### Statement of the Treasurer, February 28, 1959

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**NON-BUDGET GIFTS**

| February Receipts | $7.00 |
| Treasurer's | $33,688.28 |
| Boards' | $2,148.04 |

**SUMMARY**

- Current annual budget: $99,735.00
- Treasurer's budget receipts 5 mos.: $33,688.28
- Boards' budget receipts 5 mos.: $2,148.04

**Percentage of budget year elapsed:** 41.67%

Eldred H. Batson, Treasurer, Parkersburg, W. Va.

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**MARCH 10, 1959**

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**GENERAL CONFERENCE MEETS AT SALEM, W. VA., AUGUST 17-22.**
Taking the Wings of the Morning

David never took any wings nor did he dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea. Perhaps he never had occasion to venture far beyond the seafront, but the sight that spread-wing-like canvas in the breeze. To him wings were possessed only by the birds that raced or circled above him as he tended his father's herds on days and nights in the field with his soldiers. Fixed-wing aircraft capable of bearing the weight of a man, a boat, and a four thousand years in the future. It was only by poetic imagination that he could suggest in the 139th Psalm that he might take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea.

Are we better off than King David by virtue of the fact that wings are now common as well as magical? Not necessarily. If we lack the poetic imagination and the experimental knowledge of the presence of God which David had, we are far behind that ancient leader of Israel. We indeed may wheel in the early morning hours through a great city whose buildings fan out-tower Babel and reach a modern airport. We may take the wide spread, glistening wings which lift us with a mighty roar, suspend us between invisible layers of air for hours on end, and set us down again before nightfall light as a feather upon the shores of an island in the uttermost parts of the sea.

Life migrates from land into the chill winds blowing across a northern ocean; in the evening we come to rest beside a southern sea and seek shade next to the bole of a towering palm whose fronds wave far above us in the balmy breeze.

We cannot take with us the ancient Hebrew post-king or invite him to share with us a commonplace experience of modern flight over land and sea. Someone who witnessed the wonders of antiquity asked the question of whether David would understand that he had surpassed his experience. Have we taken with us a faith as real and as active as his? How beautiful, he expressed the assurance that there was not a spot on earth beyond the leading and the holding hand of God. A little later in the psalm we hear him say, "and that my soul knoweth right well."

Does our knowledge of God's world have its counterpart in a satisfying soul-knowledge of the presence of the Lord? Whether we travel by thought projection like David or by jet propulsion as in this modern age, can we have the confidence, "Thou knowest my downising and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off."

Our Cover

Holy Land, Ancient and Modern

Cultivating the "Wilderness of Enge'di". Shown here are Israeli farmers working among tomato fields — once the tangled underbrush formed a perfect refuge for David, when he was escaping the wrath of King Saul. The latter, on his return from battle with the Philistines, was told: "Behold the Wilderness of Enge'di," and immediately set out in pursuit. The first king of Israel had 5,000 men scurri the bush, but David survived. In fact, on one occasion their roles were reversed and David could have slain Saul. The latter blundered into a cave where David was hiding, but David was satisfied to "steal the robe of the skirt of Saul's robe" (1 Samuel: 23: 29).

There are few other Biblical references to this hilly site near the Dead Sea. In a vision of the Prophet Ezekiel (chapter 47) a river rises out of the Temple hill in Jerusalem and flows to Enge'di and the Dead Sea, bringing life and an abundance of fish. It is identified, too, as the place where the Moabites and the Ammonites were finally trapped, in the time of Jehoshaphat (1 Chronicles 20: 1-2). Roman historian Pliny located the ancient Essene community as-being near Enge'di, or rather, in the hills above. The famous Dead Sea Scrolls were found only seven miles to the north, by the Kumran caves.

Eid Geddi, to give it the Hebrew form, is now the name of a modern Israeli agricultural settlement, whose growing fertility represents the heart of the modern age, we need and are doing today — heard something new on that day and heard it in the languages of their birth in the far outreaches of the Empire.

It is interesting to note that they heard the meaning of it in their original language that confirmed them, inclined them to listen intently, and contributed much to their acceptance. We may well assume that a great many of them were fairly well educated and could read and write two or more languages. But they never spoke Greek and if they came to dwell in the homeland of the Jews they needed to acquire a knowledge of Aramaic — this is added to the tongue spoken in their native lands.

Reading is a highly desirable way to get the Gospel message because one can read the story of the cross and the risen Lord over and again in those strange days or those who able to read have access to the Law and the Prophets. And as yet the life of Christ had not been written. Even today not everyone in every nation has the ability, the inclination, or the opportunity to read. But all then and now have the ability to hear — if the message is in their own native tongue.

The Feast of the Holy Spirit made it possible for all to hear in just that way.

Every Nation Under Heaven

Words were spoken by the apostles when the Holy Spirit came upon them — words of the Gospel — in many tongues. It was a marvelous thing. In the midst of the tongue were heard words of the Holy Spirit. And so Acts 2: 5 says, "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven (Acts 2: 5)." Perhaps, in just the same way, not quite all the nations under heaven were represented in the population, but the list given a little later, in the chart is much more impressive. We are in no position to deny that the Jews had migrated back and forth throughout the whole Roman Empire and beyond.

Absolute accuracy as to the extent of the coverage of the holy heaven in this particular case is not important. What is important is that the people of a great many nations who had come back to Jerusalem as they are doing today — heard something new on that day and heard it in the languages of their birth in the far outreaches of the Empire.

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MARCH 30, 1959
This hearing of the message of God can now be more meaningful than on Pentecost and more lasting than the preaching of a visitation evangelist in a native Indian or African village. Modern equipment makes possible the repeating over and over again of passages of Scripture or recorded Bible lessons. Gifts sent in through Seventh Day Baptist channels to that Society and earmarked "Finger-phon for Nyasaland" would speed the day when every man heard them speak in his own language.

History Leading to Change From Sabbath to Sunday

By Dr. L. F. Hurley

(The substance of a Sunday morning breakfast talk at the Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church, which appeared in the Boulder Daily Camera and was sent to the Recorder by a church member.)

In November, 1917, the Communists took control of Russia. Certain social, economic, and political factors were behind the communist revolution, but within 40 years it became the controlling power over one third of the human race.

There were also certain factors behind the change which overthrew the observance of the Bible Sabbath, and established Sunday in its place. Three of them were: race hatred, paganism, and tradition.

Race Hatred

Not against the Negro, as in Little Rock or Montgomery, but against the Jew! Anti-Semitism began many centuries before Christ. Maimonides (A.D. 1150) said there were two Gods, a Creator-God revealed by Jesus, and a stern and harsh, and a good God revealed by a church member).

In case of a public calamity, like the earthquake, or record by lightning, the gospels are to be performed and the last day of the week, excepting the Easter Sabbath, for the observance of Easter, others in the Jewish, in addition to his paganism.

Paganism

Constantine enacted his Sunday Law (A.D. 321) while still a pagan. On the next day after enacting his Sunday law, March 8, 321, he enacted another requiring that in case of a public calamity, like the striking of a public building by lightning, the heathen ceremonies for propitiating the gods were to be performed, and the meaning of the calamity should be sought from the haruspices who learned secrets by watching the entrails of slain beasts. Constantine's Sunday law was not Christian, but pagan. He hated the Jews and everything Jewish, in addition to his paganism.

Tradition

In the apostolic age there were very few Bibles, though few being hand-written copies on long papyrus scrolls. The first direct, indisputable reference to any form of the King James version around A.D. 1550. Justin Martyr, a Grecian philosopher, who accepted Christianity after reaching manhood says: "We all of us assemble together on the first day of the week because it is the first day of the week in which God changed darkness and matter and made the world. On the same day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For as He was crucified the day before that of Saturn; on the day of the Sun He appeared to His apostles and disciples and taught them.

This tradition that Christ rose from the dead on Sunday has been the usual belief of Western Christianity. But Dr. Schaff says: "The observance of the Sabbath gradually ceased in the West. Yet the Eastern Church to this day marks the seventh day of the week, excepting the Easter Sabbath, by omitting fasting and by standing in the porch." And Gibson writes: "As for the observance of Easter, others in other parts of Asia vary in the month, but hold it on Saturday."

And now among the Dead Sea Scrolls has been found a calendar which proves that the Last Supper of Jesus was eaten on Tuesday night, which would make the crucifixion on Wednesday. (See Eternity magazine, June 1938, article by Editor Burnthouse.) No wonder the Eastern Christians observed Easter on the Sabbath, that is the day when the resurrection occurred.

So anti-Semitism, paganism, and false tradition are behind the change of the day of worship from Sabbath to Sunday.

The Sabbath is a test of love to God and to Christ. The command is "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Jesus said to me, "Keep my commandments." In 1 John we read, "This is the love of God that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous."

MARCH 30, 1959

THE SABBATH RECORDER

MISSIONS — See Everett T. Harris

MAKAPWA MISSION NEWS

Most recent word from the Rev. David Pearson, in a letter written March 2, 1959, states that on that very day the governor had decreed Nyasaland in a state of emergency because of stone-throwing and rioting. He then writes, "We owe you the word that all is well here. We thank God that Makapwa Mission has been a very peaceful place.

On Sabbath day, February 28, a dedication service was held "for a new little church." The meeting was held outside because of the large crowd in attendance. Our missionary writes, "Shortly after the service began an aircraft of the Royal Rhodesian Air Force circled us two or three times trying to determine our intentions. Before we left the area the pastors advised that we cancel any future plans for village evangelism work until such time as it seems fit to proceed.

Word has been sent from the mission to Miss Rosemary Hare in regard to the unsettled political situation there. It was thought best that she await further delay her coming. Anyway we felt that she should know what to expect if she came.

During the past eight Sabbaths Mr. Pearson reports an average attendance at the Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Church of 289 persons.

In regard to the proposed new hospital building plans, Dr. Victor Burdick has written, "The Provincial Medical Officer, Dr. Smith, assures me that he is coming to visit us soon to survey the situation here. This should facilitate matters." Dr. Burdick has on two occasions submitted blueprints for the proposed new hospital.

Dr. Burdick adds, "We feel assured enough (of eventual approval) to go ahead and buy bricks from the mission. In an event we would plan to expand our work with new buildings.

"We are starting a new building for extra shelter for out-patients who stay a few days for their treatment. We have been getting more crowded."
Everyone needs the Holy Spirit if he is to be a child of God. For the Bible declares, "If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is not of his" (Rom. 8: 9). To merely imitate the life of Christ is not enough. In fact, you need not try for it in that you will fail. But you need to let Him live His life in you.

Would you like to receive the Holy Spirit? It can be the result of your prayer. The words of Christ are: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (John 7: 37, 38.)"

Would you like to buy a bond? They are $50, $100, and $250. They draw 5% interest per annum and are due May 1, 1960. They are payable at the First National Bank, Texarkana. The bonds will be dated April 1. They will be sold at par for their face value and may be bought in any amount, and a bond or bonds mature each year for as long as you desire.

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"The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit... shall teach you all things. (John 14: 26; 16:13). That is, He takes the things of Christ and shows you their meaning. He also leads step by step those who place their trust in God.

How does He lead us? Normally, the Spirit guides us by means of God's Word. When Scripture fails to supply sufficiently clear guidance, the Spirit leads us by circumstances, as we are to do all things (circumstances) work together for good to those who love God (Rom. 8: 28). The Spirit also uses our sanctified common sense. He can guide us in negative fashion — by closing a door before us. Finally, He can lead us, for our own good, along the path of temptation and suffering.

Earthly houses are kept clean and habitable to the extent the occupants wish to be healthy and find comfort and joy in their daily living. Likewise, the Spirit's blessed presence is manifest when He is permitted quietly but powerfully to cleanse, guide, and control until there is always an atmosphere of heavenly peace, love, and joy. This surely is the highest plane of Christian living!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we can be effective witnesses for Christ. "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you: and ye shall be witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1: 8). The early believers armed with invincible courage, carried victory after victory for Christ. They could say, "We are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5: 32, ASV). When Stephen disputed with his opponents "they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake" (Acts 6: 10).

May God grant that we may become witnesses who go armed not with the carnal weapons of worldly wisdom and human reasoning but with the power of the Spirit. He will give us the "fruit of the Spirit" — love for souls, wisdom from above, and all-conquering power. Ask Him to come in and live out His life in you. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3: 20).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — See Box E. Fourth
Summer Field Worker

As a part of the agreement between the local SDBYF groups and the national office, a summer field worker has been secured. Miss Helen K. Strong, a graduate of Milton College, will begin devoting her time as field worker for the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education as soon as commencement activities are completed. Miss Knox is from Denver, Colorado, and has attended, and later worked in many Seventh Day Baptist camps. As a college student, she was a member of the choir, the Choral Union, and worked on the staff of the Fides and the Witness, both student papers. She served on the student council, social board, and athletic board. She is secretary of the Senior Class, and a Sophomore this year."The Lord hath given him the figure of His glory and of His firstborn over all things, and over all the spirits of . . . .in spirit and power for John 1:4, 12."

NCC GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Reported by the Rev. Duran E. Davis, Our Representative on the Board
(See other articles in issues of March 16 and 23)

PART III

We have previously dealt with action of the General Board concerning a more acceptable term than "Sunday" in ministry. Miss Helena Knox, the Sabbath-keeping church which belongs to the National Council, and with the controversial Fifth World Order Study Conference. The Division of Christian Education and the General Board also did other business of general interest.

In December, at Chicago, the General Board held reports of the Division of Christian Life and Work in several areas of their service to the churches of America. One of these is related to the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, and another to the Department of Worship and the Arts. A statement in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations was approved. An interesting report of the National Conference on Christian Study and Law was given.

The Division of Christian Education also shared major portions of the General Board meetings. The situation in American higher education was reported upon. In Hartford, reports were made of the annual assembly of the Division of Christian Education held in Omaha, of the progress being made in the combining of several Christian student organizations (The United Student Christian Council, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Inter-Seminary Movement) into one group to be called the Student Christian Federation. "How the International Journal of Religious Education serves the Churches" was also reported.

Also of special interest at Hartford were reports of study groups of the National Council of Churches on "Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy" and "The Mass Media of Communication and Religion." The General Board passed a pronouncement urging repeal of the required loyalty oath in the National Security Act, as being basically against our freedom of American life, and as not actually prohibiting any way those who would be disloyal to our government from participating in student scholarships.

Resolutions urging Christian people to help provide more adequate housing in American cities for all — regardless of race or color, and favoring the basic principle of Minimum Wage were also passed by the group.

The General Board of the National Council makes appointments and approves the officers of the Council as well as being the budget-approving body. The 1955 budget for a proposed $21,224,270 was approved. Plans were made for the Program of the next General Assembly of the National Council which will be held in San Francisco in May.

A final word should be said about the officers and personnel that make up the Executive Staff of the National Council. Dr. Roy G. Ross who is the General Secretary has been recovering from very serious surgery this winter, but his work has been ably carried on by his staff under the leadership of Dr. Edwin R. H. Estey, the Associate-General Secretary. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, the present National Council president, is pastor of a Baptist Church in Nyack, New York, and he is the spiritual atmosphere of his pastoral relationship into this work. This has helped, I believe, to deepen the sense of sacred responsibility of the Council. The National Council is looking for a new director for the Department of Evangelism, and President Dahlberg is calling for all of us to pray that God will lead the right man to accept this responsible position for the most essential work of the churches of Jesus Christ, whether working individually or in councils together.

The people lightly said, "His blood be upon us and upon our children till we die." God said, not lightly say, '.. . . . my blood, which is shed for you."
MINISTERS CONFERENCE, April 13-18

Schedule

MONDAY, April 13

Morning
9:00 — Registration
10:00 — Opening Prayer, Announcements
10:15 — Opening Devotions, Hurley Warren
10:30 — Study I: "The Benefits of Sabbath Observance," Elmo Randolph
11:30 — Discussion of Study I moderated by Victor Skaggs

Afternoon
12:15 — Dinner at Alfred Parish House
1:30 — Bible Study, Kenneth Smith
2:00 — Study II: "God's Law and His Grace," Leon Malby
3:00 — Discussion of Study II moderated by Harmon Dickinson
3:45 — Dismissal

Evening
5:30 — Supper at Student Union, Dutch-treat style
7:30 — Devotions, Alfred Church, chairman, Leland Davis
8:00 — Conference President's and Executive Secretary's Hour

TUESDAY, April 14

Morning
9:00 — Devotions, Charles Swing
9:15 — Lecture I: "Pre-Biblical and Biblical History of the Sabbath," Rabbi Dr. Jerome Malino
11:00 — Chapel with Alfred University at Alumni Hall

Afternoon
12:15 — Dinner at Alfred Parish House
1:30 — Bible Study, Paul Osborn
2:00 — Lecture II: "Religious Development and Significance of the Sabbath," Jerome Malino
3:00 — Study III: "The Origin of the Sabbath," Oscar Burdick (paper)
4:00 — Discussion of Study III moderated by Melvin Nida

Evening
6:15 — Supper at Richburg
8:00 — Devotions, Richburg Church, chairman, Doyle Zwiebel
8:15 — Reports of executive secretaries of the Missionary Society and the Board of Christian Education

WEDNESDAY, April 15

Morning
9:30 — Devotions, Montie Slusher
9:40 — Bible Study, Don Sanford
10:00 — Lecture III: "The Psychological and Spiritual Significance of Sabbath Worship," Jerome Malino
11:00 — Discussion period with Rabbi Malino

Afternoon
12:30 — Chicken barbecue at Camp Harley
2:00 — Study IV: "Jesus and the Sabbath," Albert N. Rogers
3:00 — Discussion of Study IV moderated by Delmer Van Horn

Evening
6:15 — Supper at Independence
8:00 — Devotions, Independence Church, chairman, Duane Davis
8:15 — Reports of Tract Society and Women's Board

THURSDAY, April 16

Morning
9:30 — Devotions, Elizabeth Randolph
9:45 — Bible Study, Harmon Dickinson
10:00 — Study V: "The Apostolic Church and the Sabbath"
11:00 — Discussion of Study V moderated by Loyal Hurley

Afternoon
12:15 — Dinner at Alfred Station
1:45 — Devotions, Delmer Van Horn
2:00 — Study VI: "The Origin of Sunday," Keith Davis (paper)
3:00 — Discussion of Study VI
6:00 — Supper at Alfred Station

Evening
8:00 — Devotions, Alfred Station Church, chairman, Paul Green
8:15 — Summaries of our studies to date and discussion by appointed leaders

FRIDAY, April 17

Morning
9:20 — Devotions, Eugene Fatato
9:30 — Study VII: "The Sabbath and the Reformation," Kenneth Smith
10:30 — "Sabbath Reform Movements Among Seventh Day Baptists,"
        Evalais St. John
11:00 — Study VIII: "The Sabbath in the Modern World," Francis Saunders
12:15 — Dinner at Alfred Parish House

Afternoon
1:30 — "Sabbathkeeping Among Seventh Day Baptists," David Clarke
2:30 — Discussion of above paper
3:00 — "Creative Sabbath Observance: What It Has Been and What It Should Be," 12 min. discussions by each of the day's study leaders
3:45 — Open discussion of above topic
4:15 — Closing announcements
        Supper, on your own

Evening
8:15 — Devotions, Alfred Church, chairman, Charles Bond
        "The Sabbath in Evangelism and Missionary Work," Loyal Hurley
        Communion

SABBATH, April 16

Morning
Worship in the area church of your choice

MARCH 30, 1959
Youth Speaks

Why Do We Have a Church?

By Eileen Piampiano

(A talk given at the Shiloh, N. J., Church on Christian Endeavor Day)

A man named Crabbé once asked "What is a church?" The honest sexton tells, " 'Tis a tall building with a tower and bell." The first thought in our mind is the question, was this man a Christian? He surely leaves us with the impression that he had not found Christ as his Savior. If he had he would have defined the church as a house of worship and prayer — a place open to people of all walks of life, offering them an opportunity for strength and comfort after the cares and worries of the day.

Let us discuss some of the more important reasons for having a church — worship, for instance. In the lyrics of a popular hymn, 'If I Had a Home in Heaven' we are told,  

"...To gather together in my name there am I in the midst of them." 

We are able to have fun with Him followers and are not persecuted for their beliefs. Christian fellowship provides us with love and protection outside the church as well. It makes us aware of the friends who do not know Christ. Perhaps they know Him but are ashamed of their beliefs. Have you ever been ashamed of Christ?

The church provides us with a chance for confession and forgiving our enemies. The church gives us the strength to stand up for our faith and our stand.

The church is a place of comfort, opened for our Christ and our society. It is filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. If someone is moved by a service to accept Christ or takes even another step, that of dedicating his life to full-time service, the church has shown its need for existence. Worship, fellowship, strength, and the opportunity for receiving Christ are only a few but the most important answers to the question, "Why do we have a church?"

Another Billy Graham Book Coming

"Crusade At the Golden Gate" by Sherwood Eliot Wirt will be published this spring by the Billy Graham Brothers.

Among the people who attend the meetings organized with such care are those who are bored, troubled, or just plain curious. What happens when these people turn from the church to the theater? A salesman, a teen-age girl, a baseball player, a highway patrolman, the church editor of a newspaper — they are some of the individuals whose conversion stories are fully told in this book.

Sherwood Eliot Wirt was a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner, and since 1955 has been minister of the Hillside Presbyterian Church in Oakland.

MARCH 30, 1959

Prayer for Minister's Family

People in several churches have been prayerfully concerned for the health of Timothy Richards, second child of the Rev. Donald and Edna Ruth Richards of Beckley, W. Va. The parents took him to Johns Hopkins Hospital on February 20 where he had to remain for examination and treatment of a condition. Fractures and-grandparents kept the other two children while the parents were in Baltimore.

The little boy was discovered to have brain injury which will require continuing medication to hold in check its effects. However, he was found to be mentally alert. It is hoped that the new diagnosis of his trouble will give him a good chance for a relatively normal childhood. The parents are very thankful for all the loving concern that has been shown them. They are also very grateful that the hospital accepted as full payment the insurance provided to Mr. Richards by the Missionary Board. He is missionary pastor of the Rochester and Middle Island, West Virginia, Churches.

The Bible Is in Demand

So great has been the advance interest in the new Berkeley Version of the Bible, scheduled for release April 10, that its publishers, P. J. and B. D. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, of which it will be a self-publication, have already been taken up to date in modern English.

The Berkeley Version, which is a complete new translation and not just a revision, is the product of 20 years of preparation. Dr. Gerrit Verkuyl of Berkeley, California, the editor-in-chief of the project, first issued the New Testament portion in 1943. For the last ten years, he has been assisted by 19 other translators from various parts of the United States, all of them affiliated with leading colleges and theological seminaries. The complete Holy Bible is based on the original texts brought up to date in modern English.
Clifford V. Maxson died at the home of his son A. Russell, at Battle Creek, Mich., on February 27. He was nearly 88 years of age and had been in failing health for the past two years. On February 4, 1898, he married Myrtle Crosley in Farina, Illinois. She died on December 12, 1914.

A member of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church, he was also one of the few having served in this sacred office for many years. He first became a deacon in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. From 1919 until 1952 he was a resident of Battle Creek, then went to live at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, returning to Battle Creek two years ago.

He worked as a carpenter and retired from this vocation in 1930. Two of his greatest hobbies were caring for bees and growing strawberries. He also enjoyed flowers for, as he said, "Flowers speak a language all their own."

Maxson was a most devout Christian, a firm believer and exponent of the Sabbath, and maintained an active prayer life. Something of his strong faith and patient endurance can be seen in this poem which he carried with him and shared with his friends. Its author is unknown:

**The Sunset Gate**

How blessed is to be old,
And sit at the Sunset Gate,
Regard the building of a plan,
But ready and with patience to wait.

To know that safely garnered
Are all the sheaves of the years;
A goal which makes us strong,
A life that needs no more.

**Deacon Clifford V. Maxson**

Wisconsin, died on January 7, 1959. Farewell services were conducted from Farley Funeral Home in Battle Creek by the Rev. Leland E. Davis, Internment will be at Village Cemetery near Leonardville, N. Y.

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.** — The Christian Education Committee of the Los Angeles Church consists of the chairman, the pastor, the Sabbath School superintendent, a teacher from the primary department, and members at large. This committee acts as a liaison between the Sabbath School and the church. Its primary responsibility is the supervision of the entire Sabbath School. Besides the Sabbath School the committee arranges for the Vacation Bible School. It also works with the Riverside Church in the planning and conducting of Pacific Pines Camp each summer.

Several members of the Sabbath School, under the direction of the Christian Education Committee, have prepared copies of the Junior Quarterly for the denomination.

A class of instruction for teachers and one for Sabbath School leaders is being conducted. The Sabbath School superintendent gives a report of the Sabbath School at the church business meeting and the chairman of the Christian Education Committee gives a report of the other activities of the committee.

Since we have been having unified services, a Sabbath School program preceding church the attendance has more than doubled. For this we praise and thank God from the bottom of our hearts.

— Louisa Turner, Chairman.

**What is OUR WORLD MISSION?**

Recently it has been reported that giving to Our World Mission has been falling behind all over the United States. Just what is OWM? It is a goal — looking to the future believing that certain things need to be done and can be done. It is a plan — a blueprint to care for these needs both present and future. It is a map — a course to the behest of God in the best use of our resources, talents and gifts. It is a picture — drawn...
so that all can see the financial program of our denomination. It is a ladder — challenging Seventh Day Baptist people to climb higher and walk the mountaintops in stewardship. It is an operation — promoting a method of financing God's work — the bringing of the whole tithe into the storehouse.

Are you a part of this great operation?

— The Inspirer, Richburg, N.Y.

**Accessions**

By Baptism:
- Denver, Colo.
  - Dale Hastings
  - Jeanette Thorngate (Mrs. Gordon)
  - Mary Burdick (Mrs. Edwin)

By Letter:
- Gary Cox
  - Shiloh, N. J.

By Baptism:
- Paul Ayars
  - Sharon Ayars
  - Timothy L. Bond
  - Chester A. Bonham
  - Clifton D. Bonham
  - Irene Davis (Mrs. Irving)
  - Maurice Davis
  - Sandra Davis
  - Melvin R. Dickinson, Jr.
  - Catherine Fogg
  - Donald Furniss
  - Eileen Pianpiano
  - Kathleen Randolph
  - Nancy Randolph
  - Stephen Roberts
  - Pamela Robinson
  - Charles West

By Letter:
- Charles H. Bond
  - Margaret S. Bond (Mrs. Charles H.)
  - Philip S. Bond
  - Ronald R. Bond
  - Mrs. Rebecca Dietz
  - Mrs. E. Rae Stillman

**Marriages**

Brown-Bee. — Harry Kenneth Brown, Jr., of Mathews, Va., and Ethel Bee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Bee of Reform, Ala., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Lost Creek, W. Va., on March 7, 1959, by the Rev. Duane L. Davis. Both are students in Salem College.

Chaffee-Stearns. — Olyn Chaffee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Olyn Chaffee of Le Raysville, and Maralee Stearns, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Don Stearns of Clouderport, Pa., were united in marriage February 28, 1959, in the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. Ed. E. Zwiebel and the Rev. Delmer B. Van Horn.

**Deaths**

Bond. — A son, James Brian, on January 31, 1959, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Bond, of Nutter Fort, W. Va.

Hubbard. — Bessie T., daughter of Joseph Mitchell and Eva Potter Titworth, was born in Plainfield, N. J., April 23, 1875, and died in Daytona Beach, Fla., February 26, 1959.

Mrs. Hubbard was baptized January 30, 1885, and became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., devoting many years in loving and faithful service to her church. She also participated in many worthwhile community activities.

She was united in marriage on June 9, 1897, to Frank J. Hubbard who died in 1927.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. William M. (Ethel T.) Stillman of Plainfield, N. J., by a cousin and niece, Miss Dorothy F. Hubbard, and a cousin, Roy E. Titsworth, both of Plainfield, and another cousin, Alexander Ross, Silver City, N. M.

Memorial services were held on February 28, 1959, in Daytona Beach, Fla., by the Rev. Herbert L. Polan, and on March 5, 1959, in Plainfield, by her pastor, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield. — C.H.D.

Jeffrey. — William Maxson, son of Joseph and Alice Burdick Jeffrey, was born February 15, 1884, at Alfred, N.Y., and died February 4, 1959, at Topeka, Kan.

Will Jeffrey was an associate engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads from 1917 until his retirement in 1944, doing the pioneer work on some of Colorado's mountain passes. He was a veteran of World War I.

On August 25, 1919, he married Mildred Saunders and for most of their married life the Jeffreys made their home in Denver. Will was a charter member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, and it was in the Jeffrey home that the little group met for worship and study more than thirty years ago.

Surviving are his wife, two sons: Commander Joseph D., United States Navy, and Horace S., Los Angeles, Calif.; two daughters: Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Smith, Tujunga, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Louise Akaka, Honolulu, Hawaii; two sisters in Kansas: Mrs. Otto Frey of Council Grove and Mrs. D. M. Narimore of Eldmale; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Moore Mortuary in Denver with Dr. Elro Sutton and the Rev. Kenneth E. Smith officiating. Interment was at the Fairmount Cemetery. — K. E. S.

Maxson. — Clifford V., son of Russell and Hannah Babcock Maxson, was born April 21, 1871 in Cowley Co., Kan., and died at the home of his son at Battle Creek, Mich., February 27, 1959. (A more extended obituary appears elsewhere in this issue).