### OUR WORLD MISSION

**Statement of Denominational Treasurer**

**January 31, 1957**

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*HEBREWS — 16 mimeo studies, 35c; 3 for $1.00; $3.00 per dozen for classes. Osknow Ashaway, R. I.*

#### Disbursements

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*Balance, January 31 — $4,696.48 — 85.87*

#### Comparative Figures

| Current annual budget | $95,469.50 |
| Budget receipts in 4 months | 21,923.46 |
| Amount required next 8 months | $75,346.04 |
| Average monthly requirement next 8 months | 9,193.26 |
| Budget receipts in January | 4,694.77 |
| Portion of budget year elapsed | 33.33% |
| Portion of budget raised to date | 22.97% |
| Budget shortage to date | 9,899.71 |

*Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.*

#### Sabbathkeeping Churches and Promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mend Jones, D.D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photostatic copy in 4 parts each measuring 17½ by 22¾ inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending $10 to Mark Wiley, 5641 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.
The Sabbath Recorder
MARCH 11, 1957

Genuine Revival Needs Richer Atmosphere

One of the most striking experiments in the physical laboratory which we recall from high school days was the electrolysis of water. When the electrical current is applied from one terminal to the other through water, some of the water is broken down into its two component gases, oxygen and hydrogen. The experiment was set up in the science laboratory in one jar and the oxygen in another. Later a splash of wood is lighted. The flame is blown out and the splinter quickly insinuated in the jar containing a rich mixture of oxygen. Immediately it begins to glow brightly, proving that there is much more oxygen in the jar than in the air of the classroom.

In every church there are many people like the splinter which had lost its flame. It was in the normal atmosphere of the church - plus some adverse air currents — that the flame of zeal went out. What we need is not one or two people taking turns at blowing hard. How much better to make a concerted effort to enrich the whole atmosphere of the church. Perhaps we all need to ask ourselves: Is my church a Catholic one? Is the climate refreshing or depressing? What are you doing to bring back the glow to the lives of your fellow members or the visitors?

In most of our churches there are ministers and consecrated laymen doing much that keeps up the spiritual tone of the congregation. Where this is true those leaders would be the first to admit that the atmosphere of revival needs to be greatly enriched. In spite of all that is being done the atmosphere of revival cannot be cheaply bought like a novel. Sometimes it is set up to trap the hydrogen in one jar and the oxygen in another. Later when it is opened the flame is visible proving that there is oxygen in the jar. But this does not mean that the oxygen is any richer than when it was first prepared by electrolysis.

We cannot believe that this offer of new books would be acceptable to a readership that cares about the spiritual life of its church. It comes as something of a surprise to read at the bottom of one of the Knights of Columbus newspaper ads: "We shall be happy to send you a copy of the Four Gospels for 50 cents this 240-page, paper-bound edition of the New American Library."

Knights of Columbus Offer Gospels

The Roman Catholic Church has long claimed that it encourages Bible reading, proving it by stating that the Pope grants an indulgence to those who faithfully read the church-approved version. However, in practice, it is hard to find Catholic parish priests, institutional or, military chaplains who actually distribute anything with more Scriptures in it than the Sunday Missal -- "The Mass of All Ages." "Mass, Missal, New Testament" made available to military personnel contained only the Gospels and Acts, and was in little demand at chapels.

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The Mentor Book of Religious Verse

The Mentor Book of Religious Verse, published by the New American Library, contains a large number of short poems. At 50 cents this 240-page, paper-bound anthology with a January 22 publication date should soon be available wherever such books are sold. It is an original compilation of short religious poems most of which are old. The 28-page introduction by Horace Gregory is significant for the serious student in its analysis of trends and its explanation of the principles guiding the selection of poems. "The critical bimbler, our selection is markedly lyrical and in favor of highly charged emotion; and we have steered away from many peaceful shores of quietism," writes the editor. He continues later, "The attempt has been to keep each page fresh in its recognition of a more than temporal width."

Not a book which will be quoted frequently on church bulletins or even in public addresses, it nevertheless will be found helpful to many who appreciate beautiful expression of life's deepest experiences. The "highly charged emotion" is evident but is not unduly colorless. It is to the emotional experiences connected with conversion. Though many Protestant poems are included, there is a composite of distinctly Roman Catholic verses seems unusually high. There appears to be a effort to reflect the sentiments of the without Paul's emphasis on salvation. The arrangement of the poems is roughly in relation to the church year.

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Editorials: Genuine Revival Needs Richer Atmosphere

Features: Special Lecturer for Ministers Conference

Missions: The Roman Catholic Church has long

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They Also Serve

It has been frequently called to the attention of our readers that there are several ministers who have held Seventh Day Baptist pastorates who are now listed in the Year Book as unemployed. At the same time there are quite a few churches seeking pastors. In our congregational call systems, the placement of all qualified ministers but we can pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of ministers and their wives and in the hearts of all voting church members so that the gap will be no wider than the will of God.

We are again reminded that a number of our ministers are currently serving in educational work, some within and some large outside the denomination. Many of these institutions are employing at all levels those who have served as institutional or military chaplains. All such are truly serving the cause of Christ in one way or another.

Institutional chaplains at present are: E. Wendell Stephan and Carl R. Maxson, chaplains in the Air Force chaplany; and David J. Williams, chaplain at Pacific College.

Aside from the ministers employed by the School of Theology at Alfred, serving both Seventh Day Baptists and other students, the two professors at Salem College, Clifford W. F. Hansen and Ralph H. Coon, are employed at a theological school on the West Coast.

Two other ministers listed in the 1956 Year Book, Osmund E. Hansen and Wayne R. Rood, are employed at a theological school on the West Coast.

Dr. Rood, who has been at Pacific School of Religion for some time as Associate Professor of Religious Education, is prominently featured this year in the ninth summer session of the school. In a General Session running from June 24 to August 2 he conducts a workshop seminar on 'Drama and the Church.' He is listed as one of three of the fifty-member conducting the Leadership School for student Christian Association officers and members which runs from June 20 to August 4.

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MARCH 11, 1957

**MEMORY TEXT**

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

**Special Lecturer for Ministers Conference**

Dr. Melvin G. Nida, chairman of the Higher Education Committee of the Board of Christian Education, announces that Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, Executive Director of the Division of Christian Publications of the Board of Education and Promotion of the American Baptist Convention, will be the lecturer at the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference to be held in Westerly, R. I., April 29 through May 2, 1957.

Benjamin P. Browne, D.D., New England home of his birth, has served twenty-five years in outstanding pastorates in the New England states. After several years as Director of Promotion for Massachusetts Baptists, he accepted an assignment in Pennsylvania where he became the Executive Secretary of his denomination. He has served twenty-five years as the Director of Promotion for Massachussetts Baptists, and has been at the American Baptist Publication Service headquarters.

For the last ten years he has served as Executive Director of Christian Publications (Editor-in-chief) for the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptists with responsibilities for 300 publications. His office is in Philadelphia. Working under his direction is an editorial staff of thirteen members conducting a wide array of responsibilities related to 650 churches.

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**A Long Wrong Turn**

(A well-educated New England reader gives some opinions of the Christian Sabbath)

In seeking the way out of all our crime and delinency we must keep our eyes open for blind alleys in obscure places. One such alley is being made alluring right now by a reform association saying the first day of the week is their official day of rest, and that their so-called "Christian Sabbath" must be protected by civil law and supported by all who have not become Christians.

If one is interested to see how Christ intercepted one wrong turn shortly after His resurrection, read prayerfully the 24th chapter of Luke. Two disciples on the road to Emmaus made a casual attempt to suggest that something was expected, but was not as yet realized (that being the third since Christ was crucified) that He had been seen alive.

A pertinent question is why Christ did not reply to the disciples' doubt, "Yes, Christ did rise from the grave this morning, and we should now observe this day as the Christian Sabbath, instead of the day our fathers required us to observe years ago."

Leaving fanciful, shadowy imagination in discard, and reasoning truthfully, we can see that the reason why Christ did not make any answer of the nature was because He had already declared: "I and my Father are one."

"Father, keep them through thine own name whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are."

"I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one."
Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. George L. Ford, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, discuss prayer plans for the Graham New York Evangelistic Crusade to begin May 15.

The eyes of almost the whole world will be on this evangelist who has been more mightily used of God than any other Gospel preacher in this generation. The time of the great New York campaign draws rapidly on. Christians are asked to pray faithfully at home and in their churches, giving a great outpouring of the spirit at Madison Square Garden in this extended series of meetings.

One of the most highly respected religious book publishers is the 25-year-old Zondervan Company of Grand Rapids, Mich., having as its discriminating editors the 25-year-old Billy Graham. The company has issued 124 new book titles in 1956 besides reprinting scores of older books which are in demand by Christian readers. They have also branched out from their well-accepted music ministry called Singspiration to create the Zondervan Victory Recording Division and the Music Publications Division. The company has pledged itself to publishing and distributing the best in religious literature and music.

The Beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists

[One of a series of brief messages prepared for publication in the San Diego Reader and S. Burdick, of Waterford, Conn. Brother Burdick begins each message by quoting from the Scripture. Statement of Belief looks to answer any correspondence that may develop from such discussion.]

VII

Eternal Life

We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives eternally with the Father, and that He will reign and life-sustaining power over all the universe. That He lives; and that because He lives, eternal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, will be the reward of the redeemed.

There are, in general, three ways in which we may approach the truth of the resurrection. One is the method of science, or observation. Another is the historical method, or verifying the records of the observations of others. The third is the method of experiencing, or testing out in our own lives, its truth.

Of the first method little need be said. Science, which is based upon observable facts, can establish nothing about a soul which can live on after the body decays. Science can add nothing to our assurance that the second method much more might be said. We can speak of the credibility of the witnesses to Christ's resurrection, of the care with which the records were written down, preserved, translated, etc. But there might still be some who would be disposed to doubt. So we are here concerned mainly with the third, or the method of examining the effects which this faith has upon the believer.

We believe in eternal life because Christ was the kind of Person He was, with the kind of person He was, He restored our confidence in the rightness of the things He taught. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live" (John 11: 25). The very fact that such a belief could be so good faith that God can indwell man, and that where God is there is life and that life cannot be conquered by death.

MARCH 11, 1937

We believe in eternal life because Christ can make certain people the kind of folk they are. Regardless of whether or not we feel ourselves to be worthy of it; whether we feel too full of guilt and sin, too unlike the God we worship, it remains that some people deserve to live and not to live, God cannot be destroyed, and the God-in-man which we observe in Christ and in all Christ-like characters makes such destruction unthinkable.

Father ... glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17: 1-5).

And let us not think that this life is but a "poor dying state" of being, to be soon cast aside like an old shell as useless and of no value. This life is an outpost of heaven. It is a part of heaven, and is meant to introduce us to the joys of the life that are to be, when "this mortal shall have put on immortality." This life is a part of heaven, and is left because it is outgrown, outmoded, unable longer to hold us.

"Till thou at length art free, Leaving the old garment grown by time's unresting sea.

(Holmes: The Chambered Nautilus.)

Jesus in speaking of eternal life, used the present tense, "So also the beloved disciple whichareth" (John 21: 12). And thus this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this is his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

We make a mistake when we divide life up into compartments, saying, "This part is body, which shall perish, and this part is soul, or personality, that shall out-last body."

Even Browning seems to make this separation, in Rabbi Ben Ezra:

"To man propose this test, Thine body at its best, How far can it project thy soul on its lone way?"

To this question some would give a negative answer. The body, they say, is but a hindrance to the heavenly life, and it must be subdued and debased. Others, on the other hand, would exalt the body, almost making it an object of worship.

The truth is that we are whole persons, not made up of separate parts. Soul indwells body, making it beautiful, delightful, heavenly. Body supports and strengthens soul. Actually, both soul and body are a part of something larger, greater than our widest thought, more far-reaching than our wildest dreams. We are a part of God. He made our bodies, breathing into them His own life-sustaining power, and life in us is constantly renewed and is constantly reflecting back the radiance of its Source.

Let no one curse the body by calling it the captured slave of Satan, nor worship the body as though it were a complete expression of the life of God. But let body and soul, mind and spirit, all give glory to God their Maker. For that change when all shall be renewed in the likeness of Him who created all, that God may be all in all.

Council of Organization

The Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship and the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church announce the call of a Council of Organization for a Seventh Day Baptist Church in Texarkana, Ark. The council will be held March 29, 30, and 31, 1957, in Texarkana. A cordial invitation is extended to any interested persons who may be in the area. A service for dedication of the building and property will be held during the same weekend.

Los Angeles, Calif. — I enjoy the Recorder very much, and am grateful to the one who gave me a six months' subscription which started me reading it. It is well rounded in scope, and good in reading for inspiration, for instruction, for enjoyment, for news of our other churches' activities — knits us all closer together, as a big family.
Dr. Burdick Arrives
Word has been received of Dr. Victor Burdick's safe arrival at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, Africa.

Rev. David Pearson, head of the mission, writes:
"On February 9, 1957, Dr. Burdick arrived in air as scheduled. Needless to say it was a long and tedious journey, but it was a happy experience — a joyful day for the Africans, too.

"After spending a few days with us at Makapwa I took him to Malambo where he began his medical practice to gain valuable experience amid a tropical setting.

Even while at Makapwa, there were many things his hands found to do. Among these was the amputation of a leg.

"We anxiously await the day of his permanent arrival at Makapwa."

Missionary Churches Report
Hammond, La.
Pastor Ted Hibbard writes that a group of people in Livingston (situated 20 miles from Hammond) has been contacted and Sabbath converts have been made: "Two of this group have joined the church and others may later." Pastor Hibbard has been conducting regular Sabbath services and prayer meetings at Hammond and also on Sunday nights has been conducting a study hour with the aid of filmstrips. He reports, "We still bring some to church who have no transportation, and are gradually building up attendance by these efforts.

Berera (Ritchie), W. Va.
Pastor Don Richards reports regarding his services at the Ritchie and Middle Island Churches that one member was added to each church during the last quarter. He writes that during the special services conducted last November by Dr. Loyal Hurley there were many things his hands found to do. Among these was the amputation of a leg.

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Salemville, Pa.
Pastor Edgar Wheeler reports seventeen sermons and addresses being given during the quarter ending December 31, 1956, to an average congregation of 61. Sabbath School, Sabbath morning worship, and prayer meetings are held regularly.

A building program to enlarge their house of worship has gone forward. The church is looking forward to the coming of Rev. Loyal Hurley to conduct special evangelistic services April 19-28.

New Auburn, Wis.
Pastor Don Vandall reports that he has given eleven messages in the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church to an average congregation of 32. He writes, "It has created quite a little difficulty to have to use another church for our services. Attendance has been poorer than in our own church, and healing has been a big problem. We anxiously await the time when we can have our own house of worship with adequate facilities for not only church, but also the social activities of the parish."

Paint Rock, Ala.
Pastor Ralph Soper writes: "We here at Paint Rock are still on the firing line, visiting the sick and distributing clothing to the needy. Last year we delivered over 1000 garments, and many pairs of shoes to those in need, and so far this winter we have purchased over 600 garments for the whole family who lost all their clothing when their house burned was given clothing and shoes for the entire family. I enjoy the work I am doing here, but hesitate to report it, as it sounds boastful, but God forbid any boasting. I thank God that He has placed me here where there is so great a need among the underprivileged and needy."

Daytona Beach, Fla.
Rev. Herbert L. Polan has been serving the Daytona Beach Church as their pastor for the past several months. He is being accepted by the people as well as conducting the Sabbath services. Eighty-five calls were reported during eight weeks of services. There have been four added to the membership of the church. The average congregation is reported to be forty-four. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Polan will continue to serve at Daytona Beach through the month of March, after which Rev. Loyal Hurley, retired Presbyterian minister, will supply the pulpit.

The church is still trying to secure a full-time pastor.

Nady (Little Prairie), Ark.
No report was received during the last quarter from Pastor John McKay.

Washington, D. C.
Pastor Elizabeth F. Randolph writes regarding the organizing of a young people's meeting. She states that there are eight members and "they want to meet each Sabbath eve."

The church is looking forward with much anticipation to the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley for special evangelistic services to be held March 24-29. Plans are made for the training of laymen in evangelistic visitation.

"Dr. Hurley writes that arrangements have been made by Jennings Randolph for him to speak on Friday noon to the workmen in one of the hangers of Capital Airlines. "It seems wise," he says, "to share in this meeting if for no other reason than to get the name of Seventh Day Baptists before the men.""

Fouke, Ark.
Rev. Marion Van Horn reports thirty-two sermons and addresses having been delivered during the quarter. He made 87 calls and gave leadership in 26 prayer meetings. The average congregation at Fouke has been 28 during the quarter.

Pastor Van Horn writes, "The date for the Council of Organization for the Texarkan Church has been set for the last weekend in March which is March 29, 30, and 31. We are hoping for a good representation from denominational and sister churches. There will be a dedication of the building during that time. Pastor Van Horn refers to a building which is being remodeled to serve as the house of worship for the group.

In Japan, as elsewhere, men try to see to believe. It is as old as the Tower of Babel, man trying to see God. — Philip Armstrong.
Women's Board Meeting - Excerpts and Comments

The Histories Committee reported that the writing of the history of the Women's Board from its beginning until the present is continuing. Members are encouraged to collect information as to how to prepare it in a form to be read by all members. It was voted that the committee acquire a suitable notebook and sufficient paper to type as many copies as can be made at one time.

The Packet Committee has received several more suggestion cards from last year's packets. They were read at this meeting and will be further studied by the committee as the new packet is being prepared.

The Summer Project Committee reported 100 letters sent to pastors and Sabbath School superintendents with 16 replies to date. (Requests have been received from 6 churches and we would be glad to know of young women who would be willing to help this summer.)

Recent correspondence was read from General Conference of the Christian Church and the United Missionary Church. The former reported a 154.5 percent increase in membership. The latter has received from 6 churches and we would be glad to know of young women who would be willing to help this summer.

Brotherhood Week, Is It Over For You?

Now that the month of February is over and the emphasis on race relations and Brotherhood Week has passed, let us not settle back satisfied that we have done our part in these causes for the Negro.

The Christian Citizenship Committee of the Women's Board would like to encourage you to carry on this thinking and doing, not only for the rest of this year, but continually, as long as you live. Brotherhood must be implanted in the lives of our children and grandchildren in order that it may grow to establish itself in future world thinking. Experience teaches us that every human being wants to be treated as an equal! (In response to the executive secretary's asking for church reports on youth activities during Youth Month.)

Our church was invited to set up a display on the theme, "Consider Your Call" at the Sabbath worship on February 9. This service was conducted by Rev. Leon Lawton of Pawtucket Church, and included a message by Rev. Eli F. Loobboro.

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Christian Education and Evangelism

The newly formed Committee on Evangelism and Publicity of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met at the School of Theology on Sunday night, January 27, 1957, to consider the matter of the board's place in evangelism as well as to plan a specific evangelistic program through religious education for the future. The committee was organized at the request of Dr. Melvin G. Nida, chairman of the Higher Education Committee, at the last meeting of the Board of Christian Education. Rev. Rex Zwiebel, executive-secretary of the Board of Christian Education, acted as chairman.

The committee was appreciative of the work that is being done in the home field by the Missionary Society through its home-missions evangelist, Dr. Royal F. Hurley. The newly formed committee wished to contribute to augmenting other evangelistic work through educational evangelism and making suggestions for the evangelistic use of materials produced by the Board of Christian Education. The concerns for evangelism of this committee will not overlap the program of other boards.

In considering its responsibilities, the newly formed committee wishes to point out that this board is producing material that is truly evangelistic in nature and is being used in evangelistic work. The Helping Hand, for instance, has proved valuable in a study aid in home evangelism for several cases. The workshop which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 10-15. The secretary is a member of the Committee of Administration and Leadership, as well as the Section of Denominational Executives. Further reports of the convention will be forthcoming.

Cincinnati Christian Education Convention

The executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education was among the 1,500 delegates attending the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 10-15. The secretary is a member of the Committee of Administration and Leadership, as well as the Section of Denominational Executives. Further reports of the convention will be forthcoming.

"New Jersey Business" Prints Anti-clerical Law Letter

"A member of our church gave me a copy of the December issue of New Jersey Business, and called my attention to the article 'sunday Law' by Jack Mathur. The presentation seemed quite fair, presenting both sides of the argument in a brief space. I should like to point out however, that Sunday laws, by any fair interpretation, are in violation of the First Amendment to our Constitution.

"One of the pro arguments listed is the Biblical injunction. This is utterly ridiculous, because the Bible enjoins observance of the seventh day (Saturday) as a day of rest, and not Sunday, the first day.

"I will personally give $100 to any individual who can point to one commerce anywhere in the Bible, to abstain from work on Sunday.

"I'm Holloway, Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church of Plainfield, N. J."

The edit of the publisher by the following note which seems to imply that no one had an answer: "Did you notice how quiet it suddenly got around here?"

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The Morning Mail

By Jack Shepherd

(American layman in Hong Kong who serves in a voluntary capacity with the CWS committee.

They were just a handful of letters from the morning mail. ... Nothing unusual, just daily routine at the Hong Kong office of the World Service. The postcard of the world service just part of the endless coming and going!

Simple messages from grateful hearts speaking of a fact of life and death. moments when a little thing - like a cup of milk or a handful of rice - makes a big difference.

One letter was from a missionary, Mrs. Donnithorne: "Many thanks for the relief goods you sent to the Shet Kip Mei Boys and Girls Club. ... and thanks, too, for the rice and carton of oil. One woman who was slowly starving on one poor meal a day will now be able to have some regular food."

Another case has been existing each month on 30 Hong Kong dollars ($5 U.S.), out of which she must pay HK 20 dollars for rent. She, too, is rejoicing at the gift of rice. There are many others."

A note from Mildred Dibden of the Shatin Babies Home said: "The last update of Shatin Babies Home was cut very short in time. We received five abandoned babies during the previous three weeks. We appreciate a lot the help given by the World Service, and send a big thanks to those in the churches across the sea who make this work possible."

From a long letter from Mrs. Archer, veteran nursing sister who has spent a lifetime of service in China: "... a hot, busy fortnight with boils and fevers. ...

We are fighting for the lives of two-month-old twin girls. Number one got a fever of unknown origin, number two had meningitis.

Settled both, and now both have pneumonia. Deepest injections, and thanks to you my milk powder we are keeping up the mother's milk pretty well, poor soul."

"We had a woeful pair last week. A baby three months and older brother 20 months. Both looked like famine sufferers. Mother given milk powder for herself and the boy. Sheer under-nourishment. . . ."

"Then ulcers - oh, dear! We have several cases, but with milk between meals they are all doing well. One poly-arthritis case. ... She depends on the milk and enjoys it."

"This hot weather the vegetables are so poor that the children just can't eat them. So we give more milk powder. . . ."

"I wish it were possible to describe each case in detail, how they looked when they came, how they've improved with regular feeding. You see, I know each one personally. I also know how important it is to keep the milk coming to these needy ones."

"They can't speak for themselves, but I can say thank-you with all my heart.

Just a handful of letters from the morning mail - nothing special, nothing unusual! Just a glimpse of moments when a little thing like a cup of milk or a handful of rice makes the difference between life and death, between hope and despair.

Bible Should Be Read and Reread

There is no human need of the spirit that cannot be satisfied in this old book. It should be the first book in a child's library, and it should be read and reread until its essence sinks into the very soul of its reader. Whatever your religion, whatever your faith, or lack of it, I commend the Bible to you, for it is the heart, just the heart, just a cup of milk or a handful of rice means the difference between life and death, between hope and despair.

ANOTHER REMINDER

Have you sent in to the Sabbath Recorder the questionnaire found in the February 18 issue? Your thoughts about the present value of this publication are greatly desired by the discussion leaders at the next conference. We would like to forward a large number of these completed blanks as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your Recorder or need another copy of the questionnaire write at once.
A Home Is Built
by Faith and Zeal

Seventh Day Baptists
Proud of New Church

The Schenectady Union-Star of Saturday, February 16, 1957, carried the above headings on a three-column-wide picture story of the new Seventh Day Baptist Church building written by reporter Edward N. Main.

The reporter had been present at the Sabbath eve service when the congregation gathered in the lobby at the arrival of Secretary Everett T. Harris of the Missionary Society. The reporter began his warm, human-interest story as follows:

"Sir, I am the guest speaker to arrive from Westerly, Avenue and Albany. I have been waiting patiently in the pews for the opportunity to sit and look at the fruits of some of their 18 months of labor.

The warm church, gleaming bright from the white carpets, from the eight, modern, decorative cluster chandeliers, was the product of our planning and toil.

In a few minutes, a young girl began playing some of the familiar Gospel hymns on the piano. It set the tone for the meeting to follow, when Everett Harris, Secretary of the denomination's Mission Board, arrived.

If you want to inspect the new building, you cross the street to the Fata To home, where Lawrence, Frank, or Nicholas Fata To, members of the church, will greet you and take you back to the concrete-block structure. The Fata Toans will tell you the endless Sundays when men and women of the congregation met there to give the talents of their trades so they could have their own place of worship.

You wondered that these good churchmen worked on Sundays until you remembered the literal interpretation of the commandment, "Remember the sabbath (or seventh) day to keep it holy."

Schenectady Church Visited

Secretary Harris, who sent the pictures to the Sabbath Recorder for this issue, has added informative paragraphs to the column in the paragraphs which follow.

The secretary of the Missionary Society visited the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church February 15 and 16, speaking at the Sabbath evening and morning services. He had also been present at the ground-breaking service for the new building which were held in June, 1955. Following the Sabbath morning service a fellowship luncheon was held in the church dining room. It is expected that a formal dedication service for this new house of God will be held this coming summer to which all friends will be invited.

A large oil painting of the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone was presented to the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church for their new house of worship by the artist, Harold W. Vincent of Cohoes, N. Y. This striking picture is located on the wall behind the pulpit and is easily viewed by the worshiping congregation each Sabbath.

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A first prayer service was held on Sabbath eve, January 5, with Rev. and Mrs. Paul Magness, Hills N., Y., as visiting guests. The Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church has served as mother church of the Schenectady group. The Berlin people recently presented the church with a pulpit Bible.

Teen Talk

"Lady, Your Money Is Blowing Out!"

It was a windy day in Chicago, the windy city. A lady was walking down one of the most prominent streets, Michigan Avenue, just off the Drake Hotel. She was stopped by the shout of a passing stranger, "Lady, your money is blowing out!"

Sure enough her purse had come open and the wind was whipping green paper out of it and into the traffic-laden street. Frantically she tried to give chase to her money which was vanishing. She had nearly reached her own, however, when the wind blew it out 610 in 10's, 20's, and a $100 bill. Other women joined the search, dodging autos and buses. They succeeded in rounding up $410. She failed to recover the $100 bill. The young lady was carrying the large amount of money in order to pay her life insurance.

Such an experience is rare. It is not likely to happen to any teen-ager. I wonder, however, if all of us have the right attitude toward the money in our purses. We start down the street looking for a good time. The first thing we know we have blown virtually all the money we had. We didn't heed any voice calling a warning. We failed to think about tomorrow and the really worthwhile things for which we could use those dollars if we hadn't wasted them.

There is a "Stranger from Galilee" who walks the windy streets with us. There were times in His earthly life when He had to do what we did, send our money flying. He who was voluntarily poor had much to say about the right use of money. When we think of the complete sacrifice which He made for us we should not need any other voice than the voice of conscience to keep us from "blowing" our insurance.

Did you notice in our story that many people came to the aid of the woman, even risking injury to themselves to help her? It restores our faith. Most people want to help teen-agers too, especially the good folks in your church.

We hope the lady had enough money left to pay her insurance. She knew that the future was important. You, too, are no doubt aware that eternal life assurance can be yours if you make preparation and hold on to the currency of the Kingdom — faith in Christ.

One Thousand Gideon Bibles
Presented to Philadelphia Hotel

Carlton Wilson, leader of the former Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship of Philadelphia, now an active worker in the Shiloh, N. J., Church, was selected to give the dedicatory prayer at the Sheraton Hotel on March 3 when 1,000 Bibles were presented.

Mr. Wilson, who has retired, is devoting much time to the work of the Gideons, representing them in many churches and doing personal work on the streets along the Philadelphia waterfront. Elected secretary to this very large metropolitan Gideon camp Mr. Wilson recently purchased a typewriter and taught himself to use it. We are well aware that their secretary is a Sabbath-keeper, and that makes no difference, we are told.

The work of the Gideons in placing Bibles in hotel rooms and various other places where people have time to read is a great work. It deserves and receives considerable support from Day Baptist churches, many of which welcome Gideon speakers once a year.

"Either we, as individuals, accept our responsibility for our own actions, for our own welfare, and for our own security or we will surrender our right to a secure life and therefore our liberty to the central authority which takes over these responsibilities for us." — Cola G. Parker.
A Sabbath Testimony

Toronto, Canada. — Doctrinally my belief in the main is that of evangelical, fundamental Baptists, but never have I been satisfied with the explanations given for the Christian observance of Sunday. Recently I made a thorough study of the Word of God on the subject which brought me to the conclusion I could no longer keep Sunday and I must observe the seventh-day Sabbath.

As far as I knew at the time, I was the only person holding my views, for, of course, I stood on very different ground from Seventh-day Adventists. Then, I learned of the group of Seventh-Day Baptists and secured your address.

"It always bothers me when people try to use the Bible to uphold what they already have decided to believe." — Donald L. Robinson in Gospel Messenger.

Accessions

Washington, D. C.

By Testimony:
Mary Rebecca Hudlow
(Baptized May 4, 1956)

Marriages

Newkirk-Hawkins. — Everett Smith Newkirk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Newkirk, of Shiloh, N. J., and Helen Levan Hawkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Obed Hawkins of Mabie, W. Va., were united in marriage Feb. 3, 1957, by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn at Fouke, Ark.

Births

Harris. — A daughter, Beatrice Carol Ann, to Hoover and Velma (Roberts) Harris of Shiloh, N. J., on Feb. 28, 1957.


Soper. — A daughter, Jean Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Soper, of Texarkana, Texas, on Feb. 10, 1957.

Soper. — A son, Maurice Milford, to Mr. and Mrs. Isma M. Soper of Arthur, Neb., on Feb. 3, 1957.

I AM THE CHURCH...

The great Creator drew the plans for me within His heart of love.

The Great Architect gave His dearest Possession that I might be erected;

My one and only Foundation is His Son — whose Body was nailed to a tree;

My chief Cornerstone — the stone which the builders rejected;

My wall — placed without hammer's sound — is built by the martyrs of the centuries.

My steeple points ever toward that Great Architect — Builder throughout eternity;

From my belfry rings out the call for worship to countless multitudes of all ages;

My door swings to all of every race and every age — bidding them welcome;

In my sanctuary there is —

Peace for tired minds,

Rest for weary bodies,

Compassion for suffering humanity,

Forgiveness for repentant sinners,

Communion of saints,

Christ — for all who seek Him!

— Beulah Hughes.