Compassion

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

Complacency

"Soul... take thy ease, eat, drink, and be merry."

"Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."
—John 3:19b

Choosing

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:36.

1966 Conference President Marion C. Van Horn

The Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is just completing one of his few major trips, a visit to churches of like faith in Mexico. (See partial description of the visits on page 9.) His presidential activities will culminate in the program and business of Conference at Redlands University, Redlands, Calif., August 15-20. The first story of the physical accommodations for those challenging meetings also appears in this issue. It is time for people to make plans to attend.
Should Easy Fractions Make Us Uneasy?

January brings us to the end of a segment of our denominational year. It is an easy fraction, for one third of the year is now gone. It is a time for all of us to take stock of what we have done in the Lord's vineyard during the first third of the year. Specifically, what have we done in contributing to the total work of Seventh Day Baptists in the world? The figures are on the back page of this issue, furnished by OWM treasurer, Gordon Sanford.

There is another fraction recorded on the back page. It, too, is an easy fraction — easy to remember, hard to forget. The figures show that the end of one third of the year we had contributed through our churches only one fourth of our 1965-66 budget. Should this easy fraction make us uneasy? We cannot change it. We have torn off those four calendar sheets and we would not be able to turn back time by pasting them back on the calendar. We do wish we could do something normal by contributing one third of the expenses of the larger denominations of our church family. But, we know that most of the expenses of our total work go on. They do not stop when we are one month behind in providing for them. Missionary and other salaries have to be paid. Boards and agencies may have to go into deficit spending or curtail their services when the time is one third and the contributions are one fourth.

Although we cannot change the time fraction we can change the giving fractions. This is a profitable love for Christ's work will compel us to attempt. It is an individual matter. We need to realize that giving as much as we gave last year is not enough. The fractions would get worse if we are uneasy at the larger contributions are necessary if we are to get the blessings of a larger task completed. Let us remember to raise our hand to the well — enough to receive it. This writer does not profess to know the exact level of giving and are now contributing at a rate which might put them up to their expected level? Yes, there is. Study the figures for yourself. Note that half of the total for four months from some churches came in during January, even more in several cases. The OWM giving shows an overall increase from $7,163 in December to almost $9,000 in January. It is not a time for self-satisfaction for some of the smaller churches stand much higher on the list than some of the larger ones. Let us each do our part, as the Lord gives us to see our part!

If Winter Comes

The words of the poet, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" seem strangely true, at least in New Jersey. In this area, the first snowfall came very late. There was neither skating nor sliding for the young folks during the Christmas vacation. Average temperatures were below normal, and we know that most of the expenses of our world work go on. They do not stop when we are one month behind in providing for them. Missionary and other salaries have to be paid. Boards and agencies may have to go into deficit spending or curtail their services when the time is one third and the contributions are one fourth.

There is considerable joking about Groundhog Day and the supposed weather omen. If he sees his shadow on February 2 he will be scared and go back down his hole for six more weeks of winter. If he does not cast any shadow, he will come out and spring will come early. It is a fact that a few woodchucks in northern states come out of hibernation in February, and many are heard singing to us, for we have put out a little food to help them stay alive. This writer does not profess to know much about the ways of birds but he does identify himself with other people who have been enjoying the songs of the robins and other songbirds singing beautifully in the treetops above the light blanket of snow. If they have put out a little food to help them stay alive, surely we should do the same for our feathered friends. When they are singing lustily to their mates or to the well-wrapped, ear-muffed people on the streets below. We like to think they were singing to us, for we have put out a little food to help them stay alive.

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Twig is tipped with buds that already look larger than a month ago. The willows are yellow, the soft maples are red. The trees must stand silent; they cannot run, or fly, or clap their hands (as Isaiah would say) but they can bear silent, budding testimony to the fact that God's promises are not vain. What business have we to cry and lament? (as Isaiah would say) but they can bear creation is capable of faith, trust, love and thanksgiving. These winter days are priceless and precious in the service of our Lord. They may be the best days of all the year. We, like the songbirds, should be on tiptoe on the outermost branches proclaiming the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**Special Issue on the Way**

**Don't Let It Lay**

The Sabbath Recorder of last week with its bright gold color was the winter special issue. Most churches have small standing orders. Others consider their need for the magazine advance publicity goes out from the managing editor's office. Whichever way you or your church determines the size of the order before it is printed the important thing is to make the sale of what you have. As noted in the heading "The special issue is on the way; don't let it lay." This issue will warm people's hearts when they read it. Use it to start a conversation. Sell it if you wish; it is worth far more than you paid for it, and it cost more than you were charged. Add one or two tracts of your own choosing to further encourage the Sabbath and give copies to friends or acquaintances. There are not as many extra copies as usual available, but there are some. Invest a dollar or two of your own money in this way of serving the Lord.

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**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

**1966 General Conference at Redlands, Calif.**

This is the first in a series of articles regarding the Conference site, costs, transportation, facilities, etc., for the 1966 session. Watch for these articles quite regularly in the next few months.

As you know Conference is to be held this year at Redlands, California, on the beautiful campus of Redlands University, which the Conference has leased. The city of Redlands is located approximately 15 miles from Riverside and 65 miles from Los Angeles. More information about the town and university will be given in future articles.

Right now the big news everyone is anxiously awaiting is the cost for attending Conference. We are happy to report that this figure is lower than has been our experience at universities the last few years. Here is a sample of charges from which you may figure your own expenses.

**Housing (per night per person)** $2.00

(this figure does not include sheets, pillowcases, blankets, and towels)

**Meals (adults per day)**

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**Insurance (per person per day)** $ .11

**Total for one day** $ 5.46

**Registration Fee (per person)** 1.00

Those arriving at Redlands on Sunday, August 14, may get their rooms that night. However, no meals will be served by the university Sunday evening.

One way in which families can cut down expenses if they have children under 12 would be to bring their own sleeping bags and let the children sleep on the floor. There will be no room charges under these circumstances.

Since the charges are to be a little less than previous years for university facilities some might think they are not as nice. Let us assure you that this is not the case. Quite the contrary, they are in some ways nicer than any we have had in the past, as you will see by the next article.

Looking forward to seeing you at Conference in Redlands, Calif.

Conference Host Committee.

**Church-State Separation**

Is the battle for separation of church and state to which Sabbathkeepers are pretty much committed a losing battle? Events of the past few years have made many thoughtful people wonder if this is not the case. However, there are indications that the principle of separation is being maintained by some of the courts and that the tendency to yield to the pressures of parochial school advocates is being thwarted.

A notable case comes from the State of Delaware, as reported by POAU.

On February 2 Governor Charles L. Terry, Jr., vetoed a bill passed by both houses of the state legislature which would have provided transportation for pupils in parochial and other private schools along established school bus routes.

The governor's action was taken following an advisory opinion of the state supreme court stating that such a law would be a violation of the state constitution providing that no funds "... raised by tax, for educational purposes, shall be appropriated to, or used by, or in aid of any sectarian, church or denominational school ..." (Art. 10, Section 3).

An earlier Delaware law with provisions similar to the one Gov. Terry vetoed had been declared void on the ground that to furnish free transportation to pupils attending sectarian schools is to aid the schools, because it "helps build up, strengthen, and make successful the schools as organizations." The present Delaware court declared these provisions under this clause stood un-reversed as the law of this State for more than three decades.

In the course of its opinion the court specifically rejected the "child benefit" theory. This theory advocates that the state can benefit parochial school children without unconstitutionally benefiting the religious school wherein they are enrolled.

Franklin C. Salisbury, general counsel for POAU, stated that he had "particu-larly been impressed with the court's specific rejection in this instance of the 'child benefit' theory." It is hoped that courts in other states will see things the same way when cases are brought before them. It is quite possible that the tide is turning and that decisions of courts upholding the use of tax money for sectarian schools can be reversed. One does not commend a court for rendering a fair and logical decision, but when a governor has the courage to veto a law passed by both houses of his legislature this courage, this unpopular act on his part, ought to be publicly commended.

Seventh Day Baptists, with their long history, have observed how important principles can be eroded by the constant pressures of the Roman Catholic leaders. We should be able to see that minorities are safe only so long as such principles are not undermined. Strange as it may seem, history bears testimony to the fact that the rights of minorities are better re­spected in an impartial, constitutional government than by a powerful church or church-dominated government. Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty. We can be thankful for the vigilance and the financial ability of such privately supported organizations as POAU to carry cases through the courts.

**Year of the Bible**

Increased distribution of Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, and the "unholy" forges of "unholy" Siberia, have been smugly into South Korea from the Communist-dominated part of the country is planned by the American Bible Society this year. The ABS is in some ways nicer than any we have had in the past, as you will see by the next article.

150th Anniversary of "The Year of the Bible."
Denominational Leaders Again in the Field

When one looks into the front office of the general secretary, nicely refinished and filled with books, he gets the impression that Mr. Wheeler has a work to do and tools for doing it. Glancing at the hall next to his office where some of the files are temporarily kept, one becomes more aware of it. His part-time secretary, filled with books, gets the impression that his office is another office shared by the corresponding secretary and the treasurer of the Tract Board. When one goes from the hall to the basement of the Seventh Day Baptist Building he sees other files, bookcases, three large improvised tables covered with work in process, and various items of office furniture in a large cleared space that is gradually taking shape as an auxiliary office.

Such a tour as this convinces one that much has been accomplished (with the help of quite a little "dedicated service"). The question arises as to how the general secretary can leave so much work behind and go to the field. The obvious answer is that the field work is important too.

This all leads up to the announcement that Mr. Wheeler is again in the field helping two of our New England churches in a tightly scheduled program of serving as a missionary in a number of churches. He recently came from three Sabbaths to a laymen's training program at Plainfield. Secretary Wheeler left his office Feb. 11 to spend three weeks with the Ashaway and Westerly, R. I., churches as their 1966 missionary. The two programs are separately yet jointly planned to make full use of the missionary's time while also giving pastors and laymen full opportunity to do purposeful calling when public meetings are not being held.

Tract Writer Dies

The American Sabbath Tract Society in publishing tracts during recent years has accepted the view that the message presented is far more important than the name presented. That premise the Publications Committee has withheld the identity of authors of tracts which it has edited. It has also removed the author's name in reprinting most of the tracts that are now in general use.

There was no intention of withholding credit where credit was due. This is an appropriate time to give a little credit to one of our tract authors, the Rev. Lester G. Osborn, whose typewriter recently fell silent while typing a radio sermon with the same title as one of the popular tracts he wrote, "From Death to Life."

From the 1940s to 1960s Mr. Osborn produced more tracts that caught on than any other Seventh Day Baptist. This Thurman of this generation. He is well known for his Sabbath tracts and his study booklets on that subject but his first love was the gospel of free grace. He showed himself able to present the way of salvation in clear, readable terms. "From Death to Life" has gone through these for a total of 65,000. "By Grace Through Faith" has also been in such demand that eight printings reaching a present total of 60,000 have been made.

Of the Sabbath tracts by Lester Osborn one of the most popular, dating back to 1946, is "My Holy Day." It has gone through eight printings for a total of 42,500. More recently he was requested to write a "First Day of the Week in the New Testament" to replace an older and not-too-readable piece of the same title. It has gone well. Another New Testament study on the Sabbath question, "Was Paul Wrong?" has been very popular with thoughtful distributors both in this country and in other lands. Supplies have had to be replenished about eight times.

The law of question and grace was one that Mr. Osborn felt needed good explanatory literature. He contributed several tracts that had a bearing on this, one of which, "Free from the Law," is a longer study booklet. It continues in popular demand but not in such large numbers as others. Another extensively printed tract, originally for teenage youth is "God's Holy Day." It has been in much demand as a teaching tool in youth camps and on mission fields.

Mr. Osborn's range of writing was inclusive. He wrote informational tracts such as "Who Are These Seventh Day Baptists?" which went through seven editions by 1959, when it was gradually replaced by similar tracts. A popular little tract on the Second Coming of Christ, "This Blessed Hope," has gone to a total of 43,000 so far. Another on "What Church Membership Implies" has gone to five editions.

To sum it all up, the records of publication and distribution (which are not completely accurate) indicate that the Tract Society has published about sixteen tracts from the pen of Lester Osborn, most of which have been continuously reprinted up to the present. The grand total of tracts printed in 2,000 to 1960 is over half a million, not including the thousands that have been printed abroad in a number of foreign languages.

Pro Plays Better Because He's a Christian

By Lynn M. Davis, Jr.
Editor, Ohio Baptist Messenger

While the National Anthem rang out just prior to the National Basketball Association All-Star game at Cincinnati in January, a six-foot-two-inch guard from the Cincinnati Royals' professional basketball team bowed his head in prayer.

Adrian Smith, a Southern Baptist, pleaded to win, but for strength from God to do his best.

After the game, Smith was voted the most valuable player in the game, leading the Eastern All-Stars to a 137-94 victory over the West.

Smith, with a note of humility in his voice, said later that he didn't play the game any different from any other game he's ever played. "I just went out there and gave it all I've got. I'd have been happy just sitting on the bench and wearing the uniform."

He believes that tensions and pressures that bothered him as a ball player before he became a Christian are not as great now.

"I always ask God for strength during the National Anthem," he said. "I never ask God for anything unusual, just strength to play my best. When the game is over, I've probably played a better ball game because I'm a Christian."

His pastor describes Smith as "a soul-winning visitor" who takes advantage of opportunities to tell others about his Christian experience.

Since high school days, Smith has been a winner. After being named to an All-American basketball team while playing for the University of Kentucky, he went on to play on the United States Pan American team in 1959. In 1960 he played on the U.S. Olympic team in Rome. Smith feels that each of these are great events in his life. "But the greatest thing that happened to me was when I was saved — before this, I had only lived basketball," he said.

Smith became a Christian in September of 1963, just one year after he and his wife, Paula, were married. He attributes her Christian influence as a great factor in his decision to accept Christ.

For Smith, new life came in the living room of his own home one night after watching Billy Graham on television. "I just got down on my knees and asked God to save me," he said. Thus began a new life for Adrian Smith. His life was changed. His game improved. Today he lives as a Christian like he plays basketball — he gives it all he's got.
MISSIONS

Reviewing Past Year at Makapwa

By Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick

Our calendar tells us that the year 1965 is now a thing of the past, though we can be proud of this year, in spite of its many sorrows. Peace and calm reign, and this country in the world today. Improvements are seen everywhere. The people are not small feat for a newly independent nation. A full bridge across the Shire River replaces the old launch-powered ferry, which capsized some months ago, at which time many lost their lives. The University of Lilongwe for a new capital which is in temporary quarters, but will later be located in the scenic city of Zomba. Building for midwives, nurses, and hospital assistants. Church leaders (Africans) have been sent at Council expense to training centers outside Malawi, and some of them will later be sent at Christian Council expense to training centers outside Malawi, and some of them will later be sent at Christian Council expense.

The above speaks mostly of civil affairs. Some of our church leaders (Africans) have been put into their hands. Missions in January, The old Land Rover truck which had served faithfully for nearly nine years over very bumpy roads, was replaced by a year-old Land Rover station wagon. Also the pump-house was finished, and this tank set up for immediate use of our "clear cool water."

February found us putting the finishing touches on our home, in readiness for our "enlarged family." It was with great joy that we watched the plane touch down on the runway at Chileka the afternon of the ninth. When we thought the plane to be empty of passengers, our hearts sank, but then we saw them coming through the door. "Auntie Joan" and Grandpa Burdick. Joan Clement had been away over two years, during which time she was graduated from Madison College Department of Anesthesiology, in Tennessee. Now she is back for her year's work in a hospital under special arrangements for a short term to share her experience in anesthesia with Beth, and train one of our other nurses in field of surgical supplies, care of patients under spinal anesthesia, and in charge of the pharmacy.

March, April, and May were special months for the following groups (last four months each): 1. English-speaking pastors; and young men interested in the ministry; 2. non-English-speaking pastors; and 3. non-English-speaking evangelists. Dad, Victor, and David taught these classes, with special lectures given by various ones of our pastors.

Time passed quickly. June brought two birthdays, Vickie's fifth on the 10th, and Markie's first on the 16th. The 16th was also the beginning of the "exodus." David and Bettie Pearson, and daughters Debbie and Joan, left for furlough in the States. In the excitement of the airport crowd, Vickie and Joanie forgot that they were losing their playmates. The end of June found us very busy packing supplies, clothing, bedding, etc., for a three-week journey to the North for the "men folks." On the 27th Dad, Vic, and Vickie, together with a number of our pastors, began the first long journey in a Land Rover station wagon. With all the luggage packed on (continued on page 11)

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Denominational Leaders Visit Mexico Churches

Before this article appears in the Recorder Conference President Marion Van Horn and Director of Evangelism Leon Lawton will have arrived back at their home following a visit to Sabbath-keeping groups in Mexico. It is expected that they will visit Gonzalez of Gomez Palacio, Mexico, over Sabbath day, February 12, will cross back into the United States around February 14 and arrive at Randolph Air Base, San Antonio, Texas, to visit Major Wm. L. Brooks and family on February 15, arriving at Texarkana on Feb. 16 and Battle Creek on Feb. 20.

A more detailed report will be presented later but a few items from letter written February 7 will be of interest.

Pastor Lawton writes: "Our journey has been most interesting. We will not try to give you a detailed account of our journeys thus far as this will come later. We have a portable tape recorder with us to keep a day-by-day account. We found Pastor Camacho without too much difficulty. On January 20th, we arrived in the United States around 10 p.m. The plane was after dark when we reached Cd. Madero. He took us to Tampico where we were given room in the Hotel Tampico. Thursday, Friday, and Sabbath were spent in the Tampico area visiting our churches and missions, meeting the brethren, pastors, and talking about their work, etc.

"On Sunday we drove south to Tuxpam, stopping at one town to visit a member of his family. We arrived in Poza Rica in early afternoon and were housed at Hotel Santa Fe. That night (last night) we had a service in their chapel in Poza Rica, meeting the local pastor and several of the brethren. Thought a telegram was sent a few days before, they had not received it so did not really know of our coming until Pastor Camacho's daughter, Mary, arrived in Poza Rica. The bus just a little ahead of us. Thus many were not informed of the meeting and the con-
The average size of a farm has greatly increased through the recent years, rising from 205 acres per farm in 1950 to 414 acres in 1965. In 1950, the net income per farm was $2,153 while in 1964 the net income per farm was $3,830."

Primary Conference

The director of Primary Conference at General Conference this year is Miss Marti Babcock of the North Loup church. Miss Babcock has served as a dedicated worker under the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education for the past two summers and has signed up for the summer of 1966. Youngsters of primary age may be assured of an interesting and profitable time at General Conference under her direction.

Christian Education Workshops

Dates surrounding the weekend of April 23, have been agreed upon for the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education to work with churches in the Southern Association. Activities will center in Salem for all the churches on the weekend, and in individual churches on days before and after.

Secretary Zwiebel will participate in the work of the Committee on the Uniform Series of Bible School Lessons, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, in New York City during the week beginning February 28.

Reviewing Past Year at Makapwa

"Eating habits are different here. They have light breakfast and supper with a generous meal at noon. We are well and appreciate your continued prayers. Pastor Camacho, Pastor Lucio, and the deacons here wish to send their greetings in the name of an old Executive Committee, in New York."
Catholic Congregation Attends Baptist Worship

It has been pointed out that the permission for Roman Catholics to attend Protestant services growing out of the II Vatican Council is not present observer-consultant relationship with the Consultation on Church Union.

Meeting at the Governor Clinton Hotel February 2 to 3, the 37-2 vote of the American Baptist Convention's Division of Co-operative Christianity made at the November meeting that the American Baptist Convention turn down an invitation to become a participant in the Consultation but to continue as observer.

The Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, gave a summary report of the mail response to the proposed vote. A total of 876 letters were received from individuals, churches, and other organizations. Of these 564 were in favor of continuing as observer consultants, 192 were in favor of joining as participants, and 19 indicated that the American Baptist Convention should be another observer nor participant.

Dating from 1962, the Consultation on Church Union is attempting to develop a plan of union that is designed to create a new church. At the present time, there are six participating members, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; the Episcopal Church; the Disciples of Christ; the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; the United Church of Christ; and the Baptist World Alliance, becoming the sixth Baptist convention to do so.

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The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., has voted to participate in the North American Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance, becoming the sixth Baptist convention to do so.

Another Baptist Convention Joins North American Fellowship

The General Council of the American Baptist Convention voted to continue its present observer-consultant relationship with the Consultation on Church Union.

When the going seems easy it could be that you are going down hill. — John Maverick, The Cherryvale, Kansas, Republican.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

American Baptist Leaders Again Reject Church Union Participation

Facts About Medicare by Ralph W. Jones

Social Security Administration, Elizabeth, N.J.

Have you enrolled for "Medicare"?

Every person who is now 65 or over, or who will be within the next two months should enroll for Health Insurance benefits now if they are to be covered by the program when it starts in May 1966. It is believed to be one of the first meetings of its kind in the United States, said George A. Jones, pastor of the Baptist Church of Beaufort.

Immediately following the service, Father Ronald P. Anderson, pastor of the St. Peter's Catholic Church, said, "We have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit here tonight.

"We accepted the most gracious invitation of our Baptist friends to join them in prayer, that we might observe our form of worship, that we might share together the word of God, and that we might unite our prayers that, as God wills and in the way that He wills, there might be one truly Christian family.

The unique joint worship service was held at the end of an Octave, an eight-day Catholic period of prayer for unity sponsored by a committee of the Catholic church in Beaufort.

It was the custom of the Beaufort priest to invite Protestants to attend the final Octave service to observe the form of worship used by Catholics, but few had ever accepted the invitation before. The Baptist pastor had always told the Catholic priest that whenever the Catholic people were free to visit the Baptists, then they would talk about it seriously.

When plans for the recent Octave were being made by the Catholic priest and his committee, they approached the Baptist pastor and said that in the light of the Vatican Council spirit of ecumenism, the time might be ripe for a joint worship service. Members of all other Protestant churches in the area were invited to attend the joint worship service at the Baptist church.

Jones later expressed disappointment that only Catholic and Lutheran churches accepted the invitation. None of the churches affiliated with the National Council of Churches, including local Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches, attended the joint worship service, he said.

"The Monday following the service, I spent practically the entire day talking on the telephone to Catholic people who called to express thanks for allowing them to attend the service," Jones said. "He has received a flood of mail following the service. "About half of it has come from Baptist preachers condemning me for what I did," he said, "and about half praising us for conducting the service."

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

Women's Board Needs Zip Codes

Mrs. Oscar Hartman has been working for weeks on the denominational mailing list as a labor of love in a project undertaken by the Women's Board. An appeal was made in the Sabbath Recorder for church clerks to send in the zip code numbers for all members. As of Oct. 30, only 250 of the about 600 churches whose revised lists were not yet received by Mrs. Hartman at Milton Junction, Ws. 53564. It is urgent that an appeal be made in the Sabbath Recorder for church clerks to send in the zip code numbers for all members. Of the 564, 246 were in favor of continuing as observer consultants, 192 were in favor of joining as participants, and 19 indicated that the American Baptist Convention should be another observer nor participant.

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session on March 28, said Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

The first five groups to join the fellowship are the American Baptist Convention, the Baptist Federation of Canada, the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Invitations have gone to all eleven Baptist groups in North America which have membership in the Baptist World Alliance, Nordenhaug added. Most, or all of them, have committees at work studying the matter.

The North American Fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance is conceived as a continuation of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, in which seven conventions on the continent worked co-operatively from 1958 to 1964 on a program of evangelism, missions, Bible study, and education.

A constitution for the proposed fellowship was subsequently drafted by representatives of the eligible groups. Eleven Baptist conventions will be represented at the March 28 session in Washington.

Where Blake Stands

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, said Dr. Blake cited the need for greater unity of effort among churches in "mission and service." The only alternative to the councils-of-churches approach, is "to proceed at once toward church union. Sectarian mission is not a viable alternative in 1966."—ABNS.

Year of "Human Disasters"

Forecast of famine in India and other parts of the world, and of other human disasters in the coming year, will require heavy contributions from U.S. church people for overseas aid, a spokesman for Church World Service said this week. In announcing the goal for the annual One Great Hour of Sharing, to be observed this year on March 20, James Mac Cracken, executive director of CWS, said a total of $17,921,000 will be needed.

The funds realized through the appeal go to support individual denominational relief programs and joint aid projects conducted by overseas, CWS, the World Council of Churches, and related interdenominational agencies.

Last year, said the announcement, CWS shipped 225,684,376 pounds of food, clothing, and other materials to the needy overseas. The bulk of the foodstuffs came from U.S. Government stocks. Other foods, not available as surplus, came from the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) plus seeds and farm equipment. Another large portion of shipments consisted of medicines, vaccines, drugs, and contraceptives requested by hospitals and doctors in highly populated areas. The report also noted that "food-for-work" are now being carried on in 42 countries.

The continuing need for good used clothing and bedding was underscored in another CWS report, which said that flood and other emergencies, and a cruelly cold winter in many parts of the world are depleting stockpiles faster than they are being replaced. Lengths of cloth and sewing kits are also needed, says CWS, for self-help projects in countries where the people do not wear western dress. In South Vietnam, where the number of refugees is expected to reach a million mark this year, the need is reported to be especially urgent.

Church World Service is a department of the Division of Ministries of the National Council of Churches.

Burma Churches

In Burma, where there are only five missionary couples left and all mission institutions have been nationalized, the Methodist Church became autonomous in October 1965. But economic changes affecting the local church have made it difficult to move toward full self-support, Mr. Lormor said.—ABNS.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DENVER, COLO.—Dr. Kenneth Smith and family of Milton were welcome visitors in Denver during the Christmas holidays.

At the Yearly Meeting, January 2, the following officers and department chairmen were elected: moderator, Elmo Davis; clerk, Shirley Davis; treasurers Elma Davis, Mary S. Waterbury; auditor, Bernard Benner; Christian Education, Richard Steele; Stewardship, Mrs. Margaret Davis; Worship, Mrs. Ada Davis; Evangelism, E. Keith Davis. Gordon Thorngate is new president of the Board of Trustees.

At the "Kick-off" dinner on Jan. 12, the Advisory Board elected committee members. We are blessed with new members among whom the following have been appointed to active committees, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Higuera. Anticipating a not-too-far-distant sanctuary, Don Widman was elected chairman of a Building Fund Committee. Our church indebtedness is decreasing and there is a growing attendance at the Sabbath morning services.

Melvin (Bud) Stephan, now in service in Germany, and Daryl White continue as licentiates.

A spirit of cordiality is felt and extended to frequent guests at our "Crossroads" Fellowship Hall on Sabbath mornings. The robed choir under the direction of Gary Cox adds inspiration to the service. Pastor Al Rogers gives us spiritual food. No ministration that he can supply is withheld from members, friends, or any in need. The parsonage is a church home with boarders, Janette Rogers, an efficient and kindly assistant to her husband.

Gary and Ardith Davis are sponsoring the active youth group which presents a Christmas program on Dec. 17.

Pastor and Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Margaret Davis are our delegates to the Denver Area Council of Churches. Mrs. Margaret Davis is one of the vice-presidents of the Denver Council of Church Women. The Ladies Aid, the blouse Sutton, Friendly and Kum Duble groups continue active.

FEBRUARY 21, 1966

WALWORTH, WIS.—One of our little group of Sabbathkeepers suggested we let you know that we people in Walworth are still in existence.

Several years ago, because of few members and the expense of keeping up church services, we sold the church property to the Christian League for the Handicapped. Since then we have been meeting in private homes each Sabbath for worship and Bible study. At present we meet with Mrs. Daisy Voss, 230 Pecks Court. Every few weeks we are visited by a group from Milton.

Miss Marjorie Burdick, accompanied by one or two deacons or deaconesses from the Milton church, continued working on the church's communion service and thus we are partakers of the communion. We appreciate what they do and are very grateful to them.

The income from the sale of the church property together with our personal contributions allows us to do some good for others. A monthly check goes toward support of Our World Mission. Year by year we have moved from a home in Hong Kong. Each month we gave to his support. He has reached the age now where he does not need our help so we have taken over a little Chinese girl from the same school. Each Christmas we obtain the names of a dozen or more members of the County Home. Both boys and girls are given a gift. Someone sends a Christmas present to a friend. One year a group of friends who knew Mrs. Mildred Stevenson is our Sabbath School superintendent. The present Sabbath School Christian Action challenge our thinking which we pray, may bear fruit in a more active concern for the burdened and troubled hearts. —Correspondent.

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### SUMMARY

- **1965-1966 Budget** | $120,554.00
- **Receipts for 4 months**
  - OWM Treasurer | $30,187.69
  - Boards | 631.07
  - Total | $30,818.76
- **Amount due in 8 months** | $80,735.24
- **Needed per month** | $11,216.91
- **Percentage of budget year elapsed** | 33.55%
- **Percentage of budget raised** | 25.56%

**January 31, 1966.**

Gordon L. Sanford, OWM Treasurer.