## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

### Statement of the Treasurer, October 31, 1955

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### Explanation of Budget Figures

By the Editor

Readers who compare this list of churches credited with having remitted funds to the Denominational Budget during October, the first month of the new fiscal year, might be disappointed that the list is so much shorter than the list found in the October 24 issue, where very few names are missing for September receipts. On the other hand, if one would turn to the Recorder of November 22, 1954, he would be encouraged to note that four more reported this year than last, showing a growing tendency on the part of treasurers to be more prompt, and perhaps showing an increase of interest on the part of individual givers.

The treasurer's comparative figures usually printed below the disbursements are omitted this time upon the advice of the chairman of Commission because no one felt qualified without further study to adjust the specials in relation to the budget, as the executive secretary had been doing. It is expected that comparative figures will be printed in connection with the November receipts.

By way of comparison it can be noted that special gifts were about the same as a year ago and that budget gifts for the month were at least $800 higher. It may be recalled that October of 1954 showed a marked improvement over 1953. We spent a little time checking the lists to see which churches appeared to be doing better this year. We suggest that others do the same paying special attention to their own church. There are 13 churches and fellowships reporting here with gifts of $1,171.45 which are not found in the list of a year ago. On the other hand, there were nine that reported last year (total $685.53) which did not get their money sent in time to be counted here.

These nine, one is a large contributor, and several are very consistent. It appears that two or three on the list published here made an end-of-the-year effort which did not get to the treasurer for inclusion in the September figures. Contributions from individuals include a large annual gift for the Historical Society.

A number of churches have started off the new year much better than usual. It looks as if our prediction of more consistent giving to our budget might prove to be correct. We hope so.

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### Holiday Sonnet

I would not burden those who bear
The heavy weight of U. S. mail,
Nor crowd folks’ tables and their shelves
With tinsels of the market place!
But if I might with gentle touch
Spread wide sweet Bethlehem good will—
Tune angels’ songs and comfort round
Those shadowed rooms where pain afflicts—
Pass on the Love of Galilee—
And give humanity each year
The solace of Christ’s blessedness—
’Twould be worth while to take my pen
And toss this wish across the space
That intervenes ‘twixt you and me!

—Lois F. Powell.
PUTTING CHRIST INTO CHRISTMAS

Much has been said this year and every year about removing the carnivorous, malignant commercialism that has grown upon the American celebration as nowhere else in the world. Some has been said, and more needs to be said, about the disgusting practice of Christmas parties in offices and shops where Christmas joy is identified with intemperance and the false cheer of liquor. If we could rid our society of these evil excesses and further emphasize the religious sentiment of the temporary cards we, might still fall far short of what we can rightly call the true spirit of Christmas.

We are back of the movement to "Put Christ back into Christmas" (although the origin of the festival in history is more uncertain than the origin of Sunday observance). To celebrate the birth of the Saviour at a set time of the year is a noble idea. We would strongly recommend, however, a close scrutiny of the way in which we celebrate it. Let us hold ourselves out at arm's length and look at ourselves from all sides like one of those expensive dolls that we like to give to the children or grandchildren. Is it enough to deport the commercialism or the inexpense dolls that we like to give to the children or grandchildren. Is it enough to deport the commercialism or the inexpensiveness that we see round about us? Is it possible for us to remove the selfishness from our intentions, to give of the festival in history is a close scrutiny of the way in which we celebrate it. Let us hold ourselves out at arm's length and look at ourselves from all sides like one of those expensive dolls that we like to give to the children or grandchildren. Is it enough to deport the commercialism or the inexpensiveness that we see round about us? Is it possible for us to remove the selfishness from our intentions, to give the presents in a spirit of giving. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke of the natural greediness of giving gifts unto our children as an illustration of the heavenly Father's desire to give good gifts in answer to prayer. On the other hand, as much as the Lord tenderly commended the woman who brought precious ointment to expend upon His own feet. And is it not implied that we should be happy in the thought that these volunteer correspondents are so busy with the work of the local churches that they do not have time to let others know about the progress being made. May we remind our local church workers that writing for the Sabbath Recorder is an important aspect of local church work. Many are the absent members and acquaintances who are happy by reading this column. When we look at our Christmas giving, what do we see? It happens that the editors of the Wisconsin paper does not touch on religious motifs or denominational ties as figuring large in the decision of some of their older people to come back to the northern villages for their restful years. We would point out, as has so often been said, that Seventh Day Baptists who wish to tell their year's in a warmer climate would do well to think not so much in terms of the most delightful spot in some southern state but in terms of fellowship with some of like faith. We have churches in Florida, southern Louisiana, southern Texas, and California. To locate within easy-reach of these churches is to find friends when far away from home. It may make the difference between happiness and homesickness. It certainly will conserve the strength of the denominational system and the need for constructive Christian service during that period of life when there is time to use one's talents for such service to the full. 

Church News and Southern Travel

The flow of news from local church correspondents has not been steady and strong during the past two months. We know of no interesting things that are happening all the time in most of our churches, but our readers do not know unless the reporters send in the stories. Our correspondents are so busy with the work of the local churches that they do not have time to let others know about the progress being made. May we remind our local church workers that writing for the Sabbath Recorder is an important aspect of local church work. Many are the absent members and acquaintances who are happy by reading this column.

Home-town newspapers and church bulletins just received have a warm Thanksgiving feeling about them, being glad that the people who sold their farms as old age approaches and put the money into the treasury of the temple, or were a number of stories in the Bible about the gifts of the land of promise for the comfort of God's people of old. We would point out, as has so often been said, that Seventh Day Baptists who wish to tell their year's in a warmer climate would do well to think not so much in terms of the most delightful spot in some southern state but in terms of fellowship with some of like faith. We have churches in Florida, southern Louisiana, southern Texas, and California. To locate within easy-reach of these churches is to find friends when far away from home. It may make the difference between happiness and homesickness. It certainly will conserve the strength of the denominational system and the need for constructive Christian service during that period of life when there is time to use one's talents for such service to the full.
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship

When we send our young people off to college we like to send them to colleges such as the three founded by our own denomination, because each of those colleges towns there is an active church of our faith and a strong nucleus of Christian student leadership on the campus. Furthermore, each denominational school is committed to upholding high moral and religious standards. A large percentage of the faculty members are keenly interested in strengthening the faith of their students. All this helps.

There are, however, contrary influences on any campus which tend to pull students down from the ideals which the parents think are firmly planted in the hearts of their young hopefuls. The college age is a formative, questioning age. The apron strings of home and the ties of the distant home church tend to loosen as the spirit of independent thinking proceeds in its national growth. State-supported colleges and universities, and some private colleges are woefully lacking in the steadying influences so sorely needed by growing youth.

To stem the tide that all too frequently ends in shipwreck of faith there is a nation-wide, world-wide organization operating on a large number of campuses. It is called 'Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.' We have mentioned it before. We are glad to call attention to it again because from our own contact with its paid and volunteer representatives we do not believe that a more noble, more self-sacrificing or genuinely likeable group can be found anywhere. Letters pour into their state and national headquarters at 1444 North Astor, Chicago — letters from parents and pastors asking if there is a local chapter in the college where their young people are attending. They want to entrust their youth to such a group. Usually I.V.C.F. can help, but not always, the field is too great, the laborers too few.

Some of our own Seventh Day Baptists students have been helped. Some have been very helpful. It is a source of strength, an opportunity for witnessing. We pray for its continued influence on our own campuses and in larger schools and hospitals.

Giving with "Simplicity" and with Wisdom

Having mentioned Seventh Day Baptist interests in Nigeria, Africa, from time to time, we feel constrained to pass on words of caution from those who know the situation best. We have quoted by the American Bible Society, by the Sudan Interior Mission, and by the Christian Council of Nigeria to be very cautious in respecting local traditions. It is evident that missionaries are close at hand. And the great ambition of every missionary is to get the Word of God into the hands of the people. The mission, makes it a point to have Scriptures available.

It is of course apparent that the American Bible Society also wants Bibles distributed in Nigeria, all Africa, for that matter; but they turn over all requests to their agents on the field who can investigate the need. In urgent people to ignore begging letters because of the improper uses of Bibles in the past, they suggest that help be given only to individuals who are known or through established missions and agencies. That is substantially what Dr. Wayne Rood, who visited our own interests there, has suggested. There certainly must be many cases where the gift of a Bible would bring great blessing. If that is true in America, it is more true in Nigeria. The letter of appreciation from a schoolboy printed on the Children's Page of the December 5 issue would seem to be a case in point.

We talk of applied Christianity, forgetting that it is necessary first to possess some Christianity to apply.

Jesse M. Bader

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ON TELEVISION IN DENVER

Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

Do you bother to read post cards delivered to your door? They may contain valuable information. One was delivered to 33 Kalmath Street early in October containing a brief announcement. It read something like this: "Those churches wishing to apply for 'House of the Lord' programs during 1956, meet at the KLZ studio, October 17, at 4 p.m. The schedule for the year will be made up at that time."

There were from 20 to 25 at the meeting and all the representatives went away with two-hour grants of television time.

Thus, the pastor and people of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church were awarded the opportunity to present a Christian message during the first two weeks of January, 1956. It is a public service presentation when churches of all faiths may present their own particular religion.

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The viewing audience is estimated to be 25,000 and 50,000.

CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE

Written by a New Yorker sojourning in Florida

They told me, "Go to," write a poem about the birth of the Baby Jesus;
On His coming natal date.
But how can I write the Lord's song;
Far away from the3ifting snow.
There covers the blemished landscape;
With a sheen of purple glow?
Is it then that local color;
The Christmas songs inspire;
And things of the passing present;
Must touch the poet's lyre;
No; every star is a Christmas star;
If we but make it so;
And every tree a Christmas tree;
Of pine or palmetto.
And every child is a Christmas child;
When born in holy love;
With lullaby songs of mother;
And angels from above.
We bow at the Bethlehem manger;
Remembering the Savior's birth;
And pray for the childlike spirit;
As we turn to the tasks of earth.
— Alva J. C. Bond.

Tract Society Meeting
Sunday, December 18

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., at 2:00 Sunday afternoon, December 18, to consider reports and transact such other business as may properly come before the body. It is expected that two or three items in the current operating budget will need to be increased.

According to a recent survey our Tract Society is in correspondence with and sending its publications to 21 foreign countries in addition to the distribution throughout our own country. The board members will appreciate the prayers of all interested people as they meet to make plans for the future work expected of them by the denomination.

DECEMBER 12, 1955

SABBATH
God's Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed

By Evangelist Wayne Marona

Memories are a kind of personal history that bring no practical solution to the patterns of labyrinthine doctrine and popular parlance of today. They are a product of our own individual problems on a larger scale. The effects in my own experience of surrendering to God and accepting His will have become adroit at changing the stream of circumstances and situations created by our past. I have learned the laws that govern our lives - the stream and the rivers, the mountains and the valleys. Basic. We cannot live solely by the demands of expediency. If we live only by the impact of human demands, then we are failing!

Note verse 24. Since "Ye cannot . . ." (Verse 25) "Therefore (fact one), Take no thought for your life," or, don't be unduly concerned, or, don't come under the agitation of undue anxiety concerning the natural needs for our physical life. Jesus is teaching us that it is necessary to be specific in making definite choices. Fanatic anxiety is a curse to the world today. Consider how the Heavenly Father takes care of the birds of the heaven and lilies of the field. Verse 27: "Which of you, by being anxious, can prolong your life even for a moment?" Yes, indeed, friends, surely the life and the body mean more than food and clothing. Jesus says, in verse 26, "Are you not worth more than the birds?" (In verse 27 He says, "The pagans make all these things their aim in life."). "Wherefore," or, in the face of this illustration, the first thing we should do is to reject spiritual adjustments to the Kingdom of God. If we are not taking care of that first, then, at the best, our lives can only be lived in partial obedience to God; and a faith which brings us to only a partial obedience is no faith at all.

Man, in the natural, is so situation-conscious that he lives constantly under the power of things seen and is governed generally by the way he feels. But the Christian's faith is predicated on the Word of God and by it he lives. The sustenance of his life is the "substance and evidence of things not seen." Our spiritual safety lies in the fact that we trust God implicitly and are willing to yield ourselves wholly and completely to His will. God's intention that all our drive and energy be directed on one focal point - the will of God. In reality, we have but one problem, and in this deception there are many external ways of expressing this God-given gift of life, but this is the root: "You can't serve two masters, or, you can't live in two directions at once; or, perhaps better yet, you can't pull in two directions at the same time. We must learn the laws that govern the life we should live, and the laws of God, what He expects, are basic. We cannot live solely by the demands of expediency. If we live only by the impact of human demands, then we are failing!"

The Lesson Scripture:

The SABBATH RECORDER

December 12, 1955

The Sabbath School Lesson

for December 24, 1955

Songs of the Saviour's Birth

The Lesson Scripture:

THE SABBATH RECORDER

DOING THE LORD'S WORK AT HOME

By a Foreign Missionary,
Rev. David Pearson

On a Friday evening some weeks ago I heard a few of our denomination. Before giving myself over to the rest and repose of the night, I sat down and wrote certain convictions which I felt constrained to work within the home front, to say nothing such where the Recorder to be published, offering signed to stimulate interest in the Lord's freedom of the press.

DOING THE LORD'S WORK AT HOME

But it is not the least bit of the work beyond it. Help spiritual effectiveness is not on a par mist" over our denomination, and our misinterpretation, higher learning, degrees, and organization, is a bit behind. I do not, for a moment, belittle education. I like who possess so little of it. I am happy keen intellect, and our denomination possesses a number of them. My desire is to concern over the lost and dying world as God knows it to be. I cannot place too keenly felt certain

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DOING THE LORD'S WORK AT HOME

Actually there is plenty of work for me in Nyasaland that I need not take time to write such an article as this, designed to stimulate interest in the Lord's work within the home front, to say nothing of an extended work beyond it. I cannot help but be interested in certain trends which exist and are so prevalent. It seems to me that whether it may be or however right, that the Devil and his forces have brought to bear a "thick mist" over our denomination, and our spiritual effectiveness is not on a par with the Lord's expectations of us.

We as a people are interested in education, higher learning, degrees, and organization. However, it does seem that our thinking, in terms of the real, the eternal, and the spiritual, is a bit behind. I do not, for a moment, belittle education. I am in position to see what a people is like who possess so little of it. I am happy too, that although my formal education has ceased, I still find each day a learning and enriching process. I admire men of keen intellect, and our denomination possesses a number of them. My desire is to see men in our denomination with hearts and souls as the work of the Kingdom. We as a people are not really stirred by the presence of sin. We are not truly concerned over the affairs of the world as God knows it to be. I cannot place too much blame on the laity, perhaps, because we pastors are often a lukewarm lot ourselves. Oh for a greater concern that would make us "cry out and spare not and show my people their sins.

All of us are not the same. Some of us are quiet, rational, and logical; whereas, others tend toward the emotional and the fervent. Yet the coolest, the most rational mind would become a bit emotional in proclaiming the outbreak of a fire. Why is that we do not cry out for a lost world? "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" Jer. 8: 22.

These thoughts are not just those of inexperienced and untried youth, as there are others in our ranks who are thinking in somewhat the same terms. I am happy for the opportunity to "hit the nail on the head" as I understand it.

Deacon Maurice M. Young Ordained at Westerly

The delegates and officials from five churches took part on Sabbath afternoon, December 3, in ceremonies ordaining Maurice M. Young, of 12 Spruce Street, as a deacon in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly, R. I.

Mr. Young's ordination was a colorful and interesting ritual, and is noteworthy because he is one of the twenty-first person in the 115-year history of the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church to be ordained a deacon.

Mr. Young presented his statement of Christian experience and faith as testimony for eligibility and was ordained after a close scrutiny of his religious beliefs and background by the council of deacons from the visiting churches.

The charge to the candidate was administered by Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus of the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church of Ashaway.

Rev. Paul S. Burdick, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Waterford, Conn., former pastor of the Rockland Baptist Church, who administered the prayer of consecration and the deaconate welcome was delivered by Dr. Edwin Whitford. — Westerly Sun.

DECEMBER 12, 1955

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY NEWS

Dean Albert N. Rogers

Theological Students' Wives Have Special Course Planned

A special course taught by Mrs. Harley Smith, Alfred Station is being offered for the wives of students in the Alfred University School of Theology this year in cooperation with the Women's Executive Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

The class meets on Tuesday afternoons each week under Mrs. Sutton's leadership. A textbook entitled The Pastor's Wife, by Carolyn P. Blackwood, has been chosen and several other books from the School of Theology library have been made available. Topics planned for treatment include many related to the home life of the minister's wife as well as some related to her service in the church and in the community.

Mrs. Sutton has been appointed counselor to women students and students' wives by Dean Albert N. Rogers. With the assistance provided by the Women's Board the wives are enabled to hire baby-sitters if needed during the class activity.

Home Study Course in History of the Denomination Begins

The first lessons on Seventh Day Baptist History in a correspondence course prepared by Rev. Albert N. Rogers were mailed from the Alfred University School of Theology during the Thanksgiving recess. The initial series includes three lessons of the projected fifteen.

Basic source books for the study are the two volumes known as Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America published by the American Sabbath Tract Society. These are found in many church libraries and homes across the denomination, and the outlines suggest specific pages on varying subjects. Copies of the source books and outlines suggested for supplementary reading may be borrowed from the School of Theology library.

The beginning lessons deal with the first years of the Seventh Day Baptists in the British Isles, the Sabbath before its appearance in England, and the world of Roger Williams and Samuel and Tacy Hubbard, first Sabbath converts in the New World.

A number of pastors and church leaders have enrolled for the course and are making use of the facilities of the School of Theology thus provided.

DR. GEORGE CROSLEY

The story of his life by Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph

George Edmund Crosley, son of Moses and Abigail Patty Crosley, was born January 19, 1875, in West Hallock, Ill., and died at the Methodist Hospital in Madison, Wis., November 2, 1955.

In 1885 the family moved to Fatina, Ill., where, under the leadership of Rev. Charles A. Burdick, he joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1888. This membership was moved to Albion, Wis., where he was ordained deacon and later to Milton where he also served as deacon and was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for forty-six years.

In 1885 he moved to Milton where he practiced as a physician in Milton where he practiced as a physician in Chicago from which he was graduated in 1897. He was active in his medical practice until a few days before his death. (At the time of his death, his billfold contained his active membership cards in county, state, and national medical groups.)

In 1897 he married Lurana Adeline Burdick. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1947.

His medical career began in Algonquin, Ill., where he practiced for two and one-half years. During that time he was also an instructor in the Hahnemann Medical School. In 1899, he relocated at Albion, Wis., where he practiced his profession until he came to Milton in 1909.

Dr. Crosley was active in church, social, civic, and educational affairs. During a period of thirty years he was associated with The Burdick Corporation as medical director and also as an officer of the company.

In recent years, the Wisconsin State Medical Society honored him with a pin recognizing fifty years as a physician in the state. For many years, he was a com-
company surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. He had a lifelong interest in railroads. He was a pioneer in medical advancement, especially in the fields of X-ray and physical therapy. At one period he made regular trips to St. Louis as a lecturer on physical therapy.

One of his recreations was his interest in gardening.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Pearl Sheldon of Albion, Wis., and Mrs. Charles Michel of Marion, Iowa; nieces, nephews, and many friends.

The funeral service was conducted on Sabbath, November 5, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with his pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

THE IMMUTABLE MORAL LAW

More and more widely the idea is being accepted that whatever is standard practice is right — that there is no immutable moral law of God, but only the custom and usage of the times.

Truth is said to be determined by the consensus of opinion, i.e., by whatever most of the people are saying and doing.

Polls and samplings are accepted as guides to truth and morals. Today we hear more about trends and tendencies than about principles. The majority determines as between right and wrong.

Polls may determine what is being done but that has no bearing on the wisdom of the action.

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, but the moral law of God cannot be changed by mortal man. "Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, but the moral law of God cannot be changed by mortal man."


[Editor’s Note: The American Sabbath Tract Society has a thought-provoking pamphlet, ‘The Consensus of Opinion’, which draws illustrations from the Bible in regard to the fourth commandment which might well be read in connection with this good sermonette.]

Important December Meetings in the Denominational Building, Plainfield, New Jersey

Sunday, December 18 — Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society at 2 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday, December 26-28 - midyear meeting of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Tuesday, December 27 — the Planning Committee (one or two representatives of the 4 major boards, presided over this time by Rev. Hurley S. Warren).

Wednesday, December 28 — the Coordinating Council (Commission and the Planning Committee).

THE LIVING WORD

Luther A. Weigle

One of a series of articles by this noted man.

The meanings of "persuade"

The word "persuade" now implies success; we speak of persuading a man only if our arguments and pleas prevail upon him to accept the judgment or make the decision which we urge him. But this is not necessarily so in the King James Version of the Bible. In Acts 19: 8-9 we read of Paul’s "disputing and persuading" at Corinth, with the result that some "were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way." In Acts 28: 23 we are told that at Rome "there came many to him into his lodging: to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening;" but the next verse records that some believed and some did not.

The Revised Standard Version uses the terms "arguing and persuading" in the account of his work at Corinth, and it uses "trying to convince them" in the account of the day at Rome.

In The Merchant of Venice (III, 2, 281) Salerio describes the unyielding temper of Shylock: "... twenty merchants, The duke himself, and the magnificoes Of greatest port, have all persuaded him; But none can drive him from the envious plea."

On the other hand, "persuade" is used in its full sense in such passages as Matthew 27: 20; Acts 14: 19 and 19: 26. And I am persuaded" is hardly strong enough in most contexts where the passive form of the Greek verb appears. The Revised Standard Version of Romans 8: 38-39 reads: "For I am sure that neither death, nor life... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Note also "be convinced" (Luke 17: 31); "as for those (Rom. 14: 5); "I am sure" (2 Tim. 1: 5, 12); "we feel sure" (Heb. 6: 9).
making the most devastating bombs and other implements of war. In the days of Jeremiah, 612 years before Christ, they ‘healed not the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace’ (Jer. 6: 14). In our opinion the present effort is a repetition of Jeremiah’s, and like unto the days of Jeremiah it shall fail for, ‘There is no wisdom nor understanding, nor counsel against the Lord’ (Prov. 21: 30). Daniel in Chapter 12: 1 declared a time of trouble for the last days such as was not since there was a nation. We, dearly beloved, are facing the time of trouble, and yet God’s people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Isaiah tells what shall happen to the nations, and yet many people shall be rocked to sleep because of the great peace plans. ‘Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear all ye of far countries; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand’ (Isa. 8: 9-10).

‘Put not your trust in princes, nor counsel against the Lord’ (Ps. 146: 3).

Zechariah shows that peace can never be brought about by might or power as the margin says, but only by the Spirit and power of God and Isaiah plainly states that the peace of the world and give thanks unto the Father, give, pray, and labour to bring about the salvation of precious souls, for the time comes when no man can work. We shall sing on that beautiful shore The melodious songs of the blest, And our spirit shall sorrow no more, Not a sigh for the blessing of peace; instead the soon coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a direct sign of His soon coming, and is a warning to you and me to make our peace with God. This was most assuredly a costly lesson for the church, give, pray, and labor to bring about the salvation of precious souls, for the time comes when no man can work.

Youth Speaks

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is one of the most sacred times — a time when we should turn our thoughts toward the Creator of the world and give thanks unto Him for sending Jesus into the world to die for us and show us the truth, and save the life. At Christmas we can share His love with those about us by helping them in every way possible to love each other and to learn how to love their fellow men. The spirit of Christmas is to be ready to help those who are poor, those who are sick, and to spread good tidings throughout our community. It isn’t what you give or receive that counts. It is how you give and how you receive. This Christmas let us put our whole self into the spirit of Christmas and may it reach out to all ends of the world — Lenora Russell, in Lost Creek, W. Va., Sabbatarian Echoes.

Once again we pause before the manger of the Christ Child to ponder anew the miracle of His birth and its meaning to our lives. How often do we, those of us who take this thought, it seems that in spite of the gifts wrapped in bright paper and tied with fancy ribbon that He who came in such simplicity is the Greatest Gift of all. Then let us return in our hearts across the two thousand years to kneel again at the manger to let His love and peace permeate and fill us through the coming year. — Janet Idlemen, in Lost Creek, W. Va., Sabbatarian Echoes.

DECEMBER 12, 1955

THE DARK GLASS OF SCIENCE

Another in a series of brief articles by a young scientist.

Practically every major advance in science was based on an assumption in the beginning. These assumptions are then sometimes proven.

Democritus proposed the idea of an atom in 440 B.C. This was merely a philosophic idea until about A.D. 1800 when chemistry adopted the atom and used it as the basis for the whole structure of the science. From then until almost the end of the century the whole concept of the atom was a matter of faith, yet that did not destroy chemistry. (Today, of course, atoms are common coin and everyone believes in them, even though we cannot see them, or hear them, or smell them, or touch them. We know they can be proven and do not worry about the fact that we ourselves cannot do the proving.)

The concept of an atom is one of the most fascinating and most useful ideas we have. In 1803, the idea of atoms began to be sensitive and complicated devices that measured and studied individual atoms, so for the first time there began to be an independent and systematic study of how to learn about the chemistry was based on a provable assumption.

The atom itself, of course, is the fundamental building block of all substances. It is not possible to separate or destroy the atom. This makes the atom a very significant object of study. The spirit of Christmas is to be ready to help those who are poor, those who are sick, and to spread good tidings throughout our community. It isn’t what you give or receive that counts. It is how you give and how you receive. This Christmas let us put our whole self into the spirit of Christmas and may it reach out to all ends of the world — Lenora Russell, in Lost Creek, W. Va., Sabbatarian Echoes.

One extremely interesting thing is, that when it became possible to study atoms and learn facts about them, it was found that the chemists had been wrong in almost every single detail. They were right that there were atoms. They were wrong in almost everything they thought about chemistry.

Is it not equally possible that we might be wrong about almost every detail of our concept of God; and yet in our basic assumption that God is good, be right just like the chemists? If we, for instance, have a lingering tendency to pray to a "kind old man," does it really matter?

CONFERENCE DATES
August 14 - 19, 1956
at Alfred, New York

REV. WILLIAM M. SIMPSON

Rev. William M. Simpson died November 29, 1955, following a traffic accident at Ionia, Mich., the day before. He was 73 years of age and a member of the Clark Home at Grand Rapids, Mich., a memorial home for retired Methodist ministers and their wives.

Born at Jackson Center, Ohio, February 1, 1882, he attended Milton College at Milton, Wis., before graduating in 1911. Following his marriage to Miss Amelia Rittenhouse he entered the Alfred University School of Theology and served the Hartsville and Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Churches as student pastor. His cousin was interrupted by a pastorate at Verona, N. Y., but he returned to serve the Alfred Station Church and continue his study. He received the bachelor of divinity degree from Alfred in 1919. Later he served the Brookfield, N. Y., Ashaway, R. I., and Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Churches, after which he joined the Michigan Methodist Conference and was appointed to several charges.

At the time of his death he was pastoral visitor for the Battle Creek Methodist Church in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Simpson was much interested in music and organized vocal and instrumental ensembles in his parishes. He also specialized in religious education and had a course in his parishes. He also specialized in religious education and was appointed to several charges.

Surviving are his wife and three daughters: Mrs. Alberta S. Crocker, Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Paul R. Crandall, South Bend, Ind.; and Mrs. Rex Briggs, Battle Creek, Mich.; a brother, Gael V. Simpson, of Battle Creek; and two sisters: Mrs. Her­ton and Mrs. Mary in both of whom he was very active. Mr. Simpson was much interested in music and organized vocal and instrumental ensembles in his parishes. He also specialized in religious education and was appointed to several charges.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The value of church property in the U. S. has increased by more than $2,600,000,000,000, to a total of $7,846,000,000, according to an estimate by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel, Inc.

Dr. Floyd Shacklock, U. S. church literacy expert, on November 10 led Idlewild International Airport to undertake the first major survey in a decade of the literacy work carried on by U. S. churches on the African continent.

In a six-months' flying tour covering ten countries, Dr. Shacklock said he would confer with church leaders on expansion of the program among African illiterates.

Countries on his itinerary are Egypt, Sudan, Kenya, Tanganikya, the Rhodesias, Union of South Africa, the Congo, Nigeria, Liberia, and the Gold Coast area.

The reference to the Rhodesias probably includes Nyasaland where there is a Seventh Day Baptist work.

To the man's limited vision, it was the worst. To God's infinite wisdom, his loss was for the best — that for which he had prayed. The very next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

Can we not take our seeming calamities, and look for victory in them? — From Better Church Bulletins by Stella O. Barnett (Fleming H. Revell Company).

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In this survey we present some brief articles and excerpts from the leading denominational periodicals which will be of interest to those who have as their goal the welfare and advancement of the church as the new "School of Life."}

THE SABBATH RECORDER

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Smoke Signal

The story is told of an only survivor of a shipwreck who was thrown upon an uninhabited island. After a while he managed to build a raft in which he placed the "little all" that he had saved from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance, and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to see if any ship that might have a chance to pass that way.

One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he had, had now gone up in smoke! The worst had happened, or so it appeared. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst, was in reality, for him, the best. The very next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

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All men judge, but few have judgment.

F. H. Heinemann.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DECEMBER 12, 1955

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The Seventh Day Baptist Church was hostess for World Community Day to the local federated churches, Scotia, the local Methodists, churches and the E. U. B. churches of Fish Creek and Mira Valley. Seventy-five women were served tea following the service. Twenty-seven pounds of clothing were given. An offering of $38.50 was received to be sent to the needy.

The Thanksgiving service, which is a union service with the Methodist Church and alternates with them, was at the Seventh Day Baptist Church this year with Rev. Mr. Bueller of the Methodist Church bringing the message. An offering was sent to the Nebraska Children's Home in Omaha, following the long-established custom.

The ingathering of the Lord's Acre projects was the event of Tuesday, November 29. Instead of having an auction as usual, 10 members gathered for several hours, the articles consigned were converted into cash which was brought to the church, where a coffee supper was served with pie and coffee.

Russel Clement is one of the young people attending school at Salem College. He is interested in geology. It has been one of his classes this year. "I enjoy the subject," he said.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — "Speak not of melancholy days — even in gray November." We of the Riverside Church could rightly echo these words of William Cullen Bryant. November has more than ever been a month for thanksgiving.

The new Intermediate Christian En-

deavor hour, now simultaneous with the Sabbath eve prayer service, has been working out well. Pastor Wheeler directs these youth in this program. Accept on one Sabbath eve each month when we witness to a study from the New Testament Epistles to the adult group. Other prayer services are under the leadership of a layman. A layman takes the Christian Endeavor service once a month.

Sermons on the Beatitudes have been well received, according to Pastor Orvis Chapman of Los Angeles kept all busy and happy, with his wise and pleasant direction.

After careful consideration a house on Central Avenue was purchased by the Church as the new parsonage and on November 20 the pastor and his family took occupancy. The former parsonage, now called the parsonage house, is quite a satisfactory answer to the need for more classroom space. Our large enrollment in Sabbath School youth departments is one of great prominence. The old house, with its large living room has already been used also as a meeting place for the Dorcas Societies, and it will gather there and it will be used for special social gatherings.

On Thanksgiving Day we had a traditional service at the church in the morning at eleven, with a gratitude provoking sermon, "Count Your Many Blessings," and especially fine singing by the choir in the afternoon. "Let All Things Now Living Come Together," offered by the choirmaster. "Blessing the Lord," offered by the choirmaster. "Bless the Lord," offered by the choir. "Bless the Lord," offered by the choir.

The Dorcas Society sponsored the Thanksgiving dinner this year. The committee served a dinner of roast turkey with all the trimmings, for three hundred people. Special credit goes to Mrs. Mary Moore for the decorations in glowing harvest motif. In the program which followed, Mrs. Orvis Chapman led in group
singing; Ben Herbert, talented son of Mrs. Bess Herbert, played three much appreciated piano numbers; and Mrs. Paul L. Sanford added much to the joy of the occasion with three vocal selections. Both Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Sanford have become a loved and traditional part of our Thanksgiving social hour. The showing of three short movies completed the program. - Correspondent.

I divide the world in three classes — the few who make things happen, the many who watch things happen, and the overwhelming majority who have no notion of what happens. — Nicholas Murray Butler.

Accessions

Adams Center, N. Y.
By Baptism:
Connie Reed
Nancy Cruzan
De Ruyster, N. Y.
By Baptism:
Juanta Burdick

Births

Spells. — A son, Stephen Leonard, to Mr. and Mrs. Errol Spells, of Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 4, 1955.
Thorngate. — A daughter, Robin Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thorngate, of Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 16, 1955.

Obituary

David. — Chloie Simpson, daughter of Payton and Hattie Stephenon Simpson, was born Dec. 2, 1891, in Jackson Township, Shelby Co., Ohio, and died at her home in Jackson Center, on Nov. 11, 1955.

On Dec. 29, 1908, she was married to Harold Davis who died Aug. 22, 1948. She united with the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church July 1, 1911, to which she remained a loyal member until her death.

Those surviving her are: an adopted daughter, Myrtle (Mrs. Kenneth Gray); a granddaughter, two brothers in Michigan; Rev. William M. Simpson of Grand Rapids [died Nov. 27] and Noel of Battle Creek; and two sisters, Mrs. Herman McGilloway and Mrs. Alta Hahn, both of Jackson Center.

Funeral services were conducted from the Van Horn Funeral Home by Rev. Verlan Dearbough, a lifelong friend of the family, assisted by her pastor, Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms. Burial was in the Glen Cemetery at Port Jefferson.

E. H. B. Crofoot. — Dr. George E., son of Moses and Arvilla Crofoot, was born Jan. 19, 1875, in West Hallock, Ill., and died at the Methodist Hospital, Madison, Wis., Nov. 2, 1955. (More extended life story on another page.)

Crofoot. — Alfred Burdet, son of Rev. Jay W. and Hannah Larkin Crofoot, was born in Shanghai, China, Nov. 20, 1899, while his parents were missionaries there, and died unexpectedly at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1955.

Mr. Crofoot was married to Leah Clarke of Spring Valley, N. Y., a classmate at Alfred University, April 21, 1924, by Rev. H. Eugene Davis. Three daughters were born to this union: Patricia (Mrs. Robert Turnbull), Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Constance (Mrs. John Quick), Hadlondale, N. J.; and Leah Camille, Alfred, N. Y.

Mr. Crofoot's first church membership was in the Shanghai Church where he was baptized by Rev. D. H. Davis. He joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred in 1939, by letter from the Plainfield, N. J., Church.

Mr. Crofoot was appointed Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in April, 1953. A proof of his effective and indispensable service has been found as the Commission of General Conference has tried to apportion the work of his office to several individuals until the Commission's midyear meeting.

There survive, besides his widow and daughters, his father of Daytona Beach, Fla.; a sister, Anna (Mrs. L. Harrison North), Plainfield, N. J.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted from the First Alfred Church Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 15, by his pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. During the service the School of Theology Sextet sang, Committal services, following cremation, will be held at a later date.

H. S. W.

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And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Matt. 2: 11.