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## *The Doors in the Temple*

Three doors are in the temple

Where men go up to pray,  
And they that wait at the outer gate  
May enter by either way.

There are some that pray by asking;

They lie on the Master's breast,  
And, shunning the strife of the lower life,  
They utter their cry for rest.

There are some that pray by seeking;

They doubt where their reason fails,  
But their minds' despair is the ancient prayer  
To touch the print of the nails.

Father, give each his answer—

Each in his kindred way.  
Adapt Thy light to his form of night,  
And grant him his needed day.

—George Matheson, in 1000 Quotable Poems.



The Sabbath

# Recorder

## *Prayer*

O Thou who has prepared such good things for us who love Thee and who obey Thy will, give to us all the needed grace to walk loyally in the light of Thy truth, and to bear the cross for Thy glory and for the helping of our fellow men.

Help us to heed the inner voice of Thy Spirit, in order to be prepared for the work to which Thou hast called us. May we feel Thee near to give peace in times of quiet, and to give strength in the day of conflict. Fit us, we pray Thee, for the special work whereunto Thou hast called us as a people. Make us so true to Thy holy law that in the very deed we may glory in the cross and be the light of the world. We ask it in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Theodore L. Gardiner.

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## HERE AND THERE

### The Sabbath Recorder for You.

The Sabbath Recorder is the official weekly publication of Seventh Day Baptists. It is the voice of the people, Churches, Conference, boards, and societies. As such, it must present many points of view, otherwise some of us wouldn't care to subscribe. It is doing an excellent job. Subscribe!—The Church Echo, Salemville, Pa.

### April is Recorder Month.

You can get a weekly religious magazine for less than one third its actual cost. Ask P. B. Hurley about it or read the blue Sabbath Recorder folder. — Riverside.

### Read Your Sabbath Recorder!

If you have no Recorder, see P. B. Hurley at once. — Riverside, Calif., Church Bulletin.

### The Sabbath Recorder—

Our weekly denominational news sheet. You should have it. An order is going in this week. Hand your new or renewal subscription to Mary Ayars. If you have suggestions as to how the Recorder can better serve you and our denomination, the editor would be glad for your criticism. Relay it to him through our representative. — Shiloh, N. J., Church Bulletin.

The Brookfield, N. Y., Christian Endeavor society orders a copy of the Sabbath Recorder for use in their tract rack.

The Woman's Aid Society of the Westery, R. I., Church subscribes for four copies of the Sabbath Recorder, which are sent to friends.

The Salem, W. Va., Ladies' Aid society has a standing order for ten copies of the special issue each month, which they distribute to interested persons.

The Sabbath Recorder is available to every member of the Oakdale Church at Athens, Ala.

Will you not let us know what your Church is doing?

The Little Prairie Church has doubled its resident membership within the year.

## THE SABBATH RECORDER

### A PROBLEM IN ADDITION

Spring is here. Soon it will be commencement time. At this season, more than any other, youth gives attention to its future.

There are many opportunities for our young people to "make a living," and at the same time have the privileges that come when one lives and works with others whose convictions are similar to his. Consider the communities of your acquaintance in which we have Churches. Do these communities need a doctor, teacher, lawyer, or any other professional person? Are there farms which might become homes for young people of the Churches? Both pastors and lay members of the Churches should be alert, that when an opportunity presents itself, the individual and the opportunity may be brought together without delay.

Consider our Church schools. In order to meet modern educational requirements, our colleges must have fully-trained, professionally-equipped people to make up an adequate faculty which, in turn, must be headed by capable administrators. Where are they to be found? They must be found among our young people, many of whom are now in college. Here again those in the Church should be watching for, and encouraging promising young people to enter fields of widest Christian service. The Church college is not obsolete. It can be a vital contribution to the building of a Christian democracy, and Seventh Day Baptists must not overlook this source of future leadership.

Consider also the need for pastors and missionary workers. Young people are considering the Christian ministry as a life work. They need not only words of encouragement — they need to see the members of their Churches supporting the pastor in his efforts to lead his people in ways of Christian service; they need to hear kindly expressions of appreciation of the pastor, when the pastor is not present!

The condition of the home Church has a tremendous influence on its young people, and the laity should accept its responsibility for that condition. Let every Christian so live that others will want to

### REGARDING PLANS FOR ANNUAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The question has been raised regarding pastors' wives attending the Pastors' Conference at Jackson's Mill, W. Va., May 18-20. Any wives coming will be welcome. This has been the custom for several years.

One pastor has written, "To go this year, it will be necessary, almost, for me to meet all expenses myself, as the Church seems to have about all it can do to meet the regular expenses. However, God willing, some way will offer itself whereby I can attend. I shall plan on attending unless something unforeseen arises to interfere."

Of the twenty pastors having parts on the program, all but five have accepted. These others may be waiting to know what assistance may be assured from their Churches.

Let us plan and pray for a Spirit-led fellowship that shall light the way forward for Seventh Day Baptists.

Everett T. Harris,  
 Chairman Program Committee.

### A PASTOR'S PRAYER FOR HIS CONGREGATION

Lord, give Thy people hearing ears  
 Who worship here today;  
 Obedient may they follow Thee  
 Along the narrow way.

May they be strengthened by Thy might,  
 Built up in faith and love,  
 To fit them for life's service here  
 And for their home above.

Should sorrow be their portion, Lord,  
 Oh, bring Thy comfort nigh.  
 In storm of trials, calm their fears  
 And all their need supply.

And as they, Lord, receive from Thee  
 Thy blessings, rich and free,  
 May they with glad and thankful hearts  
 In all things hold to Thee.

—Grace E. Troy, in  
 Shiloh Church Bulletin.

be Christian; let him so serve that some youth will want to enter the same field of service.

Let us add to our faith, works.  
 M. W.

## LAW AND GRACE

By L. L. Wright  
Indianapolis, Ind.

A definite statement can be made, without fear of successful contradiction, to the effect that there are thousands upon thousands of born-again children of God who would be righteously observing the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as the day of rest and worship, if it were not for the general misunderstanding that exists, among both the ministers and laity, regarding law and grace. It behooves us, therefore, to attempt to bring about a true understanding of these terms as they apply to all persons who are striving to do the will of God and to walk in the path of righteousness.

In the very beginning of a study of these words or terms, **under law** or **under grace**, we should fully realize that reconciliation and redemption and regeneration precede Christian living and precede fellowship with God. Furthermore, we should fully realize that reconciliation, redemption, and regeneration were provided by God as a free gift to all who are called by the Holy Spirit and who respond to that call. Then follows our Christian living—then follows our striving to live unto righteousness — then follows our walking with God, in either a close walk or a closer walk, or the closest walk, under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We were saved—that is, we were reconciled and redeemed and regenerated by the grace of God, by the love of God, as a free gift from God. "Not by works, lest any man boast." The law, the Ten Commandments, the Decalogue, did not provide reconciliation or redemption or regeneration, but it did serve as "our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" and that "all the world may become guilty before God." It was the grace of God, the love and favor of God for His own, that provided reconciliation, redemption, and regeneration, and therein we can fully understand the true meaning of **under grace**, without further study or deliberation.

Law is the codification of rules of regulation in which the will of the lawmaker

is set forth. The Ten Commandments, the Decalogue, is such a code of law, in which the will of God is specifically set forth.

On the other side of the Cross, prior to the coming of Christ, all of those persons with whom God had dealings were definitely under law and were required to comply with the law, under the penalty of death (physical death), such as was the penalty for any failure to keep the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath.

The law, the Ten Commandments, the Decalogue, on the other side of the Cross, prior to the coming of Christ, was definitely the recorded will of God at that time, and no one can logically reason otherwise. Some persons do reason that the will of God regarding the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath was changed or nullified at the Cross, and therein they fail to realize that the will of God in any and all particulars was, and is, and forever will be, the same throughout all eternity, but they cannot consistently reason that the seventh day of the week did not exist as the Sabbath prior to the Cross.

We do know that the law, the Ten Commandments, the Decalogue, was our very first schoolmaster. "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." In simple words, the law, the Ten Commandments, the Decalogue, was the schoolmaster—that is, we were taught the will of God by the law, by the Ten Commandments, by the Decalogue, by the schoolmaster. Then Christ, the Son of God, who was God incarnate in the flesh, came to earth and dwelt among men, and at the appointed time He took our sins upon Himself, the whole world being guilty before God, and "bare our sins in His own body on the tree," thereby paying the penalty for our sins by His performance, thereby fulfilling the demands of the law, which law called for death (physical death). Thus, we, who are called by the Holy Spirit and who respond to that call, are freed from the law, in that the penalty demanded by the law was actually paid by Him through love or through grace, the words being

synonymous. However, did all of this free us from the teaching that we had received from the schoolmaster, from the law, from the Ten Commandments, from the Decalogue? If so, such teaching was all in vain and accomplished nothing of a lasting nature. It is correct, as Paul explained, "that **after** faith is come, (**after** our reconciliation and redemption and regeneration, which must be accomplished before faith can be established) we are no longer under a schoolmaster," because we have been brought unto Christ and through Him our faith is come. Nevertheless, we, on this side of the Cross, have definite knowledge of the will of God through our knowledge and understanding of the law because we learned from the schoolmaster, from the law, from the Ten Commandments, from the Decalogue, and the will of God consequently rests upon the fleshy tables of our hearts, rather than upon tables of stone, just as all knowledge that we acquire of any subject eventually comes to rest upon our hearts, rather than upon that from which we were taught.

We were taught by the law of mathematics that 2 plus 2 equals 4, and eventually we came to know this mathematical truth in our hearts. Thus, in our present day life, wherein mathematics plays a part, we know, without any reference to the law of mathematics, that 2 plus 2 equals 4, for the simple reason that we learned this fundamental truth from the law of mathematics. In a manner of speaking, we are no longer under the law of mathematics, but no one would be foolish enough to disregard the mathematical knowledge that we have in our hearts that we learned from the law of mathematics, else 2 plus 2 would not equal 4, and we would be unable to arrive at a correct mathematical answer to any mathematical problem that we might attempt to solve.

Isn't it a bit peculiar that practically all Christendom failed to learn the will of God regarding the Sabbath of the Lord thy God from the schoolmaster, from the law, from the Ten Commandments, from the Decalogue, and isn't it a bit peculiar that only a few Christians find the Sab-

bath commandment in the fleshy tables of their hearts, although it can be found so readily upon the tables of stone?

Is it any wonder, then, that we have difficulty in coming to know the will of God in so many particulars? Perhaps, if we gave ourselves over to the knowledge that we acquired (or should have acquired) from the schoolmaster, from the law, from the Ten Commandments, from the Decalogue, we would know the will of God in all particulars, as surely as we know that 2 plus 2 equals 4.

If we learned from the law of mathematics the fundamentals of subtraction and multiplication and division, but only learned the haphazard fundamentals of addition, we could not expect to go very far forward as a mathematical genius. If we learned from the law of God, from the Ten Commandments, from the Decalogue, the fundamentals of not killing each other and of not stealing from each other, etc., but only learned the haphazard fundamentals of our responsibilities to God and how to respect and honor and reverence Him, we could not expect to go very far forward as a spiritual genius, nor could we expect to grow very much in our spiritual life.

On the other side of the Cross, prior to the coming of Christ, Sabbath desecration carried a penalty of death (physical death). Could it be that, on this side of the Cross, Sabbath desecration carries a similar penalty of death (spiritual death)? We do know that the world is dying spiritually and that every effort, short of the restoration of the abandoned Sabbath, short of an effort to observe all of God's commandments, has been tried to no avail. Perhaps God, in His infinite wisdom, foresaw spiritual death and made provision to forestall spiritual suicide, when He declared: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God."

In conclusion, we can readily understand that we, as children of God, are not under law, in a manner of speaking, in that we are not under any legalistic mandate wherein grace does not abound. We realize that all that we do and all



### GERMAN RELIEF

Last year Seventh Day Baptists were sending money and clothing to Pastor John Schmid, of 27 Otsego Road, Verona, N. J., for the relief of destitute brethren in Germany. I wonder how many realize that their need is even greater now than last year.

A recent issue of the Friend's Service Bulletin on foreign service contained an article on Germany from which I quote:

"There is almost no one in Germany who is not hungry. . . . It can be seen in the pallor of the mothers . . . , the slow measured steps of the pedestrians; in the thin bodies of children, with bones knobby from rickets. It is evident . . . in the patients in hospitals dying of simple operations, in the ever-present desire to sleep, in the alarming increase of tuberculosis.

"Why is there such a shortage of food? . . . The producing land left to Germany has been devastated by the worst drought in generations. The potato supply will be exhausted by December and the grain by January."

Lenora E. Stillman.

Westerly, R. I.

"One of our sisters in the Hamburg Seventh Day Baptist Church, who works in a Children's Home at present, told us that two children must share one handker-

that we say, as we daily walk with God and in His love and favor, even though we fall short of the high calling, must spring from a heart of love and from a desire to honor and respect and reverence Him, not as if merely complying with the law, but rather as we have learned from the law. As a father teaches a child by a command, so that the child may come to know the will of the father, and may come to do the will of the father, not as merely complying with a command, but rather as having learned from a command—so it is with us in our relationship with God and in our observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath.

Pray God that we may all come to see and understand the Sabbath truth, and that we may take action accordingly.

chief, and five children must share one towel. So, you see, we can put to use all that you have sent us. . . . You have no idea how very hard it is just to keep our clothes in order when there is positively nothing that can be bought! How often it happens that one may lose a button or that it is torn off in an overcrowded train. If you are not lucky enough to have a few buttons at home which have been carefully saved over a long period of time, it is possible to buy one—but not only will it not match any of the others, but it is of such poor quality that it will last at the most three or four weeks. It is also of such a rough texture that it cuts the thread—and one spool of sewing thread costs (black market)—it is impossible to get it any other way) RM 40—one week's wages of the average working man!" — (Excerpt from a letter received from Lorenz Bruhn.)

Dear Brother Schmid, greetings:

"To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life." Romans 2: 7.

I didn't write to you for some time, but now I want to tell you all about our meetings and the receipt of the packages.

Since we were not able to attend our conference in Braunschweig as planned, because we didn't get any permit from the Russians, we held meetings here in Berlin. We had such a blessed time and felt the nearness of the Holy Spirit, strengthening one another, but our thoughts weren't only here, they were in Braunschweig with the others and with you loved ones in America who have helped us so much.

For your praise I quote Paul's words of 2 Corinthians 8: 3, "For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves"; also 1 Chronicles 29: 14, "for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee"; and 1 Peter 2: 5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

My daily prayer is, that God may bless you all for your devotion and kindness abundantly and visibly, so you will feel clearly that it comes from the Lord.

Personally and in the name of all our Church members I want to thank you all for such great sacrifices and love. Whatsoever we receive in food and clothing means so much to us, that we feel deeply indebted to all of you, like the servant that owed his master so much that he was never able to repay him.

Greetings with all my heart, also from all our members in the different Churches of Mecklenburg and Brandenburg, and Berlin.

Yours in Christ's service,  
(signed) J. Miltz.

Since my last letter to you I received 100 lbs. of flour, which made us all very happy, and twenty-one packages, so far in all we received 136.

Berlin-Pankow,  
October 18, 1947.

Sabbath Recorder,  
Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Brethren and  
Sisters in America:

By cause of the many addresses which were found in the parcels, which I have got by Brother John Schmid, the leader of the German Church Irvington, am I urged to go this way to say the most hearty thanks to you from all our German brethren and sisters.

First, I have tried to write to all names and addresses of those who fell into my hands as there are:

Mr. A. B. Crouch, Nortonville, Kan.; Mr. Aaron Breitreutz, Janesville, Wis.; Mrs. R. O. Babcock, Box 1003, North Loup, Neb.; Miss Ruth Hunting, 1019 Clinton Ave., Plainfield, N. J.; Mrs. H. A. Franklin, 510 Ashland Ave., Rome, N. Y.; Mrs. Powell, Princeton, Mass.; S. D. B. Church, Kingston, Jamaica; Mrs. Edna Richards, 3547 Washington St., Calif.; Mrs. Florence Ritz, 6108 Crowe St., Oakland 9, Calif.; Mr. Theodore Still, Farina, Ill.; Mrs. Antonia Wagner, 235 Bellevue North, Seattle 2, Wash.

But now this is not any more possible by the lot of names and addresses which I get; although I only get a part of the parcels which come to Germany.

I guess that also in those parcels which go to the other Churches in Germany such addresses will be enclosed, which, pity to say might not get an answer because our German sisters are not able enough to write in English language.

To this following names and addresses I have got:

Mr. E. O. Seamans, Camillus, N. Y.; Mrs. Robert L. Butler, Glendale Farm, Woodville, Ala.; Woman's Society, S. D. B. Church, Edinburg, Tex. (Mrs. Angeline Allen, president); Mrs. F. O. Langworthy, Portville, N. Y.; Mr. Ray C. Shomer, Little Genesee, N. Y.

The thanks of these our sisters but have been given to me and Brother Schmid. But I feel inclined by these lines to say to all of those not named sisters in U.S.A., thanks from our German sisters.

I hardly believe that you really can imagine the real situation we are: We do get, of course, our ration cards, which we only get delivered partly. Clothes and shoes we already don't get here for years. Many of our sisters are refugees and others bombed out and have lost everything.

But we have made the wonderful experience that when need is greatest, God's help is nearest.

This happened to us by the end of 1946, as we did not know any more to and fro, and were just on the borders of our powers—then there came the first food parcels.

And when the most horrid winter came to pass, which we had since long, the first clothes came over to us.

It is impossible to describe from which need you have released us, and with how many tears of joy your help has been greeted. Through this we were able all together to arrange our meetings and conferences again.

We should like as well to give a revenge of joy to you, but as we are unable to, we only can ask our God in heaven to give rich blessings to you all, brethren

and sisters, as well as to the General Conference and the members of the German S. D. B. Church in Irvington.

Be recommended to the Lord and heartily greeted,

H. Bruhn.

Hamburg, Germany,  
March 7, 1948.

[Brother Schmid reports that Brother H. Bruhn has been ill about six weeks, and recent word from Brother Bruhn's son states that his father will need to be in bed another six weeks.

Brother Bruhn was stricken with yellow jaundice. The letter from him to Brother Schmid telling of his illness took about three weeks to arrive. Brother Schmid replied by air mail, offering any medicines that Brother Bruhn might need. This air mail letter required about a week. A telegram was received from Brother Bruhn listing such medicines as were needed. Brother Schmid immediately bought them at the drug store and dispatched them by air mail.]

#### GERMAN RELIEF CORPS

Pastors and Church clerks, please note the following correction: The sum of 25 cents **monthly** is requested from Church members for German relief—not 25 cents weekly, as is stated in the last paragraph of our recent communication to you.

John G. Schmid.

27 Otsego Road,  
Verona, N. J.

#### CHURCH NEWS

SALEM, W. VA. — The old adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," has worked for the Salem Church. After several efforts to secure a new pastor, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley was duly installed January 10, 1948. The installation was held in the Baptist Church building, which we are using temporarily. We had a fine congregation including many friends of the community and representatives from Lost Creek, Middle Island, and Berea. The pastor of the Baptist Church and the pastor of the Seventh Day Church of God were present and participated in the program. Rev. John F. Randolph led the con-

gregation in prayer and brought greetings in behalf of the Berea Church. Deacon Orville Bond, Lost Creek, extended to Pastor Hurley a welcome to our association. Pastor Hurley responded graciously to the greetings and words of welcome which had been extended to him and Mrs. Hurley. The former pastor, James L. Skaggs, served as chairman of the meeting.

After adjournment, Pastor and Mrs. Hurley and Deacon and Mrs. Ross P. Seager stood at the altar while many of the congregation filed by, extending their personal greetings and their best wishes for the successful work, and the happiness of Pastor and Mrs. Hurley.

—Correspondent.

ASHAWAY, R. I.—An impressive Easter service was held in the Church on Easter Sabbath at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. James G. Waite, organist, played the recessional "Up From the Grave He Arose."

The senior choir, under the direction of Miss Clara Pashley, rendered two anthems, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," a German melody of the seventeenth century, and "In the End of the Sabbath," by Speaks.

Under the direction of the junior choir leader, Mrs. Florence Wells, the choir sang "Rejoice and Be Glad," by Nolte. The junior choir members made their first appearance in their new choir robes and entered the Church sanctuary at the beginning of the service.

The altar was very beautifully decorated with Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils.

On Easter Sabbath afternoon, a baptismal and vesper service was held. The holy rites of baptism were administered to seven candidates. The new members will be received into the Church during the morning service on April 3:

Mrs. Raymond Kenyon, Jr.,  
Correspondent.

NILE, N. Y.—If you have not heard from us for a while, that does not mean we have been inactive. We were not able to have any special evangelistic campaigns at the Church in the fall and early winter because of extensive work being done on

the Church building. Of course it was impractical to have special meetings to invite in our neighbors and friends when the entrance was all torn up by remodeling work that was in progress.

When preparations were being made to paint the Church, it was found that the front steps would have to be entirely replaced first. It was agreed that it would be better to remodel the whole entrance, so one would go in on the ground floor level and go up to the main floor by an inside stairway. The work was supervised by Mr. Frank Voorhees. Others helped as they could. Mr. Neil Clarke took care of the electrical work and the gas connections. Now an attractive front entrance is completed and an easily climbed stairway with appropriate railings and a landing half way up is in place. A new and much improved stairway to the balcony room was also put in. One wide door at the center of the rear of the auditorium replaces the two smaller ones that were one on each side before. A fine classroom has been made of what was the north end of the entrance hall.

The basement has been divided so that there is a large, well lighted room, with beautiful new paper on the walls and the woodwork attractively painted. A very handy kitchen and a hallway for the entrance and stairway are also part of the basement.

#### Efficiency for Evangelism

This is the plan adopted for a forward moving campaign all through the denomination. We are starting a series of Friday evening evangelistic services to extend through Pentecost Sabbath, which is May 15. Along with this a home visitation program is being inaugurated. With the help of the Church members the pastor is making appointments for the showing of evangelistic film slides in the homes of the community, especially in the homes of those who do not attend Church. This is a new venture, but we are entering into it with enthusiasm. We need your prayers that souls may be saved and that the Church may grow in numbers and in spirit. — From letter to nonresident members.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—This Seventh Day Baptist Church, built in the early 1930's, has always been a Church composed chiefly of northern Seventh Day Baptists vacationing or wintering in Florida. For the eastern section of the United States it is practically the denomination's only tourist Church. The Memorial Board helped to build the beautiful, Spanish-type meetinghouse, on First Avenue, and last year provided assistance in financing the new social hall at the rear of the house of worship. This added facility, fully paid for except for the Memorial Board loan, is much enjoyed by the Church.

Last winter, 1946-47, the peak mid-season attendance ran between fifty and sixty. Most of these worshipers stayed for the large Bible class which convened immediately after the forenoon preaching service. This lively class is taught in turn by several of its members. The past winter several of the previous winter's standbys failed to return; the attendance was between thirty and forty. The prospects for next winter seem brighter again. In the summer the attendance drops to the small but very important local membership. Rev. J. W. Crofoot is our settled pastor and he is leading us in a full spiritual program. The Church is assisted in his support by the Missionary Board. The social program functions chiefly through the very active Church Aid which is really a Ladies' Aid modified to admit the men to membership.

Seventh Day Baptists coming to Florida are invited to locate in or near this city. Pastors of our eastern and midwestern Churches are urged to call the attention of their members going on vacation or looking for an opportunity to escape from the northern blizzards to the Church privileges available here in this famous sunshine city of Daytona Beach. It is the "Queen City" of this middle east coast of the subtropical, citrus-growing state of Florida.

Next fall our northern friends will hear more about the attractions of this Seventh Day Baptist tourist Church.

J. N. N.



## EDUCATION, DEMOCRACY, AND CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA

More than 2,000 years ago, the great Chinese philosopher, Mencius, taught: "The people count for most, the state counts for less, and the king for least of all." Mencius even went so far as to declare: "When a ruler treats his subjects like grass and dirt, then the subjects should treat him as a bandit and an enemy." China has also long recognized the principle of human equality before the law. . . . The concept of democracy is not new in China . . . (and) . . . The importance of education in the realization of political democracy has long been recognized.

China's new Constitution, which became effective on December 25, 1947, stipulates that an aim of education shall be the development of democratic spirit. Part 5 of the new Constitution reads:

Article 158—Education and culture shall have as its aim the development among citizens of a national spirit, a democratic spirit, national morality, sound and healthy physique, sciences, and the knowledge and ability to earn a living.

Article 159—Citizens shall have equal opportunity to receive education.

Article 160—All children of the school age, from six to twelve years, shall receive primary education free, and those who are poor shall be supplied with textbooks by the government.

All citizens beyond school age who have not received primary education shall have supplementary education free, and shall also be supplied with textbooks by the government.

### Illiteracy Greatly Reduced

In 1928, 206,021 persons acquired literacy; 887,642 in 1929; 1,109,857 in 1932; 1,446,254 in 1935. The Ministry of Education estimated that up to the beginning of 1944 a total of 47,316,540 of China's estimated 360,000,000 illiterates had acquired the ability to read and write. Recent estimates indicate that there are still approximately 170,000,000 illiterates in China, which is about 39 per cent of China's population.

### Primary Schools and Education

The progress of elementary education in China is also remarkable. Primary school attendance increased by approxi-

mately 10,000,000 in fifteen years (1912ff.) despite war and disturbances. . . . By 1935 enrollment in primary schools increased to 15,559,848 or 34 per cent of the total of children of school age in that year. . . . In 1932, the Ministry of Education issued the Practical Procedure on Enforcing Short-Term Compulsory Education and the Outline for Enforcing Compulsory Education in the first stage. . . . In the summer of 1935, the National Government adopted a five-year plan for compulsory education. . . . By the end of 1936, 38,117 part-time schools and 13,267 ordinary primary schools had been established, and an additional 161 simplified primary schools were in operation. The total of primary school attendance in 1936 reached 18,285,129. . . . By July, 1941, there were 232,145 primary schools with an enrollment of 15,058,051 pupils.

### Increase of Secondary Schools

The establishment of secondary schools in China began about eighty years ago, and they grew rapidly at the turn of the century. (Although the history of institutions of higher learning in China can be traced back to Han Dynasty of more than 2,000 years ago, the modern form began in 1862, when Tung Wen Kwan was established in Peking.) In 1922, the system was remodeled after that of the United States, giving three-year courses for the junior and senior high schools respectively (the beginning of the so-called 3-3 plan for middle schools), with the option of giving additional normal and vocational courses. . . . In 1937, the number of students in secondary schools reached 389,948 and the number of schools, 1,896. . . . The number of schools was nearly tripled in the eight years of war. In the corresponding period, enrollment in secondary schools rose to 622,803 in 1939; 1,101,087 in 1943; and 1,394,844 in 1945.

### Student Subsidies and General National Budget Proportions

For the first six months of 1948, 13 per cent of the national budget has been allocated for educational and cultural purposes, as against only 3.2 per cent last year. This greatly increased appropria-

## MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in regular session on March 14, 1948, in the Trainer Sabbath School Room, with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley, Mrs. John F. Randolph, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Mrs. A. G. T. Brissey, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. Okey Davis led the devotionals, reading Psalm 100 and a report of the World Day of Prayer by a group of German women. The women of the board all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. S. O. Bond read the report of the treasurer, showing the following balances in the various funds: General Fund, \$182.17; Special Project, \$109.28; Helper's Fund, \$98.58; Total \$390.03. This report was accepted and placed on file.

Miss Lotta Bond reported that Mrs. L. O. Greene accepted the position of Women's Board correspondent for the East Central Association.

Miss Lotta Bond was instructed to approach Mrs. Donald Payne to become association correspondent for the North Central Association.

Mrs. Okey Davis and Mrs. Skaggs reported as editors of the Recorder Page, calling attention to goal 4: (Observe in some special way Sabbath Recorder month as designated by the Tract Society under recommendation of General Conference).

Mrs. Trainer agreed to undertake the work as chairman of the Christian Culture Committee, replacing Mrs. Ottis Swiger, who is unable to continue this work for a few months.

Mrs. Seager read the report of Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph.

Mrs. Seager also read the report of the ways and means committee. This report was accepted and placed on file.

The ways and means committee of the Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination would submit the following report:

Letters have been sent out to all known women's societies of the denomination in which the tentative plans for the year were given.

tion is an attempt to conform with the Chinese, which specifies that expenditure for educational, scientific, and cultural activities shall not be less than 15 per cent of the national budget. One fourth of the budget of the Ministry of Education, amounting to Ch \$730,000,000,000 goes to the support of students, a heavy burden on the national treasury. — China Information Bulletin.

### Seventh Day Baptists' Responsibilities

Seventh Day Baptist interests in China's education and democracy are firsthand. We have educated some of China's Christian leaders and their children in Grace Schools in Shanghai. The Church of Christ has developed methods of teaching literacy, which quickly release the powers of expressing knowledge. Seventh Day Baptist missionaries worked on Chinese-English dictionaries in the early days of our understanding of the Chinese language. The Bible has been the first book which many people over the face of the earth have ever read and will be the most-read book in many, many homes. The Bible is still the most widely circulated of all books. Let us continue to support education in our Shanghai school, where over 1,300 students study the Bible along with other texts, where our Chinese faculty are making heavy sacrifices for the school, where plans are going ahead for expansion of teaching facilities under Christian leadership in a land of expanding literacy. This is the education the world needs—the Christian teacher and the Christian book within the Christian fellowship of Church and home and school.

David Clarke.

### COMING

A review of the new book for laymen as companion volume to "A Workable Plan of Evangelism," by Dawson Bryan, for ministers. Published under date of March 15, 1948, "A Handbook of Evangelism for Laymen," by the same author, directly and effectively presents the spirit and technique of lay evangelism.

David Clarke.

The committee met in the house of the chairman on February 10, with all members present except Mrs. Skaggs, who was ill. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss with Miss Randolph the possibility of a helper in evangelism, for her. No definite action was taken as to whom to ask, or when such a helper could be supplied.

While the committee feels the definite need for such a helper, it was decided wise to let the problem wait until suitable persons could be found and until funds were available to support them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Roswell P. Seager,  
Chairman.

There was much discussion of the future work of the promoter, and the ways and means committee were given some ideas in directing this work.

Mrs. Hurley was requested to investigate further the call for materials needed in Africa, and to write an article on this subject for the Recorder.

Voted that Mrs. S. O. Bond order the stationery needed by the board.

Voted that a bill of \$5 for stationery for Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph be allowed to Fox Printing Company.

Voted that \$2.20 be allowed Mrs. Seager for postage and paper to send letters to the societies.

Voted that \$38.35 be paid the Recorder Press for space in the Conference Year Book.

Voted that "The Rehearsal" by Mrs. Edna Van Horn Wilkinson, be reviewed and presented in the Recorder.

Voted that Mrs. Skaggs be chairman of the committee to plan the Conference programs with the power to appoint other members.

In keeping with the recommendation of the committee that considered the report of the Women's Board at the General Conference, Mrs. Loyal Hurley was appointed chairman of a committee to receive such requests from our missionary workers as the Women's Societies might help to supply, e.g., for books, sewing materials, etc.

These minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet the second Sunday in May at 2:00 at the home of Mrs. Ottis Swiger:

Greta F. Randolph,  
Secretary.

### MILTON REPORTS

The Women's Circle of the Milton Church has carried on its missionary work in 1947 in the following ways: given Sabbath Recorder subscriptions to four families in our Church, packed and shipped boxes of clothing to Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica and Germany, and given financial help to the following: Women's Board, toward new house trailer for missionary evangelist; expenses of five young people who attended Conference in Westerly; the purchase of draperies for the veterans' dorm at Milton College; and the Second Century Fund. We have also sent special gifts of money to the Women's Board, and to Pastor John Schmid, of Verona, N. J., to help defray shipping costs of food and clothing to German Seventh Day Baptists. We have paid our pledges to the Church and denomination of \$200 each.

The money for this has come from the following sources: birthday fees, annual dues, birthday teas, ten cent teas, chicken pie supper and bazaar, and the serving of six luncheons. Voluntary contributions have been made by individuals towards the Women's Board Helper's Fund. These total \$36.

In the work meetings sewing was done on forty-eight woolen dresses for Russian children, and six members knitted six garments for Russian Relief. These materials were received from Church World Service.

We are starting the year 1948 with the following officers: president, Mrs. Gladys Lippincott; vice-presidents and group leaders, Mrs. Aliceon Branch, Mrs. Flora Babcock, and Mrs. Belva Fox; secretary, Mrs. Erna Burdick; and treasurer, Mrs. Emma Shaw. We have 124 names on the roll of active members. During the past year two have asked to be put on the inactive list, six young women have joined us, and we have lost one member by death. The average attendance last year was forty-six.

(Mrs.) Margaret L. Smitley,  
Correspondent.

The Sabbath Recorder in every home.

### SECRETARY SUTTON'S CONDITION IMPROVES

For several months Rev. Harley Sutton, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, has been in an uncertain state of health. In response to several inquiries he has asked me to report that his condition is much improved at the present time.

Mr. Sutton has been suffering from a disease of the motor nerves which has affected his hands and he has been advised not to travel. He has been able to carry on his full load of study, writing, and correspondence, however, with the help of Mrs. Sutton, and is anxious to continue his work with the Sabbath schools and youth groups in our Churches through the mails.

Arrangements are being made for Allen Bond, a senior student at the Alfred School of Theology, and his wife Katie, to do field work for the board this summer. They will direct Vacation Church Schools and help with young people's camps so far as possible, and requests for their services will be considered by the board at its next meeting, April 18. Correspondence in regard to their work should be addressed to Mr. Sutton.

Friends of the Sutton family, and young people at Conference last summer, will be concerned to know that Lola Mae, their daughter, has been confined to her bed for a month. The nature of her illness is not clearly diagnosed, although she is being treated for rheumatic fever.

Albert N. Rogers.

### I SAW IT IN THE SABBATH RECORDER

Miss Josephine Moore of Cypress Inn, Tenn., wrote to me for information regarding the National Youth Week Contest. When I asked in a letter how she found my name, she said that her mother has a friend in New York who takes the Sabbath Recorder. This friend has been passing it on to her for many years.

A lady in Essie, Ky., saw my name in the Recorder and wrote asking for help for her family, as she was ill and had a large family of children.

These and many other such illustrations show that the Sabbath Recorder reaches out. I am glad that this month is a special time for all of us to find new subscribers. If we, each one, do our part the reach of the Recorder will be wider than it is at the present time. H. S.

### A WORD TO GRANDPARENTS

The Editorial Board of "The New Sabbath Visitor" suggests that perhaps grandparents would like to make gift subscriptions to their lone Sabbathkeeping grandchildren. At least four such subscriptions have already been made. A single subscription is \$1 per year. The orders should be sent to Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N. Y.

The Board of Christian Education is urging all lone Sabbathkeeping families with children to subscribe to the paper. It is the only paper published by the denomination entirely for children. H. S.

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

LITTLE GENESEE: "Circumstances made it impossible for the Junior C. E. to conduct the Sabbath worship service during Youth Week. However, they did conduct the service on February 14. The call to worship, invocation, Scripture reading, morning prayer, offertory, and antiphonal reading were all done by different members of the society. The anthem was by the junior choir. Three of the boys served as ushers, distributed bulletins, and took up the offering. The pastor took as his topic, 'Youth's Goliath and Five Smooth Stones.' "

BROOKFIELD - LEONARDSVILLE: "The Christian Endeavor was organized about a year ago and is active now. Recently a series of weekly discussions on courtship that leads to an enduring and happy marriage were completed. Three of the topics were phrases taken from the marriage ceremony. The first was 'Keeping Courtship Christian.' The others were 'For Better or for Worse,' 'Why



## HOME LIFE BASIC TO DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL INSIGHTS

Home life is seen to be basic to the development of spiritual insights and moral practices by Rabbi Ahron Opher, member of the inter-faith committee which is sponsoring the sixth annual National Family Week in United States and Canada this year May 2-9.

"Religious leaders have long pointed to the home as the primary factor in the acquisition of spiritual insights and moral practices," said Rabbi Opher, who is an official of the Synagogue Council of America with headquarters in New York.

The Jewish leader pointed out that the key words in many religious circles are family words—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

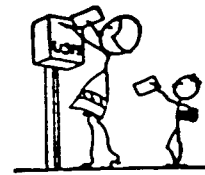
"Educators have learned the importance of the home in the development of character, in the learning or getting along with others," he declared. "The home is not a dwelling, but a living fellowship.

"It represents differences in age and sex, in interests and temperaments, in ability and experience. Yet it is united by the power of love, which establishes and preserves the family. The habit of co-operation acquired in the home will determine one's usefulness and adjustment in society."

National Family Week is sponsored by Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Promoting agencies for Protestants are the International Council of Religious Education, United Council of Church Women, and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. — Release.

These Should Not Be Joined,' 'Let No Man Put Asunder.' "

SALEMVILLE: "The Youth Fellowship (junior and senior high school and recent graduates) held their election recently and the following were elected for six months: president, Donald Clapper; vice-president and assistant secretary, Shirley Boyd; secretary, Denise Kagarise; and treasurer, Junior Hepner." H. S.



## OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene  
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is my second letter to you. The last time you heard from me I was down in Fouke, Ark. Since then we have had to move on account of my father's eyesight. I made several friends down in Fouke and I miss them.

We have two white dogs and one orange dog. The two white dogs' names are Sally and Beauty, and the orange dog's name is Shep. We also have eight horses and four colts. There is only one horse gentle enough for me to ride, and her name is Lady Jane.

Martha is helping me to write this letter, too. You asked me who Martha was. She used to be Martha Langworthy, but she married my brother, so now she is Martha Soper. She said she used to write letters to you when she was little.

I guess this letter is getting pretty long, so I had better close for now

Adeline Flora Soper.

Sutherland, Neb.

Dear Adeline:

Do you know, I thought you must be a new correspondent when I saw a Nebraska postmark on your letter. I am ever so glad to hear from you again and hope you will not wait so long before writing the next time. I should have known who Martha was if I had not forgotten her married name. I used to enjoy her letters very much, and am so glad she persuaded you to write. When I think that so many of my former Recorder children are grown up, and even have children of their own who write to me, I begin to think I must be getting old. My granddaughter, Joyce, said one day, "Maybe you are getting old, Grandma, but you don't act it"; and to tell the truth I am with children so much that I still feel young.

You surely are well supplied with dogs and horses; both are good company, I'm sure. Andover is well supplied with dogs

—277, I believe, at the latest count, and 217 dogs are said to be in Alfred.

When I was a little girl I used to ride Topsy, a gentle old horse, quite often, but one day I tried to ride her in the orchard and she brushed me off under a tree with low hanging branches. It was some time before my face was free from scratches.

Hoping to hear from you again soon, I am

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Phoenix is a lovely place to live, and I wish some other Seventh Day Baptists would move to Phoenix so we could have others in our Sabbath school.

We have a piano, so my mother, daddy, and I sing songs. Two of my favorites are "No Longer Lonely," and "I Choose Jesus."

We take turns offering the opening prayer. I take the collection just the way they do when I go to Sabbath school in Riverside. We have saved this money, and we are sending you part of it.

I am seven years old now and I enjoy the first grade very much.

I have a grandma that lives in Milton, Wis., and a Grandpa and Grandma Babcock in Milton Junction, Wis. I have been to visit them, and the last time was in 1946 when Conference was in Milton.

My mother and daddy are teaching me that Jesus brought no new commandment, but an old one which was from the beginning. 1 John 2: 7.

Your Recorder friend,  
Milton Davis.

Dear Milton:

We, too, wish more Seventh Day Baptists lived in Andover, for we have been very happy here for nearly twenty-four years. Most of our members are quite old, and are unable to go to Church in cold winter weather, so when Pastor Greene resigned, January 4, it was decided to close the Church until April 17. Then we are expecting to have theological students from Alfred School of Theology preach for us.

## REV. WAYNE ROOD AWARDED BACON FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Wayne R. Rood, professor of Theology and Church History in the Alfred School of Theology, who is pursuing advanced studies in the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, Calif., has been awarded the Bacon Fellowship in that institution.

The Benjamin W. Bacon Fellowship in Biblical and Allied Studies is open to graduates holding the B.D. degree from an accredited theological school, and is awarded for study at the Pacific School of Religion to a student who is a candidate for an advanced degree. In addition to serving as a teaching assistant in the Biblical fields, the Fellow is responsible for the Department's extensive library of Biblical literature, and assistant to the Curator of the Museum of the Palestine Institute. The Museum is one of the finest of its kind in the United States, and owes many of its specimens to the series of archaeological expeditions conducted by the school and institute in Palestine between 1926 and 1935. The chief contribution of the expedition was the excavation of Tell en Nasbeh, a city lying north of Jerusalem, and identified with the Mizpah of Samuel's time. Included among the specimens is hitherto undiscovered evidence of the ceramic culture of southern Palestine about the end of the fourth millennium B. C.

—Alfred Sun.

We thank you and your kind mother and daddy for the generous gift of money you sent us. We appreciate your kindness with all our hearts.

No, indeed, Jesus did not give us new commandments that were not God given, for He said, "I came not to destroy, but to fulfil." That is, He showed us the best way to keep God's commandments by His example and teaching.

I know you must have enjoyed your visit in Milton. I was disappointed not to be able to attend that Conference. I used to go to school in Milton Junction.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.



## Marriages

**Kuchta - Brown.** — Walter Kuchta, son of Mrs. Frances Kuchta of Milwaukee, Wis., and Bonnie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage on the evening of February 14, 1948, in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated.

## Obituaries

**Maxson.** — Esli Luzerne, second son of Lucian L. and Florene Crandall Maxson, was born at North Loup, Neb., March 7, 1890, and died at his home in North Loup, February 11, 1948.

At an early age he was baptized and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup, to which he belonged at the time of his death.

He is survived by his brother, George, and one nephew, George, Jr., of North Loup; a niece, Mrs. Warren Brannon, and a grandniece, Nancy Ruth Brannon of Lincoln, Neb.

Due to the illness of his pastor, Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, services were conducted by Rev. Warren Studer of the Evangelical Church, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery. F. M.

**Brannon.** — Sylvia, daughter of Joseph A. and Emaline R. Van Horn Green, was born November 27, 1876, at North Loup, Neb., and passed away February 24, 1948.

She was the only daughter of a family of five children, and was the last to survive. At the age of fifteen she united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, and remained a faithful and conscientious member the rest of her life. On April 18, 1893, she was married to James A. Brannon of Star, Idaho. To this union two children were born: a son Riley of North Loup, and a daughter who died at birth. She also had an adopted daughter who married Ira Cruzan, now of White Cloud, Mich.

She spent her entire life in and around North Loup. She loved sacred music and loved to play the Church organ. She was tenderly cared for in her later days by her son and his wife. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor from the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church and burial was in the rural cemetery.

She is survived by her son, her daughter, nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. A. C. E.

**Hutchins.** — Wesley T., son of Alonzo and Rosetta Weed Hutchins, was born in Minnesota, April 2, 1876. He passed away at his home in North Loup, March 2, 1948.

When Wesley was but a lad his father moved to Iowa, and in 1884 he came with his family to North Loup, where Wesley grew to manhood. Here, with the exception of a short time in Colorado and a few months in Idaho, he lived his life. In September, 1892, he was married to Grace Clement of North Loup.

To them four children were born. He spent the greater part of his life traveling for the International Harvester Co., and the Woodmancy and Aermotor Wind Mill Companies. He retired in 1941. Mrs. Hutchins died July 24, 1934.

In September, 1920, he united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Alva Davis. He was a regular attendant and for many years sang in the choir. He was a great lover of nature and was always thrilled when he was out in nature's world. He was a great friend of children. In August, 1935, he married Mrs. Florence Stewart of Des Moines, Iowa, who as a girl had grown up in his community in North Loup.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; four children: Floyd of North Loup, Gladys Christensen of Ord, Louise Brennick of North Loup, and Clyde of Ft. Collins, Colo.; one brother, G. L. Hutchins of North Loup; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, and burial was in the local cemetery. A. C. E.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. — Psalm 46: 1-3.

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