Words by
Esther Kerr Rusthoi

Music by
Elizabeth Fisher Davis

America, To Your Knees!

America, to your knees!
Your forefathers of old
Loved God and served Him faithfully,
For righteousness were bold.

They read and lived God's Word,
Honored the Sabbath day.
America, to your knees!
Confess your sins and pray.

America, to your knees!
Now is no time for pride;
In humble pleadings call,
"O God, be on our side;"
We've sinned and disobeyed;
We've wandered far astray.
America, to your knees!
Return to Christ today.

The Sabbath Recorder

WELCOMING NEWCOMERS

Church is more than a building with characteristic exterior symbolism, more than the denominational name on the bulletin board, more even than the music carefully rendered by organ and choir. Church is greater than the out-poured heart of the minister in his sermon. Added also must be such a welcome to newcomers as those from loving hearts freshly warmed by a Sabbath hour spent in the presence of the Father and in communion with the Son, our Lord.
Giving Our Minds to Christ

Many are the definitions of prayer. We do not need any new ones. It would not be amiss, however, to think of a new definition of praying. This one we found challenging, “Giving our minds to Christ.” It centers our attention on the practice rather than the theory of prayer. At conversion we profess an intention of praying. This one we found

nized tests or the damage caused by his manifestly imperfect reactions.

The cry of mankind so often voiced in the Bible is for righteous judgment. The falsely accusing appeal to the Judge of all the earth for righteous judgment. And way back in the days of Moses God instructed, “Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, but righteousness shall thou judge thy neighbor.” We need to note well that in the difficult situation of life there is no neighbor, righteous judgment, not partiality, is expected.

The Epistle to the Romans, to be sure, sets bounds on our judging (criticizing) of fellow Christians, but the last admonition in the book reads like this, “Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block to another.”

Praying is a continuing experience in which we give our minds to Christ for the time involved. We can be more sure that we are actually ridding our minds of other things and keeping them from branching off into many scattering directions if we keep our lips forming words while we are in the act of prayer. For how long a time can you give your mind to Christ?

In one for Sinners Only

The situation in one of New York State’s larger cities in regard to drunken driving convictions has many parallels and some grave implications. The City Commissioner in that city states that a person arrested for intoxicated driving needs only to ask for a jury trial in order to be certain of acquittal. The jurors, themselves drinkers, do not want to find a driver guilty. If they themselves have not been caught in the act, they are not likely to weigh the scales of justice in favor of the accused are dumping stumblingblocks in front of the innocent and the unsuspecting on our highways and city streets.

Editorial Notes

The Sunday Guardian

Thoughtful people are mutually dependent on each other. To shut ourselves up in our reading habits while realizing the material world in which we expect to be in almost complete agreement tends to stultify the mind and may lead to the making of one-sided, indefensible statements or even to bigotry. When our minds are sharpened by free intercourse with people of differing viewpoints, our positions, learn to abandon any that are weird and become more convincing in the presentation of our strong convictions. That is why editors of this column are soliciting letters from anyone who would like to write us a letter. It does not need any new ones. It would not be amiss, however, to think of a new definition of praying. The one we found challenging, “Giving our minds to Christ.” It centers our attention on the practice rather than the theory of prayer. At conversion we profess an intention of praying. This one we found.
President's Message

The Conference president has spent considerable time already in work on a program for the 1960 sessions of General Conference. These plans are not yet ready for a detailed report, but certain things are clear. The theme will be “For Jesus’ Sake.” We shall emphasize the dedication of life for Christ’s sake and to the work of His Kingdom. The unity of our denominational work to this end will be demonstrated. We will join in a full experience of worship together. We will attempt to blend worship, study, business, meditation, and inspiration into a total experience of Christ’s fellowship. Details of the program will appear in this column from time to time. Be sure to plan to attend the General Conference at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark., August 15-20, 1960.

The Conference president attended a National Council Consultation on Long Range Planning during November. It was a momentous experience to meet with representatives of all denominations and several councils to discuss some of the problems that are among our present concerns. Almost all denominations face problems much like our own. They are meeting them in various ways in accordance with their own history and polity. But the thrilling and challenging note, to me, was that in sharing our problems and attempted solutions we discovered a basic concern, common to us all, that we who are Christian must grow in knowledge, understanding, faith in God, zeal, and concerted effort if we are to do the work that Christ has laid upon His Church.

The “Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance” was adopted by General Conference, 1959, and recommended to the churches. Most churches are now participating in the “Lay Development Program,” one of the first emphases of the “Advance.” Have you participated in a lay development workshop? This is another of the tools provided so that we may do our work in the church more effectively. Let us use them, as will any tool, only as we use it.

Church Membership Manual

The subcommittee of the Publications Committee of the Board of Christian Education has the first section of the Church Membership Manual written and ready for critical comment by a selected group of church members.

The manual will be published in four parts when completed: I. The Church. II. Lay Development. III. Seventh Day Baptist. IV. The World Mission.

A reorganized committee takes over the duties of publication at this time of the year. The new chairman of the Publications Committee is S. Kenneth Davis. He has been devoting his primary endeavor this year toward the revision of the business end of the Sabbath Visitor.

Any suggestions regarding the publications of the Board of Christian Education may be sent to him — Box 475, Alfred, New York.

Pre-Con Retreat Arrangements

A letter from the Southwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptists tells of the arrangements made for the convenience of our Pre-Con Retreats for youth and young adults. Both retreats will be held on one campus — John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Probable dates are August 10-14, 1960.

The retreats will be entirely separate except for eating and swimming. Separate times for swimming can probably be arranged.

There is copious space for meetings and activities. All “retreaters” are asked to bring bed linens, and a pillow if one is desired, as the beds are provided with mattresses only.

Now is the time to make plans for attending Pre-Con. We wonder which SDBYP and which Young Adult organization will have the largest representation.

Watch for further notices.

Lesson Annuale
Our office has two “International Lesson Annuale” for 1960 which can be had for $2.60 a copy. These annuals contain helps for study of the Uniform Lessons of the Sabbath School. Many adult classes buy at least one to use for further reference in lessons study. It makes a nice, helpful gift for your teacher.

Filmstrip for Parents

The Radio and Film Commission for the Methodist Church has just released a new filmstrip for parents called “Next Steps in Religion.” It is designed especially for teaching religion in the home where there are young persons of six, seven, and eight years. However, the principles involved will be of interest to other parents. A leader’s guide accompanies the filmstrip, suggesting questions for discussion and additional resources. The filmstrip is available for purchase only ($10 including record).

A Pastoral Prayer
By Clifford Beebe

Our dear Lord and our Master, we come before Thee on this Sabbath morning to worship Thee, to praise Thy name, to listen to the preaching of Thy Word, and to draw into our hearts a greater portion of Thy Word. Help us as we are met here that we may receive Thy Word and hide it in our hearts that it may go out from us to the world around us to those who do not know Thy Word or those who are heedless of it. Because we have known Thy Word we have hidden it in our hearts that we may so bring it forth to the world that others may have a desire to know Thee and to know Thy way.

We thank Thee, Lord, for this church which stands here as a light in this community to Thy name and to Thy Word and for the churches of this Southland and for the lives of those who bring Thy message and the hearts of those who hear in order that Thy Word and Thy Gospel may be carried into all the world and Thy cause be built up and Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Given on Sabbath morning at the Southwestern Association.

Appell for Blankets

American churchgoers will be asked to contribute ten pounds of used clothing and blankets for overseas relief during 1960 (twice the 1959 amount) — and are urged to begin with an emergency gift of one million blankets for refugees and disaster victims literally freezing to death this winter. This appeal comes after a 2½ month inspection trip of the Middle East and Asia by Dr. A. Russel Stevenson, director of the Overseas Program of CWS.

Correct: Libraries and readers who sometimes depend on annual indexes should take notice of a numbering error in the last three issues. The last half of 1959 was Volume 167 and the first issue of this year should have been 168. Other numbers were correct. Sorry!
Who is to judge whether the recently invoked Sunday-closing laws in several states are fair and constitutional? Naturally, we should look to the courts rather than to interviewer-interviewee sessions "for the imposition of this type of regulation. Our high tribunals in the states involved will be expected to judge each case on its legal merits, taking into consideration the wording of the legislation and its fairness to all the citizens.

In Rhode Island the general attitude toward the enforcement of Sunday laws appears to be vastly different from the attitude in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. South Providence, R. I., became the subject of a national news item when the state police a few weeks ago raided and closed 13 stores that were open on Sunday and that day. (Permits, at a nominal fee, are required by laws dating back about 60 years.) The reaction of the public, including police chiefs, chambers of commerce, and public officials, seems to have been strongly critical both of the methods used and of the Sunday sales restrictions in general. Newspaper articles have been appearing almost daily telling the story of developments in nearby cities. Among the interesting items publicized was that the old laws specified that permits for doing business on Sunday were not required of Sabbatarians or people of the Jewish faith.

Interesting as is the public reaction to Sunday laws it has little bearing on the question of whether or not such laws are fair and constitutional. Public opinion, or the so-called "public opinion," is not to be trusted as a basis for legislation. The public has little concern or interest in sabbath keeping or sabbath breaking. Whether or not there is any merit in this last argument of the Providence Visitor is of little importance. Public opinion, on reflection, fairly bristles with the disquieting implication that minorities do not matter and that Sabbatarians should be silenced for calling attention to the religious liberty issue. We are reminded of the Biblical case of Ahab who accosted Elijah with, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" The prophet, disregarding his position of being in the minority, boldly replied, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father." The editor in this instance seems to have forsaken the commandments of the Lord . . . It is not a question of majority practice but of moral principle. When the advancement of a church steeped in tradition comes in conflict with moral principles, some must have the courage to put aside the persuasiveness of the majority and to stand for the truth above conformity to the dictates of the church.

An East Germany Problem

A controversy has developed in East Germany which may keep Bishop Otto Dibelius from serving a large East Berlin church. He resides in West Berlin and is chairman of the Evangelical Church in Germany. He is in disagreement with which Bishop Lilje took issue, that the passage in Romans 13 dealing with authoritarians, if not troubled by the matter, cannot be applied without reservation to the present situation. In his view with the interpretation that to St. Paul the criterion of authority is justice and righteousness, which do not form the basis of totalitarianism. Dibelius later amplified his views drawing a distinction between obeying the state's "outer order" and being involved in its political system, from which, he said, the Christian must remain spiritually aloof.
MISSIONS — See Everett T. Herro
Barbara Bivins
Letters from Nyroscia
(Parts of letter received from Miss Bivins, written December 18, 1959.)

It seems impossible that two months ago we were just getting ready to meet that big plane in New York. I now know with all certainty that one means by "mixed emotions" to be going to God's place of service for me, but even so the final good-byes to the friends and family gathered there were a bit "weepy"! Now just two months from that day I sit here, still amazed and thankful. God does work in wonderful ways to accomplish His plan. I only hope that I will be worthy of the position for which He has sought me.

Work here is beginning to seem less strange. The patients are beginning to accept us "new folks" more readily. My favorites, the children, hardly ever run any more. In fact they creep as close as they dare and wait for me to jump and chase them. I am not very dignified of me but the children enjoy it and the other mission workers don't seem to mind.

I have a young boy with typhoid fever. The first day I saw him I was heart-sick. He seemed so weak and delirious. His first day was awful lot with the fever. The first day he has seemed' so weak and delirious. He has improved greatly and his consciousness. I trust that -they will continue to improve. The children, particularly the boys explained the situation to the mother and told her that God was good to spare her little one.

As I walked up the hill through the African night back to my rooms my tears were much happier as I returned because the baby still lived. There in the bright moon and starlight, as I walked, I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving that God had brought me at last to this lovely land, that I might aid in His harvest.

Revival Service at Walker, L.a.
At the request of the Walker Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship by the Assistant of the Missionary Board, Pastor Mynor Soper traveled from North Loop, Neb., to Walker, La., and assisted Pastor Theodore Hibbard in special revival services with the Walker Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship beginning December 9.

Pastor Hibbard has written, "Pastor Soper presented very fine messages and was well received here. ... We feel that his trip here was very worth while."

While in the area, Pastor Soper visited the Hammond Seventh Day Baptist Church where he had been called to serve as pastor of that church and as shepherding pastor of the area. He has regretfully declined the call.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Sarah and I — well — we are "adjusting." Really though, I am surprised at the way things are. I expected hardship galore — but find that the "hurting" conditions are much more pleasurable than I had anticipated. Of course here we are privileged to adjust in a Christian environment. At home such is often not the case when we take a new job.

Oh! Let me tell you what happened to me the other night. I was called at about 3:00 a.m. to see a baby who had "died." As I reached the Annex a cry greeted my ears. The baby had had a cold and had been having labored respiration. After treatment he had improved. During sleep he was breathing quietly and easily. His mother interpreted the lack of audible respiration as death. I stayed for a while to make sure that he was all right. One of the boys explained the situation to the mother and told her that God was good to spare her little one.

Consideration was given to changing the name of Press Relations to a title more generally acceptable to all media, such as Office of Public Information or Public Relations of Seventh Day Baptist World Mission. So that this very important phase of our work can be carried on even more effectively. All churches, groups, and organizational denominations are urged to maintain constant communications with this office to continue to increase our public witness through all news channels.

The tentative budget for 1960-61 was developed and the Commission expresses sincere appreciation to the boards and agencies that submitted their budgetary requirements for this purpose. The possibilities for service reflected in these proposals far exceed our present capabilities. This indicates a need for the enlargement of our vision and a growing sense of stewardship.

The various closing dates of the budget years of the boards create confusion in the building of our World Mission budget. Therefore, it is requested that a supplementary statement giving budget figures for the actual Conference year involved be submitted to the Commission for use in preparing the budget for that year.

The raising of our World Mission funds has been and continues to be one of the major tasks confronting our Conference. However, it is increasingly apparent that "full converts" of the world mission requires trained, competent, and dedicated workers. Commission noted this urgent need and calls on our churches and all our agencies to emphasize recruitment for all church-related vocations.

Reports of the Ministerial Training Committee and the special committee of the Board of Christian Education were received. Activities of the committee, the Board of Christian Education, and the staff of the School of Theology were noted with interest, and a report is being prepared to forward a solution of the problems confronting us in ministerial training is encouraging.

Reports submitted by standing Conference committees were read and discussed.

The job analysis of the executive secretary of General Conference was considered and a number were made. Copies of the revised analysis are available from the executive secretary's office. Because of the necessity for securing a new executive secretary, Commission spent much time in considering desirable qualifications and possible candidates for this position.

Seventh Day Baptist influence in our colleges is diminishing as these institutions progress. In order to strengthen our ties with these schools financial support must be given through denominational agencies, student recruitment among our people must be increased, and more Seventh Day Baptist leadership must be forthcoming.

The statement of belief of Seventh Day Baptists is conceived to be an expression of the views actually held by our people. Commission recognizes the interest and concern of our people in their statement. We urge prayerful study by individuals and groups and to this end, the spring quarter of the Helping Hand which is being especially prepared for this purpose. We concur with the attitude ex-
Joy of Witnessing
By Katherine Davis

It is God's desire that His children should be rejoicing in Him and useful in His hands. John 15: 11 tells us, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." All Christians have eternal life but all Christians have not been translated into the everlasting life. There can be relationship without fellowship, union without communion, life without health, enjoyment. One may war and not win, serve and yet not triumph. The difference throughout is the difference between eternal life and abounding life. Abounding life is fullness of life in Christ, made possible by His death and resurrection and made actual by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

We find in Romans 14: 17, "The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." And joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Galatians 5: 22, 23.

The Psalmist speaks of different degrees of joy: "Restore unto me the joy of salvation" (Ps. 51: 12); "Unto God, my exceeding joy" (Ps. 43: 4); "In Thy presence is fulness of joy" (Ps. 16: 11). And 1 Peter 4: 13 admonishes, "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." I Peter 4: 13.

There may be some point not yet yielded to God in our life as a disciple which may break communion and take away joy. Or there may be a lack of faith to dim our joy. The remembrance of sin is the thing that makes us quiet before the Lord in prayer and in reading the Word of God: "For faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." (Rom. 10: 17). It may not take a great deal of Scripture, for one verse read slowly and prayerfully, and appropriated by faith is enough to restore the joy of salvation, such as, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Cor. 12: 9), or "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13: 5). I have heard it said of the calling of missionaries, "It is not so much a voice as a verse." I John 5: 10, "He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself." John 14: 25. And in this witness of these things, and so is also the Holy Spirit, whom God hath given to them that believe." So as we are yielded to God and are obedient, and as the Holy Spirit fills us and bears fruit, the fruit of joy, we witness by our actions, our conversation, meeting of everyday problems, sharing with others, serving in the church. Then our privileges become enjoyment.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

New Fellowship at Houston

The Seventh Day Baptist outreach in the Southwest continued with the organizational meeting at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. The meeting was held on December 23, 1960. There were 32 members present, representing 11 churches. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. and the class was opened with an invocation by Elder John A. Miller. The missionary report was given by Elder W. D. Stillman, secretary of the missionary department. The report included news of the work in Mexico and the Caribbean area. The report was approved by the class. The secretary was requested to keep the class informed of the work at all times.

The treasurer's report was given by Elder W. D. Stillman, treasurer, and it was received with thanks. The secretary was requested to keep the class informed of the financial status of the church at all times.

The class was then turned over to Elder W. D. Stillman, president, for the business meeting. The following business was transacted:

1. To organize a new fellowship in the Southwest area.
2. To elect Elders W. D. Stillman, president, and Elder W. D. Stillman, treasurer, to serve on the executive committee.
3. To establish a fundraising campaign to support the work of the mission in Mexico.
4. To appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a mission in the Caribbean area.

The class adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Mrs. George S. Stillman

New York Bible Society

150th Anniversary

The great city of New York claims the interest and fascination of the nation and the world. It stands as the world's greatest symbol of business and wealth. No place on earth so well earns the designation of "melting pot." Here nationalities and races meet and mingle in greater numbers than anywhere else in the world. In serving the millions who need such service the New York Bible Society has piled up a great record of Bible distribution in its 150 years of activity within the city.

Organized in 1809 when "Little Old New York" was the home of 95,000 people living on the southern tip of Manhattan, the Bible Society has continuously ministered to the immigrants and others who have come to swell the population to its present size which is 100 times greater in area and 86 times larger in population. The anniversary booklet, replete with historical pictures, tells the story of the years and highlights of the present work of the Society and its tremendous opportunities. It should be in the possession of every person and mission and should be a part of every collection of historical and bibliographical materials. The work of the Bible Society is that of the world, and the mission and service will differ much from the great American Bible Society which is also located in New York and to which most churches make contributions.

The New York Bible Society began its Scripture distribution ministry to immigrants just 13 years after its founding date, and as early as 1836 began giving Bibles to seamen on board ships in the forests of mast, along South Street. Its hotel ministry began that same year. It claims to be the only agency responsible for hotel distribution in a city that today is a metropolis of hotels. Representatives of the Society in the peak immigration year of 1906 were on Ellis Island to hand out Scriptures, often in their own language, to thousands of immigrants. Since 1906 the Society has handed out Scriptures in 190 languages to millions of people in the city.

Now the city includes the largest Negro community in the world (half a million), about the same number of Puerto Ricans, most of whom have come in the last ten years, and the largest Jewish population in the world (2 million). The Society employs representatives to work with these people, men who claim amazing results in their personal work.
Those who visit New York should have the "Bible view" of the city as represented by these words:

"Here are many different 'worlds' — the world of the seaman aloof on his ship, of the foreign-born isolated by language and customs, of the hospitalized shut in to four walls, of the hotel guest in his lonely room, of the white-collar worker anonymous as a cog in the machine of big business, of the blind in their sightless-ness, and of the spiritually needy of many kinds. For each of these the New York Bible Society carries the responsibility of supplying the Word of God, with its dynamic potential of 'grace to help in time of need.'"

The thrilling story may be summed up in this paragraph also taken from the anniversary booklet:

"The strategic value of the work of the Society cannot be measured by the 1,050,000 copies of the Scriptures in over 70 languages that were distributed last year — nor even by the total of 41,145,620 Scriptures distributed over its long history. Its concern for the spiritual welfare of Greater New York will not be revealed this side of eternity."

**Extended Faith**

By J. W. Mellick

"Sir, come down ere my child die!" These were the frantic words of a Capernaum nobleman as he made his plea that Jesus come to his house and heal his son who lay at the point of death (John 4: 46-54). This nobleman's faith was limited, however. It demanded that Jesus be at the bedside for the healing. It extended no further. He insisted that Jesus must "come down" with him to Capernaum. Jesus mildly rebuked him for his unbelief. He then said, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." The father extended his faith upon this promise and went his way alone. Approaching home, he heard the glad news of his son's recovery. Upon comparing notes, he found that the healing took place at the exact hour that Christ spoke the words that sent him on his way believing. The third addition of his extended and growing faith is seen in verse 53 when he read, "... and himself believed, and his whole house." He had first faith to come from Capernaum to seek Christ and then had that faith extended that he might return to Capernaum without Christ but with His promise. Even to this second stage of faith was added the third stage as he and his whole house believed upon seeing the evidence.

Christ will come again and at that time great things will be done. Do we, like the nobleman, insist that it is only when He comes that anything can be done? Perhaps, while He tarries, we should hear Him say, "Go thy way." Jesus Christ, in power, went ahead of this man. So we must believe that Jesus Christ, from heaven, will go ahead of us as we go our way in faith believing. As He tarries, He expects us to believe Him, even now for great things!

"Thy daughter is dead; why troublest thou me any further?" These are the words spoken by the sad-faced servants of Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, who had come seeking Jesus' help. He had faith to seek in the sickbed of the one he loved. He was now coming to Jesus in behalf of his only daughter and was now taking Jesus to the sickbed. These words, however, bring him shocking realization — it is now a deathbed toward which they are headed. There is no faith for that! Why should he "trouble the Master any further?" But Jesus said, "Be of good cheer; the sickle is not yet ready for a deathbed, no! The unbelief of his servants was of no help to Jairus, and he was at the point of parting company with Christ to go to his own home alone, leaving 'the Master' behind. "Trouble not the Master, they said, but the Master, extended; more."

Therefore, where Jairus' faith had ended, Jesus hastened to give him ground for "extended faith." Into that dark, fearful void of unbelief, Jesus cast the light of these words: "Be not afraid, only believe!" This, Jairus did, and we know the happy ending of his "extended faith!"

Sometimes we are prone to listen to discouraging voices that denounce a case as "hopeless" and "beyond help." We are ready to quit praying. Faith begins to fade and fearful doubt takes a step toward the throne of our heart. Let us hear His voice again: "Be not afraid, only believe!" Let faith be revived, strengthened, and extended; and thus allow Him to go on with us to greater things!

How many things and situations have been written off as being "impossible." We ceased to pray, because our faith was too short and we thus limited the Lord who was ready and able had we but extended our faith and believed for greater things! In Mark 9:23, Jesus said to a sad father, "Believe and all things are possible to him that believeth." Whereupon the father cried, "Lord, I believe: help thou mine unbelief!" So might we well cry.

"Lord, by this time be stinketh! These are words of unbelief! Martha plays the role of an believer! Her faith had sent for Jesus to hasten with His healing power and she might even have had faith for a resurrection had not four days elapsed! But the four days could not be spanned! There was a stone of unbelief at the door of Martha's heart. True, she had faith concerning "the resurrection at the last day." The disciples, however, were not party to this. It is here that Jesus gives emphasis to His present power, "I am the resurrection, and the life." Following Martha's vehement protest against opening the grave, Jesus reminded her, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"

Martha's faith was extended; the void of doubt was filled and her beloved brother came forth! How many "Lazaruses" are still in their graves because of that hinderer Christ through their unbelief! If Martha had not believed — if her faith had not been extended — Lazarus would have remained in the grave. Christ's power could not have been exercised; the faith of the apostles would not have been strengthened and extended, nor would there have been the great testimony to the populace of that area as to the great power of Christ.

Beware lest our faith darkens to doubt when Jesus tarries" in answering our urgent request and our "Lazarus" seemingly goes beyond Christ's power. Let us first roll away the stone of unbelief from our hearts.

Let us make the powerful Christ of yesterday, whom we expect to do great things in the "tomorrow" of the coming age — let us by our "extended faith" expect great things from Him for today also.

**A Picture Prayer**

One out of 16 American babies, born with malformations, need more than a mother's love; they need the help that can come from the annual March of Dimes.

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**"Human Dead Sea"**

We who have only small problems of overcrowding in a few areas can scarcely comprehend the situation in oriental lands where the population fills almost the whole expanse of territory like ants in an anthill with no place to sally forth for food. India is one such place. In the city of Calcutta there are now 3,000,000 refugees. The problem goes back to the partition of Pakistan ten years ago but is growing steadily worse. Both the UN and church relief agencies are giving special consideration to Calcutta in this World Refugee Year.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

for January 25, 1960

The Gospel Changes Lives

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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School and college-age young people at a dinner party. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Denison Barber (Eunice Masson), Ruth Cooper, Howard Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stuart, and Jean, Laura, and Philip Cushman.

At the beginning of the new year we look back, evaluating the events of the year. We see that we have not accomplished all that we had hoped to as regards establishing increased membership, and a broader youth program, but we have, nevertheless, grown — not so much in numbers, but spiritually. Our main problem is that so many of our members come from a distance — some as far away as Poughkeepsie and Highland, New York. In spite of this problem we are progressing conclusively under the leadership of Pastor Masson and the spirit of cooperation found in the congregation.

We praise the Lord for keeping our membership intact this year and for the many blessings we have received from His hand.

— Correspondent

MILTON, WIS. — On the night after the Sabbath, December 19, the Euthenas Class of the Sabbath School held a caroling party. The group met for a rehearsal at the Theron Ochs' home in Milton Junction early in the cool air and the conducive weather aided the large group on its venture. The homes were scattered in various parts of the two villages, so the singers were counseled to use a warm school bus driven by the owner, Walter Sayre, a member of the class.

Singing for shut-ins or older people, also singing into the home for the warming experience for the carolers as they saw the pleasure brought to the listeners. After singing at a dozen places, the group returned to the Ochs' home where others were waiting. Here fellowship and visiting were enjoyed over a cup of coffee with Christmas cookies. Approximately forty people had done part in the evening of sharing the Christmas spirit.

Word has come to the class of the worthwhileness of the singing. The group gathered in the rooms of one home where the renter was a woman cares for her invalid sister. They are neighbors of a couple who are members of the class. After the carolers left, the invalid was silent for a while, and then said, "That's the nicest thing that ever happened to me."

Marjorie J. Burdick.

We hear about youth who seldom go to church and who are not dedicated to the Capital Teen Convention in our issue of December 28.

This greatest Youth for Christ Rally of teenagers must have been a success judging to the editor of the Washington paper. When some of the young attendees were questioned by staff writer George Wilson, he described their answers as a reflection of the Savior's cause. The executive director of Youth for Christ of Greater Washington said he was awed by the eloquence of the youngest. Here is what a few of them are reported to have said:

Sandra Shiskin, 17, president of the Calvin Coolidge High School Club, said the convention was a refreshing experience for born-again young people all over the country to have wonderful Christian fellowship. -

Lana Shirley, 19, said the convention "shows the world what God can do with teenagers' lives."

Peggy Lootens, 16, expressed the purpose of the gathering of 10,000, "To show the world how important Christ can be in a person's life."

The police on duty at the armory described the behavior of the young people as excellent. The president of Youth for Christ International told reporters that there had not been one discipline problem since the convention began.

This youth news is different from what we hear about youth who seldom go to church and who are not dedicated to the Savior's cause.

In conducting a survey on the church planning situation, the National Association of Evangelicals' Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension reached this conclusion: The local pastor is the key man in Church Extension. Response to a questionnaire concerning procedures followed in establishing increased membership, and a broader youth program, but we have, nevertheless, grown — not so much in numbers, but spiritually. Our main problem is that so many of our members come from a distance — some as far away as Poughkeepsie and Highland, New York. In spite of this problem we are progressing conclusively under the leadership of Pastor Masson and the spirit of cooperation found in the congregation.

We praise the Lord for keeping our membership intact this year and for the many blessings we have received from His hand.

— Correspondent

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. — The annual business meeting was held Sabbath afternoon, December 26, following a fellowship dinner. Officers were elected and other business transacted. Several projects and goals were reported completed or in progress, and others proposed.

We intend that people will know that we sing and appreciate the into the city on State Street, Highway No. 5, from Albany, look for our directional signs just inside the city limits. If you come past at night, you will see the church and bulletin board floodlighted. We are installing a sound system to broadcast chime records out over the air. Our church announcement is on the Hotel Church Directory at the YMCA, two hotels, and two motels in the city. During the Christmas season we run a series of message-type advertisements in the two daily papers. Tract distribution is carried on quite intensively by the members and monthly bulletins, tracts, and special-issue Recorders are mailed to a contact list.

Monthly services are held at Gallupville, twenty-five miles from here, on Sabbath afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burns, who have a nursing home. We are considering a monthly service at the Capital Teen Convention in our issue of December 28.

Our newest project is trying to reach the homes of the community by means of a Bible Club for the boys and girls. This is under the supervision of the local representative of the Bible Clubs Movement of Philadelphia, who is assisting us. Though the attendance is small, we have made contact on one home where it is our hope to be some interest.

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Berlin, N. Y. — It was our privilege on November 28, the Sabbath after Thanksgiving, to have missionaries David and Betty Pearson with us. Mr. Pearson preached at the morning service and later showed slides of Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland. Their visit was much enjoyed. We were all charmed by little Debby Pearson.

The Christmas season has once again filled our hearts, and brought us all a little closer in a renewed bond of friendship. This was heightened by our annual Christmas program which was attended by a much larger number of both young and old, some from considerable distances.

The program was opened by Jon Cushman with a poem of welcome, followed by pieces by Wesley Greene and Sandra Ellis. The choir, under the direction of Paul Cushman, sang several Christmas songs. After Pastor Masson showed us slides, presents were given to the children.

On December 26, Pastor and Mrs. Masson entertained at their home the high
Marriages

Cott - Spaine. - At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, December 19, 1959, Richard L. Cott, Almond, N. Y., son of Worth L. and Margaret Moore Cott, and Mary C. Spaine, Alfred Station, N. Y., daughter of Thomas and Eva Jacox Spaine, were united in marriage, the groom's pastor, Rev. Arthur C. Guild, and the bride's pastor, Rev. Harley S. Warren, officiating.

Hendrix - Roberts. - George Harrison Hendrix and Mrs. Lola Roberts, both of Denver, Colo., were married the evening of December 30, 1959, in the Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church, by Pastor Emeritus Erlo E. Sutton, D.D., in the presence of members of both families, children, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters.

Nagel - Bihlbar. - John Bert Nagel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Nagel of Angie, La., and Beatrice Pearl Bihlbar, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore J. Bihlbar of Walker, La., were united in marriage in the First Presbyterian Church in Hammond on November 12, 1959, the bride's father officiating.

Deaths

Brown. - A daughter, Deborah Kay, to Kenneth and Ethel Bee Brown of Salem, W. Va., on October 30, 1959.

Burdick. - A son, Jeffery Wilson, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burdick of De Ruiter, N. Y., on December 5, 1959.

Meldrim. - A daughter, Julia Esther, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meldrim of De Ruiter, N. Y., on December 5, 1959.

Ross. - A daughter, Edith Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ross of Pomonca, Calif., on December 9, 1959.

Williams. - A daughter, Lesa Felene, to John and Budala Davis Williams of Foliansbee, W. Va., on November 28, 1959.

Obituaries

Missoula. - Hattie Pierce Lane, daughter of Harrison and Sarah Esther Pierce, was born at Dodge Center, Minn., May 29, 1877, and died in Porter Sanitarium, Denver, Colo., December 24, 1959.

The family settled in North Loup, Neb., when she was a child, and there she grew to womanhood and was married to William Hascall Lane at Ord, Neb., March 8, 1899. They went to Cherokee, Okla., in 1902, but went back to Nebraska by covered wagon in 1912, and settled on a homestead in the Wild Horse community north of Bayard. They later lived in Gering and Scottsbluff, that state.

Two children and the husband preceded her in death. Four sons and two daughters survive: W. L. Lane, Lander, Wyo.; Everett, Erlo, and Fred, of Scottsbluff; Mrs. N. E. (Rue) Collett, Bakersfield, Calif., and Mrs. E. T. (Ruth) Sobcock, Santa, Calif.

Mrs. Lane was married to Deacon Lyle E. Blaxson of Englewood, Colo., Aug. 9, 1913, who survives with his children, to whom she was a beloved "aunt" - stepmother. There are also twenty grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by Pastor Emeritus Erlo E. Sutton of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, in the Olinger Mortuary, Englewood, Colo., with interment later at Scottsbluff, Neb.

E.B.S.

Zwiebel. - Mrs. Altha Hughes, daughter of Matilda Lippincott and William Van Horn Hughes, was born Jan. 22, 1899, at Jackson Center, Ohio, and died at the same place following an illness of several weeks on Oct. 29, 1959.

She was a life-long member of the local Seventh Day Baptist Church of which she was clerk at the time of her death. On Jan. 12, 1913, she was married to George M. Zwiebel; two of their sons are now in the ministry. Mrs. Zwiebel had been a widow since 1946.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Nadine Horvath, Mrs. Phyllis Judy, and Mrs. Sandee Mitchell; three sons: Carl, Ken, and Doyle; 13 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were held in the Van Horn Funeral Home and were conducted by the Rev. Clifford W. F. Hansen of Salem, W. Va.

Accessions

Plainfield, N. J.

By Baptism: Miss Laura Galindez

By Testimony: Mrs. Mary Cecere, Rubin E. Simons

The Sabbath Recorder

U.S. Forest Service

The Village Church, a Stabilizing Force

Sheltered by surrounding hills lies many a New England village built by our fathers in days long gone. Those builders, looking to the present and future welfare of their community, dedicated ground for a village church and sacrificed to rear up a house of God with a gleaming white steeple pointing heavenward. In such churches lives were shaped and leaders reared up. Ours is the continuing task of stabilizing our communities by supporting our churches in such a way that our posterity recognizes that Christian faith surges strong in our lives.