nounced. So while the seats were out we "jumped off the deep end" and took on a complete face-lifting job. Through the unifying efforts of the men of the church working days and many nights, this has been done and new siding has been put on. Work on this and the waxing of floors and fixing of storm windows was contributed by men outside of our church, for which we are most grateful.

This work was completed so we were able to hold services June 18, the last Sabbath before our pastor and family left for his summer school stretch in Illinois.

We used our new hymnals for the first time at this service. These were much needed but we had been reluctant in ordering when there were so many other expenses. However, "nothing ventured, nothing gained" proved so true. We have the books all paid for by individuals in and outside of our church either in memory of loved ones or as outright gifts.

By the time you read this I can safely say that all this is already paid for and we hope another project is in the offing.

I recently heard Dr. Peale say in a radio sermon that "Hope is used in the Bible 120 times. We are nothing without Hope. Instead of saying "While there's life, there's Hope" we should say, "While there's Hope, there's life."

Many of the readers of this Sabbath Recorder can recall the work done by our fathers and grandfathers for this very church. How? "Rejoicing in Hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in Prayer." - Elsie L. Croop, Secretary.

Western Association Fall Meeting

The semiannual meeting of the Western Association will be held with the Richburg, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church Sabbath morning and afternoon, October 29. S. Kenneth Davis, assistant pastor of the Alfred church will speak at the 10:30 worship service. Details of the afternoon service at 1:30 are yet to be announced.

An Association-wide meeting for adults will be held at Alfred on Sabbath eve preceding the Richburg services. Our information source speaks of the probability of a youth meeting at Camp Harley at the same time.

Marriages

Wood - Cranmore. — Samuel Wood and Ruth Cranmore, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage May 7, 1960, in the Seventh Day Baptist church by the groom's pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis - Johnson. — Owen Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davis of Battle Creek, Mich., and Ruth Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ellis C. Johnson of Battle Creek, were united in marriage by their pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis on June 19, 1960, in the Seventh Day Baptist church. (Owen is presently in the Armed Forces serving his country.)

Obituaries

Sutton. — Bertha A., daughter of Augustus A. and Lucinda Maxson Davis, was born July 11, 1873, at Jackson Center, Ohio, and died April 22, 1960, at Battle Creek, Mich.

On June 1, 1899, she was united in marriage with Charles W. Sutton by the Rev. A. G. Crofoot. In 1919 they came to Battle Creek where they made their home. In her early years, Mrs. Sutton was a private music teacher and later was employed for twelve years at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. At an early age, she became a Christian and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church. While unable to attend church in later years due to ill health, she supported it with her money and prayers and looked forward each Sabbath to hearing a recording of the service. She found inspiration and strength for her daily life by reading the Bible.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, two brothers, and two sisters. Aside from her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Georgia D. Arnold of Plainwell, Mich.; a son, Charles F. of Springfield, Ill.; two cousins, Huffman Simpson of Alfred, N. Y., and Arthur Davis of Marathon, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted October 3 by Pastor Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

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A MAN WHO WAS WILLING TO STAND ALONE

Later generations pedestal on stone those pioneers of faith who in their day were willing to stand alone. Martin Luther was such a man, credited with starting the Protestant Reformation 443 years ago. Feeling that he belongs to the Protestant Church as a whole, the photographer sought an angle that cast his figure against the heavens to which his face is lifted rather than forcing it into the shadows of the Lutheran Church in Washington, D. C., before which this imposing monument stands.
God’s Word into English

Many thoughtful students of the Bible who have not had the opportunity of becoming familiar with great part by
languages of the Bible (Hebrew and Greek) have felt pretty much at a disadvantage in evaluating the various modern versions
which promises to be discontinued
never.

This wish has now come true in the
1960 book by Dewey M. Beegle, associate
professor of Hebrew and Old Testament
at the Bible Presbyterian Seminary in
Newport, Kentucky.

Dr. Beegle by denomination is a Free
Methodist. His 178-page book published
by Harper & Brothers ($3.50) is deep
enough to stimulate theologically trained
readers and simple enough to be very
helpful to those who are not. It gives
convincing answers to such common
and important questions as these:

Why do we have new translations?
Why do translations differ?
What makes some versions better than others?

How do scholars decide on translating
doubtful passages?

How do ancient documents help?

What should we look for when buying
a modern version of the Bible?

Your editor feels that it is one of the
most satisfying books of this type that has
come to his attention. One of its
values is that it is strictly up to date and
that it carefully evaluates the contribution
that important recent archaeological
discoveries make to clearing up doubtful
passages that have long troubled Bible
translators and interpreters.

At the conclusion of the author’s chap­
ter on the New Testament text, he comments on what Dr. Hort
said years ago about the “Received Text” (the Greek
from which the King James Version was
translated). Dr. Hort wrote these re­
assuring words:

The proportion of words virtually accepted on
the Received Text as revised above doubt is very
great; not less, on a rough computation, than
seven-eighths of the whole.

The remaining eighth part of the New Testament
contains the whole area of criticism. Amid
claims and counterclaims as to the
number of errors or archaisms in the King
James Version, and the need for new trans­
lations, they seemed inclined in part to see
that someone would write about the problems
in words that they could understand and
from a point of view that was manifestly unbiased and trustworthy.

The editor is glad to add his humble
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five, possibly six, per cent of the whole New Testament.

The present author adds:

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Many of the translator’s problems in
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Hebrew texts that are about 1,000 years
older than what was before available.

The author points out in easy-to-under­
stand language a number of cases where
we can now understand better what the
original writers meant.

Much of the questionable guesswork of
the translator has been removed. He tells
what standards were used in why in some
of the modern translations. The net
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without serious deficit because personnel was not available to initiate the planned-for work as soon as anticipated, and a few were on hand. Our board, which saw that it had not used the full amount of its budget, contributed the surplus early enough to help the other agencies.

As pointed out by the Conference president in a recent widely-read article, we must focus our attention now on the future through the channels. On of these, if any of us had pledges that we failed to fulfill may we want to square ourselves, but in general we must start supporting loyalty and consistently the outreach work of our denomination. Many of us feel that there is a new or renewed loyalty to the cause of Christ beginning to show among us. If we are right in this feeling it will show in our giving. It needs to show in that area, for our good achievement during September is not good enough for October, November, and the months to come. Our 1960-61 OWM plans call for better stewardship—much better.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Catholic Church Gets More Space

It is not strange that the Roman Catholic Church is expanding—particularly at a time when there is so much speculation as to the possible benefits the church might expect if one of its members is elected to the presidency. It might be considered strange, however, that a paper like the Wall Street Journal should give its staff reporter in Rome, Ray Vicker, five full columns in the edition of Thursday, October 6, to describe how the Roman Church manages its vast religious, social, and diplomatic complex. The writer in his last column and a half discusses such subjects as how the church decides on a course of action and the probability that there would be no conflict of obligations between church and state if a Catholic held the highest office of the land.

Mr. Vicker's opening paragraph describes the church in accurate terms that would make one wonder if its power would always be used according to the goal claimed by one churchman later in the article.

"From the standpoint of Wall Street, I suppose the Church's finances are in a mess. But our goal isn't to grow rich; it is to save souls."

The opening paragraph referred to follows:

"VATICAN CITY — A spiritual force shepherding the consciences of about 528 million people, or more than 18 per cent of the world's population. A government having diplomatic relations with 52 countries. A social force operating over 190,000 schools and welfare institutions. An economic entity with world-wide interests."

"This only partly describes the Roman Catholic Church."

Planning Committee

Advance planning is necessary in the Lord's work just as in any other work. The three board secretaries, the president of the Women's Board, and the executive secretary of General Conference, constituting the denominational Planning Committee, chose Alfred, N. Y., as the place for their fall meeting October 17 and 18. A story of that meeting will be printed in an early issue of the Recorder. It followed by two weeks the Washington, D. C., meeting of the Baptist Jubilee Advance committee meeting which was attended by two of the secretaries. Our denominational Advance program for the next three years is somewhat similar to that which the other Baptist conferences of North America are working out together and publicizing separately.

A Baptist pastor has remarked, "Too many Baptists who sing 'Standing on the Promises' are in fact merely sitting on the promises."
not mean the Salem watershed. Man and nature combined have played havoc with virgin territory until it is impossible to be restored to the condition it once knew. Let us rather consider the spirit with which men like John Trask, Peter Mumford, and Jacob Davis, believing in the heritage which was theirs, charted courses which led where they might; the spirit with which homes were hewn out of the wilderness and God-loving families were reared; the spirit of open-mindedness and willingness to recognize and embrace the truth, wherever it might lead; the spirit of fair play, recognizing and respecting the heritage which was theirs, charted by pastors and laymen — "To Obey Him" — in pure living, in forgiving One Another, in Witnessing, in Fellowship, in Sabbathkeeping. "The conference secretary, a Chinjana translation of "Cleanse Me, O Lord," was well learned and enjoyed by the delegates.

Following early morning prayer service each day, there were two preaching services in the morning, one afternoon service, and one evening service. Our hospital staff entertained us Wednesday afternoon with humorous skits showing how patients receive thorough and effective care at our clinic.

Friday morning after a business session and report of yearly totals of tithes and offerings received from each individual church, our Mission Pastor Kawere spoke effectively on the subject, "To Obey Him — in Tithing and Stewardship." Perhaps more than expected, the highlights of Sabbath day brought the conference to a stirring climax. These highlights were the dedication of the new mission church and baptism.

New Church Dedicated

We gathered for the Sabbath morning worship service (July 16, 1960) for the first time in the new mission church building to open and dedicate it officially. Although the church is not yet complete, the time was best so that most of our people might participate. Seated on a few benches and mats on the floor (for there are as yet no pews), over 700 people gathered for this service. The bell occupied a place near the rostrum for all to see and to hear. Our Holland Seventh Day Baptist brethren kindly supplied this for us. Its inscription, in Chinjana, is from Hebrews 2:12, "In the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Behind the pulpit in an arched recess hangs our beautiful heart-shaped plaque upon which the Ten Commandments have been inscribed in Chinjana. One of our Northern Province pastors, Pastor Shadrack Mwamara, spent a month at the mission before conference, making this plaque and the lectern. The material is a local, light-colored hardwood, quite difficult to cut and to work, but yielding a choice grain pattern, and taking a high polish.

As Dr. Burdick pointed out in his sermon, the thought for the plaque comes from Jeremiah 31:33, reiterated in Hebrews 8:10, that under the New Covenant God writes His laws not upon stone, but upon the heart. But to use that thought for our plaque has an interesting story. One of our preachers, J. Comani, originated the idea, painting a heart with the Ten Commandments on the walls of the church he helped build near Balaka, Central Province. We borrowed the idea from him. Since then, unfortunately, that church building was lost to our people of Balaka when the owner of the land which it stands withdrew his membership to closed church building, because our people preached against his hooing tobacco.

Sabbath afternoon was another greater highlight. We followed out our Lord in baptism. Of these, 7 were school students, a living monument of our mission work, greater than a church building of brick and stone.

Our final conference program Sabbath night was our school commencement. As the students received, class by class, conference delegates were able to visualize the growth in learning of their children, and the importance of this phase of evangelism. Certificates were presented to each student. The program and conference closed with "God be with you 'til we meet again."

Social Security Deadline for Ministers Extended

An amendment to the Social Security Act extended until April 15, 1962, the time in which members of the clergy may elect voluntary coverage. When Congress enacted legislation in 1954 in which the clergy were given the first time, the original cut-off date was Sept. 15, 1957.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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The figurehead is one of many relics and restored buildings on display at Mystic. The forty-three points of interest extend from a Ropewalk to a Counting House. All were once bustling centers of activity, but have long since been supplanted by improved techniques and products. There is the adoreable Boardman School with its stiff desks and board seats and only half a map of the United States. Doin' at domicile rests the huge old whaling ship, the Charles W. Morgan, boasting on its deck a slatted prowl tucked beneath the carpenter's hatch—last home of a heavy, less pig and chicken. The Bringhurst Apothecary displays intriguing bottles of cure—huge old whaling ship, the Charles W. Morgan, boasting on its deck a slatted prowl tucked beneath the carpenter's hatch—last home of a heavy, less pig and chicken. The Bringhurst Apothecary displays intriguing bottles of cure-all; one guaranteed to end deafness within twenty-four hours. At the far side of the Apothecary hangs a long-tubed ear horn "to aid deafness."

Everything seems so quaint! In their day, of course, all these items served a purpose. Imagine my surprise when I entered the Aloha Meeting House and Navy Room and read these words: "This Building Was Originally Built For Seventh Day Baptists."

A Seventh Day Baptist church reclining among dust-gathering relics of the past which have outlasted their usefulness!! How did this happen?

Later investigation reveals a bit of information about this former Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church. The three Grenman brothers, George Clark, and Thomas, were the successful ship builders responsible for the thriving Mystician (or Greenmanville) community. Originally mentioned in the teardrop-shaped Seventh Day Baptist Church, the brothers transplanted their letters to the new Greenmanville Church in 1850. No one who visits the elegant, early-Victorian mansion built by Thomas Grenman can doubt that the brothers prospered.

Why did their church fail? Why, considering the fact that Seventh Day Baptists as a people, are outstandingly successful in their chosen fields of livelihood, has the denomination been steadily losing ground? Could worldly success breed spiritual weakness? Could it be that the normal need for recognition is sufficiently satisfied among most Seventh Day Baptists, that few need the really deep contacts with God that less successful people require? And in not seeking, could it be that there has been no receiving of spiritual springs deep and powerful enough to bubble over and touch the lives of non-Seventh Day Baptists? Or have Seventh Baptists always been enthusiastic missionaries in their own church? Diminishing numbers being no fault of Seventh Day Baptists but merely the result of hard-headed, cold-blooded out-and-out.

Whatever the messages of the past, if any, there is much to do now. My tour of Mystic Seaport took place in route home after attending, with relatives, the American Motors Automobile Show at Atlantic City, New Jersey. It had been a meeting bursting with success and enthusiastic plans for greater successes. Only a few years ago the company operated in the red. At that time company officials embarked upon a drive which was divided into four "campaigns," the first of course, being survival. American Motors won the battle for survival and climbed steeply upwards to the top to become one of the "Big Three" because of a superior product—the compact, reliable, durable Rambler—which has been widely advertised and enthusiastically demonstrated by the dealers.

Seventh Day Baptists, too, have a superior product—a compact, reliable, durable "Carriage" which has been widely advertised and enthusiastically demonstrated by the dealers.

Seventh Day Baptists believe that Jesus came into the world to show mankind how the Father wants his children to behave; that Christ died and lives again to empower believers with the spirit of love which makes "the love that" obedience that results in zealous living here and hereafter. This is a simple, easily understood message, whereas, other denominations have enlarged and changed the Gospel story.

What about reliability? One need only measure the Seventh Day Baptist doctrine of the Bible and try it out for oneself, to discover that it is reliable. There is no question, to date, about the durability of the doctrine. There is strong historical evidence that, despite centuries of persecution, there have always been Bible readers who have found for themselves, the simple, compact doctrine held by Seventh Day Baptists. Even today groups of Seventh Day Baptists continue to spring up spontaneously without the aid of a mother church!

American personnel realized that they must work harder than their competitors because, having reached rock bottom, it takes more energy to get started. To keep rolling. Is there a lesson for Seventh Day Baptists in this truth? Are Seventh Day Baptists willing to sacrifice more of time, talents, and money than members of other denominations?

A superior product is not enough. The public must be convinced that the Seventh Day Baptist church fulfills the needs better than any competing interpretation of the Bible—better than any non-Christian religion! Widespread, increased advertising is necessary. But won't the best advertisement proving a superior doctrine be enthusiastic, Chirstlike Seventh Day Baptists who, as "dealers," demonstrate how this product performs!

If every Seventh Day Baptist believes he has the best, and he cares enough about others to want to share this best with them, there is hope that the present number of Seventh Day Baptist churches and many new ones will continue to fulfill the ultimate, basic purpose—temples for the worship of God.
Teaching Primary Children

(This article was given as a Children’s Day talk by Mrs. Wm. Saunders, teacher in the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath School.)

Children of primary age are starting to ask such questions as “Why?” “Is it really true?” or “How could that be?”

There have been many times when they have questioned the parables, such as the “Good Samaritan,” saying “Did it really happen? The answer, of course, is “No. It’s a story Jesus told as an example of what a good neighbor is or should be!”

Then, someone will ask, “But it could happen, couldn’t it?” And, of course, it could.

Then you might ask the question, “Who is your neighbor?” and get an answer such as I did: “Everyone in the whole world!” Or you ask them: “For what purpose was olive oil used in the story of the Good Samaritan? Someone might say, ‘To use in the man’s sores.’” Then you ask: “Why don’t we use it today for medicine like they did in Bible times?” And the answer you get is, “Because we have doctors now.”

Sometimes their questions will even stump the teacher. This should make the teacher eager to look up the answer for her own benefit, as well as for the child’s.

Being a primary teacher puts you on a level with the children and gives you an opportunity to learn Bible verses and Bible stories right along with them. Jesus loved little children and said that except we are converted “and become as little children, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3).

I have felt blessed in working with these children, and I am continually learning with them. May we as teachers and parents have the humbleness of spirit, the simple faith, and the eagerness for learning which our children have.

A Book to Buy

The International Lesson Annual for 1961 may be purchased from the Board of Christian Education, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y., for 50 cents, and the number of copies on hand at $2.50 each.

The committee’s annual report, the recommendations from the Conference Young People’s Committee, and the new budget were reviewed.

Sherry Butts was selected circulation manager of the Beacon, succeeding Luin Sutton. She will be assisted by the Alfred SDBFY. It was voted to purchase a special stapler for the Beacons, since we must either assume the job of gathering and stapling or pay a higher price to the printer.

The committee approved the establishing of a subscription rate for the Beacon, and agreed to mail it individually to each subscriber. All members of the national SDBFY will receive copies as a part of their membership. Others wishing to receive the publication will pay a subscription fee of $1.00 per year. (Note: This decision means that, in the future, the address of each SDBFY member must be sent with the dues to the Youth Committee.)

The committee approved August 9-13 as dates for the 1961 Pre-Conference retreat. Postions were selected to be asked to fill the following positions in 1961: directors of the Pre-Conference retreats and summer field workers with youth. Due to the increased budget allotment, it is expected that two field workers can be hired instead of the one which we have had the past two years. Luin Sutton agreed to prepare a questionnaire to be sent to those who attended the 1960 Youth Pre-Con.

The chairman reported that there are 247 members of the National SDBFY this year. Dues received during the rest of 1960 will be credited for 1961.

The committee’s next meeting will be November 2.

— J. P. G.

Recorder Comment

Wisconsin — “You have no idea of how eagerly I wait for its coming every week — and I am ‘lost to the world’ until I have at least scanned it through. News of our overseas missionaries I look for first, then read more thoroughly.

“I am within eight miles of my home church, but I have not lived there twenty years ago; yesterday have I been to church. Pray for me.”

Church-owned Camps

Find Many Uses

It is most interesting to see how many times a readily acceptable church-owned camp can be used in addition to the youth training periods which were uppermost in the minds of those who contributed so much to the original construction or later expansion. Church retreats, planning conferences and the like are relatively new concepts that are proving highly valuable. Sometimes facilities available but church-owned buildings and grounds are seen to provide a double advantage, especially when so located that several churches can make use of them.

They represent the consecrated work of many laymen and thus provide a good backdrop, so to speak, for consideration of other aspects of the work laymen can do in the church.

On October 9 the Alfred Station, N. Y. church held an all-day retreat at near-by Camp Harley to review and to launch anew the Lay Development Program. The Los Angeles church reported a whole weekend of successful planning conducted at Pacific Pines. The Shiloh, N. J. church announced a Sabbath retreat and planning conference at Jersey Oasis for October 15. From other church comes news of similar aid in the woods.

At Camp Wakonda, near Milton, Wis., there are numerous community and church activities throughout the year. The college freshmen had an outing there. All Seventh Day Baptist students (and there are more this year) were invited to the camp for a weekend beginning September 24. There were 15 present besides leaders. The church’s Men’s Fellowship held a mid-week supper and meeting there on September 21. Another Sabbath School class met there for a Sunday evening supper on the 18th of the same month. And so it goes.

Jersey Oaks Camp was recently used for an adult camping experience for Sab­ bath School classes from three churches. In a more unusual activity it was counted as a suitable place for a wedding reception for a young couple from the Marboro church. Scheduled also for October 25, was a Shiloh Deer Club supper. (Before

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the development of the new camp the Deer Club allowed the churches to use their lodge in the deer hunting area of the state as a campaign.

Construction work continues during the fall months at Camp Holston, Pacific Pines, and some members of the other churches, seeing the great usefulness of the camps that are now serving youth and adults have appointed committees to look into the possibilities of acquiring or building something that would meet their needs. Where a strong youth evangelism and training program is in view the church camp, if properly handled, can certainly be a great help. Like everything else worth while it calls for continued dedicated labor. It is by no means the only thing for a local church to think about. Its relation to the foreign mission program of the church, for example, is indirect but possibly close. Parents should remember that in building a camp they are providing a place where their young people may feel the call to go out into the mission fields. That they should consider and pray for rather than fear.

— The Editor.

Painting The Face of Christ
It is said that at the time Leonardo da Vinci began to paint "The Last Supper," he had no enemy. Da Vinci said to himself, "I'll get even with that man. In my picture I'll paint Judas to look just like him.

When the painter finished Judas, the likeness to da Vinci's enemy was so close that few onlookers would miss the point.

Next day, da Vinci began to paint the picture of Christ. But he didn't get Christ's face to look the way he wanted it. He started again and again. At last he said, "It's too strong for me." He tried to get it to look like his own face. So he went to the home of his enemy, asked forgiveness, and the two were again friends.

The next day when da Vinci began painting the face of Christ, every line and every color went on just the way he had dreamed. Resentment gone, he could again think in line, and his efforts brought honor to the name of Christ.

— by Grace V. Watkins

A FAMILY AFFAIR
By James Franklin Martin

What will be the nature of Satan's master deception in the last days of this age? What infallible signs indicate to the elected one of the wilderness, who is the 'more sure word of prophecy' spoken of in 2 Peter 1: 19?

We know that our Lord Jesus Christ often quoted Scripture, but we should also remember that the temptation in the wilderness, quoted Scripture as well. It is surely an over-simplification to say the Bible is our guide, when we see such great variety of interpretations.

If our Adversary is cunning, we may be sure his supreme effort to corrupt us will affirm, rather than deny, the authority of Holy Writ; and we do well to suspect that the enemy of our souls will also promote unquestioning acceptance of the authority of established institutions such as schools, churches, hospitals, the press, radio and TV, and the governments of this world. The oldest institution of all, the home and family, will be supplanted by these other institutions.

Fallen Lucifer's strategy is to weaken mankind by dividing us, and to achieve that end, he makes it appear that what he offers will unite us in the purity of fundamental faith. Our desire for security and a peace of mind, which set us at odds with the God of Truth, makes the wilderness lie in our readiness to accept one book, one organization, or one man as the solution of our problems automatically, without having to use our God-given minds.

Just as God created this world in six days of labor, and only then rested, we must use our minds before they can rest. There is deep symbolism in the fact that the majority of Christendom sanctify the first day of the week rather than the sixth, in order to have God's lazier, of desiring rest before we have worked. However, those who observe Saturday in defiance of accepted custom usually do so in the spirit of legalism, not as a serene acceptance of the finished work of God, nor yet as a sign that they have come to the end of the era and are expected prior to the entrance of faith into their hearts.

Followers of the Master are associated in what might be called large families, or denominations, and many men have attempted to resolve those families; but each such effort has resulted in the formation of new denominational families. Whether for good or ill, the family of faith is divided, and our hesitancy to recognize variances of opinion and speak concerning differing practices actually operates to keep us apart.

The Lord's Supper
Of all observances designed to unite the family of faith, the manner of partaking of the Lord's Supper is probably the sorest point, one which sends us scurrying into our mental foxholes. At best we have only an armed neutrality, and at worst we are fighting each other instead of the powers of darkness.

There seems to be suspicious unanimity, however, that young children are excluded from participation. Whereas infantic baptism is the rule in many groups until after there has been a period of instruction, cliniamed by a ceremony known as Confirmation.

Where freedom to differ is recognized, and when variety actually exists, we can be certain that the God of Truth is working in the hearts of men. The Creator does not mass-produce, and takes loving care in personal shaping of each soul as He delights in developing infinite richness of new combinations in each human soul.

The mark of the beast is uniformity. The mark of the Church is unity so strong that it conquers the complacency of humankind. To achieve that unity requires continuous work, not in whittling down square pegs to fit round holes, but in patient searching until each child finds that God-appointed niche in the Body of Christ.

A brief review of differences in observance of the Lord's Supper shows that some partake daily, as do priests in the Roman Church; some Protestants make it a weekly commemoration, some every three months, and a few once a year. Will this be the year of annual celebration; while Quakers, Christian Scientists, and others emphasize spiritual significance and eliminate the physical reality of the Lord's Supper. The unity of the Lord's Supper lies in its outward simplicity, which can be grasped by any child who is able to feed himself. An intellectual religion, lacking in physical symbols, neglects the very young just as much as a system which makes the positive decree that children below a certain age are to be denied basic spiritual nourishment — or given some man-made substitute. The unity of the human family is thus disrupted, and the unity of fellowship in Christ, the head of our larger family, likewise suffers.

Once when my family was visiting the services of a group who celebrate communion each week, our two-year-old son took matters into his own hands in a way which set me thinking. The bread was passed, and each of his parents took a morsel. When the tray of individual glasses of grape juice was passed, he took his little hand darted out, the fluid was spilled over his clothing, and the entire glass was popped into his greedy mouth.

Are we not told that we should hunger and not after meat of the earth, but after that which is fed us from heaven? The Passover, which was the Old Covenant, was a family affair. The Israelites were instructed that, when the natural curiosity of their children was aroused concerning the observance in which they were already sharing, they were to recognize that the children were ready to be taught its meaning; and since the Passover was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, not once-in-a-lifetime experience, there was no point in delaying participation with the rest of the family in the outward observance.

Surely even the adults in Israel did not understand, as we can understand on this side of Calvary, the significance of the Passover. The longer one lives in knowl-
edge of the truth, the more he comes to feel that he is only beginning to learn. Is it not presumptuous for us to exclude others from partaking of this solemn feast of the New Covenant because we consider them unworthy?

Our son, young though he was, indicated he had been thinking for himself. He did not regard us for questioning the established practice. As he grew older, we tried to encourage him to express his doubts to us, and as far as we have done what we could to satisfy his inquiring mind; for it is only as we attempt to teach our children the way of righteousness that we ourselves begin to learn. Parents who delegate that responsibility to others not only deprive their children, but also deny themselves a rich blessing.

Family Instruction in Righteousness

Most of us are aware that Satan is attempting to destroy the human race by making the physical marriage relationship seem dirty and degrading. We are alarmed, and rightly so, by the rising rate of divorce. Salacious literature and erotic movies, however, depict and prudish evasion of such topics is just as bad as an unwholesome dwelling on the theme of physical love. Unless we understand love on the lower levels, we cannot progress as God intended. We cannot grasp the meaning of spiritual love.

That wholeness of life cannot be taught in the large group, or in the group which has been artificially segregated according to age or sex. When the family attends a worship service, it is only proper that the meaning of spiritual love. Unless we understand love on the lower levels, we cannot progress as God intended. We cannot grasp the meaning of spiritual love.

Let's Think It Over

In a criticism of the "built-in materialism" of many U.S. churches, the Rev. Dr. Jon L. Regier declared, "Let us not make our churches so sound-proofed that we cannot hear the cries of the lonely, the hungry, and those discriminated against."

Dr. Regier is executive secretary of the Division of Home Missions of the NCC and was speaking to 500 delegates at a conference on the Christian World Mission at Silver Spring, Md.

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WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Hanson

World Community Day

November 4, 1960

Theme: Christian Action For Freedom

This year, as in each year since the war years when world community was only a word, the church will unite on the first Friday of November in a program of study, action, and worship that gives expression to their common concern. We have been conscious of the needs of children and the family wherever they may be. Joining hands with people in every part of the world, they have built a closer comradeship and understanding among people of all nations.

Each year love gifts of material things have been made to ease the extreme needs of families in different parts of the world. This year the gifts will be: (1) those for healing—home medical kits for those in other lands, who lack simple, basic health aids; (2) children's nightgowns, made of new or used strong material, preferably cotton flannel in white or pastel shades, size 2-10 years; (3) good used children's clothing; (4) piece goods; (5) offering of money, which will be used to help train women of Africa, Asia, and South America in nutrition, child welfare, or social work in their own countries. These women have indicated their desire to enter this training but lack means to carry it on.

Bring your gifts to the women's society of your church or to the World Community Day observance in your town, where all gifts will be dedicated with the prayer that they may be used in the name of Him who came to lift the burden of the world.

These gifts are the tangible expression of our love and concern. Sharing them, we need also to study into these weighty matters of how to help train women of every nation in the world, they have built a closer comradeship and understanding among people of all nations.

1. Study and know the facts as deeply as possible.
2. Feel profound concern for the state of the world.
3. Be in close touch with situations.
4. Pray several times daily.
5. Witness to Jesus Christ amidst every change.
6. Remain faithful to our faith.

"This revolutionary, nuclear space age cries out for more Christian citizenship. What are we doing to increase the Christian witness through constructive participation in national and international affairs?"

Read this book. It has ideas for further study and discussion. Order from P. and D. Dept., National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y. Ask for Peace, Policy and People In a Changing World, by Esther W. Hymer; price 50 cents.

OTHER FOLDS AND FIELDS

Merger of three general boards of the Methodist Church into a new Board of Christian Social Concerns has been approved by the denomination's General Conference. The new board will unite the present boards of temperance, world peace, and social and economic relations.

The other two boards are presently located in Chicago. The three "divisions" of the new board will be: Temperance and General Welfare, Division of Peace and World Order, Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs.
### BUDGET RECEIPTS

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**SUMMARY**

- **Current annual budget** $108,022.00
- **Treasurer's budget receipts 12 mos.** $90,363.54
- **Boards' budget receipts 12 mos.** $9,820.43

- **Treasurer's Disbursements** $8,233.00

- **Missionary Society** $3,101.85
- **Board of Christian Education** $762.08
- **Ministerial Training** $1,129.66
- **Ministerial Retirement** $296.39
- **Historical Society** $162.29
- **Women's Society** $124.01
- **General Conference** $872.93
- **Tract Society** $1,003.91
- **Trustees of General Conference** $10.31
- **World Fellowship & Service** $43.51

- **Summary**
  - **Amount of Treasurer's budget receipts 12 mos.** $90,363.54
  - **Amount of Boards' budget receipts 12 mos.** $9,820.43
  - **Treasurer's budget receipts 12 mos.** $108,022.00

- **Summary**
  - **Per cent of budget raised** 92.74%
  - **Amount of budget not raised** $7,858.05
  - **Per cent of budget not raised** 7.26%

- **Eldred H. Betson, Treasurer**