DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1955

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Comparative Figures

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In a great burst of false generosity Louis XI once made a solemn deed and covenant giving the entire Province of Boulogne to the Virgin Mary in perpetuity. Louis reserved "all the revenues thereof" for himself. There are a great number of superficially pious people today who say, "We are living under grace and have given all that we have to God!" But you will notice that they still keep practically all of it for themselves. It seems reasonable that God would still prefer the tithe in cold cash.

From Developing a Giving Church, by W. E. Grindstaff, Fleming H. Revell Company.

REV. CHARLES H. BOND
President of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference for the year beginning October 1, 1955

Scripture for the year: Matthew 5, 6, and 7.

Theme: Be happy — you are the light of the world. — Matt. 5: 11, 14.
A PLACE FOR YOUNG FOLKS

There's a place in the world's work for young folks — who everywhere stand for the right. Let us put on the God-given armor to help us win in the fight.

The words quoted above from the Young People's Rally Song so well known to Seventh Day Baptists is the beginning of this fall term there will be a father and son on the faculty of the college. Harley D. Bond, the father, has served as teacher for 25 years and has been associated with the college since 1929 and has served as treasurer since 1938.

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SEPTEMBER 19, 1955

WHO TAKES THE RECORDER?

What percentage of our active members subscribe to our denominational weekly, the Sabbath Recorder? An accurate answer to that question is not readily available although we could make a pretty close guess. The percentage is not as high as it should be for the health of our local and denominational work. Here is another question that someone might like to ask. "What is the relationship between denominational interest and the Recorder subscription list? To put it another way. "How many people attend our General Conference because the denominational paper has nurtured their interest in Conference matters, and how many people want to take the Sabbath Recorder because they have attended Conference and want to keep up their interest through reading it?

A little study has been made for the purpose of giving us a Recorder readership. As previously reported, there were 414 delegates and visitors registered at our recent General Conference. The Credentials Committee listed 312 duly accredited delegates representing 51 churches. This list was compared with our subscription list and it was discovered that it yielded so few names of people who are not known to be subscribers of the Recorder and that the number of those people would qualify for a student rate. We are of the opinion that a considerable increase in our subscription list is possible. We solicit the help of all readers in persuading their friends and neighbors in the churches that they need to read the material to be found in this paper from the beginning of each week. Let us make sure of all that we can do. We are well informed in matters pertaining to our faith and our mission in the world.

The director of our Nyasaland, Africa, Mission writes in a letter dated August 27: "The Sabbath Recorder continues to come, and it is a joy to read the latest issue on Seventh Day Baptist news. The denomination seems to grow in interest and fascination." [This, in spite of the fact that he probably receives his copies of the Recorder 1 or 2 months later than subscribers in this country.]

Coming Next Week

The next issue will carry on its cover a recent photo of the old Picataway Church building and some of the story of this 250-year-old church at New Market, N. J., and the celebration of its anniversary on September 17. As this Recorder goes to press there are indications that there will be a great many present from widely separated points.

Attention is called again to the 175th anniversary home-coming of the Berlin, N. Y., Church scheduled for September 24. The old church is a most picturesque structure with its unusual epitaphs. Many ministers of blessed memory lie buried there and the following inscription is found on the tombstone of a faithful servant of the church:

REV. WILLIAM SATTERLEE

Died March 29, 1862,
aged 95 years, 6 mo., and 25 days
With us on earth he'll dwell no more;
His work is done, his toils are o'er;
But they're entwined in memory's chain
Till we in heaven shall meet again.
SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Heroic Effort Needed

Because we are in the process of changing the treasurer of the Denominational Budget, only partial reports as to giving to the budget for August are available at this time. Such figures are not known indicate that as of eighteen months we have contributed approximately $470,000 out of a total budget of $70,750 for the year. This leaves roughly $23,000, or one third the entire budget, to be raised this month.

As this is being read, but one Sabbath remains in the Conference year 1955. Let's make this a manner Sabbath! The question is not can we raise $23,000 this month, but rather what will we raise $23,000?

The need exists, else Conference would not have written the budget as it is. Even this year's Conference, in writing the budget for next year, did not cut back on any of the running expenses included in the present budget. It did, however, cut back considerably on the amounts added for forward-looking programs of our agencies. God's work through Seventh Day Baptist Church is costly these days. My neighbor does have a point, however: Is it fair to build a house on earth, while the construction is costly these days? My neighbor does have a point, however: Is it fair to build a house on earth, while the construction is costly these days? My neighbor does have a point, however: Is it fair to build a house on earth, while the construction is costly these days? My neighbor does have a point, however: Is it fair to build a house on earth, while the construction is costly these days?

In Hebrews, tithing is specifically mentioned: "They that are of the sons of Levi . . . have a commandment to take tithes of the offerings of the people according to the law. . . . If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchizedek? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. . . . For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did . . . By so much was Jesus made a suret of a better testament." (Hebrews 7: 5, 11, 12, 19, 22.)

Tithing, a law under the Levitical priesthood, is not obligatory upon Christians. The reason why is easy to be seen. Many people can well afford to give more than ten per cent of their income to help others — through church work. If such people were to be done their share by tithing, is there not the possibility that ten per cent is all they will give? Thus they rob themselves of the blessings and joy which could come from greater generosity, and the Kingdom is retarded. On the other hand, poorer families often must deny themselves of necessities in order to tithe. If the Christian devotes time and talent to church work, is that not an acceptable way of saying thank you to God? As with many other aspects of Christian living, it appears that Jesus expects His followers to think for themselves in this regard. This is expected.

We do not have to look beyond our own neighborhood to see families unhappy for lack of Christ knowledge. J. Edgar Hoover believes that the religion will cure juvenile delinquency. How can a meagerly supported church lure the indifferent adult and the adventure-thirsty youngster from fascinating secular diversions? A poor church can never win back from charitable organizations its rightful responsibility towards the needy. The good done by welfare agencies is an end in itself. But when they do, it is also striving to save human souls. In the face of widespread need, the loving heart cannot possibly be miserly. Pennies will never conquer the world for Christ.

More than one Christian has reversed the age-old proportion, and kept scarcely ten per cent of his earnings for himself. John Wesley was no doubt fortunate in his writings, yet he gave to the poor all but a pittance. In the Reader's Digest was the story of a young Episcopalian minister whose generosity would have kept his own family destitute except for the endeavor of his talented wife. George Reynolds, that austere New Englander, couldn't give fast enough. The more he gave, the more he prospered. His stewardship was so well related that when he died, not counting his house, he left a little home to the institution that had exactly twenty-five cents to his name! Among other rewards, the pearl of generosity is our own safety. If enough give enough soon enough, bombs will never reduce our homes to ashes; prisons will become a horror of the past. We pray that they will be taught the right way done on earth . . . "People cannot obey God until they know what constitutes His way."

Heaven on earth has a price tag — a price tag which demands that every Christian give unstintingly of his time, money, and talent in order to show the world the Way of Christ.

"As if you could kill time without injuring eternity!" — Thoreau.

September 19, 1955

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, 1955, at 2 o'clock in the new home of the School of Theology, 58 South Main Street in Alfred, N. Y.

The purpose of the meeting is for the election of the board of directors and such other business as might properly come before the meeting.

According to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Corporation, "Members of this corporation shall consist of: (a) All persons who are now life members of the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, and (b) All persons who are members of a Seventh Day Baptist Church, entitled to representation in the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

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"The only members entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of the corporation shall be such members as three accredited delegates to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at the session thereof held next preceding such annual or special meeting." — Don A. Sanford, President.

Church Publicity

Pastors, church leaders, and association officers perhaps need to be reminded occasionally that advance publicity of special meetings, if it is designed to encourage attendance at those meetings, should be sent to the editor of the Sabbath Recorder at least one month prior to the event to be publicized. Most leaders and secretaries remember to do this. When a few do not, we are embarrassed by not being able to serve all the groups and agencies equally.

Church correspondents are reminded that it is much more dependable to send in news items on monthly intervals than it is to think back over the events of two or three months. If something deserves a larger write-up than a brief paragraph, please send it in as a special article. The Recorder is more anxious for feature articles of wide interest than strictly local items. When you write, try to think how many readers will be interested.
ACCENTUATE the POSITIVE

Final message of Conference
by the new president,
Beulah Carol Bond
Westerly, R. I.

Even though I don't have a blueprint
drawn up I have done quite a bit of
thinking during the past year on what I
would like to see us do or undertake to
do as a people. This doesn't have to do
primarily with a program. It has to do
primarily with the attitude which I believe
Seventh Day Baptists should develop. I
have chosen as a topic "Accentuate the
Positive," and I suspect that most of you
recognize immediately that that has come
from a popular tune of a few years ago.
I could not sing it for you if you wanted
me to. I don't even know the words, but
I do know that Seventh Day Baptists
need to accentuate the positive and to
eliminate the negative. That is just exactly
the note that I would like to get across to
your minds and your hearts and I wish
that we might continue in that frame of
mind throughout the coming year and
throughout the years to come.

Let me start first of all with a dream,
not my dream but the dream of another
man. He says that one night as he dreamed
it seemed that he was taken to a great
city and here he saw some of the most
magnificent buildings that he had ever
seen. The great stone buildings of finance,
the great marble halls of the bank, some
wonderful places of entertainment and
amusement, very fine homes, and in the
center of it all was a simple little frame
building. He noticed that people were
coming and going. And as he dreamed it
seemed that a hundred years had passed
and he found himself back in this very
city. He recognized something of the
layout but it had changed — the building
itself, the architecture had changed — but in the midst was this
same little building with people coming
and going. And then as he dreamed it
seemed that another thousand years had passed.
He found himself back once again in this
very same city. Once again he noticed that
the buildings had changed, and in the
midst of this change, he noticed with people
coming and going. And at last he asked

— and I suppose that it was right that
he should after a thousand years — what
that was the importance actually of this little
building. They said, "This is where men
and women go to find the mind and the
heart of God that is for Him in the
building of His Kingdom.

As I think of this dream I think of the
world in which we live. I think of the
Church of Christ as that building. I can
see people coming and going in all coun-
tries, of all nationalities, of all denomina-
tions. There they go to proclaim Him
Lord of lords and King of kings. And a
part of that great group are Seventh Day
Baptists. Whenever I welcome young
persons into the church, I don't only wel-
come them into the local church, I welcome
them into the Church of Christ because,
indeed, as a people who have taken the
name of Christ, we are brothers. We are
a part of the great ongoing church.

But as Seventh Day Baptists we have our
own witness — our witness for Christ
which others give, our witness for the
Sabbath which we sincerely believe is one
of the hopes of the world, a very real sense
the world has lost the
sacred day. It has lost the sense of God in
time, a God that we need to seek after in
any particular way. I think that if He is to
live within us, and if we are to live with
Him. Yes, as Seventh Day Bap-
tists I am proud to say that we have a
real witness to give with other people wit-
nessing for Him.

As was pointed out in our Ministers
Conference, we have a wonderful state-
ment of belief. It thrills anyone who reads
it. It certainly is. It could include any
thinking person and let him think
things through with his own mind in the
presence of God. And it is also deep
enough that we can go just as deep into
the love of God and God's concern for
us as anyone can possibly go. Yes, we
believe in God. We believe in Christ. We
believe in the Holy Spirit. We believe in the
culture and in the admonition of our
Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. If
we follow it the best we can, we will be
better people. Our world will be a better
world. We will come on earth as it is
in heaven, because then we will begin to
live as God would have us and not as we
would have us.

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Christmas packages, and get all stuck up
as you can sometimes with labels? Labels
are a sticky thing. Once they are on they
are as good as to get rid of. I don't help but
I think of what one of our men said at
Conference at Salem some years ago, "Every-
things that I believe in is fundamental.
I think that everything I believe in is
fundamental, and everything you believe
in should be fundamental even though we
may not see things just exactly the same.
But there is one thing that is fundamental to
you, that you can stand by and build upon, there certainly is some-
things wrong, and you need to get that
foundation very soon.

I said that we believe in the Bible. We
do. Some say that it was written by
the finger of God; some say that it was
written by the finger of man. Our Bible says
that all Scripture was given by inspiration of
God. I believe that. It does come from
God. It does come from man. God and
man work together. That is the way it has
been. The Bible will always be, because
that is the way God has made us.

Some say that we need to read from the
original, the King James Version. Some
say, "Let us read from the new transla-
tion." I say let us read from any transla-
tion if it will help us to understand better
what God is trying to say to you and to
me. I cannot help but think of the great
power of the sun. The sun is so hot that
it burns us; yet there is still enough there
that it causes trees to grow. We cannot live without it; yet
it has lost much of its power. The Bible,
like the sun, may lose much of its power,
if we follow it the best we can, we will be
better people.

At almost every Conference we are likely to talk about our School of The-
ology and our publishing house. I be-
lieve that is as it should be. It is a part of the very
calls. They are ours as Seventh Day Baptists. I believe that in both of
these we should accentuate the positive even though we can do with the old
statement of belief. I think that we should
give our school all the backing possible.
If there comes a time when we feel some-
things wrong, we should do it in a positive way and what we feel is right as
a people. You know we have a tremendous
job to build a morale of many people
within our churches and within our
denomination.

You know as well as I know that there
are certain things that we can see that we
can take hold of. In a sense we say, "This
is ours." They represent us. And we need
these things that represent us that are tan-
gible. When I came down here on the train
one man said, "Where is your head-
quarters?" Our headquarters is in Plain-
field. He can go there and see the build-
ing. He can see the people there and
know what we do in our own headquarters. I believe that we need to
accentuate the positive and use it with all
the power that we can, realizing that in
a way it represents us as a people.

I think that certainly we should accen-
tuate the positive in public life. Some years ago, not the last time that Conference
was at Battle Creek; perhaps it was in
1940, perhaps it was so much in the years
 ago as a frightened boy (as I still am) from the School of Theology as I stood there
my head turned. I thought that I would present
something new to the people, that I would
analyze something of our background
the numbers in years past and the numbers
today. That is just exactly what I did, and I have heard it done so much in the years
since that it makes me sick every time
I hear a speech that starts it, or every time
I see an article in the Recorder about it.
We can't tell any of our men what to do, not even our Sabbath Recorder. But I
would suggest that during the coming
year that no article be sent to the Sabbath
Recorder that does not accentuate the
According to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5: 10.

positive. We have something positive to live for as a people, something positive to give. Forgetting the things that are behind and looking forward to the things which are before, let us go forward.

As I read my Bible I cannot find any place where Jesus was ever concerned about numbers. He was concerned about the spirit. He was concerned about what people believed. He was concerned about teaching them the way of God but He was not concerned about numbers. One day a lot of His followers went away. His disciples came to Him, and I can almost see Him in His eyes saying, "Would you also go away?" And they said to Him, "To whom can we go, thou hast the words of eternal life." Where can we go? We believe what we stand for as a people. Everything that we stand for, as far as I have been able to determine, has its basis in the Word of God. I would not be a minister in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination if I did not believe that was so. No doubt, as most of our ministers, I would be privileged to serve in other denominations, but they don't have what our offers. They don't have what the Bible says. We need to live as we understand the Bible. Seventh Day Baptists have that privilege. More than that, they have that obligation.

Now, how would I suggest that we do that during the coming year as a people?

(The to be concluded next week)

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
For October 1, 1955
The Birth of Jesus

THE SABBATH RECORDER

The Seventh Day Baptists in Nigeria
As Seen by Dr. Wayne Rood

"Africa is here," say some. Africa is not quite yet here but it is coming," said Dr. Wayne R. Rood as he began his illustrated message at General Conference a few weeks ago. He was reporting his firsthand impressions of the situation of Nigeria, W. Africa, and of the leaders of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of that area.

Professor Rood was the first representative of our denomination to meet with the native leaders of churches that began to be organized three years ago under the name "Nigerian Union Mission of Seventh Day Baptists." Since that time the groups have been seeking the official recognition of our denomination through their providing them with denominational study materials. The matter was again brought up at the General Conference in 1954 and the subject was then referred to the appropriate denominational agencies through the executive secretary.

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Rev. Wayne R. Rood who was visiting the Seventh Day Baptists of Nigeria.


Oday Benson of Idu Riverbank. Left employ of Leprosy Department in which he was a nurse. Now is a fisherman. Belonged to the United Native Church before becoming Seventh Day Baptist. Married.

J. O. Churo of Idu. Founded church at Idu. Singer and evangelist. Married with 3 children. Belonged to Church of God before joining Seventh Day Baptists at Erema. Since then has been one of Imegi's chief assistants.

Back Row:
James Odiminya. Singer at outlying church where there are 8 members. Leader of Church of God. Is now distributing Seventh Day Baptist tracts and preaching. Earns living by fishing. Has wife, "one child, and a baby."

Dede Amadi of Idu. Left Church of God to join Seventh Day Baptists. Now has school-teaching position, to await employment under Imegi. Meanwhile he is a fisherman. Married, with one child.

Davidson John of Obohele. Farmer; looks after new church building. Left United Native Church to become Seventh Day Baptist. "Two children, one wife."

Origin of Nigerian Mission

There is something new in the story of the origin of this Seventh Day Baptist work that has been told by Dr. Rood. Coming back to his home town of Ogbogu in 1947 and to the Seventh Day Adventist Church of which he was a member, he says he found the church in dispute and left them. Here are his words:

"I have to leave them because I have no interest in court matters. I began to look for true church. Couldn't find. So in 1947 I went to see Rev. Mr. Me­Grachy, the London Observer in London. I read Seventh Day Baptist and was interested in the message I saw there. I wrote to Mr. Mc­Grachy immediately. He gave me a copy of the History of the Church of God by Dugger."

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There is real need there, everywhere, on
every hand. If you could have been there you would have seen the many evidences of
malnutrition and of tropical disease. They do not eat the right things. There is
not enough food, though the tracts would produce plenty if only the ground
were worked properly and the crops taken
care of adequately. There is no provision
for sanitation. Life expectancy is short,
and it is not a happy life. A great deal
could be done for these people. It is also a
 swamp area because it is a difficult
area to get to and is cut off — a very
difficult area for a European to live in. It is an impossibility to propagate to live
in this malaria-infested country without
adequate logistic support. He would have
put to up a home, with mosquito proofing,
sanitation, and he must have supplies. He
would be cut off from Port Harcourt for
three months at a time during the winter
season. It would be quite a problem. But
there are people who need help. The help
cannot be accomplished on a shoestring; and how one can do less than
plunge in and give everything one has I
do not know, because I do not believe we
can trust the natives with supplies and
money and equipment without supervi-
sion. There lie the dilemma.
It is a matter that needs great wisdom.
It is a matter, particularly if anyone
should go to this area, that would require
great commitment. It would not be an
easy life. And there are decisions to be
made by the Conference as to what it can
do, and where it can do its work. If the
people are looking for some kind of spec-
cific action, positive or negative. And
there is a decision perhaps to be made by
some individuals. This is not the only
mission station in all the world. There
are many areas like this, and the respon-
sibility comes to us heavily — upon one
week's visit any one who visits the Milton
College campus. We were honored to
have you in our midst and wish you to
return. It is true that there is the after-
glow of an inspiring historical pageant
which portrayed the part the Seventh Day
Baptist pioneers played in the founding
of the community and the college, so again
our people are in the mood. We
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THOUGHTS ON CHURCH GROWTH

Lillian Tompkins

[Mrs. Tompkins is a new member of the Denver, Colo., Church of which Rev. Harmon Dickmann is pastor. She has already brought at least one other to baptism. She attended General Conference and is now a subscriber to the Sabbath Recorder. She says in her preface to these thoughts, "I have written this article because I love the Seventh Day Baptist Church."]

The Church of our Lord Jesus Christ is love, faith, and works. It is:
- United in belief,
- United in spirit,
- United in agreement,
- United in co-operation,
- Universal in membership.

The ministers are our leaders. They have earned this right through study, schooling, hard work, and sacrifice. We are an army of Christian soldiers and success depends upon the leaders' and the soldiers' co-operation.

One of the first essentials to success is a feeling of lack. Then comes the urgent desire to do more with determination and persistence. Seventh Day Baptists need not only to persevere but also to encourage one another in the work they are doing and to use the power of the written word to strengthen their faith and their ability to serve others.

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The sunshine of faith. Jesus said again, "Tarry ye all here and I will return unto you." And when two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

It is suggested that our home evangelists also plant seed in towns and cities where there is no Seventh Day Baptist Church, thus stirring the people to inquire about Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

"God is forever making things new."

Encouragement, Praise, Thankfulness

Encouragement and praise always magnify. Running through all of Jesus' acts as well as His teachings we find the glowing element of praise. He blessed and encouraged and praised, and they, in turn, sang songs of praise and joy.

Disagreement, discouragement, and fear take away. Few things slow down one's rate of activity as much as discouragement.

"What hast thou in the house?" NAUGHT save a pot of oil!—it was the oil he increased, was it not?

When the hurdles lacked for bread, Jesus asked, "How many loaves have you?" And when told — five loaves and two fishes, He fed His increase upon these things. Jesus fed the multitudes!

Wasted time, frequent bulldozing of a minority who remain unhappy about decisions, and unused capabilities of many church members plague the committees and boards that run America's Protestant churches, says the Rev. W. Randolph Thornton, director of the department of administration and leadership of the National Council of Churches. What to do about this will be the subject of the first interdenominational church laboratory group relations to be held at Green Lake, Wis., March 11-14, 1956. — NCC Release.
New Filmstrips Available

As was announced at General Conference the American Sabbath Tract Society is now in the process of making available for free distribution to the churches a considerable number of new filmstrips. When completed the present purchase orders will total over $100. At the moment the Audio-Visual Aids Committee wishes to announce the availability of three new missionary biography stories for children: Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone, and Mary Slessor. The committee expects enlargement of the illustrations in the book which tells the story.

In addition to these there are 6 new filmstrips on the life of Christ. These are very clear live pictures of re-enacted scenes from the Bible, still pictures from Cathedral films. The titles are: "Men of the Wilderness," "Holy Night," "The Last Supper," "Gethsemane," "Arrest and Trial," "Judgment and Crucifixion," and "The Resurrection." They are suitable for any age, with a longer script for youth and adults, and a simplified script in the same booklet for children.

Other titles will be announced in an early issue of our paper and will include several more of the Moody Science series as well as other illustrated Bible stories. Order from the American Sabbath Tract Society, 310 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

Denominational Meetings this Fall

Planning Committee. The newly constituted Planning Committee, consisting of representatives of all the boards and of the Commission, held a two-day meeting at the Seventh Day Baptist Building September 15 and 16.

Tract Board. The quarterly meeting of the Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society and the annual meeting of the Society were held at denominational headquarters in Plainfield, N. J., on September 18.

Missionary Society. The annual meeting for the election of officers was held in Waverly, September 18. The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers regularly comes on the fourth Sunday of October, which will be October 23.

Board of Christian Education. See longer notice elsewhere in this issue.

New Jersey Yearly Meeting. The theme "Christian Joy" has been chosen for the Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Churches to be held with the Shiloh Church October 21 and 22.

Wisconsin and Minnesota. The semiannual meeting of the Wisconsin and Minnesota Churches, visited the home of Mr. Burdick, the new president, at Dodge Center, October 21, 22, and 23. The theme will be "Burning Hearts." The committee hopes for an earnest desire for a large attendance.

Mid-Continent Association. The Denver, Colo., Church will be host to the annual meeting of the Mid-Continent Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches, October 7, 8, and 9. Dr. Keith Davis, president, hopes for a good attendance. The new Kansas City Fellowship will be represented for the first time.

Pacific Coast. The dates for the Pacific Coast Association fall meeting are believed to be October 7 and 8, with the meetings in the new Los Angeles Church building at 4976 North Figueroa St. Dr. Victor Clarke was installed as minister of the Church on September 29. Dr. Clarke was installed as minister of the Church on September 29.

More News of Our Ministers

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton whose address for the past year has been Texarkana, Ark., has a new address: Reservoir Road, R.D. 5, Little Rock, Ark. He and his wife are teaching in Pulaski County.

Rev. Verney A. Wilson sends word that his present address is 4068 Vina Villa Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had been living at Eaton, Ohio.

Darrell D. Barber, pastor at Schenectady, N. Y., now has a new home address: 807 Vina Villa Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had been living at Eaton, Ohio. A statement of his Christian experi-

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ence and beliefs has been received by this journal and will be printed as soon as space is available.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Burdick were mentioned in a recent Milton and Junction Courier as having visited their parents in Milton and New Auburn, Wis., before returning to Daytona Beach, Fla., after attending General Conference.

Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, omitted in our previous newsnotes about ministers, visited his mother in Cleveland, Tenn., before returning from Conference to his Milton pastorate. His wife and family drove there to meet him, according to the Milton paper.

Rev. Alton Wheeler was expected to be back in his pulpit at Riverside, Calif., on September 17, after his vacation trip which included Florida and Jamaica, B.W.I.

Rev. David S. Clarke was installed as pastor of the Boulder, Colo., Church on September 25, as a result of his having been pastor at New Auburn, Wis., for a number of years.

LETS THINK IT OVER

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, Director of the Commission of the Churches on Interreligious Affairs, stated at a recent World Council meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.: "By the yardstick of Christian responsibility totalitarianism must be condemned and exposed, wherever it appears and in whatever form. We must stand against submission to, engulfment by, or appeasement of totalitarian tyranny and aggression. We must also stand against the exploitation of any people by economic monopoly or political imperialism." He warned, however, that Christians can never take the stand that Christianity should seek to demonstrate its superiority over the Marxists' faith by a show of atomic strength.

One person in seven today is a veteran, one in four a veteran's dependent. Together, these comprise 50 per cent of the entire population. This has tremendous financial, political, and moral implications for American life. Even the minister, by serving as a chaplain, has changed experience for the church doing to prevent the severance of church relation-

ships and preparing its people for the impacts of military service.

--- Dr. Richard E. Lentz.

How deep is America's religious reviving? How much do the young automobile drivers think it "the thing to do"? Is our resurgence of religious motivation brought about through fear, selfishness, a longing for security? Is this a mature faith? Does it "become a prop and a justification for an essentially religious life instead of an aid to new moral and spiritual insights?" Much of the "new faith seems to be a revival of allegiance to old gods — a seeking after security, health, and peace — in return for 'being polite to God,'" he states in an article in the September 20 issue of Look magazine.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — August 6 was a happy day when eight new members were received into the church. The following Sabbath, William Rymer, one of our new members, effectively presented a message, "Let's Think It Over," in which he related his past as a sheriff's deputy, extends his service to God into his daily work.

Pastor of the Watchung Avenue Church, Dr. Richard E. Lentz, was guest speaker for the fall church membership service on August 20 shared by Dr. Loyd F. Hurley, now professor of Biblical Interpretation at Alfred University School of Theology, preached for us on August 27. His sermon, "Great Expectations," gave a very comprehensive view of how, in Jesus Christ, the hope of all peoples is found. His words were eagerly received and will be long remembered. Some had returned from Conference in time for this service.

We were thrilled at the news that our...
pastor was preaching in Kingston, Jamaica, that day.

Church attendance held up quite well throughout the month of August although more than twenty were away, either at Conference or on vacation trips. The choir recessed from regular rehearsals during August and served a little less formally, without robes in this hottest season. We were glad that Mrs. Gleason was able to present the organ during their absence. Mrs. Golden Roney, Mrs. Hurley presided at worship services with their vocal offerings.

Volunteer workers have continued to devote more of their Sundays at Pacific Pines Camp. Special credit goes to Robert Babcock for his faithfulness there and in church maintenance.

BAY AREA FELLOWSHIP (CALIF.) — We are now meeting every second week at one-thirty in the afternoon, at the Central YMCA in downtown Oakland. We hope at a future time to notify you of our weekly meetings at some chapel in a quieter area. Mrs. McCoon of Berkeley is trying to find us a suitable place.

On July 16, there were 7 families represented with Stanley W. Rasmussen, of 551 Adelle St., Livermore, Calif., as the leader. Other recent leaders of the Bible study have been Mrs. McCoon on July 30 and Miss Pirtle on August 13. Pastor Lawton, returning from Conference by way of San Francisco, conducted the meeting on August 27 with a record attendance of 23. On September 17, Rev. Robert Lippincott of Shiloh, N. J., was scheduled to have charge of the service.

Mr. Rasmussen suggests writing to him for the following 3 important services:

1. If you want notices of every meeting.
2. If you want a gift subscription to the denominational paper, the Sabbath Recorder.
3. If you want us to investigate finding transportation for you with someone who is attending our meetings.

"What doth it profit... if a man say he have faith but have not works?"

James 2: 14.

OUR SERVICEMEN
A/B Everett Newkirk, Jr.
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Geneva, N. Y.

Marriages

Marr-Burdick. Donald James Marr of Janesville, Wis., and Joan Carolyn Burdick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burdick, Milton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, the bride's pastor, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Marr will reside in Minnesota.

Obituaries

Kemp. — Major Elmer, was born in Shongo, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1884, and died at his home in Augusta, Ga., June 27, 1955.

Mr. Kemp married Inez Bess of Andover, N. Y., in 1907. With his wife he was baptized and joined the Independence, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sept. 30, 1911, of which church he remained a faithful member. He is survived by his widow and 4 brothers. — Grace C. Spicer, Clerk.

Rice. — Caroline Mary Greenman, daughter of Charles and Caroline Goodrich Greenman, was born at Milton, Wis., June 1, 1856. She died in her one hundredth year at Milton, Wis., Aug. 13, 1955.

She was united in marriage Oct. 4, 1877, to Miles Rice, who died May 7, 1942. To this union were born three children: Mrs. Polly Hurley of Riverside, Calif., Mrs. Anna Stone of Milton, Wis.; and E. A. Rice of Milton, Wis., who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Rice lived a great share of her life in the house built by her grandparents, Elijah and Polly Goodrich. Here were conducted the first services of her grandparents, her parents, and her husband. It was her request that her last service should be conducted in the same place and in the same manner. Her long life parallels a great part of the history of the village of Milton. She was the last surviving charter member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was blessed with remarkable health and took an airplane ride at the age of 98. She was interested in present affairs and enjoyed her five grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. When she was not with her daughter, Polly, her other daughter, Anna, cared for her.

In the absence of her pastor, farewell services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. John F. Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. The Rebekah service was used.

J. F. R.