crated, united effort during the last week.

We welcome the Pacific Coast Association publication, "Pacific Tidings," with Mrs. Clarkson Bonham, of our church, as the local contributor. This paper should do much to create a spiritual oneness throughout the widely scattered group of believers.

In the C. E. Rally, Sunday afternoon, March 25, to which our church was host, we had the largest representation of young people of any church present. Clarence Boatman, of our church, now holds office as one of the vice-presidents of the county C. E.

Resurrection Sabbath was one of rejoicing and of large attendance. Two thrilling solos were sung by Mrs. Golden Roney, "Open the Gates of the Temple" and Handel's, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." The choir sang, "By Early Morning Light," with Clarence Boatman in the solo part. Pastor Wheeler preached on "The Greatest Victory Ever Won." He showed how certain victories have been great and served their time and victory over death, sin, and the grave is passed out of usefulness, but that Christ's lastingly valid. - Correspondent.

On Monday evening, March 26, at 7 P. M., the preacher was Rev. Ira Gay Hickman. Whitehair, was born Dec. 18, 1899, in Dodge Center, Minn., and died March 21, 1956, at Battle Creek, Mich.

He married Florence O. Clarke, March 29, 1899, in Dodge Center and they came to Battle Creek in 1923. Mr. Ellis was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Battle Creek and took an active interest in the Lord's work.

Surviving besides his wife are: a daughter, Mrs. Glee Ryan, of Detroit; a son, Herman, of St. Ignace, Mich.; a sister, Cora Boho, of Dodge Center; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, died in 1914, and a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wulfing, of St. Paul, Minn., died in May, 1955.

Funeral services were conducted in Battle Creek by his pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis, assisted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Burial was at Dodge Center, Minn., in the Riverside Cemetery. - L. E. D.


On June 1, 1920, he married Leona May Sutton. To this home were born three daughters: Mrs. Homer (Mildred) Jones, of Peninsular, W. Va.; Mrs. Bill (Ruth Joy) Taylor, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Miss Cuba Lee Whitehair, of Berea; and three sons: Denzel, of Smyrna, Ga.; and Darrell Clay and Donna of Berea. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren: two sisters; Mrs. William Eugene; Taylor, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Miss Cuba Lee Whitehair, of Berea; and three sons: Denzel, of Smyrna, Ga.; and Darrell Clay and Donna of Berea. This tornado struck on Monday, April 2, as will be recalled by those who were concerned. On that day the parents of Pastor Davis in company with the editor and his wife set out early in the morning from the parsonage for the East and experienced no difficulty in Missouri and Illinois.

This particular church bulletin is full of interesting things — the details of the weekend evangelistic program with a Gospel team from North Loup, Neb.; announcement of baptism on April 14 with the Kansas City Fellowship meeting with them for the service. The personnel of the quartet furnishing the special music for the evangelistic services included Rev. Francis Saunders, Gary Cox, Delores Monk, and Audrey Fuller. Mr. Saunders did most of the preaching also. The effort was planned by the Evangelism Committee of the Mid-Continent Association.

The Cross, once a badge of guilt and shame, now towers the ages as God's emblem of love and becomes His gateway to resurrection life. This risen Saviour continues to draw men unto Himself, including ever-increasing numbers of Jews.

— A. B. Machlin.

Obituaries

Ellis. — Arthur E., son of Eugene and Lula Brown Ellis, was born June 8, 1877, at Dodge Center, Minn., and died Jan. 27, 1956, at Battle Creek, Mich.

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One day a tax assessor came to the home of a poor minister of the Gospel to assess the value of his property. "I am a rich man," said the minister. The official quickly sharpened his pencil, got out his book, and asked intently, "What do you own?"

The pastor replied, "I am the possessor of a Saviour who earned for me everlasting life and who has prepared a place for me in the eternal city."

"What else?" asked the tax assessor.

"I have a brave, pious wife," replied the minister, "and Solomon says, 'Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.'"

"What else do you have?"

"I have healthy and obedient children. Yes, and a merry heart with enables me to pass through life joyfully."

"Do you own anything more?" continued the assessor.

"That is all," replied the minister.

The tax assessor arose, closed his book, took his hat, and said, "You are indeed a rich man, sir, but your property is not subject to taxation. You are fortunate to have so many non-taxable riches."

The man who has Jesus Christ as his Saviour possesses the greatest asset of all. Without Christ he has nothing, as we read in Mark 8: 36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

— From a tract by W. Ewart G. Saffell, American Tract Society.
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WRITTEN WORD LOSING POWER

Such was the heading of an Associated Press release from Cambridge, Mass., on April 9. The article began with this sentence:

"A committee of educators and art experts says modern man is swayed less and less by the argument of the written word and more and more by the photograph, the billboard, the cinema, the picture magazine, and now television."

This committee, the article goes on to say, has therefore recommended that Harvard University put into effect a 6½-million-dollar program to offset the inroads made in the field of human communication by movies, pictures, and television. The men proposed the building of a theater, a museum, and the endowment of salaries for new professors, etc.

The article with its title is purely secular news but it has spiritual overtones. Suppose we acknowledge the correctness of the findings of these experts, what does it imply in regard to "the Written Word," the Bible? How is it to be related to the booming field of religious literature? The experts would probably back paddle if they were reminded that the Bible is selling now as it never sold in all history. Can it be ranked along with the books of religious nature which top the best seller lists achieve that distinction without influencing the readers? Wonder it.

Word comes from the American Tract Society that the year 1955 was outstanding in the ministry of the Society, foreign and home, with tracts going to over 17,000,000. They note that the new venture in Tracards was received with tremendous enthusiasm, requiring printing of over 5,000,000. It is true that the greatest demand was for tracts in full color, but few would have wanted the pictures without the messages.

From our own limited experience in answering requests for Seventh Day Baptist tracts we have to say that during the past six months the incoming mail appears to show an increase by the written word than at any time since we have been in the office. Many are the letters that tell of how the chance readers of our tracts were swayed by them—helped by them to understand the Bible and to follow its precepts.

While it may be true that the written word in the secular sense is losing its power, we cannot believe that it is true or will continue to be true that the printed pages of the Christian Gospel have ceased to be a power that would be contrary to the promises of God. "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven (Psalm 119: 89). When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness He answered the temptation in every case by "It is written," and said to Satan, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Millions have proved the promises of God and millions are crying today for religious literature that will meet their needs.

ARE WE AFRAID TO TITHE?

Another of our churches, feeling the need of greatly expanding its program, is in the midst of a determined effort to increase tithing among its tithers in its membership. That church is a relatively strong church with a total membership of about 200. It has given generously to its local work and has ranked well up toward the top in denominational giving. The members who are not already tithers are being urged to pledge themselves to try tithing for a year. The first report indicates 30 such pledge cards signed. The Stewardship Committee continues its appeal, hoping for at least 50 cards.

The American Tract Society has estimated that the full tithes of its membership would amount to $19,000. The local budget, including all sources of income, is about $10,000. Gifts to the Denominational Budget for the last Conference year totaled a little over $4,000. The combined totals do not come close to $19,000.

We quote the figures only by way of illustration. It is easy to see that even on the basis of this better-than-average church we have not yet tapped our resource. Consistent tithing on the part of all our people would probably enable us to do twice as much in church extension at home; twice as much on foreign fields.

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Why do so many sit back and admire tithers but refuse to get into the program themselves? Perhaps the basic reason is that we do not love our Lord and his cause as much as the tithers and missionaries do. Not many truly consecrated Christians need to be urged to give one tenth of their income to the Lord's work. Aside from saving, what else keeps a substantial percentage of our church members from adopting the tithing plan?

It is our opinion that many of us are afraid to tithe. Not that we really are afraid we could not live on nine tenths of our income if the other tenth was put into the Lord's work. Rather, we are afraid of the figures. They look too large. We keep company with people who make only token gifts to the church and missions. There just are not many of our fellow members who give $200 or $400 per year. And yet we know that practically no full-time wage earner gets less than ten times that much. We are rather staggered by the size of our tithe. Why should our giving be so out of proportion to our income?

The Scriptures tell us that the tithe is the Lord's. Perhaps that suggests that the bookkeeping might well be between us and the Lord and not the concern of other church members or church leaders. Of course, there is a third party now who has to have accurate records of our benevolences — the Internal Revenue Department. If we tithe, the time will probably come when we will not care if our contributions show way above those of our friends who have similar earning capacity. However, to overcome that initial fear, we might well begin by making hidden contributions to various worthy Christian projects within or even outside of our total denominational program.

Most of us derive a real satisfaction out of giving nice presents, expensive presents, to those we love. There is hardly any pleasure attended with comparable joy in this life. The one pleasure which exceeds it is the knowledge of giving generously to the cause of Christ for those who are not our own loved ones in the generally accepted use of the term. The tithing program, insti-
tuted in the Old Testament and strongly sanctioned by Christ, is the best way we know to make such giving and such joy a results of it are in Houston, Bertram Sommerfield, 49, more in the way of surgery to be de­
haye a hole in his heart as big as a half dollar. perhaps the perfection of techniques."
left and right vent rides. But such breaks heart was bad, already damaged by disease, that otherwise were healthy. This man's the surgery possible was made pump and open up this life muscle for mechanical repairs is almost beyond our imagination. We are inclined to
surgery.
the invitation has always been to let Jesus, the Great Physician, come into our sinful hearts. the result of His work on our hearts is described by the Apostle Paul, "... the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts" (Rom. 5: 5). This indeed is reaching the ultimate in heart surgery.

Stories We Hope to Print

Among the news items and feature articles which we hope to bring to our readers by the time this sentence is read. there are which far surpasses that which was recently accomplished at Houston, Texas. "I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordina­naries, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God" (Ezek. 11: 19, 20).

The specialist explained that what made the surgery possible was a new pump called an oxygenator, developed at Baylor University of Medicine, which did the work of both heart and lungs during the two minutes required for the repair.

Heart surgery is something mysterious and intriguing to the layman. The un­interrupted functioning of the heart from its natural state is capable of almost any form of wickedness. He said: "For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery... " (Mark 7: 21-22 RSV).

A teen-age boy was arrested in New York City having committed a vicious murder. His mother exclaimed, "But he is a good boy!" She looked upon the outside but God knows an unregenerate human heart is potentially capable of any crime.

Paul gets back of the act to the purifying source when he said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2: 5).
The answer is to let Jesus into the heart. He says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me" (Rev. 3: 20).

When we have properly confessed and renounced our sins and by faith have re­ceived Christ into our lives, then we are given a new heart from God and we can see Him in all His glory. Then we can be called "pure in heart." Truly this gate leads to happiness.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Amen.

BOOKS FOR MINISTERS

For ministers thinking about retirement or enduring it (if that is the correct term), there is a new book by Norman Lobsenz, published by Channel Press in October, 1955, entitled The Minister's Complete Guide to Successful Retirement. This 192-page book lives up to its title. Actually, although it contains a wealth of helpful information for those who have already retired, it would be very profitable reading for any minister who is nearing 40 years of age. It covers personal finances, how to have a guaran­teed income for life, how to live on a meager income, how to find ways of earning money during the retirement years, how to live when you retire, and a variety of other subjects. The last 25 pages are filled with appendices with charts on such subjects as "National Pollen Index," "Your Taxes," and "Sources and Re­sources." This useful book sells for $2.95 but can be secured as a free dividend to those who are buying books through the Evangelical Book Club.

The 1956 edition of Minister's Federal Income Tax Guide is perhaps already out. The 1957 edition, which has been changed again it will be a definitely worth-while book for any minister who thinks he may have to pay income tax in 1957. Priced at $2.50, it, too, can be secured as a free dividend from Evangelical Books, Greensville, N. Y.

A third book for ministers, of quite a different nature, is The Burden of the Lord by Ian Macpherson. Copyrighted in 1955 by Abingdon Press, this 160-page book on the nature of preaching and the man who preaches seems to be packed with helpful hints. We found it in one's ministry. We have not found time at this writing to read it in its entirety.
Two weeks ago this corner remarked that time moved both too fast and too slowly. Now that the March totals are available (on the back cover) we see reason why. As of this report the Denominational Budget is only 36.4% raised. This is only 73% of the goal for the 6-months! The responsibility rests squarely upon each one of us, with God's help, to make the next six months count for our Lord and Saviour. We can in faith raise the other 63.6% if we let our prayers affect our pocketbooks!

Perhaps the statistics listed below may not be the best way to increase our devotion to our task, but they may start each one of us thinking how we can increase our giving, both this month and in months to come.

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*Rain't's — Asterisks show churches above the 6-month target. (A) lists position in last month's tabulation and (B) the number of months that total gifts exceeded a year ago. Congratulations to Putnam Co., Genesee, 1st., and Marlboro for their first increase this year!

Coin Card News

Mention has been made previously in our columns to the coin cards sent out to all the local churches for a special offering for the Denominational Budget to be turned in to the local church treasurer by June 9. These cards bear the words "To the Glory of God — in Memory of A. Burdet Crofoot."

From church bulletins recently received it appears that our pastors are enthusiastically pushing this project. To some of us, the use of coin folders for such a cause is new. It can be fun to watch the line of dimes grow longer. When we get through, the dimes will not have been missed much, but many filled cards will make a big difference in the support of our work. Have you tried starting the day with a dime?

Playing at Christianity

The whole trouble with many Christians today is that they are only playing at being Christian. They have never really gone in for a holy, dynamic Christian life, because they are afraid to pay the price. I tremble in my own soul at the shock many will get when they face our Lord and discover that the beliefs they have cherished, the doctrines they have embraced, and the Bible they have said they believed, have landed them in hell because their beliefs have never become action, and the Bible has never become a living, dynamic force for us. The law at the foot of the mountain of judgment has to be fulfilled not by us, thank heaven, but in us by the Holy Spirit. — Alan Redpath, in Victorious Christian Living (Fleming H. Revell Co.)
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**Home Field News**

Encouraging words from Pastor Don Sanford state that plans are well along for the construction of a new church building at New Auburn. He stated that the construction work will begin during April and work has already been started in securing materials.

Missions

A New Church Building at Makapwa

A very generous gift has been received from the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church for the purpose of erecting a new house of worship at the Makapwa Mission Station in Nyasaland. The new building is to be known as the Armstrong Memorial Church. Permission has been received from the Missionary Board to use the older church building entirely for school purposes, and to transfer the name to the new building.

It will be recalled that Miss Joan Clement wrote a review of the mission school situation which was published in Sabbath Recorder issues of October 10, 24, and November 7, 1955. She mentions "the building of a two-room annex... added to the church building." Rev. David Pearson wrote recently, "At present two classes are meeting in the church and, as you can imagine, certain confusion is the result. The classes are able to do all right but the situation is not ideal."

Miss Beth Severe had written that it was not conducive to worship on the Sabbath for the students to come back to the school all week. Mr. Pearson again mentioned this, recently writing, "The building is used as a school during the greater part of the time it takes away from the dignity of the house of worship."

Summing up the matter he wrote, "We need a new church. Attendance (at Sabbath School) runs last year between about 240. The increase is due to the recent ruling which makes church attendance a must for our day students as well as our boarders. The church building is a bit small (to accommodate the present number attending Sabbath services)."

The following building plans for the new church are suggested: "To build in the formation of a 'T' — the speaker's stand would be just where the 'T' is joined. Seating would be from three directions (from the body and two wings). The wings would also serve as classrooms (Sabbath school). The building should probably measure some 75 feet in length and also some 75 feet across the upper part of the 'T'. The widths of both the central portion and the wings would be 25 feet. It would probably be built of stone. The mission has a lot of stone and all the lumber that would be needed. The expense would lie in the cement. A considerable quantity would have to be used. We would use mud for mortar, but due to great weight of the stone a stronger mortar would be advisable. Actually a little more mortar to begin with wouldn't cost any more in the long run than grass. This past year the mission spent about 60 pounds on grass alone. Grass sounds cheap but it is expensive for what one gets. At this point I would be a bit hesitant to state an estimate of the entire cost."

Missionary Pearson

Writes from Nyasaland

In the hope and expectation that Dr. Victor Burdick will be arriving at Makapwa Mission to begin his services soon, Rev. David Pearson, recently, regarding plans for providing a home for him at the mission headquarters. Of the plans will depend upon Burdick's approval. The missionary couple have temporarily offered the hospitality of their home and add, "We think we can make him comfortable."

The superintendent tells of the handling of funds being carried on jointly by Miss Beth Severe and herself serving as co-treasurers. She takes care of school funds; Mr. Pearson handles the Missionary Board's budget to take care of the matter.
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May Worship Service

By Mrs. William R. Austin

(Mrs. William (Lorna Payne) Austin is a member of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. She and her husband (Major Austin) with their four children will soon be sent to Alaska to make their home for the next three years.)

Topic: Family Altars (for home dedication service)

Hymn: "Ere You Left Your Room This Morning"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6: 4-7

Devotional Thoughts:

"Family prayers" should be considered as an ideal in every Christian household. If the hours of labor, or any other circumstance, make it difficult to have prayer and the daily reading of the Bible in the family, that should be regarded as a misfortune to be remedied. It is not easy to find the right time for family devotions amid the busy life of the present. It may often be necessary to sacrifice some longed-for sleep in order to find the time for family prayer and daily Bible reading. There is no sacrifice too great in order to establish the family altar. We have heard it quoted, and believe it true, "A family that prays together, stays together."

Read Daniel 6: 10. Now consider, have you made any sacrifice in order to have regular communion with God?

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep and goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain.
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend.
For so the whole round earth is everywhere
Bound gold chains about the feet of God."

— Tennyson.

family arrived Sunday evening, April 8, and are getting settled in the parsonage."

The letter expressed appreciation to the Missionary Board and to the denomination for making it possible for the Salemville Church to again be served by a missionary pastor.

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Christian Family Week

Mother's Day has been observed for many years but in recent years the observance has broadened into National Family Week. This year is May 6-13. The theme is "God in the Home, Peace in the World." Since the world of the future is being shaped largely in the homes of today, it is tremendously important that all homes become Christian.

Three helpful leaflets giving ideas and suggestion for observing Family Week are available for a few cents from Office of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York, N. Y. One called, "God Home, Peace," describes how God in the home actually means peace in the world. "Peace Be to This House" ($0.50 a hundred) gives a series of eight devotional services, prayers, and Bible readings. The third leaflet is the "Church Planning Folder."

Seventh Day Baptist families and churches will want to use this occasion for enriching family life and emphasizing the importance of the Christian home.

A Lesson in History

The story of our dealing with the Korean people has been one long series of tragedies. First, there was Portsmouth in 1905 when President Theodore Roosevelt negotiated the Russo-Japanese Treaty giving Japan to Japan. For more than forty years the Japanese exploited the Korean people.

Then came Potsdam in 1945. Some men, including President Franklin Roosevelt, drew a line across the map of Korea. There was no intent to partition Korea at the 38th parallel, but that was the beginning of a war in which a million Koreans died and five million were made homeless refugees. It resulted in 300,000 widows and 100,000 orphans.

America spent 18 billion dollars fighting those wars and our government is now calling for a"war on poverty" in all areas of the world. America has the problem to fight.

Two workshops were scheduled to be held simultaneously in the Western Association. The first was at the Second Alfred Church, the second at Little Genesee, and the third is to be at the First Alfred Church. The beginning time was set at 4 o'clock and closing time at 7:30. This program also includes a period for informal social fellowship and a dish-to-pass supper.

These workshops are planned and sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and the Western Association.

N. D. M.

Prayer

O Thou victorious Christ in whom we are met the highest aspirations of men and the inspiration of God: mercifully open our eyes and ears to Thy glorious Gospel which is the power unto salvation, and use us grace to proclaim the same against that thieving day of evil. Show Thy bow and every tongue confess that Thou art Lord of all; in whose gracious name we pray. Amen.

— Selected.
For Jr. High

Cops and Robbers

None of us are too old for "cops and robbers," at least some form of the game. But here is a true story from the police court—just heard it on the radio.

It seems that a man who robbed a grocery store nibbled a piece of cheese like a mouse and was caught in a trap that he couldn't get out of. When the police detectives inspected the grocery store that had been robbed they discovered that somebody had taken a bite out of a wedge of cheese. They found that the teeth marks of the man they suspected matched the marks on the cheese.

Brought into court the robber pleaded "not guilty" until the experts told him how he was caught in a trap. They said that there was one chance in 60 million that another man could leave identical teeth marks on a piece of cheese. The robber confessed his guilt and changed his plea to "guilty."

What is it that the Bible says? "Be sure your sins will find you out." That isn't all the Bible says. It tells us how our sins, though they "be as scarlet," may be made "as white as snow," and "though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). The New Testament makes that clear and plain. It reminds us that all of us have sinned; not, perhaps, just like that robber; but we have failed to love God with all our heart—which Jesus said was the first and great commandment. We have broken that and some other commandments. We know that if we were brought before God—who "discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart"—we, too, would be caught.

But the glorious news of the Gospel is that Christ can take away our sins when we plead guilty, truly repent, and turn over our wills to Him.

We suggest that you remember the story of the cheese when you are tempted to do wrong or when you want to tell others about the forgiveness of Christ.

Dr. Robert G. Torbet, noted Baptist education leader and author of several books (as noted in the March 19 issue), will present two lectures at the gathering to focus the attention of the brethren on how our denomination might improve its organization at the various levels from local congregation to General Conference.

Some of the problems discussed will concern layman-pastor relationships, proper age for baptism of children, etc. The Conference president and the board secretaries will be given time to brief the ministers and students on the various opportunities and problems that are before us at the present moment. It is expected that this gathering will provide also a chance to arrange for the showing in many churches of the new budget-promotion filmstrip.

Registration: Doyle Ziegfeld, interim pastor R.D. 1, Edgerton, Wis.

Panel discussions on vital problems Devotional and fellowship experiences Program arranged by:
Prof. Melvin Nida
Rev. David Clarke
Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

Growing Sabbath School in Painesville, Ohio

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HAPPY ARE THE MERCIFUL

Donald E. Richards

Being merciful is not a sign of weakness but of strength. It is difficult to accept hurt without retaliation. To show mercy toward the person causing pain is to show love for him and recognition that he does not really understand what he is doing. His flare-up may be caused by ignorance, prejudice, or lack of self-control. God’s child can take it and not fight back by conventional methods because of God’s Spirit dwelling within.

But mercy begins with God. The Psalmist said: “Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Mercy is one of the great attributes of God. He is the ‘Father of mercies.’” Jeremiah exclaims in Lamentations: “It is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.”

When a person experiences the mercies of God, should he not in turn be merciful to others? But what does it mean to be merciful? The Apostle Paul wrote: “Be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, formerly were mercifully treated.”

Rev. David Steele, pastor of St. Andrew’s Church in Nairobi, East Africa, said he was “profoundly impressed” with the story of the church people he had met in his few weeks in this country. “There is an extraordinary unity and at-onement among them,” in spite of denominational differences, he reported.

Mr. Steele is representative of the Church of Scotland to a parish almost a generation away from its mother church in Edinburgh. The very act of being merciful shows another “the way of life.” Raving about the awesomeness of sin puts one on the defensive. No doubt he already feels condemned and needs to be led through the valley of mercy toward his compassion for others. The church is to transform the inner self.

The Methodist Church will be called upon at its quadrennial conference in April to allocate one million per year to television. Be a witness to God’s mercy today. — From a church bulletin.

Jesus was a shepherd not an organizer. — Richard Miller.
DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, March 31, 1956

Receipts

March 6 Months
Balance, March 1 .................................. $ 22.64
Adams Center ........................................ 142.50
Albion ................................................. 46.82
Alfred, First ........................................... 350.40
Alfred, Second ........................................ 193.40
Assessments and groups ............................. 35.90
Battle Creek .......................................... 421.05
Berlin .................................................. 69.62
Boulder ................................................. 85.78
Brookfield, First ..................................... 20.00
Brookfield, Second .................................. 47.15
Buffalo Fellowship .................................. 45.00
Chicago ............................................... 90.00
Daytona Beach ....................................... 88.75
Denver ............................................... 65.23
De Ruyster ............................................ 18.30
Dodge City ........................................... 40.03
Edenfield ............................................. 369.75
Farina .................................................. 65.00
Fouke .................................................. 13.60
Friendship ............................................ 75.00
Hammond .............................................. 28.00
Hobson, First ........................................ 75.00
Hopkinton, First .................................... 62.75
Hopkinton, Second ................................... 25.00
Independence ......................................... 43.00
Indianapolis .......................................... 15.00
Individuals ............................................ 120.00
Lafayette ............................................. 250.00
Jackson Center ....................................... 50.00
Kansas City Fellowship .............................. 20.00
Little Genesee ....................................... 134.98
Los Angeles .......................................... 25.00
Los Angeles, Christ's ............................... 15.00
Lost Creek ........................................... 217.94
Marlboro .............................................. 181.16
Middle Island ........................................ 21.50
Milton .................................................. 916.09
Milton Junction ..................................... 196.49
New Auburn ......................................... 277.03
North Loup .......................................... 134.83
Northeast ............................................. 15.00
Pawcatuck ............................................ 363.26
Pocatello ............................................. 21.00
Plainfield ............................................ 313.56
Putnam County ....................................... 45.12
Richburg ............................................. 33.00
Ritchie .............................................. 95.00
Riverside ............................................ 573.02
Rome .................................................. 15.00
Rockville ............................................ 24.35

$5,890.47
$31,824.84

Disbursements

Missionary Society .................................. $1,893.50
Tract Society ........................................ 321.00
Board of Christian Education ........................ 568.00
School of Theology .................................. 505.50
Women's Board ....................................... 195.00
Historical Society .................................. 86.00
Ministerial Retirement ................................ 664.50
S. D. B. Building ................................... 63.00
General Conference .................................. 55.00
World Fellowship and Service ........................ 17.00
Memorial Fund ....................................... 100.00
Oneida Valley ....................................... 20.00
National Bank, fees .................................. 5.00
Balance, March 31 ................................... 26.60

$5,027.10
$863.37

Comparative Figures

Receipts in March: 1956 1955
Budget .............................................. $ 4,004.46 $ 4,477.85
Non-budget Gifts ................................... 863.37 887.97
Receipts in 6 months:
Budget .............................................. 27,027.40 22,268.38
Non-budget Gifts ................................... 4,797.44 6,607.14
Current annual budget ................................ 74,113.30 70,750.00
Portion of budget raised to date ...................... 36.4% 31.5%

Respectfully submitted,
Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

"Rais'Em"—Three churches have exceeded total gifts last year to date.

Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, newly appointed missionary pastor in the Southwest field, who will begin his work in the Texarkana, Ark., area last June. Mr. Van Horn was raised in the Southwest and is challenged with the possibilities of both the local and the widespread fields he will be serving. Since December 1, 1947, he has been ministering to the First and Second Brookfield, N. Y., Churches.

This recent statistic presents a staggering fact: "96% of all Christian giving is spent on the 9% of the English-speaking people of the world." Jesus said: "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring." — Robert H. Bowman.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. — 1 Thessalonians 2:13.