There were more than two carloads of young people from the Shiloh Church. They entered heartily into the worship service conducted by the Plainfield youth on the evening after the Sabbath.

The morning and afternoon theme-centered sermons by Pastors Paul Osborn and Robert Lippincott were clear, strong, and helpful. The family life emphasis of the whole weekend was made very pointed in the second message of the afternoon by the guest speaker, Rev. Harry E. Moore, research director of Character Education at the Central YMCA of Plainfield. His research and writing in the field of program development for family and youth work have won him national renown. His experience in juvenile problems was passed on to an attentive audience which was given a chance for discussion.

A motion picture entitled "The Family Next Door" brought the program to a close.

Upon motion by the treasurer the Yearly Meeting voted $50 from its treasury to Our World Mission, since it appeared that there was a larger surplus than would be needed for expenses next year.

RICHBURG, N. Y. — There was a fellowship supper in the church dining room on October 7 preceding the annual business meeting. The statistical report showed that we had lost one member by death but had gained five new ones.

In the election of officers, Jesse Burdick was chosen moderator with Elmer Cowles as assistant. Onnalee Saunders was elected clerk and organist. Two treasurers were voted into office, Charles Saunders for church funds with Wesley McCrae as assistant, and Blanche Clark for "Our World Mission." Eugene Burdick was chosen moderator for three years. Faith Saunders will serve as chorister, Marie Zwiebel as assistant organist, Robert Stohr was chosen attendance officer, Wesley McCrae is the representative of the church on the Executive Committee of the Western Association.

Doyle Zwiebel was elected pastor for the coming year.

In preparation for the new pastor and his wife the parsonage has undergone some redecorating. Four rooms have been painted and a new kitchen sink encased in built-in cupboards has been installed. Other articles have been donated to enhance the livability of the manse.

The church, too, has been the scene of some redecorating. The ceiling has been painted and the floor sanded and refinished. New green carpet runners have been given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice McCrae.

The September meeting of the Ladies’ Aid featured a pantry shower for Pastor and Mrs. Zwiebel. A good stock of eatables was given during the course of the evening’s get-together.

Pastor Zwiebel has entered the School of Theology at Alfred University to begin his second year of study. Mrs. Zwiebel is instructor of English and director of the Audio-Visual Aid Department at Canisteo High School.

Our local denominational budget treasurer reports that a goodly amount over the goal was paid by the group, for the past year's Denominational Budget. The church realizes the growing responsibility to the World Mission as presented by the Commission and is determined to help raise the mission goal for this year.

— Correspondent.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — No services were held at Brookfield on October 13 in order that the members might be free to attend the fall meeting of the Central New York Association at Adams Center. The church is still without a resident pastor and is inviting guest speakers. On October 20, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Pearson of Amsterdam were asked to have charge of the services. The Leonardsville Church was invited to meet with the local congregation for the occasion.

— Brookfield Courier.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — When Pastor Lawton was leader of the work he at first lived in rented quarters not far from the church. Later he bought a home at some distance, taking advantage of a GI loan. He was able to sell his equity when he went to Jamaica. Looking toward the coming of a new pastor the Parsonage Committee was reactivated. It is now possible to report that a new parsonage has been purchased, apparently on faith that the money will come in to meet the down payment and the other payments according to the contract.

— Gleaned from church bulletins.

A group of young folks from a number of churches who spent a profitable hour with Miss St. John in the Historical Rooms of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., on October 13.

See story inside.
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The Sabbath— which God sent aside at creation and preserved through the law and the prophets.

Perhaps the leadership of your church has decided it will be impossible to hold full-scale evangelical meetings in November. If plans have not already been laid to do so it is too late. However, much can be done by organized visitation. We cannot say that our churches are full of members who do not attend; that would be a foolish statement. It can be said of most of our churches that if all of those associated with the church were regularly present at all the services the cause of Christ would move forward with tremendous strides.

What does truth mean to us? What does the lost condition of so many of our neighbors mean? If we fail to attend church regularly when we are perfectly able to do so, if we fail to talk about these things when we rise up, when we sit down, and when we mingle with our fellow men, the true answer to the above questions would seem to be pretty close to a zero. When we come to the end of our earthly schooling in preparation for that life abundant and eternal of which Christ spoke, we need a passing grade, not zeros in the final marking period. Isn’t this the time to show that we mean business?

In this picture are intermediates and juniors among them gathered around Miss Evalois Gibbons’ growth picture. Some of the children of Conference President Charles Harris, who was on a trip visiting other Associations at that time, were from the Plainfield-New Market area. Two are from Berlin, N. Y., and one from Schenectady.

Questionable Claims to Ponder on Reformation Day

"Which is Christ’s True Church," a Roman Catholic tract by John A. O’Brien, Ph.D., was recently picked up in his travels by one of our ministers and sent to us, not so much for its questionable argument in support of its title but because it is a Seventh Day Baptist pamphlet and was published in 1885 and 1911 and 21. Most of us are relatively familiar with the extensive popular literature put out by the Catholic Church designed to convince Protestants that they should come back to the "Mother Church."

The references to Seventh Day Baptists are not significant; the denomination is listed among non-Catholic denominations to show the fragmentation of Protestant churches. In a chart taken from Creditors of Our Debts purporting to show the late origin or short duration of non-Catholic churches, Seventh Day Baptists are listed as beginning in 1853—the date of our General Conference. That does not quite do justice to our older churches. Lutheranism and Methodism have founders; Seventh Day Baptists reveal no founder but grew out of Bible adherence and interpretation.

In our opinion, the true church cannot be historically traced by the type of argument used by this learned doctor. It takes more than logic to prove the point. The familiar reasoning runs like this: Christ established The Church. The Church He established must have been the Catholic Church since all others were established by men at a much later date. Christ promised that He would be with the Church to the end of the age and that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. Therefore, it could not depart from the pure truths of Christ down through the centuries else the promise would be broken, and the7 promises of the Catholic Church has continued. Thus it must have remained free from error.

The Sabbath Attendance Month

Strong emphasis on high church attendance during the month of November is being made again this year throughout the nation. The full force of a nationwide advertising campaign in practically all the newspapers of the land will carry its impact to the public. Ministerial associations and church councils are getting behind the annual Religion In American Life (RIAL) Campaign. All this has no doubt some bearing on the recent and significant upswing in religious interest and church membership.

Our denomination is pushing this program through our official representative, Rev. Lee Holloway, and our Conference president, Charles Harris, both of whom have had articles reprinted in the Seventh Day Baptist pages of our magazine. Our churches would do well to enthusiastically support and promote church attendance on the local level, keeping an accurate record for the month. It cannot be done passively, as everyone is aware. Full-page advertisements in your local city or county newspaper paid for by the merchants of your community will not fill your church. All that such ads can urge is "Attend the church or synagogue of your choice." Church members and pastors must say the other things which need to be said.

It is not enough to assume that nearly everyone has a firmly fixed choice of a church that satisfies his needs. People are groping and perhaps indifferently seeking a satisfactory church. Such a measure must be found. Prospect lists must be enlarged and really worked. The people who are earnestly desiring to find and follow the truths of the Bible must be sought out and cultivated. Countless people wonder why the Christian world keeps Sunday when the seventh day is the Sabbath. Most of these people have not heard of Seventh Day Baptists, and they ought to hear. When they do pick up publications from churches, they inquire, their first thought is often, "Why is your radio signal so weak; why haven’t we heard before?"

This month is a God-given opportunity to strengthen our signal, to let more people know what joy there is in the Christian life in fellowship with those who follow the example of Christ and His apostles in keeping sacred that portion of time—

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Cover Picture

In this picture there are intermediates and juniors among them gathered around Miss Evalois St. John on the steps of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., on Sabbath afternoon, October 13. They are a part of the group of young folks attending the Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York Conference. Miss St. John, librarian of the Historical Society, explained to them some of the rare exhibits on the third floor. Many of the teen-agers had never been in the building before.

Twelve of these young folks are from two classes in the Shiloh Sabbath School when they present to the meetings as a group through the efforts of a teacher, Mrs. William Ayars. Two of them are children of Conference President Charles Harris, who was on a trip visiting other Associations at that time.
The writer goes on to attempt to show that the difference in Protestant churches; they are the cut-off branches of which Jesus spoke—doomed to wither and die. He claims they are doing so. It would be something for him to note that there is a greater underlying unity in Protestantism than in Catholicism or that Protestant churches are experiencing the greatest numerical and percentage growth in many, many years. Neither would it fit the argument to point out the serious errors of "Christianity" which made Protestantism a necessity.

Dr. O'Brien in his conclusion asks why the Catholic Church "is able to withstand today the acids of modern unbelief and the enervating influence of gilded paganism" unless it be that this is Christ's true Church, "the one true Church of Christ on earth."

We would suppose that "gilded paganism" is meant to refer to communism and the atheism of some of the recent or current dictatorships. What puzzles some of us who feel inclined to regard these claims and reform the principles of the Reformation is that communism and atheism appears to gain a much larger share of the people in predominantly Protestant countries.

There is evidence that in Italy, the homeland of Catholicism, communism has made such inroads that the Church was struggling for its very existence a few years ago and had well-laid plans for moving to the United States. Seventh Day Baptists have a vital stake in Protestantism. We have always stood upon the authority of the Word of God as opposed to the claims and reforms of the Church, whether it be Catholic or any other church which sets its council above the Word.

We are familiar with the often repeated claim of the Church that it was vested by Christ with the power to change the day of worship from the admittedly Biblical seventh day to the first day of the week. The argument is much the same as in the above-mentioned pamphlet: Just look around you and observe that people keep the seventh day as a change made by the Church—a church preserved from error by the pledge of Christ.

We do not believe that the gross unbelief and the well-known compromises with sin which can be found among the professed followers of Christ, whether Catholic or Protestant, can be blamed on Christ. If repeated of them by Him, but they are man's failures not His.

As we come to the end of October and the annual celebration of Reformation Day we thank God for the measure of vision which was given to Luther and the other reformers. We thank Him also for the privilege of living in a land of religious liberty where we can assemble in the churches of our choice without hindrance. Here full citizen rights and equal economic rights are not limited to those within a certain church. This is not true of all countries in the western hemisphere. That it is true here is due largely to Protestantism and to such branches of it as Baptists, Seventh Day Baptists, and other denominations which have consistently strived to maintain separation of church and state.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Methodists Launch New Magazine

Christian Advocate, the national Methodist publication, has ended its 130-year career along with several state publications. The demise of the new 80-page midmonth family magazine Together which is expected to reach 700,000 subscribers in the first year. It is exceedingly attractive in its liberal use of true color reproductions both on the cover and on inside pages.

The attempt to appeal to the whole family, the first copy impresses us as being much more of a mixture of the secular and the religious than its weekly predecessor. We may be wrong in this. It seems to be borrowing some of the techniques of magazines like Look. Spiritual articles are to be found in it but little about living so as to whether real depth of Christian experience will be strongly fostered.

The New Christian Advocate will replace The Pastor and is expected to reach 50,000 readers. Leland D. Case, former editor of The Rotarian, will edit both new magazines.

No one knows how many traffic accidents are caused by drinking drivers, but everyone knows it is a major problem.

—Travelers Insurance Co.
is also directly related to our communion with one another. We are united in prayer. Hebrews 10: 23 admonishes us to “hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.” This implies a creed which must be lived and worked on. It is something we hold together, not just individually. Martin Luther was one of the great examples of Christians who held that faith but he remembered the last thing that we hold together, not just individually. When we are convinced of some different truths we often think that we must leave our friends behind. We develop a feeling that we have lost something that is dear to us and that our fellowship with friends is broken. Nevertheless, “He is faithful who promised.”

Jesus implied that there would be struggle and tribulation in maintaining the faith and propagating it. When He gave the Great Commission He gave with a promise which was based on the fact that He had overcome the world.

It is the purpose and function of the church to help us to have communion. When we are convicted of some different truths we often think that we must leave our friends behind. We develop a feeling that we have lost something that is dear to us and that our fellowship with friends is broken. Nevertheless, “He is faithful who promised.” And when we look around we discover that we are not alone. God does not call us to walk alone. He gives that fellowship we find in the church and the wonderful communion of believers.

SERVICE

We find the service element of building together through the church in the 24th verse of Hebrews 10 which reads: “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.” The word “provoke” means making people angry. Perhaps there are times when we do well to make people angry but that is not the meaning. What we are to do is to have such a concern, one another, that we will encourage each other unto love and good works. That means service. It undoubtedly could be applied to the local church and to denominational projects but it is aimed primarily at individuals. We should take it individually and then it will affect the whole church and denomination.

To provoke people to love and to good works may be taken as a strong admonition to enthusiastic Christian living. Our greatest witness is in our living. The people outside the church who look at us may want to avoid what we have if we are not enthusiastic about it. We have been spending a good deal of time trying to get our denomination well organized in lines of service. We probably have made a great deal of progress in that direction during the last year, particularly in the seven steps of evangelistic outreach which we have recently adopted after months of study. All this emphasis on service is good but there is a possibility that we might organize ourselves into chains with which we are bound rather than allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us into enthusiastic individual service.

We are happy that we now have our executive secretary for the denomination but no such secretary can be the minder which gives us the right to return. We must have individuals who are ready to work — those who are, as the Scripture says, “provoked unto love and to good works.”

Copies of Hymns Available

The Historical Society received many requests at Conference for copies of the songs used in that service. These were taken from The Carol, a hymnbook compiled by Rev. Lucius Crandall and published by the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing Society in 1856. The Historical Society will furnish photostatic copies of these at 7 cents per copy. The titles are: “I’ll Awake at Dawn on the Sabbath Day,” “Let Children Learn to Sing,” “We Know What the Sabbath Day Means,” “We Won’t Give Up the Bible,” and “A Sunday Coat.” These and other copies of the dialogue, “A Sunday Coat” are also available. Address The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, P.O. Box 806, Plainfield, N. J. — Evalois St. John, Librarian.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For November 10, 1956

What Does the Lord Require?


Deacon and Mrs. Jay Van Horn, charter members of the Edinburg, Texas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary quietly in their home in the edge of Edinburg on September 27. They have citrus trees loaded with fruit in their back yard. They enjoyed a number of letters, cards, and telegrams throughout the day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Van Horn (a brother), Mrs. Louise Van Horn (a daught-er-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. Powell (close friends) joined them for a simple supper of sandwiches, fruit, ice cream, and cake in the evening.

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A minister in New York’s Harlem dis-trict, Dr. James H. Robinson, thinks no pastor should hold public office without taking leave from his parish. He recently made his deci-sion to accept Christ’s salvation, but will now be returning to his home where there is a Seventh Day Baptist church.

Many of our churches have branches which are growing in strength. There are

Nyasaland Missionaries

Praise God and Call for Prayer

[From a mimeographed letter of September 11 written by Rev. David Pearson and his wife Barbara.]

Dear Friends:

God is very great and merciful to us here. As always, He provides our needs when we ask Him. We want to make this letter one that will share with you a few individual needs so that together we might pray specifically for this part of our World Mission.

Sometime ago when visiting at our Michizu Church, we saw how much some of the people trust their own African doctors. (There is a difference between the “African doctor,” who works through evil spirits, magic, etc., and the “African doctor,” who concocts medicines from herbs and roots to treat diseases.) Two sons of Pastor Chitakwe Lozani of Michizu were seriously ill. Pastor Lozani secured the services of 17 African doctors to help his sons. The condition of the father became steadily worse and died shortly after being taken to a mission hospital, is he had passed the church. We have written for Pastor Lozani and his family — they have suffered much. Praise God, we will soon have Dr. Victor Burdick here to further aid our medical work. Pray that the people will trust those who have a knowledge of diseases and their cure rather than those who have not this knowledge.

At the close of our Conference here in July, several students put their trust in Jesus as Saviour. We certainly praise God for these, as well as others who have come to Him since. These students soon left the mission and went to their homes, some of them from our church. We pray especially for those who are isolated and will not be returning to school this year. They will have no encouragement in their own villages. In this category is Marko Donkon, a boy who has been here in school and stayed on to work this past summer. He has recently made his deci-sion to accept Christ’s salvation, but will now be returning to his home where there is a Seventh Day Baptist church.

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two branches of the Usambara Church under the leadership of Pastor Shadreck Mzumara, one having recently erected a church building. Also two branches of the Uzumara Church under the leadership of church building. Also two branches of groups might grow in the knowledge of worship for themselves. Praise God their community.

Deacon Nedson Goman of Armstrong Church has been given a new home by the Nyasaland Government as a reward of the Christian Way and be a real light in the northern province. Being far away are hard to work out over the distance. There are often problems which advantage to these pastors, and our trip to their area only once a year is hardly adequate. There are often problems which are hard to work out over the distance. Also, they speak a different language from ours in the South, and find it hard to understand the quarters. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives to guide them.

We could go on to list other such items, but these will give you a glimpse of some needs... How much we wish to thank all of you for your help in making possible our new Land Rover.

Bibles For TWA Planes

Bibles are now being placed on all of our headquarters is a definite dis- the northern province. Being far away are hard to work out over the distance. Also, they speak a different language from ours in the South, and find it hard to understand the quarters. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives to guide them.

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Northern Association

By Rev. Orville W. Babcock

In the midst of beautiful fall weather and autumn colors, churches of the Northwestern Association met in White Cloud, Mich., on the weekend of October 12-14 for their semiannual meeting with some one hundred or more being present with the local people and guests.

Opening on Friday evening, the theme of the meetings, "Pressing Toward the Mark." In the Sabbath School hour which preceded, the adult class was taught by Rev. Herbert L. Polan.

In the afternoon, the president of General Conference, Charles P. Harris of Shiloh, N. J., introduced the newly appointed executive secretary, Mrs. R. T. Bubke, and D. A. Baker, who recently elected to the Conference, both of whom remarked concerning their new tasks and their hopes for the future. President Harris' address was concerned with some of the aims of the Conference year in "Our World Mission," speaking of various areas of our interests and hopes.

The meeting in the evening was in charge of the youth in attendance. Earl Babcock of White Cloud presided, and talks were given by Donna Maxson of Battle Creek, and George Babcock and Earl Siems of White Cloud. Ruth Johanson played a violin solo; Irvin Davis led the youth group singing; the group gathered before the evening prayer. These were all from Battle Creek. An enjoyable social time was experienced in the C. E. Siems home near Fremont, following the program.

At the business meeting following the fellowship breakfast on Sunday morning, President Arthur Millar presided over the meeting. "If we have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. This is but another way of saying that our sins are forgiven right before we can approach God in prayer. James also tells us that if we lack wisdom to 'ask of God... But... ask in faith nothing wavering (James 1: 5, 6). Without wavering or doubting is to have implicit confidence in Him and His Word.

In Faith, Believing

In Hebrews 11: 6 we read, 'But without faith it is impossible for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.' Then aside from having a heart that is right with our fellow men and God, we must come in faith, believing.

Another condition to answered prayer is that we pray in faith, and whatsoever we ask in my name, that will I do... Ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it... For when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any... That must have been the thought in the mind of our Conference president when he chose for the first part of his theme for the conference the title 'Pray Without Ceasing.' This doctor further says, 'But prayer should become a habit if it is to mold our personality. True prayer is a way of life, the truest life is literally a way of prayer. This doctor further says, 'Prayer should be regarded as the practice of the presence of God.' An old peasant was quoted alone in the last pew of the village church. 'What are you waiting for?' I was asked, and he answered, 'I am looking at Him and He is looking at me.' Man prays not only that God should re-
In the snapshot above you see an ordinary street sign with words on it showing clear and plain. You have seen many of them. Most people would say that this one is no different — that there is nothing religious about it. Maybe they are correct. It happens to be standing in the middle of New York City at 59th Street.

Do you see what I mean? I will never look at this picture (and perhaps will never look at another such street sign) without thinking of the connection between the Gospel and keeping right. I think perhaps this man needed first to get right with God. If he continues to read and live by this little book he will indeed "keep right." I can't tell you a story about the little woman in the picture who looks as if she were praying or meditating — or maybe just showing how burdened she was. She was probably listening to some of the words of a nearby Sabbathkeeping street sign standing on that corner had given him. He was reading a portion of the Bible. Our lives will be successful if we make that "Right Turn" to Christ and the church and then follow the "Keep Right" signs that we find when we read the Bible.

The brother in prayer meeting who mixed his metaphorical language and said, "Lord, if there should be a spark of fire in this meeting, please water that spark," unwittingly suggested another way to smother the Spirit's freedom. How do we conspire to limit God in our meetings! We have an honored Guest in every Christian gathering, and He can be grieved if there should be a spark of fire in the meeting. Please water that spark. — From Teen Talk, by Vance Havner (Fleming H. Revell Company).
Biblical Authority in Evangelism
By Billy Graham

[The following is a brief section of the lead article in the first issue of the 40-page magazine "Christian Life," which made its appearance October 15.]

The Bugaboo of Bibliolatry

I am not advocating bibliolatry. I am not suggesting that we should worship the Scriptures. I am convinced that the average American is vulnerable to the Christian message if it is seasoned with authority and proclaimed as verily from God through His Word.

Do we not have authority in other realms of life? Mathematics has its inviolable rules, formulas, and equations; if they are ignored, no solveable answers can be found.

Music has its rules of harmony, progression, and time. The greatest music of the ages has been composed in accordance with these rules. To break the rules is to produce discord and "audio-bedlam." The composer uses imagination and creative genius to which, were his work not done within the framework of the accepted forms of time, melody, and harmony. We must go by the book. To ignore the laws of music would be to make no music.

Natural and intelligent action takes place in a climate of authority.

I use the phrase "The Bible says" because the Word of God is to be authoritative, if it is to be attended by the Spirit's power, then the Bible with its discerning, piercing, burning message must be the basis of our preaching.

The world is not a little weary of our doubts and our conflicting opinions and views. But I have discovered that there is much common ground in the Bible—ground upon which most churches can agree.

Concerning Junior Quarterlies

Dear Seventh Day Baptists:

Wouldn't you like to summarize briefly what you think or do in the publications? The Junior Series of Children's Quarterlies already published and then perhaps give some suggestions as to how you think our work on them could be improved?

Pastor Delmer Van Horn and his helpers have spent hours in preparation on those already published, and though many of you have been very cooperative, it is a big undertaking—one which should be shared by the entire denomination. Each of you should be interested in whether ministers, parents, or teachers may have some strong opinions regarding the lessons. Please state these in a few written words so we'll know you're not entirely indifferent to the cause.

Miss Ellen Swinney has written lessons for one quarter and now is preparing another. When asked why she was willing to use so much of her valuable time on something she certainly couldn't be compensated for, she wrote the following:

"As I prepare to write another quarter of Junior Sabbath School lessons, I find myself wondering, 'Just why am I putting so much time into the writing of these lessons? There are many good ones already available.' Then I begin to think, 'What is the end? The date of Seventh Day Baptist needs? They don't teach any Sabbath truths. They don't teach the Sabbath passages of the Bible. Sunday and Sunday School are the terms found in referring to the day of worship in many of the denomination and without ambiguity, Gospel presentation that says without discerning, piercing, burning message must the Bible, any more than a soldier worshipping his sword or a surgeon worshipping his scalp. I am, however, fervently urging a return to Bible-centered preaching, a Gospel presentation that says without

Troubles Come to Pastors' Families

We cannot publish all the accidents or sicknesses which come unexpectedly to the people most widely known among our readers. We do want to be aware of these difficulties so that we can all extend our love and bear up in prayer those who are in trouble.

The Salem, W. Va., and the Milton, N. Y., W. Va, series of auto-mobile accidents involving the ministers' families in those communities. We may well thank God that no lives were lost and the injuries were not too serious.

Little Carole Burdick, 4-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Rex Burdick, was playing in the church parking lot on Friday afternoon, October 12. Hidden from view by the uneven ground and absorbed in her play she was struck by the family car. She suffered a badly fractured shoulder and other injuries but her recovery is expected. How the pastor ministered to his people with calmness of mind the next day we are not told.

The Milton pastor, Rev. Elmo F. Randolp, and his wife were returning from a week's vacation in northern Wisconsin on Sunday afternoon October 14 when their car was struck by another car which swerved into them in an attempt to get around a car that had nosed into an intersection. Both the pastor and his wife were cut and bruised, Mrs. Randolph suffering a broken arm. They were released on Monday afternoon from the Madison hospital to which they were taken. We observe that the program for the North Central Association meeting at nearby Albion the next weekend had to be rescheduled because of the mishap. The passenger car is not a weapon of war but a servant in our peaceful pursuits. We recall that the rain falls on the just and on the unjust. Sometimes God seems to miraculously keep from harm those who are chosen by him and their families cannot expect to be free from the hazards of this machine age. The passenger car is not a weapon of war but a servant in our peaceful pursuits and an indispensable aid in Christian service. Nevertheless, it is an instrument of friction for the mind and soul.

New York State leads the nation in college students this year. Approximately half of the men and women enrolled in colleges in the state. — Brookfield Courier.
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New England Churches Meet at Ashaway, R. I.
By Albert B. Crandall

On the gloriously beautiful Sabbath morning of October 20, the New England Seventh Day Baptist churches, instead of observing the once a year commemorative trips to the historic Newport, R. I., Church, were in devotional service at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the church at Ashaway, presided. Rev. Everett T. Harris of Westerly, corresponding secretary of the Missionary Board, read the Scripture and offered the morning prayer.

Miss Barbara Bivins presented a flannel board Junior message. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Neal D. Mills, pastor of the Ritchie Church. Rev. William C. Burdick, also had a part on the program. David Nutter welcomed the pastor to the community.

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By previous invitation, many members of the different visiting churches went to the parish house to partake of the luncheon that was bountifully prepared and served by the Ashaway Ladies Aid Society.

At 1:30 o'clock a Panel Discussion, "What is Good Work," was held in the church auditorium. Hon. Clifford E. Perrin discussed "The Christian at the Plant.") Mrs. Margaret Collins, the newly elected regent of the Rhode Island W.C.T.U., made an appeal on "The Christian Imperative."

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Lost Creek Installs Pastor

A well-planned program at the Lost Creek, W. Va., Church fittingly welcomed the new pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, to the church. Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen of Salem College, who had been serving as supply minister, presided over the services.

Rev. Charles High, the local Methodist minister, read one of the Scripture lessons. The president of the Harrison County Ministerial Association, Rev. William C. Burdick, also had a part on the program. David Nutter welcomed the pastor to the community.

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October 29, 1956

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J. — A large number of our people attended Conference at Alfred in August. Reports showed much enthusiasm. Many expressed their desire to be present at the Denver General Budget which seemed more clear to them than ever before.

On September 29 at the Sabbath School Rally and Day program four young people were advanced to the Adult Division. It was an all-day meeting with “Salem” as the theme. Day Baptist Churches were represented by over 150 people. In the afternoon letters were read from absent members, a former minister, and testimonies were given by members. Philip R. Lichten of Greenwich gave the afternoon message. The platform was decorated with gorgeous autumn flowers, fruits, and vegetables surrounding a white cross, which gave to all a beautiful setting.

During the morning worship three young people were received into church membership. Two of them were recently baptized; the other had received baptism some time ago.

The semiannual joint Communion with Shiloh was held in that church October 6.

On October 13 our pastor preached the Sabbath morning service at the Yearly Meeting held in Plainfield.

PAINT ROCK, ALA. — We have had a very busy year. With our small membership (and several of our number living formerly in distant places but who plan to keep their membership) the local work must be carried by the few who are located nearer.

We have had a successful Vacation Bible School conducted in July by Miss Joyce McWilliam of Milton, Wis., Pastor Soper and daughter Adeline, and Paul Beebe of Paint Rock.

Our membership is growing, reaching 60 with a great interest throughout. We are deeply grateful to the Women's Board for sending us such a fine worker as Joyce, and everyone hopes for her return next year.

In August our church was blessed by the series of evangelistic services conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Soper and the Rev. Leonard Lawton. Although we cannot report a gain in membership (the series of services being too short to really arouse people) yet we feel that there was a great spiritual strengthening of our church — an uplifting of spiritual ideals of our membership and a steadying of our fellowship with Christ and with each other.

Brother Emmett H. Bottoms had favorably answered the call earlier to hold our evangelistic services, and his untimely passing was a great blow to us all. However, ever, we know that "God sees the end from the beginning" and we do not question His purpose.

Brother Soper’s weekly broadcasts seem to be gaining interest as listeners write in commenting upon them, and ask questions on Bible subjects. He is now giving a series of broadcasts explaining Seventh Day Baptist beliefs.

We have recently had the joy of a visit by the home Board of Miss Cretah O. Va. It was a blessing to know them and have them worship with us on a Sabbath.

Children’s attendance at Sabbath School is below par just now, many of them being from first-day families, where the parents feel the need of their help during this rush period. We feel that we can serve them all with us again very soon. We try to make our classwork especially interesting to them because we don’t expect some of them to have much encouragement at home.

The clothing sent us by the various churches, for distribution to needy families is deeply appreciated by us. It is received and used with the articles and the need are very touching as we visit these precious children and their families. Our sincere gratitude goes out to each church and to all the individuals who have contributed.

Our young people mean so much to our church, picking the absence of three (James and Richard Sutton and Adeline Soper, our pianist) is felt very keenly. Mrs. Robert Butler, Jr., has been serving very efficiently as church pianist now.

— Correspondent.

Ponder This

"Whether we think of the physical, or the mental, or the spiritual results of the observance of the Sabbath Day, we are faced with the fundamental facts of human life. The law of God and the needs of man combine to make the observance of the Sabbath an absolute necessity." — W. H. Griffith — Thomas.
DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, September 30, 1956

Receipts

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Final Figures for 1955-56 Budget

- No analysis of the above figures is presented in this issue. It is expected that Charles North will attempt to evaluate the giving of the various churches next week. Almost every active church and fellowship sent money in during September, some doing exceptionally well. Unusually large gifts seem to have come from individuals, from Milton, Riverside, Chicago, Little Genese, Nortonville, Kansas City, Twin Cities, Waterford, and perhaps some others. The year has ended with much more actual money raised than in the previous year and a higher percent of the budget. Now we are already at the end of the first month of a new year in our World Mission. May the lessons and achievements of the past be an encouragement for the greater effort needed to meet our present task.

Begin Each Sabbath with Family Prayer; Light Two Candles, suggests Conference President Charles F. Harris.