Bring your friends and high for the to send a young person to is auctioneer and Mr. Russell Maxson, mastcr. It's wonderful how much their ability grows in a year.

On March 4 we had a workshop on “Adult Workers with Youth” after a fellowship meal. We used the worksheet and had a very good meeting.

Ladies Aid meetings have been held in the homes of members during the winter. The ladies are taking turns leading in the “Grow in the Spirit” lessons. They made several hundred surgical pads for a local patient this winter. In February they had an apron shower, and scheduled a gift shower in March and a children’s gift shower in April, in preparation for a sale to be held in the fall.

The trustees have approved painting and papering the parsonage kitchen, and work has begun.

We have finally received the “250th Anniversary” booklets, which are being sold for $1.00 by the committee, of which Pastor Wheeler is chairman.

Youth News

Box Social at Battle Creek

The Youth Fellowship at Battle Creek is enlisting the help of older folks in building up a fund to send young people to Pre-Con Retreat in Massachusetts this summer. The box social announced in the March 18 church bulletin for the evening after the Sabbath, March 25, mentions some innovations that must have added to the fun of the old box social idea for raising money. They called it a Family Night box social and talent program. Read this:

“Each woman and girl is to bring a secret, decorated box lunch for two (with table service). Enclosing a surprise inexpensive gift for a man would be appreciated. Please attach a card outside the box telling two special items included (for auctioneer’s information). Coffee and milk will be furnished. Mr. Ellis Williams, is auctioneer and Mr. Russell Maxson, master of ceremonies. All proceeds are for the SDBYF treasury and will be used to send a young person to Pre-Con Camp. Bring your friends and high spirit.”

C. E. Wheeler Freedom Award

The International Society of Christian Endeavor received one of the top awards in the Spiritual Values category of the annual Freedom Foundation awards. An encased George Washington Honor Medal and a check for $500 were presented in special ceremonies February 22 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to the president of the International Society, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and the citizenship director, Delno W. Brown of Columbus, Ohio. The award covers Christian Endeavor’s 1960 Christian Citizenship Crusade.

Twice in the past, Christian Endeavor International has received George Washington Honor Medals from Freedom Foundation — for its 1954 Christian Citizenship Crusade and again for the citizenship emphasis in its 1956 “Christ Shall Reign” program. Headquarters of the International Society of Christian Endeavor is located at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Obituary

Richmond.—Bert W., Sr., son of Oscar H. and Florence Van Neff Richmond, was born in Richmond, Tioga County, Pa., April 30, 1877, and died at his home in Alfred, N. Y., March 3, 1961.

He was married to Miss Alice Stull on June 5, 1912. Two sons were born to this union, Joseph C. of Chevy Chase, Md., and Bert W., Jr., of Alfred. There also survive four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Richmond was a graduate of Mansfield State Teachers College, Mansfield, Pa., and taught in Pennsylvania schools for 32 years. Upon retirement for reasons of health he moved to Alfred in 1952 and turned to landscape gardening, which was his hobby.

He became an associate member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1945. He especially enjoyed the Friendly Forum Sabbath School Class.

Memorial services were held at the Alfred church March 6, with his pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Internment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H. S. W.

APARTMENT FOR RENT IN MILTON, WIS.

Newly decorated. Four rooms, bath, enclosed porch, fireplace, laundry in basement, private entrance, garage, and garden plot. Available at once. Write: Marjorie J. Burdick, 340 High St., Milton, Wis.
FEELING OUR PULSE

One needs but little practice to locate and count the pulse in the wrist. To interpret that count in terms of health or sickness requires the knowledge and skill of a doctor if they do at all fall slightly out of the normal range of variation. When it comes to taking the pulse of our denomination by looking at the financial statement page, we probably do not qualify as doctors. Compared with January and with February a few years ago we can easily judge that in many of our churches the financial pulse is weak enough to be a matter of grave concern.

It takes a doctor's careful analysis to determine the exact relation between the financial pulse and the amount of blood given to the denominational program. Unusually heavy local expenses may in some cases affect missionary giving without necessarily indicating that the church members are losing interest in Gospel work. Perhaps there are cases where the general earning capacity is somehow lower than last year. Again the doctor would need to examine each case and make comparisons with some sort of normal standard.

After admitting these variables and some others the amateur pulse-taker is still apprehensive. He wonders why so many churches have given less in the first five months of the Conference year than at the same time last year, especially when we had determined to launch forth into a bigger home front revival and evangelistic program. To be sure, the total for February 1961 is larger than the amount reported for February of 1960, but why so many have been consistently falling farther and farther behind in percentages. At the present, 41% of the year gone is only 31% of the budget — which is 1% lower than a year ago. Some churches have done much better than a year ago, and a few that gave last year have not yet appeared on the list. Most of our churches have reported in glowing terms the Lay Development workshops in which there is strong emphasis on stewardship. Was it more than discussion? Will the interest shown be reflected in a greater acknowledgment of responsibility? It remains to be seen. We can hope.

It is well known that there is a direct relation between the vigor of our spiritual life and our contributions to the work of the Lord. It is to say that spiritual gains increase over-all missionary giving more than local giving. There are a number of lesser motives that can be apparent to the support of a local church program. Results are a little more visible — improved buildings and such. Missionary outreach, however, is the deep concern of those who are spiritually awakened. What we as a people should long for and pray for is a spiritually quickened pulse. Where the heart goes the pulse is sure to follow. Let us remember that our Lord is counting on us — in the distant future when our church buildings are just the way we would like them to be and our church work will languish unless we give much more than in the past few months.

The Bible as Literature

The believer has reason to rejoice when scholars and literary people give enthusiastic recognition to the Bible as literature. Usually it is the King James Version which is thus acclaimed by such professional critics. They are often careful to imply that it influences them or is recommended by them only because of its high literary quality. Our rejoicing is tempered with sadness when we see folks stealing themselves against the message of the Word while professing to be melted by the language which is expressed. There is, however, the hope that the Word will eventually find entrance into the heart as well as the aesthetic nature of the literary critic.

Dr. Martin E. Marty, associate editor of Christian Century writing for the Sunday edition of the New York Times (March 19) has a thought-provoking review of the New English Bible in which he calls attention to who it was that most severely criticized the Revised Standard Version when it appeared in 1946 and 1952. He claims that a perusal of the journals of that time shows that aside from Fundamentalist critics (who he dismisses as political opponents of the revisers) the bulk of those who opposed the RSV were not the religious people, but the secular literary stylists who apparently would like to see the Bible frozen into Stonehenge solidity or Jacobean archaism.” He predicts that the resistance to the NEB will come from the literary community rather than from the religious community. At this early stage even the religious reviews in as far as they are expressing displeasure are doing so largely on literary grounds.”

One Anglican minister, the Rev. Herbert Matters, has described the NEB as a ‘monument of English prose’ in a recent statement, as the clergyman would probably admit. His characterizing it as “crude and inadequate” may be echoed by some others but not by the majority of competent critics who themselves have tried their hand at translating an ancient book into modern speech. “Back to beatniks” is an unpleasant but it may well illustrate the purpose of the dignified scholars who claimed to be striving for “timeless English.” It is a protest for all people to read, even beatniks, and if they can read it with better understanding than the 350-year-old King James they may get a new outlook on life. The virtue of the older Bible is not its literary smoothness (although that is a great advantage in memorization and public reading) but in its message of eternal life through Christ. T. S. Eliot has described the Bible as a ‘monument of English prose’ as merely admiring it as a monument over the grave of Christianity.” The Bible is designed, not to shape the language pat-
President's Message

ADVANCE PLANNING

The word "advance" is used in so many different ways in our current denominational plans that one may misinterpret just what represents a term like this. But right now there is serious thought and concerted effort being given to the advance work for our Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance, Third Year.

As everyone should know by this time, each year of the five-year program has a definite emphasis as to area of concern. The first year and this year, we are dealing with the "Mission to the Church," in which we are striving for individual commitment and a better church organization. This theme is so important, and we are ready to tackle the third year's emphasis, "Message to the Unchurched." This is our coming year's aim, and to accomplish it is essentially why we are Christians and banded into churches. To carry the Gospel message to those who haven't heard or heard it in ways they have not been affected, but this third year of our program is to see us concentrate on this phase as never before.

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Day, May 6, will be held in the historic Plainfield church and the ministers will worship with the congregation of that church. The Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson is the host pastor.

Ministers will be asked to preregister so that arrangements can be made to accommodate as many as possible. A lunch will be served following the service. The Rev. N. B. Cole of the North Christian College, Madison, N. J., will preach. The Rev. C. A. Bell of the Second Baptist Church, Plainfield, will also speak.

The evening program will feature the group, "Weber and Flowers," a well-known singing group with a repertoire of contemporary Christian music. The Rev. C. L. Marshall of First Baptist Church, Plainfield, will lead the singing.

A special offering for Camp Bethel will be collected during the service. The Rev. J. H. Meier of the Plainfield Conference, is planning to bring the young people of the conference to the meeting if possible.

The working of the Assembly is the basic concern of the Assembly of Representatives of New Jersey Baptist Churches. The Assembly meets quarterly to review the work of the conferences, to plan for the future, and to establish programs for the churches.

The next meeting of the Assembly will be held on May 4, 1961, in the Plainfield church. The Rev. H. C. C. Cooper, pastor of the Plainfield church, is chairman of the Assembly.

What Can You Do?

By "The Old Man"

Along the way I have encountered that phrase, yes, have even used it myself in connection with job hunting. Just now I wish to try to induce our young people to begin thinking about: "What can I do? What do I wish to do? What can I do better?" Just as sure as night follows day, unless you determine to-

The Old Man

What to do and When

The milking was finished and a few went to sit under those thirty cows again.

As Christ preached to His disciples He touched upon the necessities of life and those that have come to seek the treasures of the earth have sought in all ages past, and surely, all ages yet to be. Read Luke 12: 29-31 and also gather the inspiration that comes from the emphasis upon the faithfulness of the wise steward as expressed in Luke 12: 41-43.

The crux to the problem of stewardship is most beautifully and challengingly expressed, when Jesus said, "Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (doing something about his stewardship).

In response to the challenge of stewardship follows day, unless you determine to-

the personal reward of improved practices, and reveals the far-reaching effects of united co-operation in such practices.

Stewardship of Time

The Biblical Basis

By O. B. Bond

I know no better way to catch your attention and emphasize the practical immediacy of the matter than to call to mind a verse in Luke 12: 41-43. It has related to the living of the people of all ages, than in the following quotation from the prayer of King James:

"In the name of Jesus Christ, who was never in a hurry, we pray, O God, that Thou wilt slow us down for we know that we live too fast, the majority of the people before us, make us take time to live time to get acquainted with Thee, time to enjoy Thy blessings, and time to know each other.

I have been impressed, as I have reviewed the literature of the Old and New Testaments, to discover the range of stewardship emphasis — from taxes to talents and to note then that the assuming of personal responsibilities made each effective.

In covering the various phases of stewardship it was evident that the time element as it is related to stewardship was largely concerned with the present. This justifies our belief that stewardship should give evidence of an overflowing expression, out of our time devoted to the worthy daily tasks, of our profession — a wonderful challenge for the expansion of our Lay Development Program.

Out of the past we gather faith and confidence in our Lord, that by rich gift and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength to all (1 Chron. 29: 12). The psalmist beautifully expresses the ownership of our temporal possessions: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein." The universal truth of stewardship, in all of its ramifications, is keenly comprehensively expressed in the Gospel of Luke. As Christ preached to His disciples He touched upon the necessities of life and those that have come to seek the treasures of the earth have sought in all ages past, and surely, all ages yet to be. Read Luke 12: 29-31 and also gather the inspiration that comes from the emphasis upon the faithfulness of the wise steward as expressed in Luke 12: 41-43.

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Missions-Evangelism Lectures at School of Theology by Everett T. Harris

The Rev. Everett T. Harris, corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board of Westerly, R. I., completed two weeks of special lectures on missions and evangelism at the Alfred University School of Theology on March 16.

Problems connected with establishing independent self-supporting missions in various parts of the world were discussed at length in the first week's series. The lecturer cited examples of these problems which have arisen in China, Africa, and Latin America as missions under his supervision struggle with local conditions. "It is often the business to make himself alone no longer needed in the long run," he declared. "We search our hearts to see if we have prepared national leaders to take his place, responsibly, should need arise." Dr. George Thorngate, formerly associated with the Seventh Day Baptist work in and near Shanghai, China, was quoted as saying that this was done there especially by his colleague, the Rev. H. Eugene Davis.

Detailed descriptions were also given of conditions existing in Nyasaland, so far as they can be reported by the Rev. David Pearson and his staff workers there, to enable the student pastors at the School of Theology to understand that work. Pictures taken by Miss Barbara Bivins, mission nurse, were shown in one session.

Secretary Harris described programs available to local churches as well as those that have been developed during the second week's lectures dealing with evangelism in the United States. He drew upon his own experience as a pastor, but also reported on the concerns of the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches in which he participates.

Reference books were made available to students before the opening of the lecture series, and a report of reading done and summary impressions of the fields under consideration will be required of those who are taking the course for credit. Several students and area ministers attended the Harris lectures as auditors only.

"Shorts"

Re School of Theology

S. Kenneth Davis and Wayne C. Masson, Seventh Day Baptist students at the Alfred University School of Theology, were selected as student representatives to the area Interseminary Conference held March 17-18 at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

Dr. Hermann N. Morse of the Council on Theological Education of the United Presbyterian Church recently spent three days at the Alfred University School of Theology by arrangement of the American Association for the Advancement of Religion, for the purpose of advising the faculty and administration of the school on its work.

Prof. Melvin G. Nida of the Alfred University School of Theology was compelled to miss his classes for two weeks as a result of a virus attack recently.

Rev. Rev. A. Zwiebel, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, is instructor of a class in sermon preparation at the Alfred University School of Theology this semester. Dean Albert N. Rogers, who has recently taught this course, is involved in the preparation of materials for publication and for a forthcoming study of the school's development program.
I wish you could have attended the "Rally of the Seven Days of the Week" in Bath, St. Thomas, Jamaica, with me on the 25th of February.

Bath is one of our older Seventh Day Baptist churches. It was organized before Seventh Day Baptists arrived on the island in 1924, and reminds one of many of our U. S. A. churches — as you meet brethren who speak of Secretary W. L. Burdick, and our missionaries of the past — or tell of the contribution of father and grandfather to the early church work there. A fine building was constructed during Pastor Warden F. R. Randolph's service in Jamaica, in the town of the famous medicinal springs from which it draws its name. But the past years and the Jamaica hurricanes and floods have taken their toll, and now the house needs redecorating, although its appointments are still attractive.

Under the direction of the Rev. John E. Hamilton, circuit pastor, and Deacon Emmanuel Anderson, lay leader, the church organized a rally to raise funds for needed repairs. Rallies are popular programmes in Jamaica, and this one was "The Light of Jesus Shine." Emanuel Anderson, lay leader, the church's supervisor, takes the lead in church matters, and heads up construction and supervision.

When Nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement first arrived in 1957, they probably had little idea of the mission's future. Little did they know that in 1957 an American Seventh Day Baptist doctor decided to come to Bath, and be followed by two additional nurses in 1959.

Today, for a small mission, we have a sizable European staff. Five of us are employed and give full time to mission work. Beth (Mrs. Victor Burdick) and Bettie (Mrs. David Pearson) share gladly in the work of writing, typing, duplicating, and performing other miscellaneous tasks, though primarily they are homemakers.

Dr. Victor Burdick heads the medical work. He also serves as mission book-keeper, and has recently devised a new system which better meets our needs. Still enjoying village evangelism, he considers his basic need to be spiritual and is welcomed in the villages as a speaker.

Dr. Burdick is assisted by Miss Becker and Miss Bivins. The former works chiefly with maternity; the latter, with outpatients, serves as anesthetist, and keeps the pharmacy.

The medical mission has gained the confidence of the people, who sometimes bypass closer medical stations, preferring Makapwa. Our medics frequently go "the second best region medical" with our patients with a warmth which is truly disarming.

Patients come in day and night with various heart-rending conditions. Some weeks ago a girl whose arm had been shot through by an arrow was brought in at 3:30 a.m.

Trains bring in a large number of our patients. Sometimes a car or a truck will arrive at the end of Makapwa's winding, descending road with someone ill. Occasionally the mission sends out to get the sick. Still others ride between the shoulders of men, slung from large bamboo poles. Most, however, arrive by foot, Africa's most customary means.

Miss Joan Clement heads up our growing school system. Assisting teachers and teaching Standard V amounts to a full-time job, but she finds time for numerous other related tasks. She sometimes employs the hours of the night.

Pastor David Pearson serves as general supervisor, takes the lead in church matters, and construction and maintenance. Let him know if you have any "minor" plumbing problems.

We are indebted to a large African staff: the medical assistants, office helpers, semi-skilled artisans, and others. Do the work of the bulk of work, but look to us for help and guidance.

The rains have come and have begun to swell up. In January the peasants found it necessary to have their large cisterns pumped out and cleaned. Dead frogs and snakes lay inertly in waist-deep water. But in a month's time we had regained about six feet of water in view of heavy rains. At present we have some 17,000 gallons, which when coupled with what we yet hope to receive, will take us through the dry months ahead (May-October).

 Normally opening in October, our school opened in January in accordance with new Government policy.

In special evangelistic services, Otrain Manan, mission assistant and pastor of our Chikanda church, addressed the student body, urging the acceptance of Christ. Five of the boys responded to the invitation.

Our teachers preach on occasion. Some weeks ago Mr. Nkholoza, the latest addition to our local teaching staff, described a courtroom scene and proceeded to illustrate the truth of the judgment as seen in Revelation 20: 11-15.

The church, though desperately needed, does not have the same appeal it once had. Church attendance is down. Christians have left their faith for worldly pursuits. Frequently we see the fruits of sin, and we realize that the Christian Church has the answer. Like those of Jerusalem, they 'would not.' The Church still weeps, not only for Jerusalem, but for the whole world. So prone to be 'at ease in Zion,' we should also lament in the world's downfallen state, and seek to do something about it. Christ being our helper, we will.

**Good News as to Clothing Ten:** Word has come from the Rev. David Pearson that the Nyasaland Government has arranged to sell the shipment of clothing for an amount sufficient "to receive back the amount of customs paid, from those who receive the clothing."

Pastor Pearson writes his regret that this matter has caused so much concern among the brethren in this country. Reviewing the situation, he writes, 'They definitely stated (at first) that I could not sell the clothing. Then I besought the Controller of Customs and he refused. Now they are making what amounts to a concession. They have mentioned that this privilege will not necessarily be ours in other transactions.'
The Bible or Greek Philosophy?
By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

In the Sabbath Recorder for December 12, 1960, appears an article by Bro. G. Zijlstra, of Amsterdam, Holland, replying to my proposed translation of Phil. 1: 23. I read this reply with great pleasure because through it we learn of a brother across the sea who is seeking to study the Bible carefully and diligently the real meaning of the Bible, as I have urged our brethren in America to do for the past several years. It is of very little moment to me that Bro. Zijlstra disagrees completely with me in interpreting the verse. He is seeking to know what the Bible really means, and that I appreciate.

Of course, he comes out at the regular and accepted understanding which leaves the real problem unanswered, viz., Why Paul changed his mind within the writing of two verses, and why this verse is opposed to the whole tenor of the Bible on this subject, and especially to the teaching of Jesus about the matter. I would not reply at all except that the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference still has before it a proposal to change Art. VII of our Statement of Belief. Consideration of that proposal was only postponed.

It may be well to preface my reply by the statement that for about thirty years of my life I have studied most intensively in the doctrine of "the immortality of the soul" and "going to heaven when we die." So I think I can understand why the belief is so prevalent and so tenaciously held and so vigorously supported. I did it myself.

But the subject is much more important than the correct translation of a verse or two in the Bible. It is a matter of the Bible and its teaching as opposed to Greek philosophy and its teaching. If we interpret the Bible as our final authority in faith and practice we ought to be sure that we do not include desire, and tradition, and Greek philosophy in addition to the Bible.

There were many theories among the Greeks, even as there are many doctrines among Christians, but in general the Greeks had a basic viewpoint. How did that basic theory differ from the biblical viewpoint? Here are a few of the major differences:

According to Greek philosophy, matter is a phantasm, or a prison, or an evil. Only spirit is good and pure and eternal. That is why many of them proposed a whole series or gradation of beings between God, who is pure spirit and the evil spirit. This is the "elements" of Paul's writing refer to this series of beings that the Greeks interposed between God and matter, and between God and Christ.

According to the Bible, the "wages of sin," and thus a destroyer and an enemy. It destroys the creation of God. The enemy of both God and man. "The last enemy to be abolished is death."

According to the Greeks, there was no such thing as resurrection, for there was no such thing as judgment. When the immortal soul was liberated by death from the confinement of the evil body it lost all contact with, and contamination from, evil. It had nothing to be judged for. According to the Bible, "it is appointed unto men once to die, and then judgment."

And we are to be judged "according to the deeds done in the body," for we are not a dualism as the Greeks taught, but one unified "soul-body." Death does not separate us from our souls; only salvation can do that.

According to the Greeks, death is the real Savior. Release from the body is release from the origin of sin and evil. So many laughed at the idea of Christ as Savior.

According to the Bible, there is only one real Savior and Jesus Christ. He not only lived a sinless life in the body, but on the cross, in the nature of Jesus. He was the God-Man.

According to the Greeks, death is a release and a friend. Through death one is set free from the entanglement with the evil physical body, and an eternal and natural habitat. So some Greeks even advised suicide to hasten the release.

Of course, if "the immortality of the soul" is correct, then nobody has ever really died and the Biblical teaching about "the firstborn from the dead" is nonsense. Christ is not unique at all!

I am sure that many Roman Catholics are entirely unaware of the degree to which their traditions have covered up and negated the teachings of the Bible. Is it possible that traditions have also been covered up and negated the whole problem is vastly greater than the correct translation of a verse or two in the Bible.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — See Rev. E. Zwiebel

Youth Pre-Con:
Representatives of the Eastern Association have located a fine conference ground for the Pre-Con Retreat for Youth, August 9-13, 1961. Ten miles from Amherst, Mass., is Laurel Park, a Methodist camp, and it has been secured for our use.

Laurel Park, Northampton, Mass., provides cottages that will sleep 10 to 20 and 40, and a modern and large chapel. Three miles away is Look Park where swimming is available. Tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts are a part of Laurel Park. Sixty acres of woodland affords hiking.

The fee has been set at $19 per camper. This includes insurance, board, and room. Brochures, brochures, and more brochures, will be furnished by the campers.

The Rev. David S. Clarke, director of this year's retreat, is lining up a fine staff and is planning the program in cooperation with the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

We hope that every church is doing all in its power to see that every eligible young person has an opportunity to attend.

Secretary Rex Zwiebel attended the annual meeting of the Committee on the Uniform Series of Bible Study, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., March 19-20, 1961. This is the committee that sets up the cycle for study of the International Lessons.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

APRIL 3, 1961
The Roman Catholic bishops announced that if their schools did not get a piece of the public pie, they would fight to keep everybody else from getting any pie. They overstepped themselves on this one, and members of Congress as well as Protestants and many other groups chided the bishops for playing such a childish game.

The White House fumed over a proposal that would take in the elementary and secondary levels, but which would take in the public schools on the elementary and secondary levels, but which would take in the public schools of many religious groups had been happy to receive Government help in the form of grants, housing loans, surplus property, and scholarships under the Education Act of 1958, and other helps.

Champions of parochial school aid said it would be in the best interest of the public. Opponents saw in this procedure the destruction of the public school system and the decline of the American democratic way of life.

Hard-pressed legislators frequently turned on the opponents of the Catholic proposals and brought out vast amounts of evidence that the colleges and hospitals of many religious groups had been happy to receive Government help in the form of grants, housing loans, surplus property, G.I. educational benefits, loans, and even scholarships under the Education Act of 1958, and other helps.

If the Cherry Hill case is released and goes back to the hardships and emptiness of a refugee's life in Hong Kong. All too often it means a return to unemployment, a miserable existence in an overcrowded shanty of wood and cardboard, and no hope of ever being better off. So he steals to get the heroin that will make him feel better and once more finds himself in jail.

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WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Messon

Churches Fight Heroin Addiction in Hong Kong

(Here is part of the story as told by Jeffrey Murny.)

Helped by substantial grants from churches around the world, the Christian Welfare and Relief Council of this island colony is preparing to move the first four families into a new addiction settlement. This is believed to be the only venture of its kind in the world.

Cherub smoking is so common among the colony's swarming refugees that it is estimated that 100,000 people have acquired the habit. Tai Lam Chung prison is now filled with 700 men undergoing several months to a year and a half for illegal possession of drugs.

The heroin habit leads to a craving for which everything is sacrificed — family welfare, physical health, and honesty, but its cure is comparatively simple. The prison doctors can achieve this during the time a victim is in their care.

But the story when the man is released and goes back to the hardships and emptiness of a refugee's life in Hong Kong. All too often it means a return to unemployment, a miserable existence in an overcrowded shanty of wood and cardboard, and no hope of ever being better off. So he steals to get the heroin that will make him feel better and once more finds himself in jail.

It is to break this vicious circle that the Christian Welfare and Relief Council, as a member of the World Council of Churches which receives funds from the World Council of Churches and Church World Service, started its antiheroin addiction settlement in March of this year.

The Government has provided the site on rough hill-land in the New Territories, and 60 drug addicts from Tai Lam Chung prison in the neighborhood have supplied the necessary labor force to build the first four houses.

As the labor force from the prison, who know they are building for themselves and their fellow addicts, complete more cottages, more families will be moved into the settlement until it numbers four farming families and ten factory workers' families.

Each farmer will have 30,000 square feet of land on which to grow fruit and vegetables and raise poultry. Each factory family will be allotted 5,000 square feet of land for fruit and poultry raising and a small orchard.

During the first five months of the addicts' residence they will be given 30 British shillings ($0.30) to each member of their family to help them get established.

This money will not be paid to the men but to their wives who are to be made the rulers of the household.

Has TV Lowered Our Standards?

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More properly, what we now see and hear through the mass media is a result of lowered standards in society, and not the cause, Fredrick B. Rainsberry, of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, declared at the 34th annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

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We must take the blame for what TV is doing to our children. We select books; we must learn to control the TV button.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 15, 1961

When the Righteous Suffer

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Christians in Red China

A former German missionary to China has returned from a visit to the Communist nation and said that "one has to search for churches and Christians with a microscope" in most towns.

However, Gerda Buega, who joined a tour of China and North Korea last year, did discover that the church is still comparatively active in Shanghai, even though the number of parishes has dropped from 200 to 20 since the Communists came into power.

A Methodist minister informed her, she said, that all ministers in the city now meet regularly and that denominational differences no longer matter.

She said, some 50 Christians in various towns have been elected by the people as their representatives. As "followers of Christ" they were tolerated as a minority group and had none of the status of their churches. near Charleston.

The first meeting of the legislative assemblies leaves for their constituents. At the home of the missionaries, the Conference Ministerial Assembly resolves.

"The Third Assembly of the WCC in Delhi. A Leadership Training course for students in various fields of study and research at the home of the Conference Ministerial Assembly.

"All meetings do some good, but the Church must have the legislative assemblies of their churches."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — Our Ladies Society served two dinners at Oneida Castle in January, the first for the G. L. F. store of Olin Davis on January 10 and the other for a Cooperative Milk Producers Association on January 23.

At the January meeting of the Ladies Aid Society it was voted to send $25 to the Jamaica Mission to be used at the discretion of the Rev. Duane Davis.

On January 7 slides of our Makawa Mission were shown to the Sabbath School by Mr. and Mrs. Olin Davis with a script prepared by Barbara Bivins.

The Youth Fellowship holds meetings at two o'clock. On Sabbath afternoon.

On January 14 the following officers were elected: president, Brandon Crandall; vice-president, Loren Sholtz; secretary, Beverly Drummond; treasurer, Louis Sholtz; Beacon correspondent, Nancy Mallison.

A Junior Youth Fellowship recently started includes those from kindergarten to sixth grade, directed by Pastor and Mrs. Burdick, meeting at the same time as the Youth Fellowship.

Because of a heavy snowfall no church service was held on February 4. The Sabbath morning Youth Week worship service was held on February 11 with the theme, "Both About My Father's Business."

Pastor Burdick attended a meeting of the Conference Ministerial Training Committee at Alfred December 28 and 29.

A Leadership Training course for teachers has recently been started with Joyce Sholtz as instructor.

An instruction class for candidates for baptism and church membership meets at the homes of the candidates.

The Worship-Fellowship Service (WFS) Class held a farewell party January 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Davis for Clayton and Leora Sholtz Pinder, members of the class who were soon to leave for their new home at Nitro, W. Va., in February.

Allen and Warner Lennon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon and evening February 12 by holding a family reunion for their relatives and friends called to congratulate them.

Pacific Coast Association

Interested Seventh Day Baptists within traveling distance of Riverside, Calif., and invited to attend the spring meeting of the Pacific Coast Association to be held April 14-16 in the church located at Redlands. It is announced that the Conference president, R. I., will be there and will be guest speaker at two of the weekend services. The Association normally draws members from the Mexican border and San Francisco area, a distance of about 800 miles.

The theme for the meetings this time is "in keeping with the national emphasis on deeper Bible study and is entitled "Heavenly, ever new — His truth endures."

April 3, 1961

THE SABBATH RECORDER
OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of the Treasurer, February, 1961

BUDGET RECEIPTS

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TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education $443.62
General Conference 729.86
Historical Society 128.65
Ministerial Retirement 583.18
Ministerial Training 605.58
Missionary Society 2,581.95
Tract Society 346.34
Trustees of General Conference 40.49
Women's Society 112.42
World Fellowship 44.36
Special Fund 93.16
American Bible Society 2.22
Total  $5,911.81

SUMMARY

Current annual budget $111,395.00
Receipts for 5 months 33,323.47
Balance needed in 7 months 75,971.53
Average needed per month 10,853.08
Percentage year elapsed 41.65%
Percentage budget raised 31.74%

G. E. Parrish, Treasurer.