

The Sabbath Recorder

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

Ninety young American Church members, men and women between the ages of 18 and 30, are among the 800 Church youth who are participating in the "work camps" sponsored by the World Council of Churches in Europe, Asia, and the U. S. A. this summer. Most of them will do forms of manual labor, mostly building and clearing sites, for camps, housing developments, religious and educational and health ministries, in France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, England, Japan, and the Philippine Islands. The project in the U. S. A. is educational and recreational work with the East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York City. The American campers, mostly university students and active Church workers, represent fourteen denominations in the U. S., and are from 27 states and Hawaii.

Hundreds of baccalaureate and commencement prayers were offered in American schools and colleges during June. One that has occasioned more than passing comment because of its originality of ideas and of language is from the pen of Rev. Llewelyn Evans, minister of the Magnolia Avenue Presbyterian Church, Riverside, Calif.: "Thou, Father of the Radiant Jesus, bless these young people now standing on the threshold of a new stage in this enterprise of living. Give them constancy of purpose and consistency of character. Light their paths with inspiration, flood their minds with high ideals, fortify their souls with Thy grace. Translate their high dreams into life's achievements, their hopes into experiences, their pretensions into tangibilities. May the luster of their faith shine through the dust of routine. Conserve for them the glamour of youth in the tomorrows of added responsibilities. Garrison their future with the sense of Thy Presence, that they may come to the end of the trail unashamed and clean of soul and spirit. Let character be their highest achievement and integrity their guarded treasure. Strike deep the truth that youth is never the creator of its evil environment but the victim. Help us to open a highway into spiritual opulence for the generations of tomorrow. Make our interest in youth sacrificial, our judgment tempered with mercy, and our appraisal of youth most generous. Please God, captivate the ardor of youth for Thine own glory, Amen."

Build a wall between the children and the first glass of any alcoholic beverage. — Clipsheet.

"In the struggle to found their national life upon the principles of freedom and justice, our peoples are threatened not only by forces which explicitly deny these principles, but also by the fundamental inability of unredeemed human nature to implement them even when they are explicitly accepted," said the delegates of Protestant Churches in India, China, Palestine, the Philippines, and a dozen other nations at the recent "East Asian Christian Conference" held in Bangkok, Siam.

"These very conditions constitute an urgent summons to us who have been entrusted with the gospel of redemption, and there is widespread evidence of eager desire on the part of multitudes to hear this gospel. Doors are wide open to us in many lands. But some of these doors are likely soon to be shut. In some countries restraints are already placed upon the entry of foreign missionaries. In other areas the Church has come under governments which aim to prevent the organized propagation of Christianity, and yet others are likely to come under the same conditions.

"These facts give a special urgency to our appeal to the Churches of East Asia to undertake with a new sense of responsibility the task of so making Christ known in the power of the Holy Spirit that men may come to accept Him as Saviour and King, and to serve Him in the fellowship of His Church. In this task both younger and older Churches are bound together in a partnership of obedience."

MOMENTS OF MEDITATION

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Then, with those who know that Christ Jesus hath spoken to their condition, we can sing:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee
to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

George Keith.

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Moments of Meditation

"THE NEW MAN"

Text: "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4: 24.

"If you are a new man, why don't you act like one?" asked the twelve-year-old son of a recent convert.

"Son, I am sorry," the father replied. "I let my tongue slip and get ahead of me. It isn't easy to overcome an old habit, especially when it has a strong hold on me. I've always had somewhat of a temper. But, I do appreciate your reminder, son. With God's help I will conquer this habit of losing my temper."

Thus father and son were drawn to each other in understanding and in the endeavor to live the Christlike life. Little did the son realize in his high moment of reminding his father just how much his father's struggle later would mean to him.

The Apostle Paul was writing to new Christians, many of whom had been converted from paganism.

"Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4: 22-24 (RSV).

Let us continually "put off . . . the old man," and "put on the new man" — in Christ.

For, without Him we can do no good thing.

Prayer: Our Father, help us to act as new men and women ought to act. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Conference president's address: Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, 619 North Avenue, Battle Creek, Mich.

THE SALEM CONFERENCE College Auditorium Becomes House of God

College auditoriums are always houses of God when those who frequent them seek Him there.

In an unusual sense the auditorium of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., became the house of God on Tuesday morning, August 22. As Mrs. Homer May, the Salem Church organist, played the prelude, delegates and visitors to the One Hundred Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference streamed into the auditorium. From East and West, from North and South they came to Conference — older and younger — some for the first time and others for the fortieth.

With joy we were reminded: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122: 1.

Concern for the Seagers

An evidence of the oneness in Christ that prevailed at the Salem Conference was the grave concern over the illness of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Seager's daughter, Miriam.

As delegates arrived in Salem, one of the first words passed from mouth to mouth was that Dr. Lloyd D. Seager had been called home because of Miriam's illness. On Monday evening, August 21, a telephone call from Dr. Seager to their son, Irving, who was then at Salem, asking him to return home, gave further evidence of the seriousness of Miriam's condition.

On Thursday morning of Conference, Courtland V. Davis, corresponding secretary, reported that he had talked by telephone with Dr. Seager the evening before. Dr. Seager said that they believed that Miriam was a little better, but was "a very sick girl."

In this connection Dr. Seager tendered his resignation as a member of the Commission of General Conference since it will be necessary for him to be at home with his family for at least six months free from responsibilities beyond those of his profession of medical research and teaching.

Upon the acceptance, with regret, of Dr. Seager's resignation, Acting President Alton L. Wheeler asked the Conference to stand in silent prayer for the Seager family. On the opening morning of Conference the congregation in like manner united in prayer.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

"Thanks be unto God for His saving, healing power through Christ our Lord."

The Conference Program

Consequently it became necessary for Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, first vice-president, Battle Creek, Mich., to preside at the sessions of General Conference. He, with the assistance of Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Ashaway, R. I., third vice-president, and other officers of Conference, and the co-operation of the delegates assembled, carried out the program that had been planned by President Lloyd D. Seager, Little Rock, Ark., upon the approval of the Commission of the Conference.

A Large Conference

With 57 Churches and the China and Jamaica missions represented, there were 604 delegates and visitors registered. Quite a number did not register. At the Communion service Sabbath morning, August 26, 390 people participated inside and outside the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church. More than 700 were in attendance upon the Sabbath morning service which was held at the Salem College auditorium following the Communion service at the Church.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

"It is a privilege and joy to welcome you to our West Virginia hills once more," declared Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, pastor of the host Church, as he extended words of welcome.

"I don't like the West, everything is so wide out," remarked a Salem lady to Brother Hurley on the occasion of his being a guest in her home at a former Conference.

Mr. Hurley said that he might have replied, but didn't, "Everything here (in Salem) is so narrow in."

Further, Rev. Mr. Hurley quoted Rev. George B. Shaw as having said, in one of his unique addresses of welcome to a Salem Conference, that Salem is 2½ miles long and 24 feet wide.

Pastor Hurley continued by saying: "I am happy to welcome you to our newly built Church, to our homes, and to Salem College." He welcomed us to the Conference which met under rather strained and serious circumstances especially as related to Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Seager and family. His prayer and hope have been "that the Spirit of God has made us 'fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.'"

RESPONSE TO WELCOME

By Dean Ahva J. C. Bond

When President Seager asked me to respond to the welcome this morning I began to recall the past. At first thought, it seemed it would not have been inappropriate if I had been asked to give the welcome. I am a native of these hills, and have spent half my years up to now in residence here. I am a graduate of Salem College, and have been pastor of the Salem Church, even when it was host to the General Conference. While these things came back vividly to mind, on further reflection I had to admit I was going a long way back in memory. Two fruitful pastorates of more than average length succeeded mine before Pastor Hurley came to Salem. Now he has been here long enough to endear himself to the people, and appropriately he has welcomed us. He speaks for a few whom I knew here. He speaks for a whole generation who have come into the work of the Church since my days here.

Well, then, what are my special qualifications, if any, for giving the response? I resigned the pastorate here to become director of the Seventh Day Baptist Forward Movement. That took me into nearly every Church of the denomination in this country. My acquaintance firsthand then and since with our people may count in my favor. Just twenty-five years ago we held our first Teen-Age Conference. That was followed by similar conferences from Rhode Island to Kansas and Nebraska. Two years later we had our first camping experience at Lewis Camp, since which

time I have participated in camp activities from Lewis in Rhode Island to Pacific Pines in California.

Perhaps I may speak for these young people, many of them now approaching middle age, and active in Church work, and now present here. For fifteen years I have been teaching and counseling theologs, and now one third of our active ministers have been students at Alfred since I went there. For eleven years previous I had been a pastor and leader in Sabbath Promotion. Perhaps I do qualify in some measure for this honor. And now, representing the delegates and visitors to this Conference, I heartily and sincerely say to you, Pastor Hurley, thank you for that warm and cordial welcome.

Now may I say a word as to the significance of our coming together here, that which makes Salem's hospitality a kingdom service, and our coming a Christian pilgrimage. To be sure we will find fellowship here, and that may be a wholesome spiritual experience. We shall hear reports, listen to sermons, and together worship God. But let me in this moment invoke a fresh vision of our Christian task.

I find a threefold content of that vision in two verses of the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles — verses eight and nine. Let me label that threefold view as follows: All across the landscape, out over the horizon, up into the sky — across, beyond, up. Jesus had given the disciples their commission, had promised them power, and now He gives them a program.

The landscape, as I conceive it in my vision, means what we call the home field, and all activities of our Churches and boards in preaching and teaching and leading, building the kingdom in our Church communities, and all across the land. That for us is witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria.

"To the end of the earth" comprehends the next phase of our vision, and includes all beyond the horizon that rims what we have called the home field. We need a fresh vision of the work being done in many places, and fields to be occupied. Also, we need a fresh vision of our responsibility and opportunity in the world-wide movements of the ecumenical Church of Christ.

DENOMINATIONAL GROWTH

By Dr. Lloyd D. Seager
President, Seventh Day Baptist
General Conference, 1949-50

The following address of the Conference president was presented on Tuesday morning, August 22, 1950, by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, first vice-president, who served as president in Dr. Seager's absence. Dr. Seager was called back to his home in Little Rock, Ark., by Mrs. Seager because of the serious illness of their daughter, Miriam.

A recent letter from the president of our Historical Society draws attention to the fact that of the slightly over 100 Churches listed in the 1900 Year Book, over 50 per cent of these are missing in the 1949 Year Book, and our total Church membership has declined 30 per cent.

Numerous reasons have been given through the years for this state of affairs. These include:

1. A shift from emphasis on evangelism to emphasis on religious education.
2. The emphasis of our colleges on training for teaching and other professions which take our young people away from their home communities.
3. Failure to give adequate Bible instruction to our young people as a defense of their beliefs.
4. Failure to teach and believe that Sabbath observance is essential.
5. Too liberal in our views.
6. Too conservative in our views.
7. Internal tensions that destroy enthusiasm.
8. Heavy investments in projects and endeavors that contribute little to growth.
9. A cumbersome and inefficient type of denominational organization with too much of our budget going into overhead expenses.
10. Lack of long-range planning.
11. A pessimistic and depressing attitude among our Churches instead of one of hope, faith, and determination.
12. An apologetic attitude in our convictions about the Sabbath rather than a fervent courageous one.

After giving the disciples this vision of their immediate task, near at hand and world-wide, Jesus was taken up and a cloud received Him. Does that blunt and blur the vision, or is it a thrilling part of it? Once before they thought they had lost Him, and dejectedly went back to their fishing and their ordinary vocations. Then He appeared to them that glorious morning on the lake shore. After that they companioned with Him, to their great joy. Now He was going away again! Let us not miss our vision here. He was going away in order to give them new and adequate power. Removing His physical presence which limited His activity and localized His contacts, He made possible everywhere to all listening and seeking souls, the Holy Spirit with power equally potent with that which He possesses and had exercised.

May we in the power of this threefold vision go out from this Conference to serve our Lord Christ humbly, unitedly, effectively.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me toward the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So, heart be still!

What need our little life,
Our human life, to know,
If God hath comprehension?

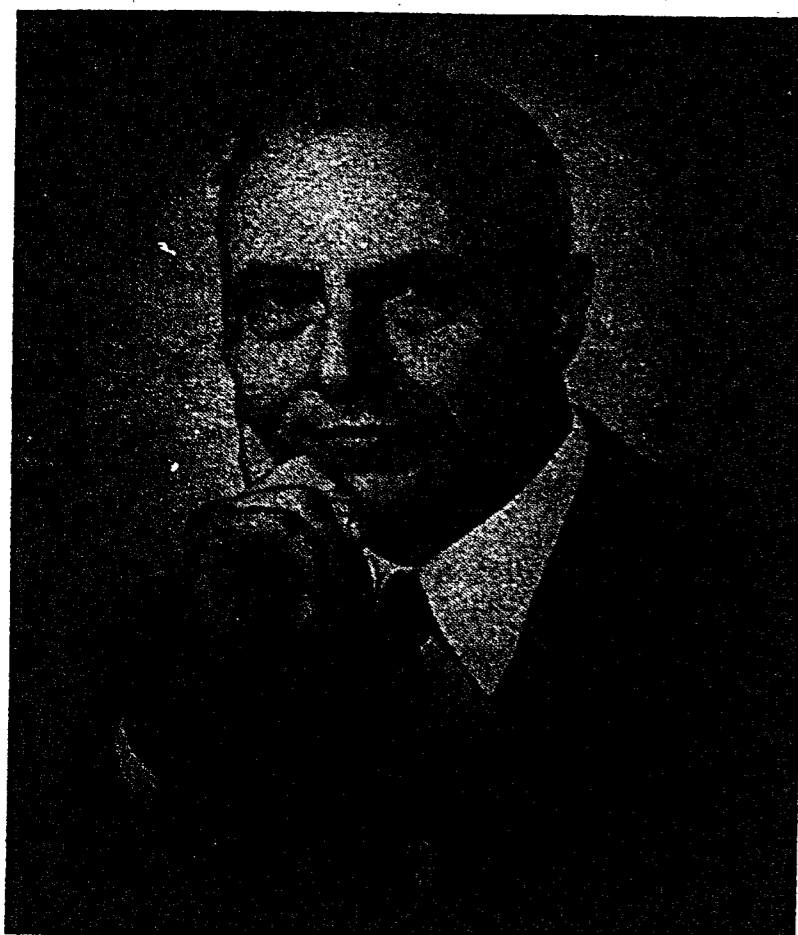
—M. Louise Haskins.

Conference President's Corner

Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, upon being invested as Conference president, announced the theme for the year to be: "Thy Kingdom Come." He chose Ephesians as the theme Bible book, with special emphasis on Ephesians 4: 13ff.

I believe all of the above factors and many more have contributed their part.

It behooves us to study and analyze our situation and to do everything in our power to rectify the mistakes we have been making. We need to put more emphasis on evangelism and religious education. They should be mutually helpful, and every Seventh Day Baptist should be active, directly or indirectly, in both.



Dr. Lloyd D. Seager

Our Vocational Committee is concerned about number 2 of the list, and the associated migratory tendency that has characterized our people. The way we are scattered at present, one should be able to move to an area having any type of soil, climate, or occupation he desires and still be near enough to have fellowship with at least a few other Seventh Day Baptists. I am fully aware of the difficulties of lone Sabbathkeepers in bringing up a family when out of contact with others. It can be done, but I believe a better witness can be given and bonds of fellowship kept stronger if enough are available in the community to have a Sabbath school or other regular forms of service.

The Board of Christian Education is giving increasing attention to items 3 and 4. Our summer camp programs sponsored

by the board along with our Vacation Bible Schools are doing, perhaps, our most effective work at the present time.

We have lost members due to both items 5 and 6. Some have left us because some of our ministers were too liberal, and many others have left us because some were too conservative.

Certainly, there are many things which we see "through a glass darkly." We can comprehend only a fraction of what is to be known. Liberty of thought is basic in our fellowship, and we must have charity for those who feel the Spirit is leading them in interpretations different from those we feel led to accept, "and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." 2 Corinthians 3: 17.

Our danger is not in having a few ultraconservatives or ultraliberals, but that the contentions between the two extremes distract us from focusing our attention on our main objectives as Christians. Internal tensions, not only over debatable theological points but over other matters as well, have served to divide our motives and waste our energies.

Denominational reorganization has for some time seemed advisable, because of the overlapping of the functions of the various boards and the overhead expenses. The Commission voted in April to have the chairman appoint a committee to be made up in the Milton area to work with him in drafting plans for reorganization. This committee has given much thought to the problem, and it recommended a plan to the Commission which has many merits.

A forum made up of former Conference presidents will discuss this problem during Conference as well as the problem of the Denominational Building and the Sabbath Recorder. Our subsidy to the latter two items represents over one third of our entire budget. I believe we should seriously consider making better use of our building or selling it and moving to more conservative quarters in Plainfield or elsewhere.

I believe that the continued decline of some of our Churches is attributable to a defeatist attitude among the members. This attitude is discouraging to those who would like to do something constructive to remedy the situation. Let us change

to an attitude of hope, courage, and determination. We need to about-face in our apologetic attitude about the Sabbath. In this regard, I would like to contrast the action of two individuals of my acquaintance. One gave the excuse to his boss that he wanted to have Saturdays off to help his wife do the washing. The other, a promising young high school athlete, turned in his football uniform to the coach with an explanation as to why he wouldn't play on Saturdays.

Sabbath observance should be a challenge. Our mission as a separate denomination is to lead the world to this truth. I believe it is our duty to present our cause in the most effective way possible and at every opportunity that affords itself. I believe that we should carry our cause directly to the leadership of Sunday-keeping Churches. I believe our most effective and logical channels for doing this are through our interdenominational organizations such as the Federal Council of Churches, the National Council, and the World Council. Let us also join additional groups. In addition to contributing our influence to many worthy causes in which all Christians should co-operate, we have the opportunity, directly and indirectly, in these affiliations to bring the Sabbath to the attention of the millions of members of the constituent bodies.

I still feel that Amsterdam was the greatest opportunity we have had in the history of Seventh Day Baptists. This opportunity will magnify itself with each new meeting of the Assembly as we gain experience and plan ahead. I believe we will succeed in getting the Sabbath question on the agenda of the World Council for general discussion.

For all the problems that confront us as a denomination, let us pray for guidance on the road ahead. May we all go forward "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Romans 12: 11.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

The Northern Baptist Convention is now The American Baptist Convention? This change in name was made by an almost unanimous vote at the convention held in Mechanics Hall, Boston, Mass., May 22-26, 1950.

We Have Been Informed That —

• Rev. Elmo F. Randolph was elected chairman and Rev. Lester G. Osborn and Alfred L. Davis were named as the auditing committee of the Commission at its organization meeting at the close of the Salem Conference.

• Don Sanford, student in the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., has served the Independence and Andover, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Churches as summer pastor.

• Rev. Carl R. Maxson has been serving the Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Church during the summer while taking a special course in hospital chaplaincy work.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, September 17, 1950, at two o'clock.

Franklin A. Langworthy,
President,
Frederik J. Bakker,
Recording Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, September 17, 1950, at two-thirty o'clock.

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(As adopted by General Conference at Salem, W. Va., August 27, 1950.)

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For one year—James H. Coon, Milton, Wis.
For two years—Elmo F. Randolph, Milton, Wis.
For three years—Charles C. Burdick, Milton Junction, Wis.
For four years—George E. Coon, Milton Junction, Wis.
For five years—George E. Crosley, Milton, Wis.

Recommendations

1. That the office of assistant treasurer be set up and that Forrest M. Branch, Milton, Wis., be elected to that office.
2. That the chairman of the Vocational Committee be authorized, at his discretion, to add three or more members to his committee.
Since the General Conference is entitled to two delegates to the National Council in addition to the member of the Executive Committee and the three delegates to be nominated by the denominational agencies, the committee recommends:
3. That the member of the Executive Committee of the National Council be empowered to appoint these two delegates with the understanding that the General Conference will not pay their expenses.
4. That the Women's Society, the Board of Christian Education, and the Missionary Board each be empowered to name one voting representative to the Biennial Session of the Federal Council and the constituting convention of the National Council.

Perley B. Hurley, Chairman.
Leland E. Skaggs, Secretary.

FORUM — Denominational Problems

(Conducted at General Conference, Salem, W. Va., on Tuesday afternoon, August 22, 1950, with Professor Harley D. Bond of Salem as chairman. Stenographically reported.)

Harley D. Bond: Some few weeks ago we received a letter from President Lloyd D. Seager asking that a panel be prepared on the topic of Denominational Problems. This is the first of the forums. Each forum feels that its subject is very important. That is how we feel about this one, because we feel that our denominational problems are concerning each one of us.

The purpose of a forum is not to decide a question. It is merely to bring out into the open a subject for discussion. It is hoped that from that may be generated some thinking and eventually a solution. We do not expect to settle anything this afternoon.

Seventh Day Baptists are a small group of people — a small denomination, about the size of a large city Church. Yet we are scattered from coast to coast. Our forefathers were wise enough to set up a foundation upon which is built a denomination. That structure has worked well, and yet there may be better ways that it might possibly work more efficiently than now. We have certain boards and societies that make a lot (of overhead) for the membership of a large city Church to carry.

As a denomination we have a distinct purpose — to carry the truth of Christ and the Sabbath throughout the world. In the operation of our various boards and societies we have administrators. We find that there may be some overlapping in terms of our work in the various societies. Are we then carrying on the work as economically as we might?

Our Sabbath Recorder is constantly being subsidized. Yet we do not want to do without the Sabbath Recorder.

I would like to ask at this time if there is a person in the audience prepared to read a paper written by Karl G. Stillman. Mr. Stillman was to be on this panel, but was not able to get here.

I will introduce to you the members of the panel — Professor D. N. Inglis, K.

Duane Hurley in the place of his father, P. B. Hurley, Rev. James L. Skaggs, and Dr. Ben R. Crandall.

This is to be strictly informal. As we discuss the problem here, it is your problem. If time permits, please feel free to ask any questions at the close of our discussion.

Do you have a feeling that we may be just a little overburdened with the administration of our various boards and societies in a denomination of our size?

Dr. Crandall: In the first place, I am allergic to a "mike," so I will talk to you straight.

I never like to give up one job until I am sure I have the next one. Not being able to attend one of our own Churches, I have attended a Methodist Church part of my life. They have given me every consideration — even to sending me to their conference. I have been in the Methodist Church for many years. I think the Methodists are the finest organized religious body in the United States. We could profit by some of their ideas. I am in favor of a highly centralized organization. Yet, I do feel that there can be too highly centralized control.

I happen to be a member of the Board of Christian Education. I would like to say one thing. Ten years ago in the Conference at Battle Creek we held the first Pre-Conference Retreat for young folks. There were twelve young folks and three instructors. Those instructors were Rev. and Mrs. Harley Sutton and Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. This year there were 97 young folks, 109 at camp including the instructors.

I want to mention another thing. I feel that there should be a change, but I feel that haste is likely to make trouble. I think the idea of referring this matter to the Commission is a good thing. I feel that we all need to pray and to study and think, and come with constructive ideas a year from now.

Harley Bond: Thank you for your discussion, Dr. Crandall.

What do you think should be done with our denominational building?

Mr. Inglis: When this denominational building proposition came up, I was "agin"

it. I did not see how we could have a building. It looked like a proposition beyond our means. I did not vote for it to go to Plainfield. I felt it should be where one of our colleges is located. Nevertheless, Mr. Chairman, we have it. Seventh Day Baptists should get behind it. It holds for us two important functions of our denominational work — the Historical Society and the Memorial Board. If they were to be moved into other quarters, we would have to pay rent. To my mind, it is fully out of place to think of selling that building and buying another.

Seventh Day Baptists do not like the same thing year after year. I have a feeling that we need to reject a little more in our present machinery rather than talk of shifting it. If it becomes necessary to change, I will get behind it.

Mr. Skaggs: When the plans were being developed, I felt much as you did. I didn't push for it as others did, because I questioned the advisability of the place. We had some fine word pictures drawn as to what it would mean as a symbol to our denomination. I am not personally familiar with the proposition, but I understand that a large part of the building is not in use. It cannot be used for anything that is productive of income, as I understand it, or the taxes will be much higher. The second floor of that building is used very little. The third floor is given to the Historical Society. I feel that we have something of a problem, but as to what the solution of it is I do not know. I am one who has questioned very much whether any of us has the answer now. I think it is a good thing to discuss these things, but I would be sorry to have a radical action taken.

There is a possibility that some of the denominational workers in the denominational organization might feel that they are being criticized. I wouldn't feel that way about it. To my mind we are dealing with situations. We are not dealing with personalities. It seems to me that when these considerations come up we should try to see them objectively. For my part, I am hoping that no one will feel that it is a direct or implied criticism. On that basis we might be able to face these con-

siderations frankly and sincerely and in a most loving spirit. Nevertheless, we may differ. Perhaps our progress is dependent on our differences.

I do feel there are going to be increasing expenses if we maintain this building. While I am speaking, I might say something about the Sabbath Recorder. We Seventh Day Baptists are a large family. The Sabbath Recorder is a family letter. We are interested in the news of our various Churches, reports, etc. It is an important thing. But when you come to consider what it is costing, the approximate subsidy which we are paying is about \$10,000, besides our subscriptions. I think of what that \$10,000 might do. We cherish the Recorder. But should we pamper ourselves at the expense of that money which might be used for evangelism and missions?

Harley Bond: The matter of the Sabbath Recorder has been mentioned. Does anyone have anything further to say about the denominational building?

Mr. Hurley: I will put in my few cents worth. If dad were here it would be \$5 worth. Concerning the matter of the denominational building, we need a headquarters. We need some place we can call home. Some of us who have been at Plainfield have fallen in love with the present denominational headquarters. My understanding is that the building is in need of repairs which will cost a lot. I also have the information that the tax burden may fall at a moment's notice. I am also aware that now is a good time to make some changes if changes are necessary. In view of the fact that the Commission's recommendation makes it apparent that no move will be made unless advantageous sale can be made and unless places can be found to which to move the offices and the historical material, I think we are on pretty safe ground. I would like to see us go ahead with the consideration of the problem. I feel that it is good to make haste slowly.

Mr. Inglis: I think that building could be used better if the Seventh Day Baptist headquarters could be located in it. We have no executive secretary, no president of the Conference there who can answer

questions. If we had a person located there, centralizing the various groups, I think the building could be of more value.

Mr. Hurley: Any headquarters that we might set up should be a place where there would be a central organization that would help in the problems.

Mr. Inglis: That idea of bringing our denominational machinery under one leader is growing. There is an idea that we are a separate unit and not knowing what the others are doing. After all, if we do get to where we can have a sort of denominational manager, we may get something co-ordinated.

Mr. Skaggs: Do you think that the Seventh Day Baptists from Rhode Island and California would be content with having a small group from Plainfield run them?

Mr. Inglis: I think so, because there has been some thought of putting the Commission as the central person. The Commission would be made up of every association in the United States so that it would report the ideas of the denomination more efficiently.

Mr. Skaggs: The Commission to start with originated at Nortonville, Kan. Members were scattered far and wide. Then the expense of meeting was heavy. Now we have swung it back. Now with a larger Commission, the expenses would be more.

Mr. Hurley: I have a feeling in that regard beyond the element of expense. Certainly we want any central body to be representative of the group. If the Commission becomes too large, it will not be workable. I know some have said that it seemed like it took the Commission a long time to come up with nine recommendations. If the number were increased, it would take longer to come to fewer recommendations.

Mr. Inglis: I think that the longer it takes to come to a decision the better off we are. If members of the Commission were elected by the association, the association could ask for a report. I am not in favor of having members of the various boards become voting members of the

Commission because they are directly concerned with that board. I think the distribution would be done by a group of people outside the boards.

Mr. Hurley: Just to confuse the thing more, I have heard it expressed, and I may agree with it, that the time has come for some reorganization in our association setup. Perhaps reorganization in that field would set in with the Commission.

Mr. Bond: I wonder if the president of Conference, who is usually a pretty busy man, should be one who might be on the denominational payroll, being released from his other duties at that time.

Mr. Crandall: Why not the executive secretary fill that function? Get an expert, a man who is trained for it, and pay him. Beyond this executive secretary would be a co-ordinating secretary from each of the various boards and societies in the Commission.

Mr. Skaggs: We would have to get the free consent of these various boards.

Mr. Crandall: The Commission assigns the budget. Dr. Corliss F. Randolph is doing a good piece of work in the Historical Society. How safe are those memorials? Is the building fire resistant? If that building burned, must we lose all that? It seems to me we should have a building for that. (Note: At this point Franklin A. Langworthy arose to inform the Conference that Plainfield has a very efficient fire department.)

Mr. Bond: Would we assume then that it might be desirable to give this more study? I believe the idea of a denominational secretary who might be housed at Plainfield and who might prevent overlapping in the boards and societies has been pretty well presented.

Mr. Inglis: I have heard it expressed that we don't get the news and facts of our denomination back to the people in such a way as to provoke interest in the young people. If we had some person to plan — sort of publish! The only publicity we have is the Recorder. Then we have the ministers, and a number of them are not interested enough to answer letters.

Mr. Crandall: I just want to say, the Board of Christian Education has the Beacon, and the young people take turns issuing it at various places. The Board of Christian Education also has the Sabbath Visitor for the children.

Mr. Hurley: It should be said that the Missionary Society has the Missionary Reporter that goes out.

Mr. Bond: I would assume that the recommendation of a larger Commission would have a person on publicity.

Mr. Inglis: That is one idea that has been mentioned. Some way to get back to the people what the boards are doing should be found. There need to be plans for advanced work.

Mr. Skaggs: When would you get it across to the association — at an association meeting?

Mr. Inglis: That is one place. I believe it would be more effective.

Mr. Bond: We have now five minutes remaining of our time. We have enjoyed it. Does anyone have a question?

Question: Who owns the denominational building?

Mr. Bond: I suppose that the building belongs to the Seventh Day Baptists and we have some trustees.

L. H. North: The legal title is in the "Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference," a New Jersey corporation.

Franklin A. Langworthy: I would like to just make a suggestion in answering the question in regard to how fireproof the building is. At the time it was built special attention was given to that. It is built with stone and brick, and plaster inside with a slate shingle roof. It was built with the idea of making it as nearly fireproof as possible.

Question: I would like to ask how much we get from the printing shop and why it can't be some place else?

Mr. Bond: Perhaps we should refer this question to L. H. North, manager of the publishing house.

Mr. North: In answer to the first question as to why the publishing house does not turn over more of the profits. You folks remember when we had a depression. The publishing house went along year after year with losses but the denomination did not have to make up a nickel of them. We barely scraped through. Finally conditions changed. We gradually built up our business. We were successful in working with firms with war contracts. In the past ten years we have done over one million dollars' worth of commercial printing. In those years we have made about \$84,000 profit or 7.9 per cent on every dollar of commercial printing. Why did not we turn that over to the denomination? In the first place we had to replace the money that we had spent out of our reserve for depreciation. It took a while to wipe out the losses. We have turned over to the Tract Society \$2,000 each year since 1946. We are on a basis of turning over \$500 at the end of every quarter. Eventually we may get to the point where we can go on some other definite workable basis.

Mr. Crandall: How about the income or revenue to the printing establishment if moved to some small community?

Mr. North: You can conduct a business in a small community at smaller expense. But when you go to that place outside the city, you get away from your market. Printing is a service proposition. We are a service organization to large manufacturing concerns. If we should move out of the New York area, we would immediately lose a large share of our business.

Mr. Bond: Thank you very much, Mr. North. The forum is adjourned.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET OFFERINGS

Conference Sabbath (at Salem, W. Va.)	\$ 270.00
By checks and telegram from Churches (announced at Conference)	727.88
Total	\$1,597.88

**FOURTH BUDGET SABBATH
September 23, 1950**

CHURCH NEWS

VERONA, N. Y. — Our two weeks' successful Vacation Bible School closed with an interesting public demonstration Thursday night and a picnic on the Church lawn Friday, July 21. There was a registration of 74 children and young people and an average attendance of 67. Miss Joyce Sholtz was superintendent, Pastor Herbert L. Polan, registrar, Rev. Mr. Bertram of the Lutheran Church, assistant, and Rev. Mr. Dando of the Methodist Church, publicity committee. There were eleven teachers and assistants who helped in the school.

Pastor Polan administered the ordinance of baptism to four boys and one young lady from our Church and two young people from the Syracuse Church on Sabbath, July 29. On the following Sabbath the five joined our Church.

Mrs. Orville Hyde entertained the Ladies' Benevolent Society for their July meeting. Mrs. LaVerne Davis, president, presided. Mrs. Craig Sholtz, Mrs. Vie Warner, and Mrs. Alden Vierow took part in the worship program, following which a quilt was tied.

Our Church night was held in the Church parlors on the evening of August 5. The Booster Sabbath School Class was in charge. They presented a quiz program and some humorous stunts. Cupcakes and fruit punch were served.

Our annual Sabbath school picnic was held Sunday, August 6, at Portner's Picnic Grounds near Lee. There was a large attendance. A fine picnic dinner, games, swimming, and boat riding were enjoyed.

George Davis left Sunday morning for the Eastern Region United Christian Youth Movement Camp at Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H., August 7-19. Mr. Davis was chosen one of the youth counselors from New York State.

Duane Davis leaves this week for Toronto, Ontario, Can., to attend the Mid-Century World's Convention on Christian Education, August 10-16. He has the honor of being sent to represent the youth of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Rev. and Mrs. Leon M. Maltby and family, Lucile, Ronald, and Alan, of Riverside, Calif., are visiting relatives and friends here. Mrs. Maltby was a former resident of this place, and we are glad to

WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Thelma Ford
A student of Christian Education, Salem College,
Salem, W. Va.

Theme: Builders of the World.

Prelude: "Andante-Cantabile" by Tschai-kowsky.

Call to Worship: "Be strong; we are not here to play, to dream, to drift, we have work to do and loads to lift; shun not the struggle, face it, 'Tis God's gift. Be strong, be strong." Selected.

Hymn: "Lead on, O King Eternal."

Scripture: Matthew 28: 1-20.

Silent Prayer for Strength.

Meditation: The kingdom of God needs not only teachers, preachers, and missionaries to help in this great world task, but needs young people who are more anxious to do good than they are to make money; those who will help rid the world of poverty. Nations are yet distrustful of each other; masses of people still live in the fear of war. We must have the vision and vigor of youth to lead in the movement of peace.

Hymns: "Jesus Calls Us." "This Is My Father's World."

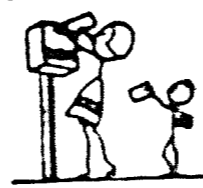
Closing Prayer by All: Heavenly Father, may we feel Thy hand guiding us to the tasks which Thou hast for us to do. We know that we are here because Thou hast work for us to do. Give us the spirit of builders seeking to build a kingdom for Thee, that we may dare to stand up for the right, fearing no one. Give us the spirit of service that we may find our greatest joy in doing for others those things which the great builders of the past have done for us. And may we give to Thee, the greatest builder of them all, the glory forever. Amen.

welcome them back. Rev. Mr. Maltby has consented to preach for us next Sabbath.

Fourteen of our young people plan to go to Pre-Conference Retreat at Camp Caesar, August 17-21. A collection was taken to help on their expenses.

Press Committee.

August 9, 1950.

OUR CHILDREN'S
LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My name is Betty Davis. I am the great-niece of Rev. H. Eugene Davis.

I live in Silverton, Colo. My sisters, Joan, eleven, and Patty, eight, and I are staying with my grandmother and grandfather who live in Denver. Their names are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davis. My sisters and I come over to Denver every summer to Bible school and camp. In Silverton we are the only Seventh Day Baptists.

I read the letters on the Children's Page and like them.

I'm almost fourteen. My sister, Joan, is being baptized. I have been baptized already.

Very sincerely yours,

Betty Davis.

40 Kalamath,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Betty:

I was very much pleased to receive your good letter. Perhaps you'll think it is a little late getting into the Recorder, but you see only two Recorders are published in August.

I'm glad you identified yourself as the great-niece of Rev. H. Eugene Davis. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are very dear friends of mine. Therefore it seems that I am really acquainted with you.

I am always pleased to hear that my Recorder children have been baptized. Thus they become true servants of our dear Saviour, Jesus. May you and Joan be very happy in His service.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Since a lot of children have been writing from Riverside, Calif., I decided I would write, too.

Perhaps you remember me. I wrote when I was about two years of age. Now I'm almost ten. "Mommy" had to write for me; now I can write for myself.

On July 15 I was baptized. Now I'm a member of the Church. I'm going to Conference.

I have a little sister fourteen months old. Maybe you have heard about her. Her name is Becky.

Do you know daddy? He is Mr. K. D. Hurley. His father is Mr. P. B. Hurley.

A little while ago I read a letter on the Children's Page from a girl named Virginia. I think she was about my age. I wanted a pen pal, so I wrote to her. She didn't answer. Maybe she doesn't like to write, or something. I thought if I told you about it she might see my letter and write to me. Maybe she didn't even get the letter.

Now this letter is too long already, so I'd better quit.

Your friend,

Terry Anne Hurley.

854 Thienes Ave.,
El Monte, Calif.

P. S. I go to Riverside Church although I live in El Monte.

Dear Terry Anne:

Yes, I'm pretty sure I remember that a letter came to me signed Terry Anne. It doesn't seem to me that it could have been as many as eight years ago. You see the older we get, time passes faster.

Yes, indeed, I know your daddy. No doubt he remembers me since he had to read many letters and stories I sent him.

I am truly glad that another of my Recorder children has been baptized and joined the Church. May you be very happy in your service for Jesus.

Here's hoping you'll soon get a letter from Virginia. Some of my Recorder children have gained true and lasting friends because of correspondence with pen pals.

I have enjoyed your letter. Do write often.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

BIRTHS

Maxson. — A son, C. Rodenck, Jr., was born to Rev. and Mrs. Carl R. Maxson on August 31, 1950, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, New London, Conn.

The Sabbath Recorder

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

(Recommended by Commission and adopted by General Conference at Salem, W. Va., August 22-27, 1950, for the fiscal year October 1, 1950, to September 30, 1951.)

Missionary Society:

Toward a budget of \$27,850.00		
Foreign Missions	\$7,627.00	
Home Missions	3,178.00	
Administration	1,500.00	
Retirement allowances	700.00	
Student Evangelistic Program	600.00	
		\$ 13,605.00

Tract Society:

Toward a budget of \$21,365.00		
Sabbath Recorder	\$3,500.00	
Administration	1,065.00	
Distribution of literature, visual aids, radio programs	1,800.00	
Light and janitor	150.00	
		6,515.00

Board of Christian Education:

Toward a budget of \$13,285.00		
School of Theology	\$3,000.00	
Administration	2,853.50	
Helping Hand	600.00	
Sabbath Visitor	400.00	
Retirement allowance	600.00	
International Council	75.00	
Debt repayment	71.50	
		7,600.00

Women's Society	200.00
Toward a budget of \$2,250.00	

Historical Society	640.00
Toward a budget of \$3,240.00	

Ministerial Retirement	3,000.00
Toward a budget of \$7,910.50	

Seventh Day Baptist Building	1,190.00
Toward a budget of \$2,760.00	

World Fellowship and Service:

Toward a budget of \$275.00		
World Council of Churches	\$ 100.00	
National Council of Churches	100.00	
Baptist Committee on Public Relations	25.00	
Commission on Chaplains	50.00	
		275.00

General Conference:

Toward a budget of \$3,975.00		
Expenses of officers	\$ 775.00	
Expenses of Commission	1,200.00	
Year Book	675.00	
Contingent Fund	625.00	
Budget Promotion	400.00	
Vocational Committee	100.00	
Printing and stationery	200.00	
		3,975.00

Toward a budget of \$82,910.50		\$ 37,000.00
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*Worldwide
Communion Sabbath
September 30, 1950*

FOURTH BUDGET SABBATH — SEPTEMBER 23, 1950

Let us raise the present budget in full so that we may start unencumbered the new one presented above.