

The Sabbath Recorder

of Christ, nor the death of Christ, but by His resurrection.

Dr. Smith stated Pastor Lawton fills these qualifications of a good minister.

The charge to the candidate was given by Pastor Maltby and the welcome to the ministry by Elder E. S. Ballenger.

This entire Sabbath program was most inspiring to all, giving encouragement to rededicate our lives to the service of the Lord. — Venita Bowman, Clerk.

MILTON, WIS. — The Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, in observing National Christian Education Week, recognized the continuous service of Professor L. H. Stringer who has served the Church as chorister for a quarter of a century. The education committee of the Church sponsored a supper at the Church on Sabbath, October 6, at 7 p.m., at which time appropriate exercises were held to commemorate this service.

Music was furnished by a quartet consisting of Don Gray, Richard Bond, Kenneth Babcock, and Edward Rood. Professor B. H. Westlund was the principal speaker and several others voiced their appreciation of the services of Professor Stringer and gave talks on the value of music as a factor in religious education. They also mentioned some of the developments of music in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church during the last 50 years.

Professor Stringer led the group in the singing of sacred music. Many members of the choir during the past 25 years were present. Professor Rood was toastmaster. — Milton and Milton Junction Courier.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Alfred L. Davis has been named director of public relations at Rochester Institute of Technology, Dr. Mark Ellingson, president, announced on October 9.

Mr. Davis, who took over the newly created post on October 1, had been associate director of the institute's Evening and Extension Division since 1945. He joined the institute staff as an instructor in 1938 after earning a Master's degree in social science at Syracuse University. He is a graduate of Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

In 1941, Mr. Davis left RIT to become chief inspector of the mechanical parts division at Bausch & Lomb Optical Com-

pany, where he organized a training program in quality control. He served as the first president of the Rochester Society for Quality Control and was one of the founders of the American Society for Quality Control for which he is now executive secretary. He rejoined the RIT staff in 1945 — Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, N. Y., by E. T. H.

(Note: Mr. Davis is active in the Rochester Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists and is a member of the Commission of General Conference.)

COMING EVENTS

WESTERN ASSOCIATION SEMIANNUAL MEETING

The Semiannual Meeting of the Western Association will convene in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Andover, N. Y., Sabbath day, October 27.

Mrs. F. J. Pierce,
Corresponding Secretary.

Meetings of Denominational Boards and Agencies

Missionary Board — Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, October 28, 2 p.m., at Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I.

Obituaries

Jacox. — Lettie Burdick, daughter of Maxson and Martha Compton Burdick, was born in West Clarkson on April 9, 1858, and died at her late home in Alfred, N. Y., August 2, 1951.

She was the wife of the late William Jacox of Alfred who preceded her in death on May 10, 1948.

Mrs. Jacox was the oldest member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, joining by baptism in 1879. She was baptized by Elder Nathan V. Hull and maintained an active interest and participation in the Church and various organizations through the years.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. William Sadler of Alfred; three sons, Clarence and John of Alfred and George of Los Angeles, Calif.; fifteen grandchildren, forty-two great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Farewell services were held at the First Alfred Church by her pastor, Rev. Everett T. Harris, with interment in Alfred Rural Cemetery.
E. T. H.



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you'll both be richer for it

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FRONT COVER PICTURE

Throughout the month of November the illustration and theme on our front cover will direct the attention of the nation to the place of religion in personal and community life. This scene with its simple message will appear on thousands of billboards across the country as part of the annual, nonsectarian movement, Religion in American Life. The billboards are just one phase of the RIAL program which employs, for the first time in the history of religion, all mass advertising facilities in support of religious institutions. The Religion in American Life movement urges all Americans to attend and support the Church or synagogue of their choice. It is sponsored by a National Laymen's Committee composed of members of the three major faiths. Charles E. Wilson, director of defense mobilization, is national chairman.

Illustration: Courtesy of Religion in American Life, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, Seventh Day Baptist member of RIAL Action Committee, writes: "Because of its desire to serve every group, this Religion in American Life program is uniquely tailored for Seventh Day Baptist influence and participation." See his letter elsewhere in this issue.

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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SABBATH AT WILKES-BARRE

At the cordial invitation of Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, it was our privilege to witness the formal constituting of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Sabbath day, October 13. There are thirteen charter members, twelve being present to sign the constitution, articles of faith, and the Church covenant. One member who was absent because of illness affixed his signature later, thus being included as a charter member.

For about a year a group of Sabbath-keepers, some of whom live in and near Wilkes-Barre and some in Kingston, Pa., have felt the need of organized fellowship. In due course of time, through the efforts of interested persons, Rev. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley were invited to visit Wilkes-Barre. Two members of the newly organized Church, Brothers Raymond Gottshall and Paul Liptock, attended a part of the General Conference at Alfred, N. Y., last August for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists. Upon invitation, Rev. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley went to Wilkes-Barre following the Alfred Conference where Brother Hurley conducted a series of meetings. As a result of much prayer and careful planning, the organization of the Wilkes-Barre Church was accomplished.

On the human side, large credit is due Brother and Sister Hurley for their patient co-operation with the Wilkes-Barre friends in this great adventure. The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salem, W. Va., is to be commended for its encouragement of Brother Hurley in this work. The members of the Wilkes-Barre Church deserve our heartiest congratulations for their obedience to the leading of God's Spirit.

On the divine side, all praise to God for His gracious guidance throughout the uncertainties of the past several months! Only as we all grow toward Him will He find it possible to channel His grace, mercies, and blessings through our lives to other lives.

Sabbath, October 13, at Wilkes-Barre dawned fair and crisp. Fall's hand rested gently upon foliage and flower. An ideal day for a new Seventh Day Baptist Church

to come into being! The entire day was well planned.

All meetings were held at the Y.W.C.A., 69 N. Franklin Street. Sabbath school came first with Brother Kline leading the singing and Sister Vera Harter at the piano. Miss Harter served as pianist throughout the day. Sister Clauss, superintendent, conducted the devotional period, following which Rev. Loyal F. Hurley taught the lesson, "Jacob Receives the Promise." This was truly an instructive and inspiring session.

The Sabbath morning worship, conducted by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, followed Sabbath school. Hymnals brought by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Dr. Alfred E. Whitford, and Rev. Melvin G. Nida as a gift from the First Alfred Church were used. The sermon was preached by the editor of the Sabbath Recorder who used as the subject and text, "The Church's One Foundation," 1 Corinthians 3: 11.

The simple yet dramatic ceremony of constituting the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre took place immediately. Brother Paul Liptock, clerk of the Church, read the constitution, articles of faith, and the Church covenant, after which the members came forward to sign the covenant. David Clauss, young son of Brother and Sister Clauss, was also present.

Upon conclusion of the constituting ceremony, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley remarked that it did not require a formal statement from him to make official the formation of the new Church but that we had witnessed the crowning act in its Spirit-guided realization.

Following the benediction, the Lord's Supper was observed which was conducted by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Second Alfred Church, Alfred Station, and Rev. Melvin G. Nida, pastor of the Church at Richburg, N. Y. Appropriate words by these brethren further prepared our hearts for this blessed fellowship. Brother Gottshall, who had already been chosen as deacon by the Church, served in that capacity.

At the conclusion of the Communion service, all present went to the Y.W.C.A. lounge with a kitchen adjoining. The Wilkes-Barre friends had brought boun-

tiful supplies of food as they came that morning. This food was soon placed upon the long table around which we gathered as a family in Christ for further precious fellowship. As the meal drew to a close there was a brief informal program in charge of Brother Gottshall, moderator of the recently organized Church. Tentative plans for pulpit supply were proposed and announcement was made that Brother Liptock would preach on Sabbath, October 20. The Wilkes-Barre Church is blessed with strong lay leadership.

Willing hands made short work of clearing and removing the table. The room was soon arranged for the afternoon service, which was in charge of Rev. Albert N. Rogers. After the song and devotional service, Brother Rogers introduced Dr. Alfred E. Whitford, a deacon of the First Alfred Church, who represented Rev. Everett T. Harris and expressed deep interest in the Wilkes-Barre Church on Brother Harris' behalf and spoke warmly of the fine spirit of the members of the new Church. He closed by saying, "May God bless you."

Rev. Melvin G. Nida drew lessons from the lives of some of the Biblical heroes of the faith and related something of his own experience in coming to the Sabbath and in finding Seventh Day Baptists several years ago. He stressed the fact that he had found a joyous freedom with them.

Brother Nida is editor of the Helping Hand and invited constructive criticism of its lesson material. Readers of the Sabbath Recorder will be interested to know that the Wilkes-Barre Sabbath school ordered twenty-five copies of the Helping Hand for the present quarter and asked that this number be continued. Although this is more than their present needs require, they are using the extra copies in their Christian missionary and personal work activity.

Rev. Albert N. Rogers, a descendant of a long line of Seventh Day Baptists, quoted John 8: 32 and gave a clear-cut statement of his conception of truth. He commended the Wilkes-Barre Church for their advance on the road of their "spiritual pilgrimage" and encouraged them in their new-found Church relationship. He

declared that he had enjoyed entire freedom with Seventh Day Baptists for the most part.

Brother Rogers gave opportunity for the group to ask questions. The questions asked indicated a keen interest in the affairs of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

With singing and the benediction, this experience became a real part of our spiritual growth and a blessed memory.

As we were about to separate, Whitford, Rogers, Hurley, and Nida formed a quartet for a number from Towner's. Brothers Hurley and Rogers then went to administer Communion to the member who was detained at home because of illness.

We bespeak for this our newest Seventh Day Baptist Church the interest and prayers of our people throughout the world.

Recent Comments on the Sabbath Recorder

The Recorder is quite helpful to me continually, and I pass my copies on to someone else. It doesn't mean the same to one outside the denomination as it does to us. However, I think it is worth considering when we want to interest someone in the Sabbath, which we place next to salvation in our witnessing, to subscribe for that person perhaps, or lend our copies to him. Giving out tracts meditatively and prayerfully, also seems to be a very good method.

Joe Lewis.

Home wouldn't be home without the Recorder.

W. M. Jeffrey.

With regret we anticipate the arrival of the Recorders with reduced space, even though we can see the necessity. Our hopes, however, are based on the fact that clipped wings do grow and the birds do fly again.

Marion C. Van Horn.

Congratulations and best wishes to you all on the wonderful things in the Recorder.

Mrs. John H. Austin.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ORGANIZE A CHURCH AT WILKES-BARRE, PA.

By Paul Liptock
Church Clerk

For quite some time, particularly the past year and a half, a small group of seventh day Sabbath believers who are scattered throughout Wyoming Valley, of which the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is the heart, have been praying earnestly for an opportunity to serve collectively our Lord in the freedom of conscience.

An answer to our prayers was evidenced when our first contact was established with Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, early last summer. After our first visit with Pastor Hurley we were greatly encouraged, only to find our visits interrupted by Pastor Hurley's presence at the General Conference meetings held at Alfred in August. A few of us were privileged to be present at some of the services and were impressed with their simplicity and dignity.

Several more counsels with Pastor Hurley resulted in an evangelistic effort which continued for about a week. At the conclusion of these services we were fully convinced that the Lord was leading us. All, including Pastor Hurley, experienced a wonderful blessing from this effort.

This was the latter part of August and our spirits were running high with our thoughts on the organization of a Church here in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., when suddenly clouds began to appear on the horizon. True to human pattern we became discouraged and doubtful of the outcome of this movement and naturally we suffered a terrible setback.

Thanks to the Lord, it was but for a short time. Just as soon as we regained our hold on the Lord — through prayer — discouragement and despair vanished quickly and we were strengthened to the point of pressing on toward the organization of our Church. To this end, with the help of our Lord, we met on Sabbath morning, October 13, 1951, and concluded the organization.

This goal was accomplished through God's blessings and the untiring efforts of Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, who was ably

assisted by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Dr. Alfred E. Whitford, and Rev. Melvin G. Nida.

On behalf of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre I wish to thank each one who had a part in this effort and organization service. Also, a word of thanks to the Churches, who were so kind as to spare their pastors on Sabbath, October 13, and a special salute to our brethren at Salem, W. Va.

We thank God for this special privilege and ask an interest in your prayers that we may grow in the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Scriptures for Formosa

The American Bible Society has received word of the safe delivery of 20,000 copies of Japanese Scriptures to Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, missionaries among the native peoples of Formosa. These books, for those who speak Japanese, were furnished by the Bible Society at the request of Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett of the United Nations Command.

Christianity is firmly rooted in Formosa, according to available reports. "The people build their own Churches without assistance," Mr. Dickson has written the Bible Society. "Over seventy have been built during the past four years. We hope twice that many will go up during the next five years."

One hundred thousand copies of the New Testament in Chinese, forwarded by the Bible Society, have also been received, Chaplain Bennett stated. "The books have been delivered to those conducting the great evangelistic campaign in the Army and among the civilians along the west coast of Formosa," Chaplain Bennett wrote the Bible Society. — Release.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

DON'T SICK YOUR
DOGMATISM
ON SOMEONE ELSE'S
CATECHISM

—New Jersey Baptist Bulletin.

PREACHING MISSIONS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

An evangelistic effort in which more than 200 preachers of 40 denominations will join in carrying the message of the Christian gospel to America's defense forces in the United States during early 1952 was announced recently.

Plans for week-long preaching missions, beginning the first week in January, 1952, in approximately 90 Army camps and 30 Naval bases were announced by Dr. Stewart M. Robinson of Elizabeth, N. J., on behalf of a committee representing the sponsors — the General Commission on Chaplains of Washington, D. C., and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Dr. Robinson, chairman of the General Commission on Chaplains, said the first nation-wide evangelistic campaign organized for service personnel and their families has the backing of nearly 40 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations and the United Fellowship of Protestants.

It is planned to hold about 125 week-long missions during January and February. Dr. Robinson said each mission will open Sunday and continue through the following Friday night. The preaching mission program will include mass meetings, individual counseling, discussion groups, and conferences of team members with base chaplains.

Two or three clergymen drawn from civilian life, principally pastors, will comprise each evangelistic team.

The proposal for organizing such a crusade, Dr. Robinson reported, came from Chief of Army Chaplains (Major-General) Roy H. Parker of Washington, D. C., who was quoted as saying: "The Armed Forces are ripe for a revival. I look forward with keen anticipation to the results of the preaching mission."

Dr. Robinson declared that the urgency of such a spiritual campaign was based on the conviction shared by chaplains and civilian clergy that "the spiritual experience of the men and women in the Armed Forces will determine the spiritual atmosphere in years to come."

The groundwork for the campaign, he said, was laid last summer when the National Council's Joint Department of Evangelism held more than 40 one-day retreats for Army, Navy, and Air Force chaplains.

Dr. Robinson said the pattern developed during World War II, when more than 300 ministers were mobilized to conduct evangelistic services among the Armed Forces in the U. S., will be followed next year.

Officers of the committee making the arrangements besides Dr. Robinson, the chairman, include Dr. Fred Cropp, secretary of the American Bible Society, and a former World War II chaplain, and Dr. Jesse M. Bader, executive director of the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Representatives of the Chiefs of Chaplains of the Armed Forces, as well as denominational leaders, are members of the committee. — Release.

CAMP HARLEY

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

"Boys and girls learn by doing things together, by exploring new fields on their own initiative. Jukeboxes and "movies" are forgotten, and the life is so healthy and vigorous that no boy-meets-girl problems have cropped up." This description of supervised camping shows opportunities the Western Association is now making fuller use of through its new Camp Harley.

Following the lead of those who founded Lewis Camp in Rhode Island, Pacific Pines Camp in California, and more recently the Battle Creek and Milton Churches, it was decided this past summer to establish a permanent camp to serve the nine Churches of the Western Association. The camp is located near Alfred Station where work has already begun to clear the site and drill a well. Incorporation of the association will be considered at a special meeting to be held November 4 in the Alfred Station Church.

The camp is named in honor of Rev. Harley Sutton who is widely known and loved by the young people of the denomination, and who was a leader in establishing the annual Pre-Conference Retreat

DEUTERONOMY

This book contains the farewell messages of Moses. These great sermons summarize the experiences of the children of Israel since leaving Egypt, and refer prophetically to the future. Obedience to God is the lesson of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses, in this his fifth book, concludes his eventful life of 120 years. In Egypt, where he was born, he became "mighty in words and in deeds." At the age of forty, without consulting God, he attempted to act on behalf of his people. They rejected him, and he fled for his life. Forty years he spent in the land of Midian. Then God spoke to him, and he went back to Egypt, and spent his last forty years as the prophet and leader of God's chosen people. Read Acts 7: 20-39.

Moses Looks Back: Chapters 1-4. Forty years and eleven months from Egypt the children of Israel were still in the wilderness. Moses, Joshua, and Caleb alone remained alive of all those over 20 who came from Egypt. In this first message to Israel, Moses reviews to date their journey from Sinai.

Moses Looks to God: Chapters 5-26. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deuteronomy 6: 5; 10: 12; 11: 1, 13, 22; Matthew 22: 37. God demands holiness, separation, love, worship, and charity of those who seek salvation through the atoning blood of His Son.

Moses Looks Forward: Chapters 27-33. The Jew today is the Jew of Deuteronomy 28: 15-67. He is scattered, restless, and his days are full of fear and trembling.

Moses Dies: Chapter 34. From Mt. Nebo (Pisgah) Moses sees the Land of Promise across the Jordan River, then dies.

If you would like a free copy of an extended introduction to the Book of Deuteronomy, and succeeding books, please send a card to O. A. Davis, 1046 W. Taylor Street, Phoenix, Ariz.

You can't carve rotten wood. — Chinese, from Clipsheet.

during the time he was executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. It is planned that the camp will not only serve the young people of the Western Association but also Sabbath school training conferences, ministers' conferences, laymen's meetings, and day camping for small children. The School of Theology and the Board of Christian Education will undoubtedly use the camp from time to time also.

Paul Baker of Friendship, N. Y., treasurer of the building committee, has received a number of personal contributions from interested friends. The Richburg and Second Alfred Churches have made group gifts and it is expected that the other Churches of the association will do so.

Chapter-A-Day MEDITATIONS

By O. A. Davis

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HOME-COMING AT SALEM COLLEGE

Queen Apollonia IV and four princesses of her ten-member court, which will reign over the annual Salem College home-coming weekend festivities on October 25-27, are Seventh Day Baptist young ladies now in their freshman year at Salem.

In a recent special college assembly a committee of students and faculty selected Miss Isabelle Marie Bee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Bee of Fairmont, to be queen of this year's home-coming. Miss Bee is an alumna of Manangah High School where she was graduated with honors as the outstanding student by winning the Balfour Plaque award. During her high school career she represented her community at West Virginia Girls State, was president of the Junior Red Cross, and a member of the national honor society, glee club, and student council.

Serving as princesses in the home-coming court will be four Seventh Day Baptist young ladies: Joan Van Horn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Van Horn of Point Pleasant; Nancy Lou Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kelly of Berea; Venita Vincent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vincent of Salem; Dortha Jane Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll A. Bond of Jane Lew.

Home-coming weekend will get under way on Thursday, October 25, with a giant "thuse" at the college amphitheater, and will be followed on Friday afternoon with the annual home-coming parade in which many of the central West Virginia high school bands will participate. The Salem College Tigers will meet Fairmont State College in the home-coming game at the Grafton High School athletic field on the evening after the Sabbath at 8 o'clock, and the coronation ceremonies will follow the game.

College officials are making a special effort to plan entertainment for the many alumni and former students who will return for this occasion. — Public Relations Release.

Upon Your Ordination

Dedicated to Pastor Leon R. Lawton of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

You have labored in preparation,
Now, you shall come under the Rod:
Ordained to the Gospel ministry,
Ordained to the Work of God.

The task to which He has called you,
Preaching — noblest work on earth,
Requires the Spirit's filling,
Requires a man of New Birth.

This spiritual battle is the Lord's.
Think you not of comfort or self,
Nor ever let the Devil tempt you
With so evil a motive as self.

Seek God's blessing in your ministry.
Be faithful through life's little day.
Never turn your face from the plow,
And you shall receive God's own pay.

Be ready for many victories,
Be ready for suffering, too.
Remember the cup of affliction
May soon have to be drunk by you.

Now on to the Work set before you,
Rich moments are slipping away.
Soon an angel will blow the trumpet,
And Jesus will come here to stay.

The reward He brings at His coming
Is the "well done" of God above;
But the pay you receive in this life
Is the warmth of a convert's love.

Then courage, Sir, for your vocation.
Nations are calling for your Lord.
You are ordained to the ministry,
Ordained to preach and live God's Word.

Victor Malcolm Johnson.

September 8, 1951.

(Note: Rev. Mr. Johnson is a former Swedish Baptist minister who joined the Los Angeles Church on the day of Pastor Lawton's ordination.)

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
DENVER, COLO., AUGUST 19-24, 1952

Statement of CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE and BELIEF

By Rev. Leon R. Lawton

Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church
Los Angeles, Calif.

(Given at his ordination to the Christian ministry held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, 4976 N. Figueroa Street, Highland Park, Los Angeles, Calif., on Sabbath day, September 8, 1951.)

(Continued from last week)

Statement of Beliefs

The Word of God

I believe that the Bible or Holy Scripture is the Word of God, written and recorded by men of God as they were led by His Spirit. In so doing, I do not believe that God dictated each word that was used, but rather, within the framework of human personality, guided by revelation and inspiration the recording and writing of His dealing with men. As such, the Bible in its original manuscripts was free from error in religious, historic, and scientific matters. It is not God's Word, but rather faulty interpretation or in some cases poor translation that leads to alleged errors in its pages today. I believe the Bible is the final authority in matters of faith and conduct, the supreme revelation of God to man.

God the Father

I believe in the unity of the Godhead — three persons but only one God. I believe that the Father is eternal, self-existent, timeless, changeless, all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise, all-present, all-holy; infinite in love, truth, wisdom, justice, grace, and mercy. He is spiritual but yet personal in His relations with others of the Trinity and with mankind. He is not like anything created, being above the material universe which He created, and yet ever present in it. He is law, for what we call law is but an expression of Himself. As Father, the expression which draws Him closest to mankind is love.

God the Son

I believe that Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, that He is the Son of God, that He is eternal and possesses all the attributes of God. By Him the universe was brought into being. Al-

though He has existed from before time, yet there was a time when He took bodily form, being born of a virgin, that He might provide a way by which mankind could be reconciled unto God. He was the perfect God-man, and as man faced all the temptation that man faces, yet without sin. I believe that He died for the sin of the world on the cross, was buried in the tomb, and rose again victorious over the grave to take His place at the right hand of God. I believe that Christ is coming again at an unknown but nearing hour and that we should ever be ready for this event.

God the Holy Spirit

I believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, that He is a person, not just an influence or power. He is equal with the Father and Son in all the divine attributes but is spoken of as proceeding from them. He is eternal, working in Old Testament time in the lives of men, but it has only been since Pentecost that He has dwelt within the hearts of true believers, baptizing them with power and bringing sanctification.

Man

I believe that God created man from the dust of the earth, made him in His image morally and spiritually, and gave him dominion over all other creatures. As such, man is the supreme and final work of God in creation. I believe that all mankind is descendent of Adam and Eve. In his original state man was sinless and holy, possessing freedom of will and a power of choice. Through disobedience he fell from his original state of righteousness losing the close communion and fellowship he had known with God. Through this disobedience death came upon mankind and sin began to reign. Adam's guilt is imputed to all his descendants, so that all are counted as deserving of punishment. In his natural state man is depraved, possessing an evil heart that turns from God to its own lusts.

Sin and Salvation

I believe that sin is the transgression of the law of God. It is any lack of conformity to God's will or God's holiness. It is the outward manifestation of a re-

bellious, self-centered heart. Sin is universal and all men have sinned. The result of sin is death — both physically and spiritually.

Salvation from sin has been made possible by the atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that only when a guilty sinner recognizes his state, personally accepting the good news of salvation, and placing his faith in Jesus Christ who bore his sin for him, that salvation is possible. I believe that salvation is the gift of God and that there is nothing man can do to merit this free gift. By this faith in Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit man is "born again," becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus. By his new nature and daily walk the salvation of a true believer is evident.

Eternal Life

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and lives eternally with the Father. Because He lives there is assurance of everlasting life for all who believe. I believe that it is the present possession of all believers as well as a future reward. "He that hath the Son hath eternal life."

The Church

I believe that all born-again Christians are members of the Church universal — the body of Christ. Only God knows those who truly belong to His universal Church. On the local level the Church is a group of believers banded together to worship and serve God, to study and proclaim His Word, granting soul liberty to all. I believe that each local Church should be independent, having Christ only as its head, and that the members should co-operate with others of like faith in furthering the gospel message.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

I believe that, by command and example, Christ has given to His Church two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's Supper. I believe that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion in water. I believe that baptism is only for those who have been born again and that it symbolizes their union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. It is a witness to the world of the new inner relationship with Christ that has come from acceptance of Him as personal Saviour.

I believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted and ordained by our Lord as a memorial of His sacrificial death upon the cross. I believe that it should be observed reverently in remembrance of Him by the local Church, and all born-again Christians who may be present invited to join in the Communion service.

The Sabbath

I believe that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath, hallowed by God and set apart by Him for all mankind at creation. I believe that Jesus, the apostles, and the early Church kept the Sabbath and by example taught that we should do likewise. I believe there is no Scriptural authority for any change of day or any other day to be kept holy in place of the Sabbath. Sabbathkeeping well illustrates the relation of the Christian to law, for the command is embodied in the Ten Commandments. I do not believe anyone can be saved by keeping the Sabbath. The Sabbath rather is a test of our love to God, kept holy because of a new God-given nature that delights to do His will. I believe that the keeping of the Sabbath is in itself a blessing, and as a matter of obedience a test of our love to God.

Evangelism

I believe that as Christians we have the responsibility of telling the good news of salvation to a sin-sick and spiritually dead world. Evangelism is the work of bearing to others the gospel message. I believe that every person who has been redeemed by Christ has a commission to proclaim this message and that each one will be led by God to serve Him in a particular way according to his ability. The work of evangelism begins where we are and extends throughout the whole world. Each Christian is under the obligation to teach others and win them to a saving knowledge of Christ. This is our daily task till He comes.

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BRITISH GUIANA

A letter from Rev. Benjamin O. Berry tells of the program of their Seventh Day Baptist Convention held at Parika, East Bank, Essequibo, the weekend immediately preceding the convening of the General Conference at Alfred. Mr. Berry enclosed copies of papers which were read on "Women's Day," August 11. The theme was "Serving Others." Constance Peters of Parika Village, in her paper, mentioned some Bible women: Esther, who risked her life in doing a service for others; Phoebe, who was commended by Paul for her faithful service in the Church; Mary and Martha, who served our Lord in spiritual and temporal things; Tabitha, whose good deeds are mentioned in Acts. She emphasized the thought that "We, too, have much to do in serving others in doing some acts of kindness, of love, of mercy. In the community, school, Church, there may be persons who stand in need of our help, so in all earnestness we should hasten to do service wherever we are. . . . In serving others we are doing God's service."

Gracenell Wickham, also of Parika, stressed the idea of each one serving according to ability, whether it be great or small. God requires of us only that which we are able to do. Our service should be prompted by love.

Waveney Osborne, of Tuschen, mentioned a few of the many ways in which Jesus ministered, referring to Him as the greatest servant of all times. She urged her hearers to visit the sick, read the Scriptures, and serve as one who accepts Jesus as Saviour should.

Mrs. Muriel Charles reminded the audience that they must put away all selfishness. Love is above all things; if shared there would be a mutual understanding among peoples of all races.

Mrs. Hannah O. Berry, of Tuschen, drew a lesson in sharing from the woman of Samaria (John 4), "the first missionary woman." This Samaritan woman was not satisfied to keep the new-found blessing to herself, but hastened "to share the soul-refreshing water with her thirsty brethren." The well of living water still flows for us and for us to share with

others. She writes of Apollos: "This man was born in Alexandria, but he went to Ephesus and preached; a woman, Priscilla by name, listened to his teachings and discovered that Apollos had known the teachings of John the Baptist and not those of Jesus. After Apollos had finished preaching on a particular day, Priscilla took him under her care and gave this man a clearer light of the gospel. Although Apollos was learned in the Scriptures, yet he did not know the good news of the Christ, and thank God for the spirit of Apollos, in that he did not feel humiliated to be instructed by a woman. Let us, women, do our best to share our spiritual knowledge with others, not trying to do more than we are able."
H. R. C.

ORDINATION AT AUCKLAND

A letter from Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms brings the information that Sabbath, October 13, is the date set for the ordination to the gospel ministry of Mr. Tonge, honorable secretary of the South Seas Lepers, Hospitals and Medical Relief Board, by the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Auckland. Ere you read this the significant event will have taken place. It will mean strengthening and inspiration for our New Zealand friends. It was expected that Rev. Edward Barrar of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Christchurch on South Island would be present and preach the ordination sermon. Pastor Francis Johnson was chosen to give the charge to the candidate and Brother Bottoms the charge to the Church and the prayer of ordination.

Mr. Tonge was trained for the ministry in a Church of England school, but found the Sabbath truth and joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church, but never was able to accept all the teachings of that Church. He has known Seventh Day Baptists for some time, and feels that they "are just what he has been looking for."

The presence of Brother Barrar in Auckland will give Brother Bottoms an opportunity to get information and for them to make plans for the work at Christchurch and on South Island, where

Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms will be going a few weeks hence.

As you pray for the increase of the kingdom of God, won't you remember New Zealand in a special way?

H. R. C.

THE HOME FIELD

Rev. Clifford A. Beebe has sent an interesting report of his labors on a part of the great area of the Southwestern Association. He reports having spent two weeks with the Little Prairie Church conducting a Vacation Bible School. Two weeks were spent on a journey into Texas. The Vacation Bible School at Little Prairie was held in co-operation with the Nazarene Church with a congenial fellowship. The Church at Little Prairie has called the pastor, J. H. McKay, to ordination to the gospel ministry. The date of this event has been set for October 27.

Mr. Beebe spent several days with the people of the Edinburg, Tex., Church, holding a number of services, discussing with them the problems of procuring a pastor, completing the building of a Church edifice, etc. He met with members of the Houston Fellowship and held a meeting in Austin where he believes there is prospect of the organization of a Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship. Besides this he visited lone Sabbathkeepers in several places. Pastor Beebe takes up the work of pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Carraway, Fla., November 1.

Brother Beebe is earnest and zealous in his labors, and we pray that he may have satisfying fruits.

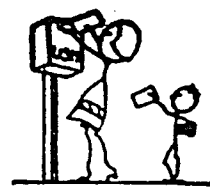
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COMING EVENTS

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An Adjourned Meeting of the members of the Corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in the office of the President of the Corporation, in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., at two o'clock in the afternoon, November 5, 1951.

Corliss F. Randolph,
President.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am seven years old and live on a farm near Andover, N. Y. I go to the Andover Central School and am in the second grade. I like to color pictures.

My pets are three calves, a mother cat and her two kittens. It is fun to help Daddy care for the calves.

I am visiting my aunt in Alfred this week and we attended Church this morning. It was Sabbath school Rally Day.

I like the letters on the Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder.

Your friend,

Dawn Louise Burdick.

Andover, N. Y.

Dear Dawn Louise:

I was very happy to receive your letter and sorry I could not get it into the Recorder earlier. I had the day before sent my full page, and since nothing but news was to be printed the next week again it had to wait.

I think you have some very nice pets, and when I was a little girl I sometimes had the same kind. I remember that one day when I was helping feed a calf it knocked over the pail of milk and spilled it all over me. I didn't like that one bit. Would you?

I heard the other day about a little girl who always tried to help others. One day she came up behind one of her neighbors who was carrying some very heavy bundles. She noticed that the string was coming untied and that soon the bundles might fall in all directions. "Let me help you," she cried, and with her finger she held down the string while its owner tied it.

I hope now that you have started, you will write often.

Yours with love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I read in the Sabbath Recorder that you aren't getting many letters so I am going to tell you about my vacation.

On Memorial Day we were at Grandpa Randolph's in Berea, W. Va. The next

day we saw Grandpa Sutton get his D.D. degree from Salem College.

Then we left my sister Roberta at Berea and went to Jackson Center, Ohio, to visit my uncle, Rev. Trevah Sutton. When my dad and mom went back home to Milton, Wis., I went to Boulder, Colo., with Grandpa and Grandma Sutton. While there I went to Vacation Bible School and Junior Camp.

On the Fourth of July, Grandpa and Grandma Randolph brought Roberta back to Wisconsin. Then my folks and the three of them came to Colorado to get me. After taking some mountain trips and going to the top of Pike's Peak, we went to Carlsbad Caverns, N. M. From there we went to Texarkana, Ark., where we visited relatives. We slept in Great-uncle Wardner Fitzrandolph's house. He is in Jamaica now. We came home through Illinois and saw Lincoln's tomb and his home.

This summer I saw five new capitols, five new states, was in twelve states, and visited seven Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

Your Christian friend,

Lynn Randolph.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Lynn:

Congratulations on your enjoyable summer vacation experiences. You can still find pleasure in remembering what a wonderful vacation you had. My vacation trip was much shorter, only a single week, but I still enjoy remembering it. It was spent with my son and family in Bridgeton and Ocean City, N. J., in company with my two granddaughters from Wellsville, N. Y., Joyce and Gretchen. It made me happy, too, to see how much the girls enjoyed the trip. Yes, and as I read your letter I do believe I really enjoy your vacation experiences.

Andover children had a week's vacation week before last, a potato digging "vacation." They worked hard but they thought it was fun because it put some money into their pockets which they had really earned, and were allowed to spend as they wished.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS

"MILL YARD," LONDON, ENG. —

(Continued from October 15)

Our annual Lord's Supper Service was held on Thursday evening, April 19, when the pastor expounded the ordinance of the red heifer found in Numbers 19.

It was an unexpected pleasure to receive another visit from Mrs. Helen Thorngate on Thursday, May 17, who was passing through London on her way to join her husband, Dr. George Thorngate, in Saigon, Indo-China, where he is doing useful medical work for the Marshall Aid organization and the Viet-Nam Government, supervising the setting up of village dispensaries.

She also attended the special service held on Sabbath, May 19, which was addressed by Rev. Percy T. Egerton of the English Episcopal Church, Manchester, in which he exhorted us to let our light shine, and showed by various examples the results of a quiet witness for Christ. This brother is keenly interested in the Jewish Christian Community, and holds a Sabbath eve service in his own chapel every Friday night, and once a month at the home of two aged sisters, one of whom is blind. The English Episcopal Church consists of a group of Churches which are separate from the Church of England, but use the Prayer Book.

Brother Albert Springer also spoke telling us of the work and witness of the J.C.C. in Israel, and the conditions prevailing in that country.

Any of our readers who may visit Manchester are heartily invited to attend the Friday evening service at St. Gabriel's Church, 5, Shawbrook Road, Burnage, Manchester, 19.

Brother Robertson returned to London on Monday, May 21, and on Wednesday we had the pleasure of showing him more of London, visiting the Church of St. Etheldreda, near Holborn Circus, the first Church to return to the possession of the Roman Catholics since the Reformation; St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct, where we saw the memorial of Captain John Smith, first governor of Virginia, and the old bell that was rung by the bellman to awaken prisoners on the eve of execution at Newgate Prison, to hear

his exhortation to prepare to meet their God. The old Newgate Prison was near the Old Bailey Criminal Court in Newgate Street. We recalled that among the Dissenters who suffered in this prison was one of our Sabbatarian pioneers, Rev. Francis Bampfield who died there in 1684.

After visiting St. Paul's Cathedral and the British and Foreign Bible Society we went to the old home of the famous Scot, Thomas Carlyle, author of *The French Revolution*, *Life of Frederick the Great*, *Sartor Resartus*, etc., in Cheyne Row, Chelsea. The lady in charge showed us round and explained many of the interesting relics of the great writer. He was a friend of Rev. Edward Irving, who had a leading part in the Advent Movement early in the 19th century, and founded the Catholic Apostolic Church. If Edward Irving had followed Carlyle's advice, he might have prolonged his life, and also saved himself from the unfortunate influences under which his movement came.

We bade Brother Robertson farewell on the morning of his departure at St. Pancras Station, bidding him carry our greetings to the friends in Western Australia. — *The Sabbath Observer*, April-August, 1951.

ALFRED, N. Y. — Alfred seemed very quiet for some days after Conference, evidently basking in thoughts of warm-hearted friendships renewed; of visits with loved ones; of new vistas opened and inspiration left us by the 750 delegates and visitors who were our delightful guests for Conference week.

And now we take up our work with renewed vigor as our thanks go out to each and all of our guests who brought to us "a heap o' livin'" that makes Alfred even a better "home."

Rally Day, under the direction of Mrs. Perry Jacob and her fine corps of assistants, brought all departments of the Church school together to enjoy a splendid program by the primary and intermediate departments. Some 80 or 90 children took part. A fine class of 10 was graduated.

Ladies' Aid, with Mrs. Elwood Kenyon, president, has resumed the meetings of the year with the monthly family suppers.

Plans are being made for the annual rummage sale on Election Day. We hope for sufficient funds to pay for the parish house decorations.

The Evangelical Society, Miss Susan Langworthy, president, had its opening fall meeting October 10 with about 40 women present. An interesting address was given by Miss Josie Willis, recently returned from the Far East. Having used Dr. Thomas's "So Sure of Life" last year, we will this year study first "We Americans North & South" and after World Community Day will again study the Near East. Mrs. Dora Kenyon Degen is program chairman.

At our Church quarterly conference, October 14, the Seventh Day Baptist students who are attending Alfred University were dinner guests of the Church and individually welcomed. At the following business meeting, the formal resignation of Pastor Everett T. Harris was regretfully accepted. Pastor Harris, in the eleven years he has been with us, although a yearly ballot has been taken, has never had a vote against him. He has worked harmoniously and wholeheartedly with each of the five university chaplains during this period. Our only consolation is that Pastor Harris will go out to a larger field of service for our denomination. — Mrs. Matilda F. Crandall, Correspondent.

ARK Parcel Post Shipments

Shipments to our warehouses in Maspeth and Oakland have shown a marked increase week by week during the month of August.

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The pushover job inevitably makes a pushover man. — *Clipsheet*.

Marriages

Bliven - Cross. — William Bliven and Elizabeth Cross, both of Ashaway, R. I., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Ashaway on October 12, 1951, by the groom's pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn. The new home will be in Ashaway.

BIRTHS

Ebersole. — A son, Wayne Lee, to Duane and Adelene Ebersole of New Enterprise, Pa., on April 23, 1951.

Obituaries

Straight. — Luella Hood, daughter of George O. and Ruby Witter Hood, was born on March 4, 1887, in East Valley near Alfred Station, N. Y., and died October 2, 1951, at Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, N. Y.

At the age of eight years she moved with her parents to Alfred. Her sister, Grace, the late Mrs. Reuben Armstrong, also accompanied them.

She joined the First Alfred Church by baptism June 24, 1902.

A graduate of Alfred Academy and University in 1909, she married Burr Straight, also an Alfred graduate. They both taught in schools of Western New York State. The husband, Lt. Straight, was killed in the battle of Blanc Mont, France, October 3, 1918. For several years Mrs. Straight conducted a private kindergarten in her home and for the past six years was kindergarten teacher at Alfred-Almond Central School.

Her love for children was shown by her willingness to serve as superintendent of and teacher in the primary department of the Sabbath school of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church for about fifteen years.

Farewell services were held at the Church conducted by her pastor, Rev. Everett T. Harris. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. T. H.

Crandall. — Martha Althea, twin sister of Albert B. Crandall, and daughter of the late William L. and Sarah Babcock Crandall was born in Ashaway, R. I., April 24, 1875, and died on October 5, 1951, after a brief illness.

Her lifework was teaching, from which she retired in 1940 after having taught in Ashaway and in Newport for 42 years. She was active in musical societies, and sang several years in the Ashaway choir. She became a member of the First Hopkinton Church in her early teens, and was loyal and faithful in her attendance and service.

Funeral services were conducted on October 7 by her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, assisted by Rev. Harold R. Crandall, and her body was laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery at Ashaway. L. G. O.

Partelo. — Everett C., was born in North Stonington, Conn., May 28, 1928, and died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Ashaway, R. I., on October 5, 1951. He was the son of George and Winifred Miner Partelo.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Weber Partelo, and three sons, Roger, Gary, and Stephen; his father, George W. Partelo; two brothers, Alfred of Ashaway, and Walter, who is with the Armed Forces in Europe; and two sisters, Mrs. Alma Booth of Stonington and Mrs. Mary Stockbridge of Farmingdale, L. I.

Funeral services were conducted on October 9 by Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church of which Mr. Partelo was a member. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery. L. G. O.

Gray. — Cora Kenyon, daughter of Edwin O. and Cordelia (Burdick) Kenyon, was born at Hope Valley, April 6, 1867, and died at East Providence, R. I., September 4, 1951. She was the wife of the late Charles Gray.

She united with the Rockville Church at the age of 14.

Until her marriage in 1913, she was an efficient and loved teacher. She was a devoted mother to Mr. Gray's three children. These, Mrs. Susan G. Mabey, Mrs. Edith G. Frankland, and Charles M. Gray, mourn their loss. Mrs. Gray also leaves two nieces, Mrs. Dora K. Degen and Mrs. Agnes K. Bond, and three nephews, M. Elwood, Spicer S., and Miles B. Kenyon.

The funeral was held at the Williams Home, East Providence, and interment was in Hope Valley. Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiated. H. R. C.

Barber. — Louisa Lois, daughter of Elmer E. and Floretta Davis, was born near Alden, Minn., October 27, 1869, and died at North Loup, Neb., March 7, 1951.

When thirteen years of age, following the death of her father, she went with her family to North Loup to live. She was of the eighth generation from Roger Williams.

On April 4, 1884, she was baptized and joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a lifelong, faithful member, having served the Church and its organizations in many capacities.

She was married to Charles W. Barber, July 7, 1886, who preceded her in death, September 11, 1949.

Surviving are: two sons, Glen of Suison, Calif., and Dell of North Loup; one daughter, Mrs. Fern Maxson of North Loup; thirteen grandchildren, and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. Francis D. Saunders, Sabbath afternoon, March 10, 1951. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, North Loup. — The Ord Quiz, by F. B. M.

A LETTER FROM OUR RIAL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Seventh Day Baptist,
c-o The Sabbath Recorder,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Baptist:

I am writing to tell you some really wonderful news! Wonderful, not so much for you as for your Church and your community. I guess it's wonderful for you too, if you're interested in your Church and the work it is trying to do. At any rate, believe me when I say it's one of the greatest things that has happened since the Reformation. Here it is: for the first time in the history of our country every advertising medium is to be used for nation-wide support of religion. This means that radio, newspapers, television, billboards, car cards, and other powerful advertising mediums are being used to emphasize the importance of going to Church, and taking someone with us.

You see, we all need to be reminded to go to Church and we are all, if we're concerned about the Church, interested in having others urged to go. Too, we have often expressed the wish that these influences, like the newspaper, which come into our homes every day, would speak at least a word about the importance of religion. However, this hasn't been possible until now because these national and local news agencies did not dare to sponsor any religious group without having to sponsor them all.

Now all of this has been placed by churchmen on an interfaith basis, with a national nonsectarian committee as its sponsor. It is called Religion in American Life or RIAL for short. This has made it possible for religion to receive the kind of attention it deserves on a nation-wide scale, in a form which is acceptable to all faiths, and therefore to all advertising agencies. This makes it possible for all denominations such as ours to participate and to benefit. And I know for a fact that during this year alone, for a total cost of some \$50,000 (which seems like a lot), religion as a force in our way of life will receive more than five million dollars' worth of publicity (which is quite a lot more!)

Frankly I think this is wonderful. But this isn't all! Because of its desire to serve every group, this Religion in American Life program is uniquely tailored for Seventh Day Baptist influence and participation. You see, it doesn't emphasize "Sunday" Church going. Because the term "Sabbath" is acceptable to all faiths, every time a word is used to mention the day of churchgoing the word "Sabbath" is used. So, we see in the "ads" the word "Sabbath school," or the word "weekend," but never "Sunday."

All of this is why I think we as a people should participate one hundred per cent in this program. This is why our Conference should endorse it. This is why our Churches should promote the RIAL program in every community in which they have influence. It's a program that works. It's one that works for God and for our Churches. And it's one in which we can take a part without fear of embarrassment to our Sabbath belief. In fact I believe this is a positive way to witness for our Sabbath belief! And it's a way we can work for righteousness with a sense of real purpose in co-operation with men of all faiths.

Now, why am I writing this letter? Simply because our Commission looked at RIAL and decided it was a program of real importance for our Conference. I have served on the Action Committee now for several months at Commission request and found the men who direct this program to be deeply consecrated Christian men. Mr. Seventh Day Baptist, we cannot afford not to participate in RIAL. It is too important to be by-passed or overlooked by our ministers and our Churches.

May I say that I personally hope we'll give this program all the support we are able to give it because the potential impact of this kind of advertising cannot fail to be a valuable aid to every one of our Churches in their several efforts to witness for the Christ we love and serve.

Yours for RIAL,
E. Wendell Stephan.

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LET'S PROTEST NOW!

After the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican is confirmed by the Senate of the United States Government, it is too late to protest.

Let's protest now!