WEEK
The annual celebration of Christian Endeavor Week has long been a custom in Seventh Day Baptist churches. The dates this year are January 30 to February 6. This particular week is chosen because it includes the birthday of Christian Endeavor. Traditionally, as long as we can remember and much longer, the first Sabbath in February has been marked in our churches by turning over as much as possible of the Sabbath morning worship to the youth. It was then designated as Youth Week or the C.E. societies. Untold good has come from this, not only in focusing the attention of the church on the promise of future trained leadership, but also in providing a strong link in that training. It requires much planning and counseling between pastor and youth but it is well worth it.

In recent years, since 1944, to be exact, this week has been designated as Youth Week by the United Christian Youth Movement, the youth arm of the National Council of Churches. The aim, doubtless, has been the result of some efforts of interdenominational youth organizations within the churches into one interdenominational youth emphasis. No doubt there have been some gains thereby. On the other hand, some of us cannot help but feel that a feeling of homesickness for the good old days when the aims and purposes of Christian Endeavor were so well taught and generally understood.

With the coming of more and more denominational youth organizations and new interdenominational fellowships, there has come, in our opinion, much confusion of purpose. Lacking the tested and proved
WHERE TO, SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS?

Rev. Ralph M. Soper

In the letter which accompanied the following article Brother Soper says that he wrote it in the middle of the night. He had tried to sleep but the matter weighed so heavily upon his mind that he could get no rest until he had prepared the message. Ed.

I was talking with a man some time back at a place where I was holding a few meetings, and upon his discovering that I was a Seventh Day Baptist, he remarked to me, "If you folks are right with your observance of Saturday, then please tell me how you account for the fact that all the other seekers for truth prosper and increase in numbers while you folks have been 'toggling away' as long or even longer than any others and are getting nowhere. You have only the insignificant sum of thirty-two full-time ministers and you are neither increasing in numbers nor advancing in the field of schools, colleges, or hospitals like others are. Something is wrong."

This was a real challenge to me, as well as to the one who discovered I came to the defense of our cause, and stated that I was of the opinion he was wrong in the number of ministers in full-time work. The one who wrote this book put out by the National Council of Churches which gave a very fair and full report of Seventh Day Baptists, stating as this man said that all the rest of the world, including the Wesleyans, had one minister. That is nothing. This man insists that Seventh Day Baptists be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and in the Book of forever. He is a typical example of what Seventh Day Baptists are, and I know that many others share his sentiments.

The need of the world today is not education, but regeneration; not religion, but a full surrender to the will of God; not profession, but possession of the Holy Spirit. The need of today is not membership in the National Council of Churches, but that our names be written in the Lamb's Book of Life, with our all things. If we have the faith, we can be commissioned and assigned to His followers — to go and preach the Gospel to every creature. Mark 16: 15.

How may we preach that Gospel of salvation in a way that will bring sinners to repentance if there is not full surrender on our part, with a deep and abiding determination to set apart for that part of each and every one of us to go forth in this coming year bearing the message of salvation through Jesus Christ to souls wandering and groping in the darkness of sin.

If we all determine to do this bravely, fearlessly and courageously, trusting in God and not in our riches and investments, I am sure that God will bless our efforts, and souls will be added to the list of the saved in the kingdom of God. Then we, too, can shout with Mary of old: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Luke 1: 46-47.

May we Seventh Day Baptists all strive to make 1955 our most successful year as we go forth in the strength of our mighty Captain, the King of Heaven; for with God nothing is impossible.

Controversy May Be a Duty

"Controversy in religion is a hateful thing. It is hard enough to fight the Devil, the world, and the flesh, without private differences in our own camp. But there is one thing which is even worse than controversy, and that is false doctrine tolerated, allowed, and permitted without protest or molestation."... On our part, we are not surprised at the victory of the Protestant Reformation. If the views that some men hold are correct, it is never ought to have had any Reformation at all! For the sake of peace we ought to have gone on worshipping the Virgin, and bowing down to images. . . . It is a plain Scriptural duty to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the Saints" (Jude 3). — Hinson Baptist Bulletin, contributed by Theona Rasmussen.

Welcome to New Subscribers

Quite a number of you in recent weeks have joined our growing family of readers. Some of you are old acquaintances; some are new. To all we extend an embracing welcome. Please feel at home. Try to get acquainted by consistent reading and by writing if you feel that you have something to share that would be appreciated by other readers. May we suggest that each weekly issue is something like a church service. Once you have begun you should stay to the end even though not everything is as you expected. It is pleasant to think of a large group of like minded friends, sharing this spirit of a large congregation of like faith worshiping, meditating, planning, and working together.
A VOCATIONAL DISCUSSION
The Ministry
Rev. Leon R. Lawton

This is the first of a series of articles on different vocations, but initiated by the chairman of the Vocational Committee, Oren E. Davis, Denver, Colo.

Two basic errors are made by many people who look to the work of the ministry as a vocation. While it is rated as a professional occupation, the ministry must never be lowered to that realm. Above all, it is a vocation which have not received the impelling call of God into the work of the ministry should well stay out. It has been truly said, "Don't ever be a minister if you can get out of it!" This does not mean it is not right for young men to consider whether this might be their life's work, but rather it means that when considering such, it must be done prayerfully and with a heart searching for God's will to be made known.

No one has a right, I feel, to be in this occupation unless he has a like feeling with Paul when he said, "Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel." 1 Corinthians 9: 16.

And logically you ask, "How will I know when I'm called, or not called?" You will know! God deals with us as individuals and the manner in which one senses the will of God in this matter will be varied from what another may experience. This can be checked by asking your pastor and then talking to other ministers.

The second error grows out of the first. Being a professional field, many feel that the ministry is a fairly well-paying profession. It is, but not in monetary gain. Statistics show that the average minister's income is less than the schoolteacher, the mechanic, or even the common laborer in his occupation unless he has a like feeling with Paul when he said, "Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel." 1 Corinthians 9: 16.

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Above all, the work of the ministry, to one called of God, presents a life of happiness and satisfaction few other vocations, if any, offer. As one of Life's Missionary Circle says, "Men of God, live lives of service and let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

These same thoughts are valid for those thinking about missionary work, with one definite addition. Sacrifice must be made by the missionary to leave behind loved ones, to sever many ties of life, and to enter into new situations, meet new peoples, learn new languages and customs. Those with medical and educational training are needed in missionary endeavor as well as those who will work in preaching and evangelizing.

God needs more servants in His work today! To a young man, or young woman, who has had a vital experience with God in Christ Jesus, there should be the willingness and searching of heart: "Lord, is it you I would want to do this work?"
ITEMS OF INTEREST
Dr. R. L. Lindsey, acting pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Congregation in Israel, urges official delegates and friends from the United States who plan to attend the Baptist World Alliance in London next July, to extend their overseas visit to include a week in Israel after the convention.

As members of the Baptist World Alliance, Seventh Day Baptists have as much right as Baptists of other denominations to attend the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London, July 16-22, 1955. It is indeed an unusual opportunity which some of our people should grasp. One of the unusual things about it is that the round-trip plane fare from New York to London is only $360. Enough planes have been reserved to carry 1,000 delegates. Three thousand more will go by ship.

Quick action is required. Registration blanks must be in the Washington office, 1628 16th St. NW, by February 21. Registration forms are available from Secretary Reuben T. F. 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

Marriages
Adamson - Stephan. - Wilma Stephan, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Earl Stephan, and Ronald Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adamson, of Malden, Wash., were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1954, at the home of the bride's parents in Nortonto, Kan. They will reside at 735 Horne, Topeka, Kan.

Births
Hensleigh. - A son, Robert Glen, to Mrs. Hensleigh, of Winchester, Kan.

Bogie. - A son, Bruce Blaine, to Capt. and Mrs. Bruce Bogie (Beverly Hurley) of Washington, D. C., on Oct. 5, 1954.

Aurand. - A daughter, Mary Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Aurand of Indianapolis, Ind., on Oct. 21, 1954.

Brown. - A daughter, Karen Gayle, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown (Mary Barber) of Bellevue, Mich., on Dec. 19, 1954.


Pederson. - A daughter, Mary Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Arden Pederson of New Auburn, Wis., on Jan. 2, 1955.

Obituaries
Crabtree. - Osa Parish, daughter of Isaac and Lizzie Parish, was born Oct. 25, 1887, in Nady, Ark., and died at her home near Fouke, Ark., Dec. 28, 1954. She was married to James Crabtree and has resided in the Fouke area for more than forty years, teaching school more than forty years. She was a member of the Fouke Church.

Mrs. Crabtree is survived by one husband; five daughters: Mrs. Pearl Reynolds, Mrs. Lizzie Harris, Mrs. Ruth Harris, Mrs. Louise Scary, and Mrs. Amy Jones; three sons: Fred, Isaac, and Jeff; two sisters: Mrs Lizzie Westmoreland and Mrs. Dovie Crabtree; twenty-four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and burial were held at the Independence Baptist Church and Cemetery near Fouke, Dec. 30, conducted by Rev. R. E. Sims, assisted by Rev. T. R. Sutton.

T. R. S.

Maxson. - Mrs. Marian C., daughter of Denison H. and Marian E. Crandall, was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., on Nov. 26, 1869, and died in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Jan. 3, 1955.

Mrs. Maxson lived in West Edmeston, N. Y., except for the last twenty-one winters when she has been in Daytona Beach. She was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach.

On Sept. 5, 1888, she was married to George D. Maxson, who died in 1933. She was also preceded in death by her two sisters and her two brothers. She is survived by her son, Meredith Maxson of Bronxville, N. Y.; three granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Jay W. Crofoot and Pastor Oscar Burdick on January 6, and at her home in West Edmeston, N. Y., on January 8 by Rev. Mr. Wetherbee of the First Baptist Church of West Edmeston. Internment was in the West Edmeston Cemetery.

O. C. B.

Burch. - Lois, daughter of Azor and Johanatha Coon Burch, was born Aug. 27, 1878, in South Brookfield, N. Y., and died in Binghamton, N. Y., April 18, 1954.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Charlotte B. Hughes of Utica, N. Y.; a brother, Clinton of Marathon, N. Y.; a nephew, niece, and a cousin. Miss Burch was a member of the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held in the W. T. Johnston Funeral Home in Brookfield, her pastor, Rev. Marian C. Van Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Brookfield Rural Cemetery.

M. C. V. H.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for February 5, 1955
The Grace of God
Lesson Scripture:
1 John 4: 10; Eph. 4: 4-9; Titus 2: 11-14.

Our Fathers Built
Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond

Our fathers built a “Meeting House,”
Where neighbors met to pray,
And nod a greeting, each to all
On the Holy Sabbath Day.

Our fathers built a “Church of God,”
With pulpit Bible-crowned
From which the living Word was preached
With no uncertain sound.

Our fathers built a “Village Church”
Whose bell tolled out the time,
Whose steeple pointed to the sky
In silences sublime.

Our fathers built among these hills
A Christian neighborhood,
A token of what is to be —
A world-wide brotherhood.

Note: The above poem was written to help celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the present building of the Alfred, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church and was recently sent to us by the author. It would fit many other churches. See Recorder of Oct. 18, 1954, for the Alfred background.