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## "THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS DAILY WORK"

The Objectives of the North American Lay Conference, held at Buffalo, N. Y., February 21-24, 1952, were stated as follows:

To see more clearly the value and significance of daily work as Christian vocation;

to discover how Christians should make the decisions, meet the requirements, and conduct themselves in the relationships of their occupations;

to learn what the Church can do to help Christians, as individuals and as members of groups, toward

- (1) an understanding of and commitment to Christian vocation,
- (2) making their daily work a demonstration of their Christian witness,
- (3) providing effective leadership for a more Christian social order through the decisions and relationships of their occupations.
  - From The Call.

(See Dr. Ben R. Crandall's article in an early issue.)

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#### LET'S ALL JOIN THE "MARCHERS"

March is the halfway month in the Denominational Budget year. To achieve 50% of the total Denominational Budget means that we must have raised \$21,412.50 by the first of April. (The amount raised in the first four months, to February 1, totaled \$12,450.52, meaning that February and March combined receipts must total \$8,961.98 if we are to meet the 50% quota for the first half year.)

In an athletic contest no team likes to trail in the score at half time. How much less can our Seventh Day Baptist Kingdom Task Team afford to lag in our efforts in financing the Lord's work.

In December we proved the power of teamwork as a denomination by raising just under \$6,000 to bring the first quarter's giving to 22.9% of the total budget — only 2.1% short of the 25% quota.

The month of March offers us a new challenge in kingdom concern and action. Budget needs for the month, if we are to meet the 50% half-year quota, will approximate \$7,500. Can Seventh Day Baptists meet that challenge?

The answer to this challenge is a resounding "YES!" — and the way it will be done is by "TEAMWORK."

If we can enlist 2,000 Seventh Day Baptist "MARCHERS" who will give \$5 each to the Denominational Budget this month we will go over the top for the half year. Does that sound impossible? Certainly not if every Church and every pastor and every earning Seventh Day Baptist will get on the team to meet the challenge.

Decide now to join "MARCHERS" whose consecrated dollars will put the Denominational Budget over the top-for the first half of our Conference year.

> Elmo Fitz Randolph, Commission Chairman.

#### REFLECTIONS

Remembering what I represent, Motives with a pure intent, Filled with peace, not discontent, Must fill my days yet to be spent. Hannah F. Hummel.

O God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains! — Shakespeare.

#### POIGNANT PRAYER

O God our Father, we bless Thy holy

name. We acclaim Thee. We adore Thee. We bow down and kneel before Thee, our Maker. We worship Thee only. Save us, O Father, from bowing down before the gods of this world which clamor for our attention and energies. Deliver us, we pray, from the worship of money and goods, position and power, pride and person. Grant us the will to empty our prideful selves that we may become wholly obedient to Thy will. Through Jesus Christ our perfect Example and everliving Lord. Amen.

#### "A GREAT MAN HAS FALLEN"

A special delivery note from Rev. Harold R. Crandall informs us that Dr. William L. Burdick, retired corresponding secretary and consultant of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, died on Friday morning, February 29. The funeral services were held at the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R. I., on Monday, March 3, at 2

Further, Secretary Crandall comments, "Truly a great man has fallen. What a heritage he leaves to his family and to the Seventh Day Baptist denomination! Would that his mantle might fall upon worthy young shoulders."

"Who follows in his train?"

#### PRAYER IN TIME OF TRIAL

We as Christians "ought always to pray, and not to faint." And, again, we ought to pray unremittingly.

We may neglect to pray when everything is going well. Shame on us! And may God forbid!

But when sorrows overtake us, trials all but overwhelm us, and defeat and disaster threaten, we are torn from the shelter of God's favor and thrown upon His resources which are higher than our own. How puny we become indeed when our strength and security grow weak.

With the Psalmist we exclaim, "In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me."

#### THE AIM OF STEWARDSHIP

As we dwell upon our rich heritage, one of our grave dangers lies in our admiring the achievements of the past and failing to make our full contribution to the needs of the present and the demands of the future.

Speaking in material terms, so much depends upon what we do with what we have. The Lord does not hold us accountable for what we do not have. He does hold us accountable for what we have, however.

There is not a single material possession of Seventh Day Baptists that is not a means to an end. If there is, it is just too bad. We would be better off without it.

One has recently observed, "Beautiful architecture, dignified services, stately ritual, symbolism, artistic music, famous choirs — all these belong to the Church and have a place in its services. But to achieve all these and lose the people is to fail our great mission."

If we are idling because of our glorious past, the glory of the future will fade. If we fail to interest and win folks, of what value will our properties and pre-

ciseness be?

#### **EVANGELIST MARONA** AT MARLBORO

Recent word from Rev. C. Rex Burdick announces the dates of March 14-23 (except Wednesday) as the time for evangelistic meetings at the Marlboro, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Rev. Wayne Marona, a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., who has had "eighteen years' experience in the field of evangelism," is to be the evangelist.

Readers of the Sabbath Recorder will be interested in this announcement and no doubt will find it a Christian privilege to remember these meetings in prayer.

#### OUR SERVICEMEN Where They Are

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Moments of Meditation

# God's Power and the Will to Keep the Sabbath

Did you say, "I can't keep the Sabbath"? I wonder. Would God command you to do the impossible? What sort of an unreasonable Being do you think He is to expect something you cannot do? No, my friend, when God commands something, He gives the ability to do it. Someone has said, "God's commands are His enablings."

Take the case of the impotent man at the pool. For thirty-eight years he had been unable to stand, much less walk. Yet Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Perhaps you would have argued, "But, Rabbi, I'm powerless. I haven't been able to walk for thirty-eight years. My legs just won't hold me up. I can't even stand. How do you expect me to walk and carry my bed?" He could well have made such an excuse for lying where he was. But as Jesus spoke the command, He gave him the power to obey. "The man was made whole."

The secret of it is in Jesus' question, "Wilt thou be made whole?" The man willed to obey, and was enabled to do so. When God says, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," the underlying principle is, "Wilt thou obey? Do you love me enough to want to keep my day holy? 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.'" And when we will to keep the Sabbath, He makes it possible for us to do so. — Contributed.

#### TO ONESELF BE TRUE

To know oneself
Is most essential;
It brings to view one's own potential,
For one's God-given gifts be reverential,
And to oneself be true.

Hannah F. Hummel.

#### GROWING IN HOLINESS

By Miss Lola Averitt

(A se-monet given at Christian Endeavor Day Worship Service at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Riverside, Calif., February 2, 1952.)

The word "holy" may be defined as being devoted to God or dedicated to the service of Him. To be devoted to something, is giving one's all to that

purpose.

The desire to rise to a higher spiritual life is expressed in prayer. In Psalm 143: 8, we read: "Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee." Usually when we pray, we only think of God listening to what we have to say, but it is important that we listen to His voice. In order to receive wisdom and power for the many problems of the day, one must have actual communion with God. David defines prayer in Psalm 62: 8: "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us." Prayer is more than reciting a few well-memorized sentences. Prayer is talking things over with God as one would with a close friend. This is a wonderful privilege. Just for the time that it takes us, we may come into the presence of the King of kings with all our problems and all our praise. Prayer is the breath of the soul and is the secret of spiritual power. It also brings the heart into immediate contact with the Wellspring of Life.

Christ is the standard and pattern of true Christian living. It is through Him that one will attain a higher spiritual goal. The believer does not walk by sight, neither by feeling, but by faith. In Galatians 2: 20 it says that we are to live "by the faith of the Son of God." If we are to follow Christ's example, let us look at a few aspects of His walk.

In Hebrews 10: 7, it is recorded: "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." He walked in loving submission to God, His will, and Word.

He also walked in absolute dependence upon God. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son of Man can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." John 5: 19.

Christ walked in humility and meekness, bearing patiently and suffering every insult and pain without even the thought of taking revenge. 1 Peter 2: 21-23 declares, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously."

He walked in holiness and absolute separation from sinners and their sinful ways. In Hebrews 7: 26, there is given a good description of what Christ is. "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."

Christ did all things so as to please His Father, because His heart went out to Him in love. We are to do all things to the glory of God. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10: 31.

Sometimes our channels through which we have close contact with God get clogged with sin. I think that we should put forth a constant effort to keep those channels open so that our relationship with God may be a close and harmonious one.

Pastor Britton Ross says: "When I was a mechanic, some years ago, in one of the great railway shops, I received instructions from the superintendent to take a few mechanics and helpers to install some new electric motors. After two weeks of hard work the installation was accomplished. The machines were running in good order, everything seemed to be in first-class shape, until the phone began to ring. The report over the phone announced there was 'no power' — no power for street railway and no power for other machine shops. Investigation proved seemingly that nothing was the matter with the machines.

"The chief engineer of that power plant had a big black cat of which he was very

fond. Investigation back of the switchboard revealed the fact that this cat had come too close to one of the connecting coppers and had been electrocuted. All of the electricity being generated by this great dynamo was going into the charred body of this old cat."

This is an illustration to show how the great power can be stopped when there is something in the way preventing it from coming through. I'm sure that God wants us to be very close to Him and He will help us to keep those channels open.

When we accept Christ, we become a part of Him and take on His characteristics. He is the perfect example of love and He always went about doing good. Since Christ is our example we are to go about doing good, also. Here is an illustration how good deeds are certainly profitable. It was during the depression that this took place.

A well-dressed couple was about to enter an exclusive restaurant when a man, obviously "down and out," shamefacedly asked for the price of a meal, explaining that he had had nothing to eat that day.

The husband turned away, suspecting that the man merely wanted a drink; but his wife declared that she could not enter the restaurant and eat a meal that she did not need while this man went hungry.

"Here is a dollar," she told him softly. "Buy yourself some food. And don't lose courage, even if things look hard. There's a job somewhere for you. I hope you'll find it soon."

When the man had stammered his thanks and assured her that the money would be used to ease his hunger, she added two significant sentences: "You'll be eating Christ's bread. Pass it on."

The poor man felt a warm glow. He was trusted! He would have food!

Just ahead of him an old man stumbled along the walk. He looked hungry, too.

"You'll be eating Christ's bread. Passit on," the lady had said. So he spoke to the old man and they went in together to a cheap restaurant where they could get a hot meal for fifty cents each.

The poor man noted that his new friend was wrapping his bread and butter in a

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#### REMAINING IMPRESSIONS OF COLUMBUS

By Rev. Melvin G. Nida Editor, The Helping Hand

Have you ever had a truth bear down upon you until you could not refrain from expressing what you feel is a great concern? It may be a truth that apparently. causes little concern in the minds of others or that lies dormant in most people's minds, but to you it comes as a religious experience of the highest magnitude and you must express it.

Such an experience came to the writer recently while attending the annual meetings of the Division of Christian, Education of the National Council at Columbus, Ohio. There had been previous factors that entered into this experience and even now he finds that he cannot escape the overbearing feeling of anxiety about the elements that continue, link by link, to fit themselves together into one restrictive chain that shall forever destroy our heritage of freedom unless we shake ourselves free.

The chain that seems to be forming itself about us is the insidious force of intellectual and spiritual authoritarianism.

The precipitating elements in this concern about our people were three factors that piled one upon the other in rapid succession. The first was the reading of Paul Blanchard's newest book, Communism, Democracy, and Catholic Power, the second was hearing Dr. Kermit Eby, and the third was the motion picture, Quo Vadis. The writer does not recommend a similar experience to anyone who is not prepared to be deeply shaken as he looks out over our world and our people.

Authoritarianism, when it is associated with human beings, must become a great concern of the informed mind if we are to protect ourselves from the unscrupulous domination of little people who rise to places of power and prestige. No man has the divine attributes necessary to guide and direct the eternal soul of another. When we can rightly claim the position of God upon earth, then and only then, can this privilege of God pass to human hands. There is little evidence that any

human except the God-man Christ has attained this exalted position.

But over and over again individual humans have said that they had the political and spiritual right to determine the destiny of the human beings over which they have gained control. This has always been done without recourse to the obligations inherent in their position: that is, they have defied the responsibilities of their position and accepted only the privileges by refusing the will and the desires of those over whom they have control.

By default freedoms have been lost and are being lost. History has taught us that when men have regarded a man as divine and surrendered to him divine authority, sooner or later there arises one who shall destroy all the good of the past that has been built by years of struggle. The Roman Empire is an example. Politically, we need only to look about us today to see that freedoms are being lost. Millions are under the authority of an unscrupulous few in Russia. Spiritually, too, we need only to look about us to see the result of the surrender to man of divine authority. Millions give abject allegiance to hierarchical control of every phase of their lives. Thus a priest claims authority over the right of one of his flock to have what is today a normal and accepted medical operation. He claims the spiritual right to interfere with every physical activity of those over whom he has control.

Our salvation from unscrupulous control has been democracy. The spiritual heritage of our own people has been a democracy that has prevented authoritarianism on every level. But we must not sit back in a smug complacency thinking that we are safe from the ravages of spiritual control. There are evidences that democratic procedures have been flouted in our own local Church levels and that authoritarianism in human guise is complacently accepted by constituent followers. The followers of the Eternal Guide must rise up and have done with lesser control if they are to maintain their priceless privileges. The eternal vigilance of aroused and informed individuals is the price of liberty!

We must pledge ourselves anew to the principles of spiritual freedom and strive to maintain them. One who has just renounced what is spiritual authoritarianism sees the principles of spiritual freedom in our denomination. He says that in official statement and practice he find us committed to: "(1) intellectual integrity, (2) individual responsibility to the Spirit of God, (3) the precedence of spiritual things over material accomplishments in the work of the ministry, (4) the right to teach the Bible just as it is and with its plain and intended meaning, (5) respect for human personality, and (6) self-discipline rather than outwardly forced conformity."

May God help us so to live!

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napkin. "Saving some for tomorrow?" he said. But the old man was not saving for tomorrow. He had seen the newsboy on the corner and the tears on his pinched face. So both men wrapped up their bread and one added his pie. Was there not an unseen Guest at that lowly table?

The newsboy ate hungrily. Not all of it, however!

"Here Jack!" he called to the hungry dog in the alley. "You can have half." The boy was cheerful now. He stood with his head up and sold three papers while the men stood there.

"We've eaten Christ's bread," said the man as he bade the other good-by.

"Yes," agreed his guest. "I've thought of a place where maybe they need a night watchman."

So the poor man went on his way, and the dog followed him. He spoke to the dog cheerfully and gave him a pat. It was then he felt the narrow strap around the dog's neck and searched until he found the license tag and an address.

"Somebody wants you. Come along;

I'll take you home," he offered.

The dog's master was grateful, pressed a ten-dollar bill into his hand, and told him to come to his office the next day. There might be something.

Christ's bread! Did one ever go hungry, once he had eaten it?

someone. Perhaps it is a lowly one, but it is something. Christ, too, performed small tasks beautifully. It is holy service.

#### THE PRO-CONS VISIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph President and Librarian

The "Pro-Cons" of the Plainfield Church are a group of young adults who are much interested in all the affairs of the Church. They meet once a month on Sunday evening. Usually the meeting is preceded by a supper, with a program of some sort following. Through the interest of the chairman of the program committee, arrangements were made for the group to visit the rooms of the Historical Society, in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, on Sunday evening, January 13, when about a score of "Pro-Cons" came and spent the evening, with Miss St. John, the assistant librarian, as hostess.

The result of this meeting is well described in a letter written the following day by the chairman of the Pro and Con committee, as follows:

Dear Miss St. John:

I want to thank you on behalf of all of us of the Pro-Con group for bringing to us the most interesting program we have had in a long time.

Everyone enjoyed seeing the old documents, books, and the like on display in the showcases. But, I think in particular we enjoyed most the way you brought to life the different men in our Church's history.

We appreciate the time you've spent in bringing to us this program, and I am sure all of us were inspired by the history of our Churches, and by the great work you are doing in the Historical Society.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Marian Smoland.

But that isn't all. The Plainfield Courier-News, one of the leading newspapers of New Jersey, on learning of this "Pro-Con" program, sent a leading feature writer on the preceding Friday to learn what it was all about. She spent the afternoon in the library with Miss St. John; and on the following Tuesday, the Courier-News appeared with a featured You have a service to perform for two-column article from her pen. This sets forth the historical resources of the Historical Society in old record books, from Mill Yard and Newport forward,

together with other old documents, with all our collection of books pertaining to the history, practices, and beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists.

Her eye caught sight of our portraits of our old English worthies, as well as our more modern ones. She noted, too, our fine antique furniture: A huge 8-day clock (presented by the Mill Yard Church, of London), a butterfly walnut table (bequeathed by Mrs. Loisanna T. Stanton), a mahogany bookcase (from the library of Thomas B. Stillman, a prosperous manufacturer in New York City in the 1850's, and editor of the "Seventh Day Baptist Memorial"); and a maple chair from the home of Elder Thomas Hiscox (an early pastor of the Newport Church).

She also mentions the case full of Communion sets, which include the bright pewter set from the Natton (England) Church of 1640, and "an individual Communion cup made from a 50-caliber machine gun shell in the Pacific area during World War II." It was made and used by Rev. Leon M. Maltby while on duty as chaplain in the recent World War. She also included the handmade solid silver Communion cup presented to the Shiloh Church in 1751, by a member of the Newport Church.

Our collection of books and other objects of interest from Ephrata, including the crude handmade hourglass, used by Rev. Peter Miller, the personal friend of George Washington, all receive noteworthy attention.

Excepting a few pardonable mistakes—
the natural result of hasty note taking—
this is a superb job of feature writing, and
worthy of republishing in its entirety in
the Sabbath Recorder— with the necessary
corrections— were there room.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Annual Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference — Brookfield and Leonards-ville, N. Y., May 5-8, 1952. The conference probably will open Monday evening and close Thursday noon.

(Announcements will be published in this calendar as received. Boards and agencies are urged to send such announcements for publication. These should reach the Sabbath Recorder office at least two weeks prior to publication date. Increasingly let us remember these events and meetings in prayer.)

# Marriages.

Goodrich - Campbell. — Ronald Eugene Goodrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Goodrich, North Loup, Neb., and Marjorie Belle Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Milton, Wis., were united in marriage January 27, 1952, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph officiated. The couple are at home in North Loup, Neb.

# Obituaries

Randolph. — Flora Albertine, daughter of Albert Fitz Randolph and Mary Thomas Davis, his wife, was born in Plainfield, N. J., August 7, 1862, and died at her home in Oakland, Calif., December 28, 1951.

She was a graduate of the Plainfield Public High School, and a noteworthy editor of "Our Sabbath Visitor," 1883-1885. She was graduated from Alfred University in 1888, and then pursued graduate work in Wellesley College for two years. Subsequently she went to California and opened a school for girls which soon attained rank as one of the best schools of its class — Dr. Edwin H. Lewis said it was "the best" — on the Pacific Coast. From this she retired about 1937, and established her home in near-by Oakland. Here she continued her legislative work in which she was engaged for nearly twenty years. In December, 1944, she was stricken with a heart ailment, with complications. She finally rallied somewhat, but remained a semi-invalid to the end of her life.

Davis. — Maleta H., daughter of Orlando and Lucinda Davis, was born December 16, 1870, and passed away February 1, 1952, at her home near Jane Lew, W. Va.

Miss Maleta was a faithful member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for 68 years. She taught in the Sabbath school and in the public schools of West Virginia most of her life.

Surviving her are one brother, S. Erlow Davis, and several nieces and nephews.

Farewe'll services were held in the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, officiating. Burial was made in the Brick Church Cemetery.

R. E. Z.

### "The Greatest Story Ever Told"

Sunday, 5:30-6:00 p.m., EST, over the ABC network.

Sunday, March 23, 7:00-7:30 p.m., EST, telecast, "The Story of Lazarus," over the ABC-TV network.

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