3. A total stewardship of $400 per month.
4. Begin construction on our building program.
5. An evangelistic program.
6. Regular lay visitation.
7. A teacher training program.
8. Twenty new contacts as prospective members.
9. Mid-week meetings and Bible studies.
10. Four issues of The Advance.

The teacher training program is now in progress. Inspired by the relocation program and a desire to raise the living standard of our pastor and family, we find our stewardship excellent. We are able to meet budgetary increases including a salary raise for the pastor, and to swell our building fund. We are working and praying for the sale of our present church property so that we may start construction of our new church home.

Our Ladies' Aid is active with new enthusiasm and new projects. Our young people are showing outstanding leadership in both city and state youth programs.

Our pastor and others are ably representing us in the Denver Area Council of Churches, especially in the field of Sabbath stewardship. Some of our ladies are also actively representing Seventh Day Baptists in the United Church Women's organization.

The hopes and prayers of the Denver Church are that we may be a more effective witness for Christ and His Sabbath in our great city.

Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. - We held a Meal of Sharing, the first in this quarter, January 31, the offering at which was given to the Jamaica Mission field to help in the purchase of a folding organ. Following the Meal of Sharing, our Northwestern Association field coordinator, Wallace Greene, urged us to use the rich potential in the purchase of a folding organ. Following the Meal of Sharing, our Northwestern Association field coordinator, Wallace Greene, urged us to use the rich potential in the purchase of a folding organ.

The Adult Christian Fellowship group had a progressive dinner meeting at its February 8 meeting. Beginning at the parsonage, they went first to Clare Greene's, next to Claston Bond's, and finally to Silvester Storckel's where the business meeting was held. An annual Birthday Social was scheduled in the church parlors for February 22. — Correspondent.

Deaths.

Patato. — A son, Nicholas William (by adoption), to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Patato, of Troupsburg, N. Y., January 10, 1959.

Obituary.

Crumb. — Etta West, daughter of Richard and Ruth Dare West, was born in Shiloh, N. J., January 19, 1864, and died at the Foote Nursing Home, Canisteo, N. Y., January 7, 1959.

Upon completing her early education in New Jersey, she came to Alfred to attend the university. She was married to Frank Arlington Crumb of Alfred on October 21, 1889. To this union were born two children: Ralph A., who died in April, 1933, and Ella Mae (Mrs. Donald E. Wilson). Alfred. Mr. Crumb died April 1, 1913. Besides her daughter, there survive five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces.

Mrs. Crumb joined the Alfred Church by letter from the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church, March 27, 1887. She continued active in the church, the Evangelical Society, and the Ladies Aid until her death.

Memorial services were conducted at the family home in Alfred by her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial will be in Alfred Rural Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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WE LOOK AGAIN AT CALVARY

Long ago our Savior rode into the holy city acclaimed as a king in triumph but weeping as a Savior over the sins of the nation. Despised and rejected of men, He came out of the city bearing His cross. God parts the curtains of the night that settles around the sins of all ages. He causes Calvary to become resplendent for those who find release from the curse and the penalty of sin at the foot of the cross. When we look to the cross it is victory.
**It Pays to Make Plans**

People may reasonably ask how much money should be spent by our General Conference and the boards and agencies in calling together so many people to spend days in discussion of home and foreign extension opportunities. A partial answer to such questions would be in the nature of queries such as: How do the leaders accomplish when they get together? and, "Are these gatherings of committees, Commission, and boards something more than expensive times of good fellowship?"

Many of our people scattered throughout the nation and the world have not had close contact with board personnel or with the meetings about which they have been asking. The Sabbath Recorder, with a very modest paid circulation, for instance, has up to 16,000 copies on the news bins in which an endless assortment of newspapers and magazines are available. Perhaps some subscriptions are raised. Things which are outside our own experience seem far away. Sometimes we are impatient with the lack of tangible and immediate results from some of these meetings. Perhaps also we have not had opportunity to build up our confidence in each of the representatives attending. In these high-level planning meetings. There is, of course, a difference between confidence and accomplishment. We must trust that our leaders, if they give their best and do not waste the hours available for deliberation. If they give their best and if they have enough hours available results will be forthcoming. When the representatives have been briefed in advance and come to the meetings with much thought, if possible, they are ready to respond to wise chairmanship and to carefully consider the many matters before them.

Recently a number of days and nights have been spent by denominational board secretaries and others in committee deliberations at Plainfield and Shiloh, N. J. It can be said that both the volunteer and the paid workers in the boards were prepared for their responsibility. The Planning Committee, like Commission, met early and late and together to save time. The committees of the Tract Board about the same time held long and profitable meetings. The feeling on the part of most committee members seems to be that they are more readily when problems and opportunities are considered by a group than when pondered individually. For one thing, the press of routine duties is completely put aside for the time and minds are sharpened by the suggestions of others. For instance, the remark was made by a thoughtful member at the meeting of the Committee on Distribution of Literature that the only way we could make real progress was to have more meetings of the committee. Plans are in process to do in some time what do not seem to come to wise formulation without the time spent together in the manner mentioned above.

"How can we answer the first question raised, the spending of considerable money to get committees together? There is no categorical answer. However, if we want work accomplished we must in some way make it possible for our chosen representatives to drop for the time being their routine work for a few hours or days. When we will consider the welfare of the total cause for which we exist as a separate denomination. Such meetings are profitable."

**The Victor Speaks**

Books designed for use in Sundays and translated into English must have something appealing about them. Such is the case with the 126-page book by Edmund Schlink, The Victor Speaks, translated from the German by Paul F. Koehnke and recently published by Concordia at St. Louis. Designed for lenten reading this series of messages takes up in brief chapters the seven words from the cross and then in a little more detail eight "words of the risen Lord. These Christ-centered meditations have much in them that is new and that adds to one's understanding of some of the most familiar, but in some senses the most difficult, passages of Scripture. Both laymen and ministers would find rewarding a perusal of the thoughts of this Lutheran theologian and member of the faculty of Concordia University.

Here are sample sentences on the first word of the risen Lord:

"The Christ who entered Jerusalem for his passion they greeted with joy and shouting. The Christ who is risen from the dead they meet with despair and fear." Mary did not recognize the Savior. "Her blindness," remarks the author, "is felt by the other disciples to believe." He offers a unique and tender explanation of why Mary was told not to touch him:

"The relation between the Old and the New Testament is established by the resurrection," says Dr. Schlink. "The Old Testament is not solved for anybody except by faith in the crucified and risen Lord and the crucified and risen Lord is not revealed to anybody without the Old Testament. Whoever believes in the victory of the crucified Lord in his resurrection can more easily do without the Scripture of the New Testament than without the Scripture of the Old Testament."

"How can we harmonize the difference between and the identity of the two bodies, asks the author. No study of the resurrection is complete which does not face the identity and distinction of the earthly body of Jesus and His resurrection body. It does not respond to reason alone. This is how Dr. Schlink expresses it, with the emphasis on faith."

"In this identity with all its differences can only be believed, but not described. Whoever would say more than this—for instance, of what kind of material this new body consists, why the wounds would remain, must say that. But whoever would say less—who with ancient interpreters would interpret 'flesh and bones' allegorically as absence and fullness of power, weakness and strength, of Jesus—will at once no longer be speaking of the risen Lord. Toward the end of the book (p. 109) comes this statement in the chapter on Matthew 28:20: "The risen Lord makes a disciple of him to whom He appears. He reveals Himself as the victor before whom no despair and no stubbornness can persist."

**Ministers to Meet**

More publicity is expected in regard to the program of the forthcoming Ministers Conference to be held at Alfred, N. Y., April 13-19. This longer-than-usual conference will give many pastors the opportunity to be with their pulps at least one Sabbath, will involve a gap in their pastoral work, and in some cases a considerable financial loss if they or their wives are working. It means, therefore, that churches ought to devise ways of helping them meet the extra expense attending the conference. It will be recalled that no conference was held last year, the thought being that more...
value and less expense would come from a longer get-together on alternate years. This should not be forgotten either by the churches or the editors who made the decision two years ago.

This year there is a strong emphasis by the president of our General Conference on elevating the leadership abilities of our laitymen. Perhaps the churches which have an item in their budgets for pulpit supply and do not have an item for expenses of their pastor to the Ministers Conference could bear in mind the desirability of using laitymen in the pulpit and in the parish work when the pastor is away. The minister needs the refresher course which the committee in charge hopes this particular conference will prove to be.

THE EDITOR REPORTS
(Extracts from the quarterly report to the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society at the board meeting, March 8)

Looking back not only over the past quarter, but also over the past two years, in this office, it appears that many of the writers and even those who contribute nothing more than church news have caught something of the missionary and evangelistic tone which your editor has sought to impart to this publication of the Tract Board for the denomination. It has been our endeavor not only to promote the welfare of the denomination by publicizing that which makes us different from others but also to promote the work of the denomination by publicizing that which makes us different from others in the world. In going over the figures of costs and receipts in the reports of the Supervisory Committees for the past year and the present, we are pleased to present the average cost of each special issue of The Sabbath Recorder that was printed is some-what larger than usual (7,600). It is too easy to judge the reader response to the February special issue but, from the small sampling of opinion which has come back to us, we would judge that it has been very favorably received both as to content and appearance.

Your editor feels more strongly than at any time during the year that the work of the Board is now rather more favorably received by our regular subscribers and favorable than less favorably received by orders received. It is interesting to note that the orders came in better this time and that the total number printed was some-
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B. "Keep the commandments," was Christ's reply when asked how one could attain the desired eternal life in the heavenly Kingdom (Matt. 19: 16-17; Mark 10: 17-22; Luke 10: 25-28; 18: 18-20). Note particularly that Christ made no exceptions to this statement, but plainly taught that all of the commandments must be obeyed if one hopes to attain eternal life in heaven.

C. John, without disputing the teachings of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, further emphasizes the fact that if we love Christ we will keep His commandments (John 14: 15; 15: 14).

Christianity versus Paganism

8. What was Christ's attitude towards substituting tradition for Christianity?

Answer: "In vain do they worship me, teaching doctrines the commandments of men. Fear ye not the things which are written (Mark 7: 7-8)." Constantine's designation of the first day of the week as "the venerable day of the week," drawn therefrom, that the seventh day is, as it has been in the past, the only Christian Sabbath. If inconsistencies are found here, we urge that they be brought to our attention. If the reasoning is found entirely sound, then all are invited, if not already doing so, to observe only the seventh-day Christian Sabbath.

Civilian Chaplains for Overseas Evangelical Missions

The Rev. George H. Huber, pastor of the 900-member First Methodist Church, Nampa, Idaho, is the first Methodist minister to become a civilian chaplain with American service personnel overseas. He will go to Okinawa. The "civilian chaplaincy" is a new international ministry to overseas "off-duty" American servicemen in such areas of the Far East as Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and now Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands. The Methodist Church is participating in the program through the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions. With the appointment of Mr. Huber, the third denomination to provide a civilian chaplain among service personnel. The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has such workers in Japan and Korea, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in Hong Kong. The program may soon be extended to Germany, North Africa, and the Panama-Caribbean area.

— W. W. Reid

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MISSIONS — See, Everett T. Harris

CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY IN THE SOUTHWEST

(As reported by Shepherding Pastor Marion C. Van Horn)

Little Rock Fellowship

The group of Seventh Day Baptists in Little Rock has been organized as a fellowship since 1953. It has held regular meetings through these years, sometimes in the home of some members in the YMCA. The latest Year Book will say that it still does. However, in this past winter the group has purchased a church building and lot from another group. Now the Little Rock Fellowship members are holding regular Sabbath worship in their own building. The location is 808 West Park Street. The building is a little over 30 by 50 feet.

The membership of the group is made up of many of our Seventh Day Baptists from over the nation, and numbers about 30. These, for the most part, live in Little Rock and North Little Rock or nearby; but some are in the northwest part of the state. The average attendance at Sabbath services averages about 20 or a little over. Little Rock hopes that a church may be organized before much more time has passed.

Little Prairie Church

Some report is needed in regard to the Little Prairie Church at Nady, Arkansas. Again, first let us make a correction for the Year Book. The clerk is now Mrs. Blanche McKay. There are only seven members still living in the local area. Services have been held regularly on Sabbath nights. Only a few times in extreme weather conditions have they been missed. Attendance varies from 12 to 25, sometimes more.

Last year there was some discussion that the property might be sold and the church disbanded. This was rumor, only. As a result, thirteen people, including six members and seven friends, petitioned the Missionary Board to hold the property and continue the church. Two of the six members who signed live 150 miles distant, and this makes still farther where they will unite with another Seventh Day Baptist Church.

THE CHURCH PROPERTY,

The church property, the building itself, the parsonage, and the fences have been allowed to go unrepaired. This winter the group gathered from their friends $764 for needed repairs. Other members and friends made pledges of more than that amount for the work. Some people, friends and members, were reluctant to give or make pledges until sure all would work together to build up the church and they could be assured the Missionary Board would not dispose of the property.

There has been a decline in population in the last twenty years, until now there are perhaps less than half the people in the area as formerly. This winter the government has taken out the post office at Nady and placed the area on a route from Tichnor, Ark, 12 miles to the north.

Walker Group

At Walker, Louisiana, a group is led by Pastor Theodore Hibbard and Bill Biggs. They are now building their little church, while holding regular services. Some of these people have been members of the Hammond Church, but others, members of the group gathered from some other groups. Now the Little Rock Fellowship attended some at Hammond but have waited to join until they had their own church in Walker. This group is hoping for an organization meeting for their church soon and also for an ordination service for deacons and a dedication of their new building at the same time.

New Orleans Fellowship

The members of this fellowship have come largely from the Hammond Church. They have lived in Metairie, La., for many years, owning their homes there. Their church building is the former home of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Coalwell. It has been remodeled some to fit their needs. It was not large enough, so the old garage was also renovated to use as youth center. They have from twenty to thirty and at times up to 40 in their services. Many of these they bring in their cars from the housing units in the town.

This group is anxious to grow and is seeking assistance to organize a church. Their leadership now centers in Purcell Coalwell. His former leader, Pastor Fred Cox, has resigned.

This group has a large program with the
underprivileged in the housing units and with the lame and incurables. They can use outgrown and used clothing in this work. However, it is best to send clothing to contact Mrs. Persus DeLand, 520 Carrollton Ave., Metairie, La. Another thing that should be remembered is that each of these women in this group has her own family responsibilities. Clothing sent to them should be clean and mended.

The present "shepherding pastor," located in Arkansas, has had very little contact with these groups in southern Louisiana, except by correspondence. They have grown up by interest and initiative in those local areas. In a rather definite sense they have been nurtured and fostered by the Hammond Church. Their withdrawal and formation of their own organizations is a very definite way affects the Hammond Church.

This growing and expanding work in southern Louisiana is reason for the urgent need for a "shepherding pastor" to be located in that area at Hammond. Let us pray the Lord God will lay this challenge on the heart of every one of us. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may seek out a leader for this field that is ripeening for the harvest.

A Test of the Call
To Missionary Service

Sometimes a sense of call to missionary service comes to a devoted Christian and he wonders if it is a true call of God. We all realize that sometimes a strong desire to "go" may unconsciously stem from a desire to get away from something at home.

One way to test this matter is suggested. If we are now expressing the sense of compulsion to missionary service by offering our service to our church and are helping right where we are in the Sabbath School or youth work of the church, or helping with local visitation evangelism, it is possible that we have a true call of God. But if we do not have this longing to help people near at hand into the Kingdom, it is doubtful if it will be any different when we arrive on a mission field far across the sea.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Ron L. Zwiebel

Youth Work Committee

The Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is endeavoring to claim the services of a Field Worker for Youth for the summer. If a worker agrees, he will be available to represent the SDBFY in our camps and associations.

About the members of local SDBFY societies have become members of the national SDBFY by sending in their names and $1.00. Our projected program will have a much better chance of success if we can have the wholehearted support of the majority of the members of local churches.

Those who have agreed to be on the staff of the initial Young Adult Retreat have included Revs. Charles H. Bond, Paul L. Masson, Alton L. Wheeler, and Mr. John Williams. Secretary Rex Zwiebel will direct it. We consent that all who consider themselves young adults will plan to be in attendance. Topics under discussion will include "Being Christian in the Home" and "Young Adults in the Church." If you plan to attend, get some books related to these topics and see what the writers have to say. You will be much more prepared to participate in the discussions.

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FROM THE OMAHA MEETING

The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ held its annual meeting in Omaha, Neb., Feb. 21-23. The Commission on General Christian Education had its session on the first day. The Commission is made up of representatives from each of the constituent denominations and others as listed below. It hears and acts upon the reports of all the committees and officers of the Division.

From the report of the General Director, Dr. A. L. Roberts, we have selected the following items:


"Very often an anniversary becomes the occasion for re-examinations and for reappraisal. It is the practice of the Commission annually to engage in such an effort.

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PREY FOR SPAIN

Baptists and all evangelical Christians the world over are asked to pray for religious liberty in Spain. The situation of Protestants in that country is reported to be worse now than ever before since the end of the Spanish civil war in 1939. Numerous churches and chapels were closed in 1958.
Youth Speaks
Let Us Draw Near

By Laurinne DeLand

(One of several talks given by young people on Youth Sabbath in the Battle Creek Church.)

Let us draw near with a true heart in the full assurance of faith, having our hearts cleansed from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10: 22.

There are three things that we must do to obtain a close fellowship with God. We must have an increasing nearness to Christ, an increasing hatred of sin, and have an increasing love for His service.

Drawn Near by Hatred of Sin

As we increase our hatred of sin, we draw nearer to Christ. Isaiah 55: 6 and 7 says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

In order to draw closer to Christ, who is in God, we must separate from our sinful ways. Psalm 119: 10 and 11 says, "With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Not long before his death, the late Bishop of Canterbury, William Temple, started this same theme: "The world can be saved by one thing only, and that is worship. . . . For to worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God; to feed the mind with the truth of God; to purg[e] the imagination by the beauty of God; to open the heart to the love of God; to devote the will to the purpose of God."

"Give me your hearts." This is God's wish. In doing so, our burdened souls find relief, and our troubled hearts find peace that passes understanding. Through the saving power of Christ, our troubled hearts are cleansed of sin, and the new gladness in the soul cries out for expression.

Drawn Near by Common Need

It is important that we let His Truth direct us in everything we say, think, or do.

The Beatitudes are an example of the kind of people God would have us be. Matthew 5: 6 says, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Who would think of requiring ambassadors to be hungry and thirsty? Yet that is just what our Lord meant, because His hunger and thirst is for the highest of all goodness. Unless Christians feel, in mind and spirit, the same uneasiness that hunger and thirst bring to the physical body, they are not fitted for the Master's service.

Men need righteousness in order to live with one another as children of God, to live in peace, goodwill, and mercy.

All these people that Jesus called "blessed" were poor. We desire a God of love, and God's guidance. They weren't the high priests, nor the Pharisees, who thought they had high positions in the temple. They thought they were better than others. No, they were humble people, ones who had sinned, and asked for forgiveness.

To God all people are equal with no thought of race, color, or nationality. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We know these things, so we must try to do our best to show our love of God, by obeying His commandments and loving one another. If we love our Lord, we will do all He would have us do because what He says is right all the time. Psalm 51: 10-11 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me." It may be just little temptations that we resist at first, but even they help to strengthen us. Then when big temptation comes along, it is easier to solve it.

There are always set-backs and sorrows in life, but if we truly love the Lord and put our faith in Him, things will turn out for the best. This will make our love and understanding grow, and draw us closer to Him.

Drawn Near by Love for His Service

We must also have an increasing love for His service. We must be willing to do what He wants us to do. Surely it is within the purpose of God that we recover faith — this Holy dedication — costly dedication — to His service.

One of us has said it in verse this way:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, Real service is what I desire; I'll sing along any time, dear Lord, But don't make me sit in the choir; I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord, I yearn for Thy Kingdom to thrive, But don't bid me teach boys and girls, dear Lord, I'll rather just stay in my class, I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord, I'll give you my nickels and dimes, dear Lord, But please do not ask me to tithe;"

We must help our fellow believers to do God's work.

"The Beatitudes are an example of the purpose of God that we recover faith — this Holy dedication — costly dedication — to His service."

There are many ways that we can serve Christ, here are a few: We can come to church and Sabbath School; we can attend our church meetings, youth groups, etc; we can sing in the choir; we can give not only a tithe but also something extra, but most of all we can live a Christian life, so that someone else may want to learn about Christ. There are also many people in other lands who have never heard the Good News of salvation, who need our help.

There is some one that everyone of us can help, if we will serve Christ, our own self-centeredness and look about us and act. To know a need, near or far, is to hear the call of God to serve.

Thank you, I don't smoke.

The German Baptist weekly, "Die Gemeinde" recently called attention to the fact that Russian Baptists do not smoke. This occasioned a correspondent to write as follows:

"I spent six years in Russia, as a prisoner. Often I was offered a cigarette by some well-meaning Russian. Whenever I declined the offer and said: 'Spazla, I can't smoke' (that don't mean 'no, I won't'), in most cases I was directly asked: 'Are you a Baptist?'"

"By this means I came to know several Russian Baptists. Afterwards I put the same question to Russians who did not smoke or swear, and in most cases they turned out to be Baptists. Thus, I discovered five Baptists while I was working in a factory for kitchen utensils."
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A Modern Parable

A certain man labored in the Division Terminal of a great Railway. And it was so that when a Train entered the Station, that there they changed Engines, and Train-crews. And certain men put Ice in the Coolers, and Water in the Tanks. And there were times when certain other men put Ice in the Coolers and Waste and Dope in the Boxes of the Axles, and the Engines had been changed.

Now it came to pass that after many years the General Superintendent spake unto the President of the Road, and he said, Behold this man hath been on our Pay-roll for Five and Twenty years, and he hath never a day. Let us Celebrate, and Recognize his Faithfulness, and God forbid; and there are such in many churches in our denomination.

The turnout was gratifying with all age groups represented. Mr. Zwiebel brought us a challenge, inspiration, and blessing. — Correspondent.

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February 14, Pastor Saunders was assisted by Mrs. Marian Hargis in the consecrating prayer and the laying on of hands. This was preceded by the reading of the church covenant by the congregation. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — We were glad to have the secretary of the Board of Christian Education, the Rev. Rex Zwiebel, with Mrs. Soper and David Ahlborn were to help us in our Sabbath School work.

Lessons were begun by a sermon challenging us to do our part in the Sabbath School and throughout the church. While Luke 6: 38 as the theme, Secretary Zwiebel pointed out the rewards for each of us who will do his part in the church. "None of us," he said, "will find what his part is until he is doing all he can do."

Instruction consisted of filmstrips, lectures, group discussions, and reports. Important phases discussed were: discipline, getting and maintaining class interest and attention, lesson preparation, and materials.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — Our members are well into a new year of church activity. The year started off with the annual dinner and business meeting held January 4 at which officers were elected and committee-appointed. Twenty-six members attended.

Our social committee has been busy. A Family Night was held January 24. One game of interest was the identification of churches in our denomination. Some of us were surprised at what we did and didn't know! The young couples of the church enjoyed the evening and the following week another Family Night was held. It being Valentine's Day appropriate games were played.

The young people in Christian Endeavor took charge of the morning worship service on February 7, in commemoration of the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement 20 years ago. W. F. H. Oates, Kelsie James led in the responsive reading. The Children's Choir sang the MARCH 16, 1959

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morning anthem "God Is Near." Talks on the history and purpose of Christian Endeavor and the meaning of the Christian Endeavor pledge were given. The speakers were Sandra Burdick, Kay Francis, Loren Waite, Michael Spencer, Joyce Biswurm, and James Oates. The service was very well done and it is hoped more like it will be presented. — Correspondent.

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — It has been a wonderful blessing to have a pastor again after being without one for two years. The Rev. Addison Appel and his family moved into the Leonardsville parsonage early in July. The congregation meets alternately in the Leonardsville and Brookfield Churches.

The annual church meeting was held February 1 in the parish house following a chicken-pie dinner at noon. The reports showed many improvements made to our church property. The church which is owned jointly with the First Baptist Church has had a new roof on one side. A new Conn organ has been installed and the church interior painted.

The Woman's Missionary Aid Society meets each month for worship, work meetings, and business. Contributions have been made by this group to Our World Mission, Women's Board projects, and local fund drives. Christmas boxes and sunshine gifts have been sent to shut-ins. Several quilts have been pieced and tied and cancer dressing, etc., have taken charge of the local appeal. A World Day of Prayer service was put on in cooperation with the women's societies of the local Baptist and Methodist churches.

The Christian Comrades have had an active year. They have taken charge of the Sabbath morning worship service on two occasions recently. They make up a good-sized choir which adds inspiration to our church service. A Christmas pageant and party were put on by them. About 20 young people from this group attended the Youth Fellowship get-together in Verona on February 14.

The Junior Society led by Mrs. Leslie Welch and Mrs. Addison Appel meets twice a month. They have enjoyed the giving of their offerings to the Nyasaland and Jamaica Missions. — Correspondent.

Accessions
Richburg, N. Y.
By Experience:

BIRTHS
FitzRandolph. — Twin daughters, Patricia Ann and Rebekah Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald FitzRandolph of Little Rock, Ark., on February 22, 1939.

MARRIAGES
Skinner-FitzRandolph. — On September 1, 1958, Ronald Skinner and Evelyn Fitz-Randolph, both of Texarkana, Ark., were united in marriage by the grandfather of the bride, the Rev. Wardner T. Fitz-Randolph.

OBITUARIES
Kenyon. — Mabel Tuckerman, daughter of Newman F. and Rebecca E. (Omerod) Tuckerman, was born at Westerly, R. I., January 29, 1876, and died in Westerly February 24, 1959.

Albert P. Kenyon and Mabel A. Tuckerman were united in marriage April 22, 1903. Mrs. Kenyon was a devoted member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and a faithful member of the Woman's Aid Society of that church. She is survived by two sons, Albert F. Jr., of Alexandria, Va., and Cyril N., of Westerly; a granddaughter, Mrs. Gordon Woodbury and a great-grandson, of Westerly.

The funeral service was held at the Buckler Funeral Home, and interment was in River Bend Cemetery. The Rev. Harold R. Grindall, interim pastor of the Pawcatuck Church, officiated.

Martin. — Artha Leah, daughter of Edward and Kathryn Wetzel Gifford, was born in Harrison County, W. Va., on March 21, 1882 and died at her home at Roanoke, W. Va., February 2, 1959.

She accepted the Lord at an early age and was baptized. She was married on January 25, 1902, to Fred L. Martin. Most of their married life has been spent in the Roanoke community. After belonging to Baptist churches for many years, she accepted the Bible Sabbath, and united with the Roanoke Seventh Day Baptist Church November 16, 1957.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters: Mrs. Clell (Beatrice) Hardman, Roanoke, and Mrs. Clyde (Genevieve) Swiger, Sardis, W. Va.; three sons: Basil C., of Elkins, W. Va., Burl M., of South Weymouth, Mass., and William F., of Catlettsburg, Ky.; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Duane L. Davis, and burial was in the Mitchell Cemetery at Roanoke.

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No More Weeping
But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping. . . . Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? . . . Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things. John 20: 11-18.