

"Why, Harry, whatever is the matter?" said a pleasant voice behind him. "It can't be you are afraid of Molly, my gentle Jersey cow." Harry turned around quickly and how happy he was to see their nearest neighbor, Mr. Fred Ellis, coming towards him.

"Now I am sure Jesus does love me and takes care of me," he cried. "I thought because I was six years old that I was able to take care of myself. But I guess I'm just a little boy still and need someone to take care of me. So Jesus sent you."

"Yes," said Mr. Ellis, "and He takes care of big folks like me, and loves each and every one of us. I'm afraid I had almost forgotten that, for I have stayed away from Church for weeks. After this, I'll have more trust in my Master and receive comfort in every time of sorrow from the teachings of the Bible and the Church," he said thoughtfully. "Come, Harry, I'll take you home. I think you have learned your lesson well."

Soon Harry was at home, and running into the house to his anxious mother, cried, "I'm safe, 'Mommy.' I was lost, but Jesus took care of me and sent Mr. Ellis to show me the way home. I'm sorry I disobeyed you and went too far in the woods. Please forgive me, 'Mommy.' I'll never be so naughty again. I guess I'm still a little boy even if I am six years old."

Lovingly his mother took him in her arms and said softly, "I'm sure my little boy will be careful not to disobey me again. I'm so happy that you realize how much Jesus loves you and is ever watching over you."

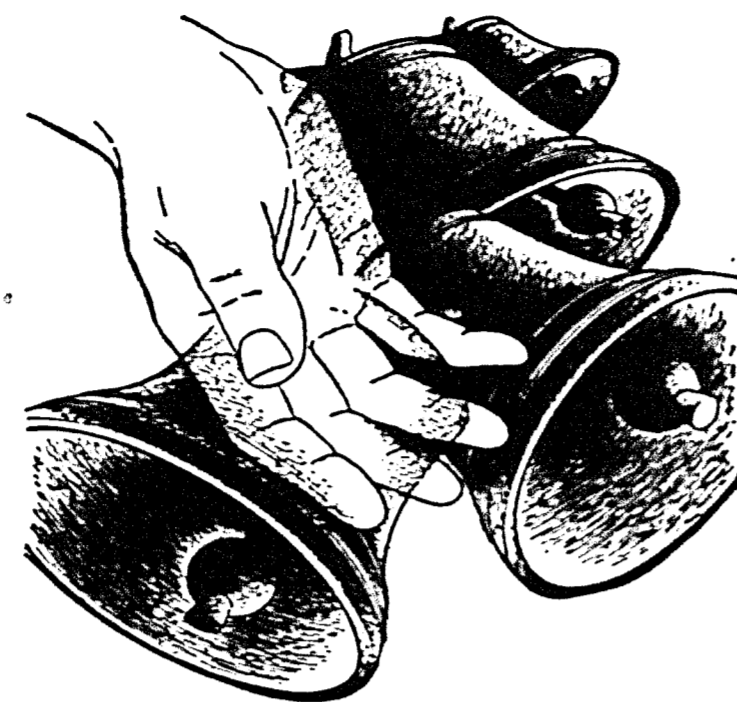
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By Irene Post Hulett

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Every day, to every one
From the dawning of the morning
To the setting of the sun —

Opportunities for evil,
Opportunities for good,
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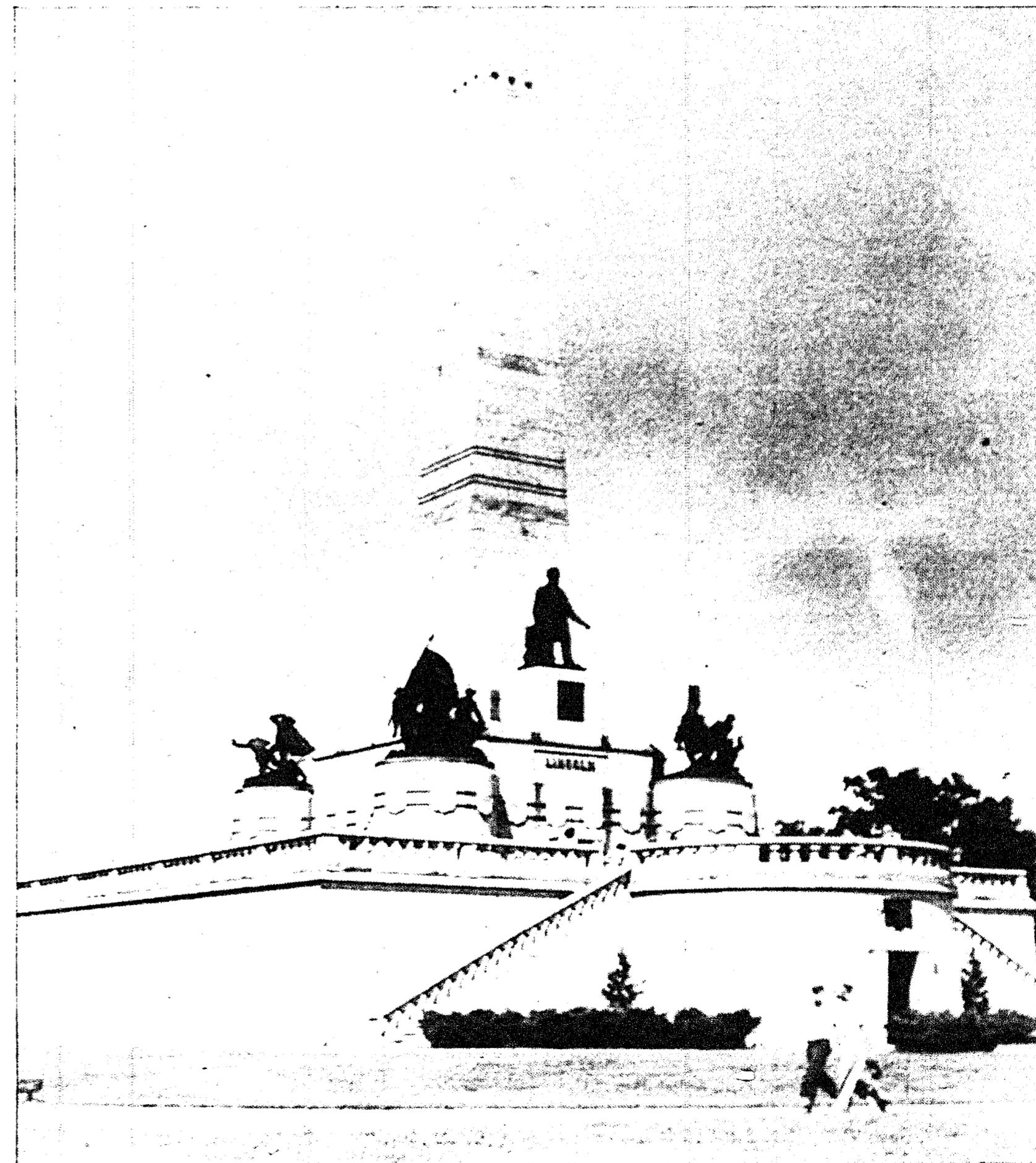
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Conference President's Corner

ARE YOU A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CHURCH OR A STEWARD OF GOD?

"... It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

A wise tither is a steward. A steward is a trustee, and a trustee is one who holds property or serves as administrator in behalf of another. Thus, a Christian steward is one who realizes that everything he commonly calls his own really belongs to God.

Illustrative of this concept is the introductory verse of Jesus' parable of the talents: "For the case is that of a man going abroad, who summoned his servants and handed over his property to them. . . ." Matthew 25: 14 (Moffatt). The fact that EVERYTHING belongs to God is well stated in Psalm 24: 1, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Paul wisely reminded Timothy that "we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." 1 Timothy 6: 7. He might have added a corollary to the effect that whatever we may accumulate in wealth or goods between birth and death continues to be the property of God. At no time and in no way can we truthfully say that our "possessions" or our "holdings" are our very own.

The person who "contributes," even generously, to the Church or to the denomination may know little if anything of the joy of stewardship. It is entirely possible that some who have tithed for years fail to know of the thrill of stewardship if they feel that only one-tenth belongs to God, if they believe that the rest is their very own and that they are accountable for it ONLY to themselves.

The wise stewards are those who realize that all they earn, all they share, all they have, and all they are — the gift and the giver — the earnings and the earner — ALL BELONG TO GOD. The wise giver does not "contribute" to the Church; rather, he "returns" to the Lord (through the Church or in other ways) a portion of that which belongs to Him.

Alton L. Wheeler,
Conference President.

619 North Avenue,
Battle Creek, Mich.

JAMAICA MISSION ADVANCE

Seventh Day Baptists have an outstanding team in Jamaica. The Randolph-Mills combination with its effective, far-reaching influence and program is carrying forward the God-given mission task as the work there has entered its second quarter century. By outstanding we mean that these consecrated missionaries of the Cross have what is required to meet the needs and situations of the Jamaica field as they arise.

First, there is the ever-available and operating force of the Holy Spirit who has blessed the growing work of Seventh Day Baptists on the island. This truly is a labor for God in proclaiming and living Christ and the Sabbath.

PLEASE BE PATIENT

The more frequent embargoes go into effect, the less regular becomes the arrival of the weekly issues of the Sabbath Recorder.

So, we again ask your patience if your copy does not reach you promptly. We shall continue publishing the Recorder regularly, hoping that the transportation snarl will be untangled soon.

Next, come the natives themselves, without which there would be neither missionary chance nor challenge. Many Jamaicans are in need of hearing of Christ so that they may have the privilege of accepting Him as their personal Saviour. They need Christian nurture and training, fellowship and kindly understanding. They need education and vocational guidance. These needs are being met increasingly through the devoted services of our missionaries.

There are the native workers who are the key people in missionary and evangelistic outreach in new communities. Called of God and trained for their tasks, these workers faithfully perform the ministries assigned to them to His glory and to the strengthening of our work on that field.

There is the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society under whose auspices the Jamaica Mission is being conducted. Well

over twenty-five years ago the Board of Managers of the society sent Rev. William L. Burdick, then corresponding secretary, and Rev. Carl A. Hansen to investigate the possibilities of establishing mission work on the Island of Jamaica. So thorough was their investigation, so wholehearted was their reception there, and so favorable was their report here that steps were immediately taken to begin the work. The devotion and sacrifice of the Coons, the Hargises, the Crichlows, and now that of the Randolphs and Mills have brought us to this signal hour.

A Real Live Missionary

"How many of you have ever seen a real live missionary?" asked the Plainfield pastor as he began his message for the boys and girls Sabbath morning.

All eyes were turned toward the pulpit near which sat Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, who, with Mrs. Randolph and their son Ronnie, is on furlough in the United States from his missionary work in Jamaica. Many who attended General Conference at Salem, W. Va., last August met the Randolphs and received fresh information on the great work being done in Jamaica.

Mr. Randolph's visits to the Churches under the auspices of the Missionary Society are making possible a better understanding of the work that is being done and the attendant needs. He is always careful to mention those who have built so well during the first quarter century.

Crandall High School

A more recent feature of the Jamaica Mission is the Crandall High School. Opened in September, 1948, with an enrollment of 14 students, staffed by 4 teachers, the school now enrolls 70 students.

Prior to starting Crandall High School, Dr. Ben R. Crandall of Alfred, N. Y., co-operated with Rev. Wardner Randolph in making a complete survey of school needs and possibilities under the auspices of the Missionary Society. On the basis of the extensive survey made, it was decided to launch out in faith counting on the support of consecrated Seventh Day Baptists, both in Jamaica and elsewhere, to provide the necessary means and equipment to keep the school in session. That

faith has been vindicated. At the present time, due to generous support both at home and abroad and the management of Principal Neal D. Mills, the school is able to operate with a small balance.

Appropriately the school was named Crandall High School after Dr. Crandall who did so much to make possible a Seventh Day Baptist educational institution in Jamaica.

Seventh Day Baptist Baby Chicks

The need for a vocational school located on a farm outside of Kingston has been felt for some time. The expense of board in Kingston prevents some worthy young people from attending Crandall High School. Thus if acreage could be procured either with or without suitable buildings, a fine start toward a vocational school would be made. This is a major project of the Jamaica Mission at present. Those present at Conference in Salem last August will remember the strong sentiment in favor of this project.

Within recent weeks, as Rev. Mr. Randolph has been visiting some of our Churches, tangible offers of equipment, livestock, and poultry have been made. One Church has offered to equip a workshop. Another has raised the question of sending a cow for the farm. Yet another group has spoken of a small tractor. And some people have in mind sending some baby chickens.

Although the Jamaica Mission cannot make immediate use of these offers, no doubt they will stand until they are needed. Mr. Randolph remarked that it would be nice to start their poultry department with Seventh Day Baptist baby chicks.

Mounting Interest in Missions

So, interest in our Jamaica and other missions continues to grow. A missionary from Jamaica not only prompts a lively interest in the field that he serves but also commends a broader understanding of and participation in the total missionary program. Nevertheless, with the Randolph visitation, the Jamaica work is coming alive to many of us with a freshness that will mean a sustained and an expanded program.

Spiritual Success

We would not give the impression in this brief glimpse of the developing Ja-

maica program that the spiritual side is being neglected. By no means! Our missionaries of the Cross recognize their first task to be the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, from the inception of Christian missions that primary task in any true missionary enterprise has always been strengthened by educational and vocational projects. In fact, these are an outgrowth of the sharing of the good news by those who are commissioned for missionary work.

Jamaica is no exception. Although in certain localities there an active Seventh Day Baptist group may have passed from the scene, yet in other places interest has been springing up and established Churches are growing stronger financially, numerically, and spiritually. The will to do their part and the zeal with which that part is performed are commendable characteristics of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Jamaica.

Seventh Day Baptists may well take courage from the advance of the Jamaica Mission. Let us support both our missionaries and our native brethren by our praying and by our giving.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor:

We want to endorse your editorial policy of printing pertinent, though controversial, issues.

I refer specifically to Darrell Barber's article in the January 1st special issue. Some of us feel these issues help determine our eternal destiny. Hope to write more at length later relative to our "Meditations."

Best Christian wishes,
O. A. Davis.

1046 W. Taylor Street,
Phoenix, Ariz.,
January 18, 1951.

Dear Editor:

Misleading information in the literary world is as serious a thing in my mind as is a deliberate untruth. In fact, it is, if anything, more serious for it usually clouds the intentions of the original au-

thor. Whoever wrote the article on page 52 and 53 of the January 22, 1951, Sabbath Recorder, in adding to and subtracting from the original work should consider himself under the anathema of all truth-loving authors.

It appears that the author of the article as it is in the Sabbath Recorder completely misunderstood the fine conclusions in the report, *The Home of the Rural Pastor*, by Ralph A. Felton (Department of the Rural Church, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., c. 1948), had never read it, or deliberately misquoted it to ease a stricken conscience.

In a section of conclusions on page 108 of this pamphlet the author reviews an unpublished thesis by Miss Ellen B. Atherton in 1947 which was a study of 388 ministers' wives. He says, "The average of 388 wives has spent 17 years in a parsonage and will probably spend that much longer there. Thirty-four years is a long time to work without salary and to live in a house one does not own. It should be the very best the Church can provide."

This comes out entirely different than the purported review in the Sabbath Recorder which says, "The average pastor's wife lives 32 years in a house she does not own and for which she does not pay rent. So she does not complain if it is inconvenient." The conclusion here conveyed is that the minister's wife should not complain if she doesn't have conveniences because she doesn't pay rent! (I would say with Simeon Stylites of the Christian Century, "In the name of Allah, figs!")

One other quote from the fine survey will serve to give the intent of the author. "When the housework of the pastor's wife is lightened, she is in a much better position to be of help to her children and her husband as well as to be of service to her Church and community." Every layman and minister should study this thought-provoking bulletin.

Sincerely for Truth,
Richburg, N. Y., Melvin G. Nida.
January 29, 1951.

(Editor's note: Concerning the foregoing comments by Brother Nida, the Sabbath Recorder would state that two letters over the signature of Dr. Ralph A. Felton

urging the use of releases headed, "Rural Church Notes," are in its files. The release referred to by Mr. Nida originated in Dr. Felton's office.)

Editor, the Sabbath Recorder,

Dear Sir:

At the regular quarterly business meeting of the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., held January 14, 1951, the following action was taken by the Church:

That the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., withdraw as an individual Church from any affiliation with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and that a letter to that effect be sent to the National Council, the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and to the Sabbath Recorder.

During the same meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that members of the Evangelical Seventh Day Baptist Church be allowed to contribute to the Seventh Day Baptist Denominational Budget through the Church, with the Church receiving credit for same in any listing — provided that the treasurer, in transmitting such contributions, specifies that no part of the money sent is to go to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and further provided that, in any listing of contributions from various Seventh Day Baptist Churches to the Seventh Day Baptist Denominational Budget where this Church is listed as a contributor it will be noted in such listing that no part of that amount is to go to the National Council.

Sincerely yours,
(Lt.) Madge B. Conyers,
Church Clerk.

804 Overlook Drive, Huntington,
Alexandria, Va.,
January 30, 1951.

STEWARDSHIP SABBATH March 3, 1951

Every Seventh Day Baptist Church will want to make early and effective plans for the observance of Stewardship Sabbath.

HELPING HAND EDITOR APPOINTED

By Rev. Wayne R. Rood

Chairman, Committee on Higher Education
Seventh Day Baptist Board of
Christian Education

It is with a deep feeling of appreciation for past standards of achievement as well as with a keen sense of anticipation that the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education announces the commissioning of Rev. Melvin G. Nida to prepare the



Helping Hand lessons for 1952. Well aware of the responsibilities placed upon his successor by the consistent and painstaking writing of Rev. Erlo E. Sutton for many years, the board's Committee on Higher Education unanimously recommended the appointment of Mr. Nida to the January quarterly meeting of the board, which in turn unanimously approved the choice.

Melvin Nida has been admirably prepared by experience and training for the task he is to assume. A convert to the Sabbath, he understands the Sabbath conviction. A conscientious objector to military service who served during World War II in military mental and rehabilitation hospitals, he knows the conflicting loyalties born of the current world tension and of the need of men for the Christian gospel. A graduate of Salem College and

the Alfred School of Theology who has taken training in several seminaries, he knows the Seventh Day Baptist denomination both from within and from without. Always interested primarily in Biblical studies during his seminary career, largely because it was through his own personal reading of the Bible that he came to Seventh Day Baptist convictions, he has equipped himself with a working knowledge of the Biblical languages and of a variety of methods of Biblical study. Those who have heard and read his statement of belief for his recent ordination at Richburg, N. Y., where he is now pastor, and who listened to his stimulating analysis of the message of Hosea at the last General Conference, will look forward to his studies for the Helping Hand in 1952.

Assisting in launching the new editor upon his demanding task will be an advisory council appointed by the board at its last meeting. Associated with Mr. Nida in this manner will be the following: A. J. C. Bond, Harold O. Burdick, Edward Crandall, Ronald I. Hargis, Everett T. Harris, and Wayne R. Rood.

ALFRED BEGINS TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE

Though August is still months away, many wheels, both large and small, are beginning to turn in Alfred, thus setting in motion the complex machinery that is involved in the business of entertaining a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. The General Committee, representing both the First and Second Alfred Churches and numbering over ninety different people, is busily laying plans for the event that will bring some five hundred delegates and visitors to the Alfred community next August.

In command of this enterprise are two executive chairmen, Clifford M. Potter and Everett T. Harris, and a secretary, Mrs. A. J. C. Bond. Specific tasks have been allocated to a series of Conference committee chairmen, who, in turn, are supported in depth with able helpers.

Mrs. M. E. Kenyon and Mrs. Dana Peck head the all-important Housing and Registration Committee, and H. O. Burdick is in charge of the Commissary Committee.

CAN YOU MATCH THESE?

Just a refresher course on persons, places, projects of our European Seventh Day Baptists. (Put the letter opposite correct item in right column before the item matching it in left column.)

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| 1. Date of first English Church | (a) Quarterly German Seventh Day Baptist booklet |
| 2. Pastor at Haarlem | (b) G. Zijlstra |
| 3. President of German Conference | (c) Hamburg Seventh Day Baptist Church meeting place |
| 4. German leader killed in World War II | (d) Goudsmit, Mol, Graafstal |
| 5. Java Mission | (e) Heinrich Chr. Bruhn |
| 6. Evangelical Sabbatarian Mission | (f) 1617 |
| 7. Moravian chapel | (g) Rev. P. Taekema |
| 8. Founder of Seventh Day Baptists in Germany | (h) Rev. Walter Losch |
| 9. Treasurer of Dutch Conference, prominent merchant | (i) Rev. J. G. Schmid |
| 10. Mill Yard Church pastor | (j) London Seventh Day Baptist publication |
| 11. Truth, Light, Life | (k) Rev. L. Richard Conradi |
| 12. The Sabbath Observer | (l) Rev. James McGeachy |
| 13. American Seventh Day Baptist relief agent | (m) English Seventh Day Baptist mission agency |
| | (n) Elder Otto Kohler |

Look up in recent Year Books (Missionary Society Reports, lists of workers for our denomination, relief committee reports, fraternal messages) or Sabbath Recorders about these persons and projects. Arrange further study of European Protestant work, especially our own. Include a study of material and spiritual aid through Church relief agencies (Church World Service and our own Conference).

Through Church World Service alone in 1950, 1½ million pounds of clothing and 6 million pounds of food went to Europe.

Our own relief shipments in 1949-50 amounted to 1½ tons and during 1946-50 totaled 25½ tons. It cost about \$6,100 to handle this food and clothing and about \$7,200 to purchase oils, margarine, and other foods. (See details on page 34 of 1950 Year Book.)

Investigate ways of contributing more effectively to friendship with European Seventh Day Baptists and to Church work in which our German Conference especially depends on American aid. Pray with them for achievement of kingdom goals in Europe. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms, who will arrive in England about the time this Recorder reaches you.

D. S. C.

Information and mail will be distributed by a committee supervised by Berwyn Reid to delegates who have been met at incoming trains and busses by a committee chaired by Ben R. Crandall.

Properties and the public address system for Conference sessions will be supervised by Willard Sutton, flowers are to be provided by a committee in charge of Mrs. Robert Place, ushers and pages will assist delegates under the direction of Gordon Ogden, problems of parking and

traffic will be solved by Eugene Reynolds. L. R. Polan is chairman of the committee charged with the responsibility of finding rooms for all committees, Helen Ogden and her committee are making arrangements for the nursery, and Edna Saunders is at the head of a committee to provide rooms for delegates' relaxation. Young people's activities at Conference will be directed by the committee of which Evert Percy is chairman.

—Publicity Committee.

Children's Page

ROBIN'S SEARCH

(Continued from January 29)

Then away Robin skipped over hills and valleys, across broad fields and sparkling streams, along dusty roads until he came to a little village. Along a side street he skipped until he came to a school building. Robin clapped his hands gleefully and hurried up the steps for he saw a host of little children trooping into the room. He caught up with one chubby little fellow, went with him into the first grade room and cuddled up beside him when he took his seat. Of course the little fellow did not know the brownie was there. For some reason, though, he felt very happy all at once and his face dimpled with a cheery smile.

Then Robin cried out:

Ho! Ho! I've found the mate for me,
And where you live I want to go,
A fine playfellow you will be;
Your home's the one I want, I know.

Neither the teacher nor the children heard what he said; they only wondered who was whispering.

When it came time for the little boy to go home to dinner, Robin skipped along beside him so merrily that the little fellow cried, "See how fast I can run. The little breezes almost make me fly."

Of course we know it was not the little breezes but the little brownie who was making him so fleet-footed.

At last the little boy ran up the steps of a little brown house on a pleasant street. His mother stood at the door waiting for him and said with a smile, "What swift feet my little boy has! I wonder if they will not run up to the corner and get me a loaf of bread."

The little boy stopped right in the midst of a merry laugh, drew down his rosy face in a frightful scowl and whined out, "No, I won't get any old bread. I'm too tired!" and ran into the house.

Robin did not go in with him, no indeed. He stood still for a moment and then cried out as he skipped quickly away:

MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR MRS. NETTIE M. WEST

(From letters written by Mrs. Virginia Yeu, on December 7, 1950.)

"We had a lovely memorial service for Mrs. West yesterday afternoon in Dr. Thorngate's house. It was our women's gathering so it was a good time to remember our dear, wonderful woman, Mrs. West. About eighty people were present.

"Mrs. Wang Ling ung read from the Bible, 2 Kings 4: 8-31. She gave many illustrations. I was asked to give the biography. The more I talked the more I thought she was a wonderful woman in giving her daughters to God and coming to China to help people here. She did not have a home of her own. She had a hard time but never complained about anything. She always helped our Chinese people more than our own. She sewed lots of baby clothes and others for poor people. I am so glad she has gone to our Heavenly Father where she will find peace and rest. . . .

"There were two groups of people who sang: one was your family, the five children; and the other, from the teachers in the school.

"There were lots of flowers for our We Tha tha (Mrs. West). One was a cross of white carnations and chrysanthemums from the teachers. Besides, there were potted flowers, and bouquets."

Others spoke, mostly from among Anna's old students. As is the custom at such a service, light refreshments were served, the expense being borne by the closest friends of the family, since I was not there to do it.

Several non-Christian friends were present so this was an opportunity to emphasize the Christian life.

(Mrs. Wang is a friend from another Church. Since she is an enthusiastic and consecrated worker, I think they asked her to come.) M. L. W.

Oh, me! Oh, my! I feel like crying,
In this nice house I cannot stay.
My disappointment's very trying
That this dear boy should disobey.

(To be continued)

Statement of
CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE and BELIEF

By Rev. Theodore J. Hibbard

Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,
Hammond, La.

(Given at his ordination to the Christian ministry at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath day, July 15, 1950.)

(Continued from January 22)

Man

Since I believe that God is my Father and the Father of all men, I believe that all men are children of God, created by Him in His own image. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Genesis 1: 27.

I believe that man was created as an object of God's love, to be loved and to love Him in return. Therefore, man cannot be entirely evil or he would not be capable of receiving and returning God's love. However, God gave man the free will to reject or to accept His love; to obey or disobey. Man chose disobedience and has not loved God as he should. He has failed to live up to God's high purpose for him. However sinful man may be, God's love is so great and changeless that He provides a way for man's redemption and seeks to reconcile man to Himself by Jesus Christ.

I "believe that man was made in the image of God in his spiritual nature and personality, and is therefore the noblest work of creation; that he has moral responsibility, and was created for divine sonship and human fellowship, but because of disobedience he is in need of a Saviour." — Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs.

Sin and Salvation

I believe that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3: 23. There are sins of commission such as "transgression of the law" and there are sins of omission as James 4: 17 says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Whether the sin is open or in secret, the penalty will be administered by God.

However, though we sin I believe that all men have an opportunity for repentance and can have salvation through Jesus Christ. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1: 9. Though each man has an opportunity to receive salvation, none is compelled to accept it; it must be an act of his own free will.

Just to repeat a set formula such as, "I take Christ as my personal Saviour," does not assure us of salvation, unless by strength of faith we turn from the old life of sin and try to live a better life in Christ Jesus.

I believe that no man can earn salvation nor can he save himself. Only by Christ are we saved — "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2: 8, 9.

I "believe that sin is any want of conformity to the character and will of God, and that salvation from sin and death, through repentance and faith in Christ our Saviour, is the gift of God by redeeming love, centered in the atoning death of Christ on the cross." — Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Eternal Life

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead to live eternally with the Father. Because He lives, there is hope for everlasting life for all: for He said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11: 25, 26.

Since at this time there is some discussion in changing the Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs on this subject I wish to make one distinction. I believe that only God, including Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, has eternal life. The word "eternal" according to the dictionary means without beginning and without end. God is the only Being without beginning. Whether one thinks of man's life beginning at birth or before, there is a beginning. Therefore, by definition man cannot have eternal

life. He can have everlasting life, immortal life, or life without end, but since his life has had a beginning he cannot have eternal life. However, in our common usage of the word "eternal" I think that we all mean "life without end." (Though I have made the distinction, I think the issue is relatively unimportant.)

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 2, 3. I believe that He will come again but how or when I do not know.

I believe that everlasting life will be the reward of the redeemed, and that our bodies, whatever form they will be, will be suited to the new life where we will have perfect fellowship with God.

The Church

I believe that the Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body, of which Christ is the head; and that the local Church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions." — Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs.

I believe that the universal or invisible Church consists of all those who are "born of the Spirit" and who proclaim Christ as their Saviour.

The visible Church, in the simplest sense, is explained by Jesus when He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The local Church is but a single cell within the Church Universal, guiding, teaching, and preparing the individual for the kingdom of God.

I believe that the Church should not mold all believers into one set pattern without any variation; God never meant for two beings to be exactly alike. Since no Church has all the truth and every Church has some truth, I believe that the individual should have freedom to seek the truth in all things and to follow the dictates of his sacred conscience in all matters of religion.

The Sacraments

I "believe that baptism of believers by immersion is a witness to the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and is a symbol of death to sin, a pledge to a new life in Christ." Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs. ". . . We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6: 4.

It is my conviction that to be eligible for baptism, the individual must be at the age of understanding and that he should pledge that by the help of God he will endeavor to live a new life in Christ. I believe that baptism alone does not give salvation, and, likewise, that salvation may be possible without baptism, for baptism is an outward sign and expression of what has taken place within the heart. The sacrament should be a perpetual reminder that the individual has died to sin and that he should now live a victorious life by the help of Christ.

Jesus set the example for us and commanded His disciples to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

I believe that the Lord's Supper commemorates the suffering and death of the world's Redeemer, "till he come," and is a symbol of Christian fellowship and a pledge of renewed allegiance to our risen Lord.

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In partaking of the bread and the wine, we bring to mind the death and the Passion of our Lord and Saviour. But at the same time we are showing our faith that He will come again. The Lord's Supper

is a memorial so appropriate and meaningful that it makes us ashamed of our misdeeds, strengthens us to pledge anew our allegiance to our risen Lord.

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I "believe that the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, is sacred time, antedating Moses and having the sanction of Jesus; that it should be faithfully kept by all Christians as a day of rest and worship, a symbol of God's presence in time, a pledge of eternal Sabbath rest." — Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs.

I believe that the Sabbath was instituted by God at the creation of the world for the benefit of man. Jesus tells us, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath." Mark 2: 27. God never meant the Sabbath to be a burden on any man but that man should find rest for his body and peace for his soul on this one day that God set aside. Jesus never gave any instructions to keep any other day nor did He abolish Sabbath observance. He relieved man from the burdensome legalism that the Pharisees had put on the Sabbath and He enriched its meaning by making it an observance of love. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14: 15. The Sabbath is an opportunity for man to get in tune and harmony with God by entering into His rest.

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Evangelism

I "believe that Jesus Christ by His life and ministry and His final command to the disciples, commissions us to promote evangelism, missions, and religious education, and that it is through these agencies that the Church must promote Christianity throughout the whole world and in all human relationships." — Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs.

The Christian message is a message of love, of good news. We cannot keep the good news to ourselves and still be Christian; we must love our brothers enough to want them to share the good news with

CHURCH NEWS

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — The Battle Creek Church meets 1951, humbly thankful for the many blessings of the past year, and for opportunities of working together for the kingdom. We realize our obligation to release Pastor Alton L. Wheeler as necessary for the duties falling upon him as Conference president. During the past quarter the pulpit has been supplied as follows: October 28, Rev. Henry C. Jacobs of Grand Rapids, secretary of the Michigan Temperance Foundation; November 4 the service was in charge of the Pro-Con group, and a sermon of our late beloved Pastor Edward M. Holston was read by R. T. Fetherston; December 30, a sermon was preached by Rev. Harley Townsend of the local Church of the Brethren.

Berean Hour substitutes have included a review of the book, "Unwritten Sayings of Jesus," given by Mrs. W. D. Millar; and on November 4, a greatly enjoyed pageant, entitled "The Bible Palace," based on a writing of Billy Sunday, written and directed by Mrs. Lee Craig of the Lakeview Baptist Church, and presented by the Women's Union of that Church. Another Sabbath we listened to the eyewitness account of the method of Communist occupation, given by Mrs. Albertine Ruks who, with her little daughter, is a displaced person from Latvia.

us. We must love our brother to the extent that we would sacrifice our time and our money to bring him to Christ that he may have a more abundant life.

I believe that religious education has a place in the program of evangelism. Evangelism is not a process that stirs the emotions but it is a process whereby the individual learns to grow in grace, so that he may live a full Christian life.

I believe that evangelistic efforts should be continually re-examined to find new and more effective ways of spreading the good news.

Every Christian, whether layman or minister, should consider himself an evangelist, witnessing for Christ in word and deed throughout his life.

Mrs. Russell Maxson, Arnold Davis, and Herbert Lippincott have been added to the board of deacons.

The Ladies' Aid, as always, is occupied with many things, in addition to the monthly luncheon meetings. A pre-Christmas bazaar realized \$136.36, a Thanksgiving dinner raised \$99.85, and these amounts, along with personal donations, have enabled the society to give substantial aid to the Church and denomination, and to help in cases of need. The work, apart from money raising, has included sewing bees and cleaning bees. Projects have included the local Charitable Union, overseas aid through the Council of Church Women as well as through our Mrs. Lewis, the Juvenile Detention Home in Marshall, and some direct local aid. They served refreshments to the Lakeview ladies after their program.

The Pro-Con group has periodical paper drives and ice cream socials as a means to build up a fund to provide a public address system for the Church. They hold regular supper meetings at each other's homes, with varied activities, such as studies or debates, games, etc.

The Young People's C. E. had planned to provide an altar set for the Communion table, but with practical outlook has chosen to divert the fund towards the new heating system. Like several other groups, it has provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, and at Christmas brought cheer to many shut-ins by singing carols.

The members of the choir along with the director, Dr. Ellis C. Johanson, and the organist, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, deserve much praise for the work done so faithfully in enriching the services with their music. The Christmas service was a cantata, "Holy Night," by Ashford. Soloists were: Mrs. George Parrish and Mrs. Leroy DaLand, sopranos; Mrs. Arnold Davis, contralto; Dr. Leroy DaLand, tenor; and Dale Thorngate, bass. A duet was sung by Thelma and Helen Rowe.

Last fall it was found necessary to make drastic changes in the heating system of the Church building. A new furnace had to be provided, and a switch made from coal to gas. It proved to be a far bigger task than at first believed, but there has

been great response both in finance and labor. We are thankfully enjoying the new equipment and the fact that the cost of four thousand dollars is within one fourth of being paid.

A pageant, "The Bethlehem Story," written and directed by Mrs. W. D. Millar, was given on Sabbath eve, December 22. A "believer" (Arthur Millar) calls on his pastor (Pastor Wheeler) to express concern over the bustle and show, the secularism that has become associated with Christmas. "Can you tell me the Bethlehem Story just as it happened?" he asked. The answer is, "Read it in your own Bible, and if you have the faith of a little child, the story will come alive for you." The believer becomes the narrator, and as the story, beginning with the prophet, unfolds, the characters emerge from a life-size Bible, and speak their lines before a "Bethlehem" background. The cast was as follows: Prophet, W. D. Millar; Mary, Mrs. Merrill Van Noty; Joseph, A. Russell Maxson; the Babe, infant Jennifer Diane Van Noty; the angel, George Parrish; Elizabeth, Mrs. Ernest Thorngate; shepherds, Jim Aurand, Ward Maxson, and Wendell Thorngate; wise men, Wayne Maxson, Irving Davis, Arnold Davis; and Simeon, W. R. Vester.

Mrs. Lewis arranged the costuming and Ted Fetherston the lighting. At the organ was Miss Neva Brannon. Two choruses sung by the choir, and a ladies' quartet consisting of Mrs. Fetherston, Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. Wheeler, and Mrs. DaLand had been recorded, and were played at the appropriate moments. Dale Thorngate played the recordings.

Following the pageant the congregation joined in carols, and a trumpet trio arrangement of "Angels We Have Heard on High," was played by Arthur Millar, Wayne Maxson, and Wendell Thorngate. The climax of the program was the offering of White Gifts. As a result, a gift of money was sent to the Harley Sutton family.

The Sabbath school, with Russell Maxson as superintendent, is gaining in interest, and attendance has been excellent. Mr. Maxson brings a talk on some phase of Seventh Day Baptist missions once each

month. Also once a month the children's division shares in the worship period.

Although the different groups have social times among themselves, there is a recognized need for an all-church affair which will bring all into fellowship together. It has been decided to ask the various organizations to sponsor such gatherings on a monthly basis. The first of these was undertaken by the Pro-Con group in November. Following the Berean Hour we went to the social rooms and enjoyed refreshments, after which all joined in an old-fashioned "hymn sing." The rest of the evening was spent in playing games.

Mrs. Mable Davis has presented a piano to the Church in memory of her husband and parents.

Although the year 1951 is not so new, the Battle Creek Church includes all in our Seventh Day Baptist family in a wish for a really happy year. May our witness, with God's blessing, really count, and God grant true peace on earth in our time. — E. Millar, Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — Our all-day Church service was held Sabbath, January 6. Pastor Herbert L. Polan delivered the morning sermon and was assisted in the Communion service by Duane Davis. Following Sabbath school, dinner was served. Kenneth Davis had charge of the afternoon program in which Duane gave a very interesting talk on "The Good Samaritan." Olin and Roger Davis also took part in the program.

Our Christmas exercises by the children were given during the Sabbath school hour on December 23. Willis Davis announced the program of songs, recitations, an instrumental duet, flannelgraph story, and a play, "Prove It." At the close of the program gifts were distributed. A gift of money was given the pastor. A prettily decorated tree adorned one corner of the Church auditorium.

The Young People's Social Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sholtz on the same evening. Gifts were exchanged among the members.

The December meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society was held at the home

of Mrs. LaVerne Davis. Mrs. Jennie Sholtz had charge of the worship program. A quilt was tied during the work meeting.

The Young People's Social Club was entertained by Marie Waters at her home near Onocida on the evening of January 13. A musical and literary program was given.

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OUR SERVICEMEN Where They Are

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

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"ONE GREAT TIME FOR SHARING"

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Other interview programs and TV presentations are being arranged by the Department of Broadcasting and Films, National Council of Churches. — Release.

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Washington, the brave, the wise, the good,

Supreme in war, in council, and in peace.

Valiant without ambition, discreet without fear, confident
without assumption.

In disaster calm; in success moderate; in all, himself.

The hero, the patriot, the Christian.

The father of nations, the friend of mankind,

Who, when he had won all, renounced all, and sought in
the bosom of his family and of nature, retirement, and
in the hope of religion, immortality.

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