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## "GRAVE DANGER"

"Whoso seeth his brother have need and withholdeth . . . ."

The importance of continuing a concerted relief program overseas is clear to anyone who has visited the world's most needy areas as I have again in recent months.

Consider these facts: Americans have on the average fourteen times as much income as the average for the rest of the world.

Typical present income averages are: Indo-China, \$26 per year; India, \$53 per year. America's average per capita is reported at almost \$1,500.

At a time when we are spending vast sums for defense and for arming our allies, there is grave danger that we deepen the impression made — partly by the facts and partly by Communist propaganda — that we care only for our own defense. Every government grant for aid is based on the assertion that it is not good will but enlightened self-interest to keep our neighbors afloat. That is, note well, a far cry from the motivation commended by Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan.

Never was it more important for Christians to show that they care about the welfare of "the least of these." When a man has nothing and he is promised something, he then has something. Communists know that and promise him a better life. Until he discovers that they cannot deliver, he thinks they have benefited him. We have created expectations which it is a privilege as well as a duty to fulfill. And this means not tax-supported aid only but voluntary giving such as the Churches undertake.

The One Great Time — whether it be hour, day, week, or month — is a notable way of demonstrating that our motivation as Christians includes more than self-interest and anxiety — for the power behind the idea is Christlike compassion through love of our neighbors. — Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Associate General Secretary, World Council of Churches.

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## GLIMPSES OF THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION

The 114th session of the Seventh Day Baptist Eastern Association opened at Shiloh, N. J., on Friday evening, June 13, and closed Sunday noon, June 15. The theme was "The Light of the World."

### "The Bible — the Light to the World"

President Charles F. Harris called the association to order following the instrumental prelude. After the invocation and an anthem by the Teen-age Choir, directed by Mrs. Bert Sheppard, the welcome was extended to the delegates by Bert B. Sheppard, and Rev. Paul L. Maxson responded. Devotions were conducted by Frank R. Kellogg during which the Senior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Harris, sang.

The sermon of the evening was preached by Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Marlboro Church, using as his subject, "The Bible — the Light to the World." After congregational singing of "Standing on the Promises," Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, pastor of the Plainfield Church, conducted the testimonial meeting. Pastor Stephan introduced his remarks by saying, "And now for a word from our sponsor." Drawing upon the techniques of communication by radio and television, he called upon those to testify as to how the Lord had used them as a means of being a blessing and a help to someone else. A representative number responded. The closing hymn was "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee."

### "Jesus — the Light of the World"

The Sabbath morning worship was in charge of Pastor Robert Lippincott. The junior message was brought by Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor of the Pawcatuck Church at Westerly, R. I. Special numbers of music were a duet by Charles H. North and Rev. E. Wendell Stephan of the Plainfield Church and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" sung under the direction of Mrs. Charles Harris with Mrs. Frank McAllister at the organ. The Scripture lesson of the morning was read by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, former pastor of the Shiloh Church. "Jesus — the Light of the World" was the theme of the message by

Rev. Earl Cruzan, pastor of the Church at Adams Center, N. Y., and delegate from the Central Association.

### "Seventh Day Baptists: What For?"

For Sabbath afternoon the program committee had planned a panel discussion and an open forum which was in charge of Rev. Lester G. Osborn, a member of the Commission, a former pastor of the Shiloh Church, and now pastor of the First Hopkinton Church at Ashaway, R. I. A piano and organ prelude was played by Mrs. William Richardson and Mrs. William Fogg. Pastor Osborn conducted the meditation period. After the vocal trio, "Be Thou Our Light," Mr. Osborn called upon the members of the panel to give in two or three brief sentences what each considered to be the mission of Seventh Day Baptists. He had arranged the presentation of the subject, "Seventh Day Baptists: What For?" to emphasize "The Commission: What For?" which was presented by Courtland V. Davis; "The Missionary Board: What For?" by Rev. Harold R. Crandall; "The Tract Board: What For?" by Corresponding Secretary Frank R. Kellogg; "The General Conference: What For?" by President O. B. Bond; and "The Sabbath Recorder: What For?" by the editor. Following the brief talks, questions and comments from the congregation were invited. A number responded.

### Women's Meeting

At 5:30 Sabbath evening a section of the Church dining room was reserved for the women's meeting. The program consisted of a devotional service and other items of interest to the women of the association with special attention being given to the suggestion that the women of the associations contribute toward scholarships for Seventh Day Baptist young people who are attending one of our colleges. Miss A. Mildred Greene, Eastern Association Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society, presented the matter for consideration.

### Young People's Meeting

The evening meeting after the Sabbath opened with an organ-piano duo played by Carol Harris and Nathalie Davis. James Ayars, in charge of the devotional program, invited Chaplain Kenneth A. Stick-

ney to offer prayer. Chorus singing was led by Mrs. Charles Harris with Nathalie Davis at the piano, and a solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," was sung by Mrs. Dorothea Warner.

At this point the Sailors Gospel Team from the Philadelphia Navy Yard, on invitation, took charge of the service. The team consisted of Dick and Phyllis Ball, Roger Atwood, Fred Maynard, Dick Pixler, Betty Forreston, and Dorothy Tise, led by Dick Ball. With a varied program of singing and testimony, and duets with guitar accompaniment, the congregation was led to an understanding and an appreciation of the commendable work that is being done in the Armed Forces by such Gospel Teams. We were deeply impressed by the spirit of the members of the team and the genuineness of their experience and testimonies. Roger Atwood portrayed briefly the Parable of the Good Samaritan, using as his text Hebrews 13: 1, "Let brotherly love continue." He stated that the Parable of the Good Samaritan is really a picture of the Christian life. At the conclusion of the message, he called for decisions to which one person responded. It was truly a blessing to be led in this experience by this Gospel Team.

After this meeting there was a time of recreation and refreshments for the young people at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris on Harmony Road.

The Young People's Fellowship Breakfast was held at Piney Point on Sunday morning at 7:30. Twenty-one young people were present.

#### Association Business

President Charles Harris called the business meeting of the association to order at 10 o'clock. Rev. Paul L. Maxson offered the opening prayer. Recognition for the courtesies of the entertaining Church and its members and friends was given in the report of the Committee on Petitions.

The association voted to accept the invitation of the Pawcatuck Church at Westerly, R. I., for the entertainment of the Eastern Association next year.

Letters from sister Churches were read by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Percy C. Davis. Rev. C. Rex Burdick, delegate to the Central Association, which convened the weekend before, brought his report as

delegate to that association. Chaplain Kenneth A. Stickney gave a verbal report of his representation at the Southeastern Association at Berea, W. Va., last year. Also a written report was presented on behalf of Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of the Central Association who was the joint delegate of the Eastern, Central, and Western Associations to the Southwestern Association held at Fouke, Ark., last year. Rev. Charles H. Bond, chairman, presented the report of the Camp Committee and called on Rev. C. Rex Burdick for an informal report of the South Jersey Camp held last summer.

Associational representation on the Commission was given consideration, as is being done by the separate associations being held this year. The Eastern Association went on record as endorsing in principle such representation.

President Philip Lewis of the Pacific Coast Association, who with his family is in the East for the summer, brought greetings from and gave glimpses of the work of that association.

#### "Ye Are the Light of the World"

The Sunday morning service was in charge of Pastor Lippincott, with Pastor Carlton Wilson of the Philadelphia Fellowship reading the Scripture and offering the prayer. Then followed an anthem by the Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. Elden Hitchner. Rev. Lee Holloway, pastor of the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church and delegate from the Southeastern Association, preached the sermon of the morning, developing the theme, "Ye Are the Light of the World." With the congregation singing the hymn, "Send the Light," and the benediction by Rev. C. Rex Burdick, the association closed.

Some, if not all, of the messages will appear in the Sabbath Recorder.

#### True Hospitality

With easy transportation, and in the Eastern Association where Churches are relatively near each other, the entertainment of the annual association meetings has grown to be quite an undertaking. However, the hospitality from year to year as extended by the entertaining Church is typical of Seventh Day Baptist Churches and communities. The homes

of the Shiloh Church as well as some homes in the Marlboro community, were opened to the entertainment of delegates and guests. The noon and evening meals were served by the ladies of the Shiloh Church in the Church dining room. Breakfasts were had in the entertaining homes. It was announced that the profits from Sabbath day meals were being turned over to the association treasurer and that sufficient had been contributed to provide the Sunday noon meal without cost.

Another feature of the meetings was the public address system which had been installed for the Church by Ed Harris with a loudspeaker placed in the recently completed session rooms across the driveway. This facility afforded an opportunity for parents with children to receive the benefit of the service. The installation and the adjustments for tonal quality were expertly done.

The officers and delegates to sister associations for the present year are:

President—John R. Healey, Jr.  
Vice-President—John W. Gavitt  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Tacy Saretzki  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Horace W. Knowles  
Treasurer—Mrs. L. Harrison North  
Delegates to:

Southeastern Association—Rev. Paul L. Maxson; Alternate—Rev. Charles H. Bond  
Central Association—Rev. Lester G. Osborn; Alternate—Rev. Carl R. Maxson  
Southwestern Association—Appointee of Western Association  
Truly the Eastern Association sessions were a mountaintop experience for all who attended.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Editor:

On page 198 of the Sabbath Recorder for April 28, 1952, you published . . . "An Original Translation" of "Daniel 13." The translator claimed that this was "translated from an Ur Bctractung manuscript . . . taken directly from 'The Geiste.'" We looked in encyclopedias, but could

find no reference to any such manuscripts or treatise. We consulted the reference department of the Westerly library with the same result. A request to the author for information concerning the source was denied. We then addressed an inquiry to the Library of Congress, from whom we have just received the following:

The index of the most comprehensive collection of Old Testament Apocrypha in our collections, "The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament," edited by R. H. Charles . . . does not contain a reference to an "Ur-Betractung" or "Geiste" manuscript. The text which you submitted, entitled "An Original Translation, Daniel 13," . . . is not included among the "additions to Daniel" in R. H. Charles' work.

Signed by Lucile M. Morsch, Chief,  
General Reference and Bibliography Division.

Perhaps you can throw light on the source of this translation. . . . Or if there is no source, . . . it would seem only honest to correct the false impression caused by the translator's title and introductory note.

Yours very truly,  
Ashaway, R. I., Lester G. Osborn.  
June 19, 1952.

Editor of the Recorder:

Enclosed find check for my yearly subscription.

I have been much pleased to see in three recent Recorders something relating to the cause of temperance. Particularly was I pleased to see the article relating to the removal of the "bottle" from Denver. It shows what can be accomplished by the combined earnest effort of right-thinking people.

Churches everywhere should be more in earnest on this subject. Each Church (and I am not speaking only of our denomination) should have a Temperance Committee — a wide-awake one.

The W.C.T.U. is a fine organization, of which I am a member, but it cannot do everything. New members are not joining as fast as the old are dying off. God's Church must take hold or this country will be ruined by drink.

Most sincerely,  
Milton, Wis., Mrs. Irene Hulett.  
June 20, 1952.



### First Printed Sheets of Revised Standard Version

After starting the presses rolling on one of the biggest projects in book publishing history — nearly one million volumes of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy



Bible — Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (seated), and Dr. Roy G. Ross, associate general secretary, examine the first printed sheets, a total of 64 pages, of the revision which will be hailed throughout the English-speaking world at the time of its publication next September.

Joint ceremonies by the National Council of Churches and Thomas Nelson and Sons, publishers, were held on March 19 at American Book-Stratford Press, New York. Printing began simultaneously on presses of the H. Wolff Book Manufacturing Co., Teterboro, N. J., and the Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass. — Warren McCandless in BBDO Pic-News.

"How far that little candle throws its beam! So shines a good deed in a naughty world." We need the little candles which throw far beams and we need people to light the candles, too. — Clip-sheet.

### SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS AS I SEE THEM — TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen  
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

(An address given at the Ministers' Conference,  
Brookfield, N. Y., May 7, 1952.)

Mr. Chairman and Brethren:

Last year, on April third, to be exact, it was my privilege to visit, by invitation, your Ministers' Conference in Shiloh for one day. That day will always be a memorable one in my life, for it was the occasion of my first sight of a Seventh Day Baptist minister, and it marks the beginning of what I expect to be a lifelong and satisfying fellowship with you. I want you to know that my decision to serve the cause of Christ in your fellowship is largely the result of the fine and constant Christian spirit which so many of your number have shown toward me. All of you with whom it has been my privilege to become acquainted have radiated an atmosphere of Christian friendliness, fellowship, and courtesy far beyond my expectation, thus fulfilling an ideal I had long cherished in my mind, but previously failed to find in actual practice. Today I want to thank you for your fellowship, so freely given, and to assure you of my purpose to prove worthy of your confidence, and to become one with you in extending this spirit. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve God with your comradeship.

Some weeks ago, I received from your program committee the invitation to speak to you at this time on the subject, "Denominational Strategy Today." Inasmuch as it may be helpful to first set before you the intent of the committee, I wish to read a portion of the request as it came to me:

We are inviting you and Rev. Lee Holloway of the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist Church to speak on "Denominational Strategy Today. . . ."

You have been good enough to write me concerning your experience in the transition from an authoritarian body to a more free group such as ours. Obviously you cannot be expected to be familiar with the details of our

work, but we would be interested in your reactions to it. What are its weaknesses and what are its strong points? How could it be improved? You have told me some of the motives which prompted you to change. Would you be willing to share these with the group?

The letter also states that I would be allotted twenty minutes of your program time to do this job. I mention this latter fact so that you will know why some suggested aspects of the topic will have to be omitted at this time. Ever since my acceptance of this invitation, I have been debating whether actually to try in twenty minutes to cover in part the field indicated in the request, or to pick out one or two things and develop them in a more complete way. Only because of my desire to follow the suggestions given as fully as possible, I shall attempt the former, and give you a rather hasty survey of the thoughts that have been in my mind about the denomination since my first contact with you a year ago.

#### Principles

I should like to present these observations in three categories. The first of these categories is that of **principles**, and in this category I have two suggestions. The first of these suggestions is, I think, the most important thing I have to say this afternoon, for it has to do with our basic, fundamental attitude and purpose. I believe this matter is so important that the success or failure of the denominational program in the sight and plan of God will be determined by our relationship to this principle.

Our situation today is not unlike that of ancient Israel in the days of Samuel. In spite of her divine commission and her acceptance of that commission, in spite of numerous evidences of God's leadership, Israel was, in the days of Samuel, a small and rather ineffective nation, when compared with the other nations of the day. Furthermore, a condition prevailed in which, the record tells us, every man did pretty much as seemed right in his own eyes. The people were conscious of their ineffectiveness, and they were restless to do something about it. In their desire to be something important, there loomed, in contrast to their own condition, the efficiency and strength of surrounding na-

tions. Success seemed to be linked to the example of these surrounding nations. At last, popular sentiment demanded of Samuel, "Make us a king, that we may be like the surrounding nations." They selected their king in harmony with the religious modes of the day and they believed that they had the divine sanction to their act.

You know the story of the kings of Israel and Judah. It is not a very happy story. In more ways than one, Israel duplicated the nations around her, but it seems to me that her choice of patterning her government after the surrounding nations is one of the major mistakes in Hebrew history. God, I believe, had a different and higher mission for Israel to perform, and a new bottle, it seems to me, would better have preserved their national wine for the benefit of our race.

And so, I would say to you, let us not follow ancient Israel's tragic example by conforming to the pattern of the Churches around us for the increase of our denominational efficiency. I believe that just as God had in mind a definite ministry for Israel to fulfill in behalf of the whole human race, so also He has in mind a specific place of ministry for Seventh Day Baptists — a ministry which we can never fulfill if we but duplicate the administrative pattern of the other Churches around us. I urge, with all my soul that in our reorganization we may establish a new and different pattern of ecclesiastical machinery, a pattern of organization that will accomplish for God a different ministry than other Churches have accomplished.

"What is this principle," you ask, "upon which we should build our organization?" And I answer in one word — **SERVICE!**

#### Service

Ecclesiastical machinery has partaken too much and too long of the attitudes of rulership. It has partaken too little of the attitudes of servanthip. We usually think, when we speak of organization, of the officers of the organization being at the top. And we usually draw our charts

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## HEARTS BLOOD



## THREE CHEERS FOR EARL GODWIN

On Earl Godwin's broadcast on November 27, his listeners — and there are many — heard some things which almost made them jump out of their chairs in astonishment and glee.

Almost everybody around Washington thinks of Earl Godwin as an old friend, but on this occasion he was castigating his neighbors unmercifully for their reckless driving. In part, the script reads:

"It costs no more to make gasoline than it did in the days when you could nearly fill a Model T Ford tank for a dollar . . . and it costs no more to distill a gallon of whiskey than it did in the days before Volstead . . . but gasoline and whiskey are

now luxury items due to taxation laid on by everyone who can pass a law . . . You cannot kick too much about gasoline taxation and you can also direct your protest to the fact that gas taxation ought to go to road maintenance and road building . . . and in most cases it goes for everything else . . . and this huge intake of your money is responsible in a measure for Big Government which is clogging the American system . . . but I have no sympathy with the complaint that higher taxes on booze puts more height to the inflation spiral . . . of all the things you don't need . . . Booze leads the list . . . and in spite of the pious and fraudulent claims by the various antiprohibition blocs

## CRUSH WET TERRORISM

The AP recently carried a photograph showing brutal assaults upon men interested in cleaning up the intolerable conditions in Phenix City, Ala. Conditions in this town have been a disgrace for years and the whole corrupt situation exists because of the most shameless exploitation of men in the Armed Forces.

Good citizens have attempted to do something about it and in the recent election, "strong-arm hoodlums" ganged up on some of these good people and beat them on public streets.

The Saturday Evening Post recently ran a feature story in regard to the beating with baseball bats, of a good citizen who tried to clean up an Illinois town near Chicago.

This is just too much!

These "hoodlums" ought to be made to realize that they are not above the law. To quote Woodrow Wilson, they should be met with "force to the uttermost."

As to Phenix City and all such places, under control of underworld characters who prey upon men in uniform, the remedy is simple:

Officers and enlisted men ought to be kept out of them by order until the situation is corrected. This would be hard on a few good people but enforcement of the law almost always involves some measure of suffering to people who are entirely innocent, and the long-term interest of innocent parties would be served by a successful war on the "hoodlums." — Clipsheet.

in the late thirties . . . there is more drunkenness than ever . . . more women drunks, . . . more drunken drivers, and I believe more alcoholism.

"There has been just as much and more moonshining . . . and there is a slice of the population which seems to think that if you don't give or attend one of these cocktail-caviar drags every few days you have lost your place in society . . . You will find that a great many people will celebrate the birth of Christ by getting drunk before, during, and after Christmas . . . and many of them will add to the chorus of protest against the inflationary price of whiskey . . . On meat . . . bread . . . milk . . . potatoes, etc. . . . I'll join

'em . . . but if they want to help cure inflation from the high cost of Booze . . . let 'em quit drinking . . ."

Maybe Earl Godwin has started something. How would it be to tell the facts on radio and television "no matter whom it helps or hurts?" The American people like that kind of thing, but ladies and gentlemen, it won't be healthy for the liquor industry if it happens!—Clipsheet.

Alcohol, we say, produces euphoria, a sense of well-being. In truth, the emotional reactions to alcohol are varied and seem to be determined by the total nature of the drinker. — Clipsheet.



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that way, giving to different classes different ranks, until we get down to the people way at the bottom. I suggest that we change all of that. I suggest that as far as the Church is concerned, the lay people be thought of as at the top — as the flower of the plant, if you please — with the pastors just under them, serving them, holding them up close to God, like the stems of a plant; and the various Conference organizations as the root system of the plant, at the bottom, pretty much out of sight, perhaps, but gathering help and strength for the pastors to minister in turn to the people. The officers, then, of the Conference organizations, will not so much by their rank guide and control the work of the denomination. They will, on the other hand, find ways of helping and serving the ministry in its work of helping and serving the people.

I submit, beloved, that this is in harmony with Him who said, "Call no man father, for all are brethren. If any will be great among you, let him serve." I believe that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination as it exists today is adapted as is no other denomination, to the most perfect fulfillment of this divine injunction in the history of the organized Christian Church.

#### Spiritual Values First

The second principle to which I would urge your attention is this: Spiritual values shall maintain precedence over the material, and that we look to spiritual achievements rather than material achievements as the measure of the effectiveness of our work. It is possible to become "rich and increased with goods," and, looking upon these achievements, think that we "have need of nothing," when all the time we may in God's sight be "wretched and poor and naked and blind and miserable." It will be no great mark of failure if we must say with Peter and John, "Silver and gold have I none," as long as we can add, as did these apostles, "but such as I have give I thee." I am happy to say that I have already found this attitude characteristic of your thinking. I mention it here because I think it is important that it should continue to be so as you reach out toward greater achievements.

#### Assets

The next category into which I have classified certain of my remarks for this afternoon embraces the assets which you now have at hand.

For some several years, I have remarked, on occasion, that while there are far too many denominations in the land already, there is, nevertheless, a definite need for one more, in which people can be simply Christian. I used to wonder if it would be necessary to found a new Church just to experience and to extend that kind of fellowship. I am happy to tell you that in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, I have found so many of the Christian qualities that I wanted to see in a Church that I have been able to lay aside these thoughts of the necessity of a new organization. You have something that is good — terrifically good — and what has amazed me no end is the fact that you do not seem to realize how good it is. If you did realize how good it is, you would be doing something about it — far beyond what you are doing. You would be shouting it from the housetops of America, and in every land of this troubled world. You would be unified on the deepest levels of Christian fellowship. Barriers, because of differences in background and outlook and terminology, would be eliminated. Action — vigorous, sanctified, harmonious, and effective action — inspired, like the moving of Ezekiel's wheels, by the Spirit of God, would more substantially supplement your decades of planning, so ably reviewed for our benefit by Miss Evalois St. John yesterday. And so I thought it might be helpful to tell you about some of the specific qualities in your denominational interpretation of Christianity, and some of the characteristic attitudes of your collective mind, that make you, I believe with all my soul, in spite of any and all deficiencies, the choice of the lot, among Christian Churches today.

#### Asset Number One

I would say that number one among your assets is this: You have preserved, as has no other body of Christians, so far as I know, the original Gospel of Jesus. Your supreme commitment is to the person of Jesus, and to His Gospel, in its plain, unvarnished, original, rugged purity —

largely free from the numerous ecclesiastical interpretations, customs, forms, and traditions by which other Churches are characterized, and upon which some of the other bodies must rely to gain and to maintain their hold upon the minds, lives, and purses of men.

You may not fully appreciate what that means, and how much that means, but to me, it is wonderful. In some other bodies, professing the same, the practice too often denies it. So many of the other Churches are in practice committed supremely to the ecclesiastical organization and polity of their group. Some are committed to particular human understandings and interpretations of Scripture. Some are supremely committed to certain liturgical forms, some to traditional customs, etc. In sharp contrast to these, I have been thrilled to discover that the basic, central commitment of your people is still to the bare person and Gospel of Jesus. You have only asked that I be devoted to Him and His service, and on the basis of my affirmation of this fact, you count me your brother.

This asset makes it possible for you to appreciate and readily find fellowship with other people who, because of differing backgrounds and differing powers of appreciation, are nevertheless also committed to the person and Gospel of Jesus. This attitude tends to make it possible for you to readily correct yourselves and change yourselves, adapt yourselves into harmony with newer and deeper insights into the implications of the Gospel and of Scripture. It makes growth possible — both in knowledge and in grace. It can attract many of the best people in the land. I tell you truly, I do not cease to thank God day and night for this quality in your people. I plead with you — don't forsake this stand, for I believe it to be your greatest asset.

#### Asset Number Two

The second asset I have listed is this: You sincerely also accept as pertinent, and as lastingly relevant and valid, the historic insights of the prophets and apostles who gave the world its Bible. A lifelong student of the Bible, I believe that the Bible writings from beginning to end, Old Testament as well as New, do have something

to say of relevance to men. The fact that you keep the seventh day Sabbath illustrates and demonstrates your interest in the whole Book, and your denominational commitment to the whole Judaic-Christian historic revelation.

#### Asset Number Three

Asset number three is: You recognize and you seek to develop the potentialities of the individual. Yours is not a totalitarian society, but a voluntary fellowship of individuals. I like the way President Hill of Milton College put it yesterday — that the heart of morality is a respect for the individual person. If I believe that God respects and is interested in the individual as a distinctive personality, then certainly this respect and this interest must also characterize His Church, as indeed, I believe it characterized the attitude and ministry of Jesus.

#### Asset Number Four

Closely allied to this thought, and indeed a concomitant to this respect for the individual, is this next asset, the fourth in my list. You have a method of procedure that tends to enlist the interests of all, and allows for the utilization of all your talents. You do not rely solely upon the thinking of a few men at the so-called top. Now I know that the misuse of this right of all members of the Church to contribute their thinking to the planning of the work can lead to confusion. The solution to that problem, however, as I look upon it, is not the elimination of this practice, but rather a wholehearted seeking for God's will. If every man seeks for the fulfillment of his own will, and works only for that, there will be confusion and chaos. But if every man seeks honestly for God's will, and not his own, there will come unity, and out of the contributions of all there will come increased interest, added strength, breadth of vision, and a maximum of accomplishments. It has been a thrilling experience to me to witness the growth in interest, grace, and ability of some of our members in Wilkes-Barre, as they have responded to the challenge of opportunities for service under your democratic system which their former fellowship did not provide. I like to compare your small number with Gideon's

**NYASALAND**

After sixteen days aboard a ship from Perth, Australia, Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms arrived at Capetown, South Africa, on May 28. Legal technicalities regarding travel required considerable time. The following day they began their journey by rail to Nyasaland, which required five days. There were many changes of trains and other stops along the way "for the purpose of filling in immigration blanks and appearing before the officials of the various countries" through which they passed. For one of these, at least, they were required to make a declaration of their goods at the border upon entering and another declaration upon leaving.

They were met in Sandama by Rev. Ronald H. F. Barrar, who had arranged for their transportation and that of their luggage to his home. They were cordially received by Rev. Mr and Mrs. Barrar, with whom they are making their home during their stay in Nyasaland. Mrs. Bottoms is at the mission and Mr. Bottoms is out on the field with Mr. Barrar.

Mrs. Bottoms writes: "It is gratifying to see the accomplishments here. Indications are that Ronald has spent many long days, yes, months of hard labor clearing the bush and in building. He has made use of his ingenuity in all his planning and mission work. We are favorably impressed with everything we have seen.

"The Makapwa Mission is located in the gorge approximately two thousand feet below the plateau where the tea is grown. There are not any roads to the mission. Settlements are located alongside the railway in view of using the tracks as a highway, and this serves surprisingly well."

She speaks of the abundance of fruit and vegetables the year round, so it seems that "no one should ever suffer from lack of food. However, the only meat available is that of fowls which are on the place, since it is difficult to get to the village where meat can be bought."

three hundred, all of whom carried the lamps and trumpets denoting leadership. You will remember that the work they accomplished was surprisingly great.

(To be continued)

The front cover pictures of the Robert Armstrong Memorial Church and of Rev. Ronald H. F. Barrar baptizing a candidate were furnished to Secretary Everett T. Harris through the courtesy of Rev. Melvin G. Nida.  
H. R. C.

**JAMAICA ITEM**

On July 1, 1953, Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills will have completed five years of service in Jamaica, and will be due for furlough. They have expressed their desire to reside in the States because of the education of their daughter, Miriam. Announcement has been made by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education of the appointment of Mr. Mills as their executive secretary.

Rev. Mr. Mills has been the principal of Crandall High School in Kingston since the beginning, and the evidences are that "he has done a good job." Mrs. Mills has taught music and other subjects in Crandall High. On weekends Mr. Mills has preached and performed pastoral duties among the Churches. It is with regret that we contemplate the termination of their labors in Jamaica. However, what is the loss to our mission there, will be the gain of the Board of Christian Education. These friends will still be serving the Lord in a large way through the channel of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

H. R. C.

**BRITISH GUIANA**

Rev. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph of Kingston, Jamaica, and also superintendent of the work in British Guiana, returned to Jamaica on June 10 after having spent three months of intensive work among the Churches of British Guiana. With the co-operation of pastors and leaders, evangelistic meetings were held for about ten days in each of the Churches. This teamwork was beneficial to the leaders, and Mr. Fitzrandolph says that it gave the people the opportunity of knowing all of them and the leaders an opportunity to know the people in the different Churches. He says, "I attended and participated in 74 meetings during the three months, at which there was a total attendance of

6,068. The average attendance was 72, the largest being 250, the smallest 12." He reports 17 decisions and says that others were convicted of sin who did not take an immediate stand. The meetings left the leaders in a very optimistic state of mind.

A meeting of the British Guiana General Council of Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held on June 2. Forward-looking plans were presented by Brother Fitzrandolph which, after free and full discussion, were agreed to, and will become effective in the near future. These plans will be reported on at a later time. It would seem from the report of the superintendent that there is a growing bond of unity among the Churches there.

Mr. Fitzrandolph again stresses the need for a missionary from the States. This also is a desire that has been expressed many times by our leaders in British Guiana. The superintendent emphasizes again the need of the leaders for increases in salaries. He feels that there is cause for encouragement in the work and while his labors there have been strenuous and he feels the need of rest, there seems to be no prospect of time for that until after the meeting of the Jamaican Conference which is to be held July 22-27. Pray for the work and the workers in our missions in the American Tropics.  
H. R. C.

**THE URGENCY OF OUR TASK**

We look out upon a world shaken by storms and undergoing rapid changes. The ambassadors of Christ, working for the spread of the gospel, represent the one great hope of the world. Perplexing problems, seemingly greater than any in the history of the Church, confront the forces of good with defiant and brazen mien. Church members must be one in faith and prayer.

Let us seek God's purpose and strive to do His will in the mission of His Church. The forces of the Church must be brought into greater co-operation and united action to meet the needs at a time like this. More than once it has been said that missionary work can never be the same again. Changes and changing conditions present a challenge to the ingenuity and faith of Christian people. There

may be an attitude of "What's the use?" on the part of some who are fainthearted. Because of this and because of the unconcern of so many, it behooves the rest to cultivate the spirit of optimism through the unfailing and unconquerable power of prayer.  
H. R. C.

**Pastoral Changes**

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton has resigned from the pastorate of the Jackson Center, Ohio, Church to take the pastorate at Fouke, Ark. He will begin the work at Fouke on September 1. A letter from Jackson Center brings the information that Rev. Leslie O. Greene of Indianapolis has accepted the call of the Jackson Center Church to become their pastor.

H. R. C.

**WOMEN'S MEETINGS AT CONFERENCE**

The Women's Board is trying a new plan at Conference this year with two workshop luncheons instead of the usual banquet. We hope that all the women at Conference will become better acquainted with each other and with our denominational work. We wish to emphasize again that all the women of the denomination belong to the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society, whether they belong to a local society or not.

The luncheons are to be held Wednesday and Friday noons of Conference week at the Broadway Christian Church. This is located only one block from Conference headquarters on the corner of Ellsworth and Lincoln Avenues. Each luncheon will be 75 cents and, if possible, reservations should be made in advance by writing to Mrs. Keith Davis, 7835 Johnson Court, Wheatridge, Colo. If this is not possible, you may make your reservation when you purchase tickets in the registration room at Conference, for either or both of the luncheons.

We plan to start the luncheon promptly at 12:15 p.m. so that the workshop may start at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Gladys Hemminger, Battle Creek, is general chairman for the Wednesday workshop. This is a panel on the subject of the Sabbath Recorder with three short talks as follows:



(1) The Relation of the Tract Board to the Sabbath Recorder — Courtland V. Davis, member of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society; (2) The Financial and Mechanical Features of the Sabbath Recorder — L. Harrison North, Business Manager of the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House; (3) Editorial Aims and Policies — Hurley S. Warren, Editor, Sabbath Recorder.

Rev. Hurley S. Warren will lead a twenty-minute question and answer period. Everyone please come prepared with questions they would like answered.

Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, Battle Creek, is general chairman for the Friday workshop. First, there will be a twenty-minute question and answer period on the work of the Women's Society led by the president, Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston. Three members of the board will give short talks Thursday afternoon at the Women's Program of Conference: (1) The Year Past and a Look Ahead; (2) Financial Facts and Figures; (3) Goals for the New Year.

Questions relating to these talks will be discussed at the Friday workshop. During the last twenty minutes, matters concerning the Women's Society Newsletter will be discussed. How do you think it could be better distributed and more widely read? Come with your answers to help us be of more service.

Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, Chairman,  
Workshop Committee.

### RESOLUTION

Whereas, we of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid have lost a faithful member and friend in the passing of our sister, Gertie Clark; therefore be it

Resolved, That we remember her loving kindness and her devotion as a mother, and seek to make our lives better by cherishing her memory.

Ethel Dickinson,  
Margaret J. Davis,  
Geneva Hansen,  
Committee.

What is greatness? One characteristic of the truly great man is that emergencies open valves which release reserves of nervous and mental power. — Clipseet.

## Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I just got our Sabbath Recorder. I always read the Children's Page. I am twelve years old.

My sister lives in Independence. Don Sanford, who is my brother-in-law, is the pastor at Andover and Independence. My mother went to stay with my sister when Douglas was born. I am almost positive you met her.

Today when I read the Children's Page I decided to write to you.

Love,  
Carol Miars.

Jackson Center, Ohio.

Dear Carol:

I'm ever so pleased that you like to read the Children's Page, and especially so that you decided to really become one of my Recorder girls.

We, the members of the Andover and Independence Churches, are very fond of our pastor, Don Sanford, and his good wife, your sister. We were glad to have the pleasure of meeting two other sisters of yours. All had a good laugh at my expense when I took your mother for another sister, she seemed so young and attractive. I hope some fine day we'll be able to meet you. As for Donna and Douglas, they couldn't be sweeter. And do you know, Douglas is already being called Dougie, at least by his father.

Douglas Mulholland, a little five-year-old neighbor of mine, has always been called Dougie. He comes to see me nearly every day and says, "Have you got something for me?" If I don't have anything, he asks to go downtown with me and then usually asks if I have five cents to spend for him. Of course I always have. He usually calls me "Grandma Greene."

Yesterday and today, Sabbath and Sunday, June 21, 22, our Western Association was held at Alfred. Eight of us from Andover were able to attend yesterday. Today I had no way to get over there unless I walked the nine miles, which I didn't think I was quite equal to doing. Would you? I did walk two and a half miles to Church when I was your age but

I don't believe even then I would have tried to walk nine miles. Would you?

This morning I attended the Methodist Church in Andover instead. On the bulletin were the following verses by Ralph Spaulding Cushman, which I think are helpful to old and young:

### Too Busy

"I'm busy!

No, I cannot stay,

A thousand things

Call me away:

Tomorrow

I will stop and pray."

And so I lost me

One great day!

"I'm busy!

Yes, so I must wait;

A thousand things

Without my gate

Warn that tomorrow

Is too late to pray."

And so I saved me

One great day!

Lovingly yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### HAPPINESS IN HELPING

At first, when Mary's mother asked her to take care of the three younger children, Mary was almost inclined to be cross, for she had started to read a very interesting story. But just as she was going to be cross, she thought how her mother had kissed her and said, "You know how we all have to do what we don't like to sometimes." Then she thought that her mother, who was going to take care of a sick, cross old lady, would probably have much rather stayed at home. So she said to herself that she would try not to be cross about it, but do something she didn't like, the way her mother did.

Then she said to the little girls, "What shall we play first?" as if she wanted to play just as they did.

"Roll ball," said three-year-old Janie, and five-year-old Nellie said, "Read a story," while seven-year-old Nina said, "Make a new dress for my doll."

"Let's first 'roll ball' for Janie because she's the baby," said Mary. So they all "rolled ball" and even Mary had fun, for Janie tumbled about so and Nellie and

Nina said such funny things. Then Mary said, "Let us rest now and while I tell a story to please Nellie, I'll make a dress for Nina's doll."

When the clock struck five, Mother came in and the three little girls ran to her saying, "Oh, we have had such a good time!" Mary thought, "Why, I have had the best time of all!"

Mizpah S. Greene.

## Accessions

Alfred, N. Y.

Baptism:

Gail Harvey — April, 1952,

Jack Harvey,

Warren Harvey, and

Mrs. Norman Olson (Marie Harvey), June 27, 1952; all joined the Church June 28, 1952.

Letter:

Rev. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley from the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Salem, W. Va., and

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Van Horn from the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I.; all joined the Church June 28, 1952.

E. T. H., Pastor.

## Marriages

Langworthy - Ryno. — Lynn L. Langworthy of Alfred, N. Y., and Anna May Ryno, daughter of Mrs. Walter G. Dunn of Plainfield, N. J., were united in marriage on June 24, 1952, at The Gothic in Alfred, their pastor, Rev. Everett T. Harris, officiating.

### COMING EVENTS

Camp Holston—Battle Creek, Mich., Senior Camp—July 10-20; Junior Camp July 20-25.

South Jersey Camp—July 20-27 — Youth Camp.

Lewis Camp—Ashaway, R. I., July 20-27. Director: Rev. Charles H. Bond.

South Jersey Camp—Young People's Retreat, August 1-3.

Pre-Conference Retreat, August 14-18, 1952, Red Rocks Camp, Mt. Morrison, Colo. Rev. Ronald I. Hargis and Rev. Wayne R. Rood, co-directors. — Duane L. Davis, for the Youth Committee, Board of Christian Education.



## PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH PRESS

Eternal God, who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we come to glorify Thy name. Thou hast led us to the path of holiness and Thou hast made us sharers in the life eternal.

We acknowledge Thee to be the source of truth and knowledge, and Thou hast put into our hands the spreading of that truth in all its purity. Grant unto us, Thy servants, such a detestation of the hypocritical, of the false, and of the sensual, that we may bring healing light to our readers.

Prevent us from being warped in our judgments and help us to be ever fearless in battling for the right. Enable us to protect our nations against falsehood, lopsidedness, intolerance, and prejudice. Help us to be leaders in the struggle against the darkness, corruption, and superstitions that threaten our free world and manacle the enslaved world.

O Thou, who holdest the nations in a balance, enable us of the Church Press to be true interpreters of Thy mind and will. Help us to understand aright that we are called to be champions of the truth. As mankind comes to this era's dangerous crossroads, give us grace and wisdom to point the way.

Grant to each one of us that strength of manhood and glory of womanhood, that we may not fail in our duty to Thee or to our fellows in the struggle for freedom and righteousness. Then, having fought the good fight of faith, may we lay hold of the life eternal. Unto Thee, be the glory and the praise, world without end. Amen.

(Editor's note: The above prayer was offered by Dr. John McNab, editor of the Presbyterian Record, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, at the opening meeting of the Associated Church Press in Washington, D. C., April 16, 1952.)

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## McGEACHY VISITS GERMANY AND HOLLAND



Top—Left to right: Rev. James McGeachy, Rev. Johannes Bahlke, and Brother R. Boehme. Taken at Celle, Germany, June 5, 1952.

Top—Left to right: Elder Kohler of Brunswick Church, Germany, and Rev. Johannes Bahlke.

Top—Brother G. Zijlstra, Elsa, his daughter, and Mrs. G. Zijlstra. Taken at back of their house in Rotterdam, Holland, June 9, 1952.

Bottom—Group taken after the morning service at Hamburg, Sabbath, June 7, 1952.

Bottom—Left to right: Rev. James McGeachy, Brother Farholz, organist, Rev. Johannes Bahlke, and Elder Heinrich Bruhn. Taken after morning service at Hamburg, June 7.

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