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the subject being, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship."

In the parade of floats, Ontario, Can., delegation took first place.

Dr. Daniel Poling gave the closing address. He said, "World peace and salvation rest with 1,400,000,000 people who believe in one God. Guns, fleets, and tanks cannot destroy faith and unity."

The youth were urged to use personal evangelism to help curb juvenile delinquency and the moral and social disintegration of youth.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP FUNDS

Our General Conference Budget contains the following items under World Fellowship and Service: Toward a budget of \$275.00.

World Council of Churches	\$ 50.00
National Council of Churches	100.00
Commission on Chaplains	50.00
Baptist Committee on	
Public Relations	25.00
Religion in American Life	50.00

These amounts have been paid and letters of appreciation have been received by the treasurer from each agency. In addition, during the past 12 months Special Gifts totaling \$649.15 from 17 different churches have been sent on to the following places: Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing, German Relief, and Holland Relief. Some churches have contributed directly to Church World Service. The treasurer has received in each case letters of acknowledgment telling how the money will be used and thanking the denomination for its support.

Forrest M. Branch, treasurer.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

"Dogmatic Mathematics" would be a strange title for an article about dogs and Christian giving. A Methodist Church official has reduced the national statistics on dog licenses and dog food sales to the Methodist ratio on Long Island. He comes up with the "dogmatic" statement that the Methodist dogs on Long Island eat \$300,000 worth of dog food (\$26 per dog) each year — enough to start six new churches.

Probably similar statistics on cats would be called "catistics" and would be just as sobering. We love our pets, but it sometimes appears that we love them more

expensively than we love our gospel-hungry brothers. —L. M. M.

Three hundred million people in India are on their way to literacy but have no simple literature (except pornographic magazines and Communist handbooks) awaiting them in adequate quantities. This is the report to a Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature by Dr. Frank C. Laubach in May.

He made it clear that the literature he had in mind for India would be positive, rather than simply anti-Communist in tone, because "unlike Americans, Indian people don't like to hear talk against Communism." What they want, he went on to say, is concrete evidence that the Western brand of democracy can ease their poverty and distress. — EPS.

Marriages

Parker - Blowers. — Harry Parker, Truxton, N. Y., and Mildred Phillips Blowers, De Ruyter, N. Y., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips, were united in marriage at the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church, May 16, 1953.

Davis - Waters. — Kenneth W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne W. Davis, Verona, N. Y., and Marie Waters, daughter of Mrs. Audra W. Piersall, Oneida, N. Y., were united in marriage at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona on July 5, 1953. Their pastor, Victor W. Skaggs, officiated.

Paquette - Warner. — Arthur J. Paquette of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dorothea Clarke Warner, of Plainfield, N. J., were united in marriage on the evening of July 2, 1953, in the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church. The bride's pastor, Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, officiated.

Obituaries

Spinks. — Marion, aged 66, of North Little Rock, Ark., died June 1, 1953. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Maxson Spinks, four sons, a sister, and six grandchildren, all of North Little Rock. He was a faithful member of Remount Baptist Church.

D. E. M.

Smith. — Andrew John, son of Chris and Jennie Smith, was born December 6, 1872, in Alabama, and died April 6, 1953, at Freeport, Tex.

He was married to Lola A. Wilson December 23, 1896. To this union one child was born, Lola Ruth (Mrs. J. C. Evans), who survives him. Funeral services were held in the Freeport First Baptist Church and burial was in West Columbia Cemetery. He was a member of the Fouke, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church. T. R. S.



Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, president of the General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, 1952-53, who will preside over the coming annual meeting at Battle Creek, Mich., August 18-23. Mr. Randolph is pastor of our largest church in America at Milton, Wis.

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THE EDITOR IS BACK

For the past two weeks (July 12-26) the editor has been out of his office taking summer military training at Camp Drum, N. Y., as one of the chaplains of the 78th Inf. Div., U. S. Army Reserve. It is probable that the editor was not even missed outside the office and print shop. Most of the material for the last two Recorders was edited in advance, and the office help did a good job of selecting and arranging material. Correspondence of necessity has been delayed. Background reading, necessary for an editor but generally unnoticed, has been neglected.

Camp Drum (formerly Pine Camp) encloses an extensive, twenty-five-mile artillery range about twenty miles from Adams Center, N. Y., the home town church of the editor. In addition to a rather strenuous schedule at camp we were able to spend a Sabbath at Adams Center preaching in the morning and talking about the Sabbath Recorder in the afternoon. It was also a joy to spend a Sabbath eve and morning at the Central Association camp not far away. There we met thirty-three campers from various churches, age 9-16. There was evidence that these boys and girls were having a great religious experience which was deepening their foundations of faith and strengthening their wall of determination to pray, read the Bible, and keep the Sabbath. The Sabbath morning service conducted by the campers and followed by a picnic luncheon was like an association gathering when families and friends came to camp. This was the first such camp held in three years. It appeared to be highly successful. Surroundings and facilities were almost ideal, expenses low, and enthusiasm high. They have already contracted for a week next summer.

The editor's roots of faith and Christian experience were bound to the soil and rocks of northern New York. To get back to the haunts of childhood and to hear the old church bell ring again is to renew one's youth and faith. Somehow as we look back over our lives it is hard to imagine that we could have come to our present stature of faith in any other place than where we were born and reared. To go back where every hill and creek has an association with childhood dreams is ex-

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hilarating. Every tree has its familiar bark, shape, leaf, or fruit. Every flower blooming in July has a familiar face to the farm boy returning. Even Pine Plains was rich with the experience of picking sweet huckleberries in boyhood days. This time it is an audience of forty men and officers sitting in the huckleberry bushes listening to the chaplain giving a character guidance talk, or it is a night problem with crackling rifles, or the illuminating shells of a big artillery piece.

Most of us are tied to the church of our childhood, and happy are those who are tied to the soil. We rejoice in the happy experiences of childhood faith but we rejoice also with those who have found Christ and the Sabbath in adult life. We can all be united in the future experiences of faith whether we dwell in crowded city or on the open plain.

The editor is glad to be back at his appointed task after this brief interlude of something entirely different.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Nearly every issue of the Recorder has carried publicity about the coming General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists at Battle Creek, August 18-23. We trust that the young people have also been reading about Pre-Con Retreat which is to be held near Battle Creek beginning Thursday, August 13.

It sounds as if everything is in readiness for all who are able to attend. It is now up to us to do our part in letting the local committees know that we are coming and what accommodations we may desire. Please note the address at the bottom of this article repeated from last week. This is the last Recorder that can carry advance announcements. Keep your Recorders handy.

The president of Conference will depend on advance registrations from the churches to make his appointments on committees. You will get far more out of Conference if you are active on one of the committees, and your ideas can be more freely and fully expressed in committee than on the Conference floor.

With all the local preparations we are confident that the president, Elmo Ran-

AUGUST RECORDERS

Please remember that the Sabbath Recorder is published on alternate weeks during August. There will be no Recorder next week, August 10. The other one to be omitted is the one that would go to press during Conference dated August 24. Since there are five Mondays this month there will still be three Recorders, all of sixteen pages. The last one will bring to the large number of stay-at-home folks some of the high points of our General Conference.

dolph, has the program well shaped up. Details have not yet reached us, but we are sure there will be strong, inspirational messages at the evening meetings. The Missionary Society is doing many important things and is sure to have a good program. The Tract Society and the others will also tell the story of their accomplishments and hopes for the future. The business of reorganization calls for clear thinking. The future of our theological training may be thrown on the Conference floor for decision. The subject of special missionary projects in relation to our Denominational Budget is likely to be discussed by Commission and Conference. The best use of our new executive secretary during the next year should interest everyone.

We may go to Conference uninformed, but we will come away informed. We go with many problems; we come away with some of the answers. It is not a vacation; it is time set aside from our work to ponder and plan for His work. That is a happy change; it may be a dedication. Let our going to Conference be like the going to Jerusalem of which the psalmists sang.

The Housing Committee hopes to receive registrations with as little delay as possible. Write Mrs. John R. Cornish, 492 Emmett St., Battle Creek, Mich. And here is the Conference telephone number to call on arrival if you need transportation or assistance — 43039.

E. M., Publicity.

PRAYING FOR BETTER WEATHER

That God can alter the course or duration of a storm cannot be denied by any weather man who has seen his predictions proved untrue. That God may alter the weather at man's request has been proved to the satisfaction of most of us. In praying for a change in the weather as in every other prayer we should try to avoid selfishness.

Recently the editor took to the field with the men and officers of his unit. We had made a night move of fifteen miles to a new location to practice artillery firing with illuminating shells. The sky became increasingly overcast as the night wore on. With a prospect of only three or four hours of sleep on the ground some officers and men were asking, "Chaplain, are you praying that it will not rain?" I could not be sure that was how the Lord would have me pray though I would suffer the same inconvenience as the others. My hesitancy seemed justified when I came back to my office a few days later and read newspapers printed all the way from New England to West Virginia. They mentioned the rain that struck our bivouac area about 3:30 that morning. It had satisfied a great need all along the Middle Atlantic States, and Christians were thanking God for the rain. The discomfort of wet clothing is not a worthy subject for prayer when God sees fit to give the whole countryside a crop-saving general rain.

For Your Convenience At Conference

Want tape recordings? — A recording machine will be available at Conference. Please bring your own tape, or it can be bought locally.

Need hearing aids? — We plan ten hearing-aid positions near front of auditorium, as well as auditorium loud-speakers.

A. Millar, Chairman,
Sound System Committee.

Shoulders which take on responsibility have no room for chips. — Selected.

MEMORY TEXT

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified" Psalm 70: 4.

ATTENTION CONFERENCE DELEGATES

If you are expecting to eat during Conference week the Meals Committee would urge you to avail yourself of as many of the scheduled meals given on the chart below as you feel you possibly can. These are being put on by churches, the YMCA, and restaurants in the city, and they request early reservations in order that they may do their grocery shopping. Prices for all the meals have not been definitely set at the present time but none will likely be over \$1.50. The Women's Society luncheons have been set for \$.90, the College suppers for \$1.25, and the Young People's suppers will be \$1.25 or less. You are urged to mail your desired reservations immediately to the Meals Committee. Tickets may be bought at the Registration desk the opening day of Conference. PLEASE HURRY!

Mrs. Lloyd Lukens,
86 East Grand Circle,
Battle Creek, Mich.
Meals Committee Chairman.

Special Meals Schedule

Monday Night—Co-ordinating Committee supper
Tuesday Night—Young People's supper
Tuesday Night—Recognition Supper
Wednesday Noon — Women's Society luncheon
Wednesday Night—Three College suppers
— Alfred, Salem, and Milton
Thursday Noon—All Men's lunch
Thursday Night—Young People's supper
Thursday Night—Ministers and Wives supper
Friday Noon—Women's Society luncheon
Sabbath Noon—Dinner for any Conference delegates who wish to attend
Sunday Noon—Co-ordinating Committee lunch

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

A. B. Crofoot

Repeated reference has been made in these budget messages to the work of the church — a term which perhaps too many people use rather glibly without stopping to think about its implications. Yet the WORK of the church is exactly that for which our various boards and agencies need money.

When the human body stops working it is usually because the owner of that body has come to his "declining years" and is ready for retirement. All of us probably have observed how frequently the decline has been very real and is followed by the death of the body. There are a fortunate few who are able to enjoy the fruits of their working years in a graceful retirement of comparatively little physical or mental work.

Not so the church, however. Nor would we want it to be so. When the church ceases to work, its disintegration is rapid and sure, and its final dissolution is not far off. The church that is alive today is the church that is really working, that has a certain amount of that to which our Missionary Board secretary refers as outreach. Church work involves a great deal more than Sabbath morning attendance, and it is not work which we can delegate exclusively to the pastor. It involves the members, and they are the ones in the final analysis who are responsible for the continued life of the church.

Many of the jobs of work which have been delegated to the church are jobs which no one church can do alone. They require co-operative effort on the part of all of our churches. A part of the work of the local church, therefore, is to see that these co-operative jobs are supported — spiritually, physically, and financially. It is there that our Denominational Budget comes in. It is work to carry the Gospel to heathen lands, and to people in this country who are seeking the Truth; to prepare and distribute expositions of our beliefs; to guide in the training of our young people in Sabbath Christianity; to conduct spiritually unlifting Conferences. Our denominational giving supports all these jobs of WORK.

WHAT THE SABBATH MEANS TO ME

I enjoy the Sabbath from beginning to end. I enjoy the preaching, the prayers, the singing, and the music at all church services. I like the Christian fellowship with friends and neighbors.

I learned about the Sabbath a little late in life. I wish it had been sooner.

Jennie and I receive a blessing in the afternoons of the Sabbath by visiting the sick and shut-ins in the neighborhood and they always seem glad to have us call.

I am so glad that I live in a seventh day Sabbathkeeping community.

In the Bible we read that on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made, and that He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made and blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. It is His day. He made it for us and told us in the commandments to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy — Bertha Mills, who recently began keeping the Sabbath.

In my hand I hold a coin minted by the U.S. Government. We all know that it is good for its face value to purchase whatever we may want to buy; but I am sorry to say there are those who make worthless counterfeit coins so near like this genuine one that no one except an expert may detect the difference.

In the beginning God created the "Seventh Day Sabbath," that in it man might rest from his labors and worship Him; but here again I am sorry to say, there are those who have made counterfeits. There are pastors and teachers who so cleverly dress up Sunday, the first day of the week, that millions of people are led to believe that it is the Sabbath, or just as good as the Sabbath. Some of those teachers even go so far as to call it the Sabbath. I shudder at thinking what may be the punishment for people so doing.

To me the Sabbath means the genuine article created by God, for the benefit of man; and no man-made substitute can take its place. — E. Rae Stillman, deacon from Marlboro, N. J., Church.

SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS IN NYASALAND

Rev. Ronald Barrar

To understand the spiritual problems of Seventh Day Baptist missionary work among the natives of Nyasaland we must go back to the beginning of our endeavor there.

In 1899 Rev. Joseph Booth started work in Nyasaland on an industrial basis and gathered together a large number of followers, mainly from other denominations. He not only preached the gospel but evidently looked upon himself as a social reformer. Using the capital of the industrial mission he gave the natives much greater reward for their labours than was customary or practicable at that time, with the result that the industrial project failed and the undertaking had to be sold at a great loss. Because of his generosity the natives looked upon Booth as a sort of Father Christmas, and believed that the American people had an inexhaustible supply of this world's goods. One only needed to join the Seventh Day Baptist Mission to receive these wonderful gifts!

After less than a year's actual work in Nyasaland, Booth was forced to leave the country by the Government because of the way he was upsetting the Africans, all of whom asked for the same reward as those who worked for Booth. This, of course, was economically impossible.

Booth returned to the U.S.A. and after advising us to sell the mission to the Seventh Day Adventists he joined them and returned to the same field in their employ. He left Nyasaland finally about 1903 and went to live in Capetown, where he added the doctrine of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society to his beliefs. It was at this stage that he called several of his old followers to Capetown to train as leaders. He taught them the Watch Tower doctrines and the Sabbath and sent them back to Nyasaland with large quantities of Watch Tower books, some of them in the native language (Chinyanja). It was from one of these books that Wilcox and Moore found Makwinja teaching Scripture in his school. Apart from Makwinja all the others reverted to Sunday keeping. Thus it was a Seventh-Day Watch

Tower church which was established and not a Seventh Day Baptist church as a result of this work. Another group of churches started in the North without any direct contact with Booth and received their instructions from him by letter.

The coming of Christ and the New Order, as taught by the Watch Tower Society at that time, was interpreted by the natives as the end of European rule and the setting up of an all-African Government with the pastors and church leaders ruling as magistrates, etc. This led many of the leaders to join with John Chilembwe in his uprising in 1914. One pastor was hanged at Ncheu, while Makwinja and Joshua Chateka and many others — including Joshua Chona, now head teacher at Makapwa — were imprisoned for various periods. During the period of Mawinja's imprisonment some Sabbath converts from other Baptist missions led the church, which grew considerably during that period. These leaders were, so far as doctrine is concerned, much more like Seventh Day Baptists, and some of them are now pastors of the new conference.

While in prison Makwinja was persuaded to renounce some of his anti-government teaching, but Joshua Chateka left prison with his old beliefs and taught that Makwinja had fallen from the faith and so split the church in two. Even at the present time Chateka teaches that the day of salvation is nigh and aeroplanes will come from America to save them and take them to that country, which they look to as the promised land!

During the decade beginning with 1920 the Seventh Day Adventists made a strong effort to unite with the more liberal Seventh Day Baptists and persuaded Makwinja to accept some of their doctrines. The people in the South, however, did not respond, but those in the North united in a body, only two members refusing.

After a period of eighteen months with the Seventh Day Adventists many saw that the two denominations were not alike — as they had been led to believe — and withdrew and re-formed their own churches. It was at this point that they began to communicate with the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church in London and from that time looked to this Mother

Church for guidance rather than to America, as did Makwinja and Joshua Chateka. This group was the only group I found which was teaching the true Seventh Day Baptist doctrine, without any additions of their own, when I arrived in Nyasaland in 1947.

Such was the condition of the mission work in Nyasaland when I arrived. I found, too, that Mawinja had expected me to arrive with much financial support, and that the conditions which prevailed during Booth's brief stay would be repeated. When no money or goods appeared he accused me of keeping the money he supposed I had been given for distribution. All these things — in addition to the practice of their heathen religions and witchcraft — made the preaching of the gospel of salvation by faith the most difficult.

For nearly two years we tried to teach Makwinja the true teachings of the Seventh Day Baptists, but eventually realized that it was not possible. In 1948 we obtained the land on which the present mission now stands and began to work among the other leaders of the village churches, many of whom had received a good basic training in Baptist missions and understood a little of salvation by faith.

After the first conference a class for training pastors was held at Makapwa. This did much to bring the churches together and establish the true teaching of the church. So great a success was the class that it is now recognized as an annual event, and the pastors look forward to it even more than the conference. Two classes were held in 1952, one for pastors from the southern churches who speak Chinyanja; the other for pastors from the north who speak Henga.

Towards the end of 1952 the first tract (Statement of Beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists) was printed in Chinyanja, and so for the first time the members were able to read for themselves the doctrines of the church. On January 1, 1953, the first copies of the Helping Hand, in the Chinyanja language, were distributed. Sabbath school lessons were also studied individually for the first time by all who attended, instead of just being taught by a pastor unable to read English.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms on July 25 took over the responsibilities of the pastorate at Jackson Center, Ohio. Mr. Bottoms served the Adams Center, N. Y., Church prior to his missionary trip to New Zealand, Australia, and Nyasaland. He has not had a church since his return from the field last summer. At Jackson Center he replaces L. O. Greene who passed away last spring.

David Williams, Th.M., has received his call to active duty as chaplain in the U. S. Air Force. He has been serving as student pastor of the Chicago Church. He departed July 22 for his first duty station at Wolters Air Force Base, Texas. His wife expects to join him later when living quarters are available. Seventh Day Baptists have many young men serving in the Armed Forces of our country. Now once more we have a chaplain on active duty. We can wish him a satisfying and fruitful service in this chosen field.

The church is now growing in numbers and in spiritual strength, and is in a position to do aggressive evangelical work among the heathen for the first time since 1902.

The Mill Yard Church can be justly proud of its part in keeping alive the flickering flame of the Seventh Day Baptist work in Nyasaland, and it is my prayer that you will continue to work and pray for these people who so much need our help in their struggle to attain that common goal which is set before us all.

At present we have about 970 members in Nyasaland, 30 churches, 15 pastors, three schoolteachers, and a hospital assistant, as well as other workers doing practical work on the mission station. Our school has over 150 pupils, 30 of whom are boarders. Teaching is up to Standard IV at present, but it is hoped to add two more standards during the next school year, which commences in mid-October.

[From "The Sabbath Observer" edited in London, England, by Rev. James McGeachy, pastor of the oldest Seventh Day Baptist Church in the world.]

MISSIONARIES TO SAIL FOR NYASALAND

Reservations have been made for the anticipated journey to Nyasaland, Africa, in September of Rev. Ronald Barrar and nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement. Definite arrangements have been made for the nurses to sail on the States Marine Corporation ship, the SS Harpejell, leaving New York for Capetown on September 18. Efforts have been made to make reservation on the same ship for Missionary Barrar but without success. Reservation has been made for him on the States Marine Corporation ship, the SS Morgenster, sailing from New York on September 2.

Plans are being made for a special service to be held at Westerly on Sabbath afternoon, September 12, for the mission nurses. E. T. H.

HONORARY DEGREE CONFERRED

At the baccalaureate service at Salem College held Sunday evening, May 31, 1953, the honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy was conferred upon Rev. Orville B. Bond. Plans had previously been made for this degree to be granted by and at Milton College, Milton, Wis. An earlier-than-expected sailing date for the Bonds to their field of missionary service in Jamaica made it necessary to change plans. At the request of Milton College, Salem granted the degree in behalf of her sister college. The Missionary Society expresses deep appreciation to the colleges for this, another instance of thoughtful co-operation on the part of our educational leaders.

President K. Duane Hurley's introductory remarks, and the presentation of the candidate for the degree, as most appropriately made by Rev. James L. Skaggs, are as follows:

"A highlight of the evening and of this commencement week is to be a part of this service. It is our privilege, because of unusual circumstances, to be a part of a unique ceremony — the conferring of an honorary degree, on behalf of Milton College, Milton, Wis. Milton has seen fit to nominate one of the members of Salem College's board of directors to receive an

honorary degree. He and his wife are leaving for missionary service in Jamaica, and their ship is to sail before the date of Milton's commencement. It is appropriate that Rev. James L. Skaggs take the initiative: He was once a member of the Milton College board, and is now a member of the Salem College board; he is a graduate of Milton; was once pastor of the church in Milton; and he is the father of the acting president of Milton, J. Leland Skaggs.

(Presentation of Orville B. Bond by Rev. Mr. Skaggs):

"Mr. President: I am happy to participate, in behalf of Milton College, in conferring an honor upon one who, through many years of devoted and efficient service in the field of public education, has won the confidence, respect, and admiration of a multitude of people in this area of West Virginia; and who has also gained distinction for his Christian citizenship and his quiet and unfailing interest and devotion to his church and the denomination of Christians to which he belongs. His Christian interest is such that now upon his retirement from his vocation, he has accepted a call to continue to serve the cause of education and Christian missions on the island of Jamaica.

"He completed a course at Salem College in 1916, and was awarded the A.B. degree. In the summers of 1913 and 1914 he attended a Normal School of Physical Education at Battle Creek, Mich., and in the summer of 1921 he pursued studies in theology, agriculture, and education at Alfred University. In 1939 he was awarded the M.A. degree by West Virginia University.

"From 1913 to 1919, he served in a variety of school positions in this area, including three years as student-coach and director of physical education at Salem College.

"From 1919 to 1924, he served as principal of Unidis High School, and in 1924 to 1925 he organized and established Roosevelt-Wilson High School in Clarksburg. From 1926 to 1930, he served as superintendent of Union District schools, Harrison County.

"From 1931 to 1935, he was superintendent of Valley District schools and principal of Masontown High School in Preston County; and from 1935 to 1939, he was assistant superintendent in Harrison County, department of secondary schools. From 1939 to 1953, he was principal of the North View School in Clarksburg.

"In 1940-41, he was president of the Harrison County Principals and Coaches Association. He was a member of both the State and National Education Associations, and a member of the Principals Association — county and state, in West Virginia.

"For many years he has been a member of the Board of Directors of Salem College, and recently chairman of the Executive Committee of the board.

"He was president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in 1952, and has served on the Commission of the General Conference from 1936 to 1938, and from 1951 to the present time. At a service of dedication to the work of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Jamaica, British West Indies, he was ordained to the gospel ministry, May 2, 1953.

"Mr. President, in view of his outstanding service and achievements in the field of education, and in the interests of the Christian religion, I take pleasure in presenting, in behalf of Milton College, Professor and Reverend Orville B. Bond for the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy." E. T. H.

NEWS FROM HOLLAND

Pastor P. Taekema writes from Haariem, The Netherlands, on July 8, 1953, that the Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Holland will be held July 10-12 at Haarlem. He writes "on the occasion of our Conference in 1952 we had invited for our first meeting fifteen churches and religious organizations. Only two did not react (respond). The others sent deputees or letters. The words spoken on that evening and addressed to us in the letters were kind and sometimes full of sympathy. My address at that meeting was printed in the Boodschapper." Many readers will recall that Pastor Taekema refers to the monthly publication "The

Messenger" which serves to unite and inform our Dutch brethren. It is now a quarterly rather than a monthly publication.

Pastor Taekema concludes his letter, "May your Conference reveal much of the unity of the Spirit, which lives in the one body. And may there be an anxious looking for the completed Kingdom of our God and Saviour." E. T. H.

GETTING INTO THE HARNESS

A recently received letter from Dr. O. B. Bond reviewed his impressions under the above title of his departure from this country on June 5 and arrival at Kingston, Jamaica, nine days later. The arrival date, June 14, happened to be the thirty-seventh wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Bond.

The welcome services accorded the Bonds have already been reviewed in the Recorder. These services were warmhearted and cordial and were greatly appreciated by the Bonds.

The letter concludes:

"Lucille is already making a valuable contribution by running the typewriter for the preparation of questions for the examinations and assisting otherwise, and on the side, has slipped into both day and night classes to catch the feeling of the school atmosphere.

"I was pleased to fill in for two days during the illness of Professor Thompson and was quite delighted with the learning of the students. Other portions of my time I have spent reading literature on the Cambridge requirements, visiting other schools, and getting acquainted with the personnel in the Departments of Education and Agriculture.

"I am sure we are going to be happy in the service we are privileged to render the pupils of Crandall High School. I am going to feel very much at home with school furniture and equipment much like that which I enjoyed the first day I went to school as a boy. This is no reflection upon the quality of schoolwork that is being done but there is every evidence that, if this school continues to serve those who knock at its doors, we must have more room and modern equipment. I want to

WHEN TO PRAY

Pray whenever you feel like praying. Pray especially when you don't feel like it, and God will help you to want to pray.

Pray when you are sad, that God will, in your gladness, make you tender toward the sad, and to keep your gladness from being self-centered.

Pray when things look hopeless, because our God is the GOD OF HOPE. (Romans 15: 17.)

Pray when you are rich that you may be "rich toward God." (Luke 12: 21.)

Pray when you are poor, because our God is rich. (Ephesians 2: 4.)

Pray when you are sure that what you are asking is God's will for you.

Pray when you are not sure of the will of God; pray until He shows you His will.

Pray when you have a desire for which you dare not pray; pray that God will take that desire away.

PRAY CONSTANTLY. (1 Thesalonians 5: 17.)

Prayer is the greatest guided missile in God's universe. — From Book of Mercies by George Arthur Frantz, copyright 1952, used by special permission of the publishers, the Bobbs-Merrill, Inc.

The Church as Adventure was the keynote of the Consultation of European Youth Leaders held jointly by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland, April 27 - May 2. Twenty European youth workers attended.

Rev. J. Lochard of France pointed out that young people look wistfully to the Church but turn away from it because they see, not the power of God, but the conservatism of social patterns and customs, and a false security among those who find in the Church a shelter from the world. — EPS.

encourage those who have in the past provided funds to share with those less fortunate, and new friends who have caught the missionary spirit, to keep funds headed toward Jamaica, through the Missionary Society, and we will try to guarantee that they will be wisely spent."

E. T. H.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE TRACT SOCIETY

As of the first of August the editor of the Sabbath Recorder assumes the additional responsibility of corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society in accordance with the arrangements made by the society when the new editor was engaged. It will be his duty — and a pleasant one — to initiate and answer correspondence relating to the spreading of the Gospel and the Sabbath truth through literature and audio-visual aids.

To anyone who has thought about it, there is no need to mention the fact that the promotion of the Sabbath cause as represented by Seventh Day Baptists on the far-flung mission fields normally begins with literature distribution. We have done and hope to do much pioneer missionary work of the sort where a missionary feels the call to an unevangelized field, is sent out, and then makes his message acceptable to those who had previously expressed no desire for him to come. With our people that is not the usual way. Most of our missionaries go out only after there have been repeated written calls to "come over into Macedonia and help us." They have heard of us through correspondence and tracts. Letters and literature are so much less expensive to send than are men that we can respond to calls for literature on a far wider scale. Thus it often happens that the Tract Society precedes the Missionary Society by many years in opening up a new field. The burden of crying needs beyond our ability to fill are first borne by the Tract Society. By the same token, many of them rest upon the shoulders of the corresponding secretary before they can be shared by the full board.

Frank R. Kellogg has ably carried on this part of the work for some time. He has been fired with enthusiasm. He has challenged us at associations, and at General Conferences with the stirring appeals for greater zeal in these matters. He has faithfully filled orders for tracts and promoted the work of the society, devoting two or three days a week to his office work. It is felt by the society that the editorship of the Recorder can be a little less than

a full-time job and the two offices can be combined under one salary.

The new secretary invites a free correspondence from all over the world and will do his best to be faithful in this dual responsibility.

**OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE**

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It has been a few months since I have written, so maybe now is a good time.

Rev. Ronald Barrar was staying at our house while he was here. This afternoon we had a chance to ask him questions. It was very interesting. He had with him a Bible in their language. He read some of it to us.

After sundown we are going to shine sparklers. Firecrackers are too dangerous.

We have cots on our porch on which we kids take turns sleeping. Some nights it's chilly.

All of our strawberries are gone but our raspberries are coming soon.

I am planning on church camp from July 19-25. It is at 4-H Camp Wabasso.

That is all now. Your friend,
Adams Center, N. Y. Wayne Cruzan.

Dear Wayne:

I was very much pleased to receive your good letter. It is the only one I have received so far, but I'm hoping to find at least two more in my post office box in the morning.

I am so glad that you had the privilege of helping to entertain and be entertained by Rev. Mr. Barrar. I was disappointed that I could not see him and listen to his helpful talks.

I don't think any of the children in Andover used firecrackers, though I did hear caps popping and watched sparklers.

We have just finished Vacation Bible School at Independence. All I had to do was to tell stories, first to the preschool group and then to the older children. They are a fine group of children and I enjoyed the time I spent with them.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I have just returned from the post office, but not one single children's letter did I find, greatly to my disappointment. So I've decided to finish our page with a little poem I have taken from an old fable. It's a good lesson for us all.

A DISCONTENTED CLOUD

A small white cloud came floating by,
Along the bright and azure sky,
And said, "Dear me,

I cannot see
That any kind of use am I.

"I wish I were a little bird,
And when my merry song was heard,
Why, folks would say,
'How sweet the lay!'
And show their joy in cheery word.

"Or else I'd like to be a flower,
To charm good folk each balmy hour,
Or any kind,
I wouldn't mind,
If only 'twas a useful power."

It was a warm and sunny day,
The flowers were wilting all away,
The grass was dead,
Each little head
Was in a very sorry way.

But many clouds came floating by
Across a quickly darkening sky;
The thunder crashed,
The rain fell fast,
As cloud joined cloud far up on high.

Each flower raised its drooping head;
The grass was green, no longer dead;
The brooklet bright
Sang with delight,
As o'er the stones it quickly sped.

The little cloud joined in the song,
He sang, "I was all wrong, all wrong.
All things I see
Can useful be.
I'll do my best the whole day long."

Dear Children:

Please remember I am still looking for many more of your good letters.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

During the past years men have been attempting to discredit the authenticity of our Holy Bible. We are confronted on every hand with the idea that the Bible account of Jesus' birth, the miracles, the ascension, and other events are not true. We are told that the Gospels were not written by inspiration from God, but that one writer probably had merely copied from another.

I've been thinking — If we understood all these passages, would they not coincide and fit together perfectly?

I've been thinking — about the new version of the Bible. Is it any better to say, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation," than, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature"? Is it better to say, "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength," than, "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able"?

I've been thinking — Are we picking our Bible to pieces and even searching for vague discrepancies? And if we accept all these ideas of errors in our Bible, what shall we believe? Is 2 Tim. 3: 16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God," an untrue statement? How can we, just mortal men, make a choice of words and ideas and decide what is true and untrue in the Book which God in His infinite wisdom has given us and preserved for us through the years!

I've been thinking — I have a very dear friend whom I love and admire. He has brought me much help and inspiration. He has saved my life. He has carried my burdens through many trials. I do not spend my time tearing apart his words to see if he has made errors in his speech. Neither do I try to think of something he said at one time which doesn't seem, according to my understanding of his meaning, to be exactly what he said at another time. No, I sit beside him, as Mary sat at Jesus' feet, and listen to his words of love and wisdom, accept the hope and inspiration he gives, and grow because of the help he has given me.

I've been thinking — If we would spend more time searching the Scriptures so that

we might know Jesus and be able to say with John the Baptist, "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," or with Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," would we not have the "peace which passeth understanding" within us and be able to say, "I know whom I have believed"? Could we search deeper to find the message of salvation which God has given us in His Son, Jesus Christ? Would our hearts and minds be prepared through this type of study to go forth and carry this message to those around us, or to whatever place the Lord would send us. Perhaps we might even say with Paul, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Yes, I've been thinking.

Dear God, give me wisdom and knowledge, but above all

give me faith to believe

THY HOLY WORD. Amen.

— Maleta O. Curtis, in the Church Chimes, Riverside.

(In regard to the RSV the scholars should be allowed to determine the accuracy of a translation, but we concede that the layman has the right and ability to judge the beauty of a rendering where accuracy is not involved. Our readers may have seen the way Dorothy Thompson evaluated the RSV in the leading article of the Ladies' Home Journal for March, 1953.)

Ministers in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination ought to be men of unshockable mind and unshakable faith. — Victor Skaggs.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 15, 1953

Christ Above All

Basic Scripture: Colossians 1: 1 — 2: 7

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 22, 1953

The Christian's Prayer Life

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8;

Romans 8: 26-28

CATHOLICS OR PROTESTANTS — WHICH ARE MORE ZEALOUS?

A Catholic priest and philosopher at Notre Dame, Dr. John A. O'Brien, denies that the Catholics are surpassing the Protestants in making converts to their faith. He has conducted a Gallup-type poll and published the results in the June issue of the Catholic Digest. He found that 72 per cent of Catholics had never tried to win anyone to their faith and only 17 per cent of the remainder had succeeded. Among Protestants he found 59 per cent had made the attempt and 43 per cent of these had succeeded.

Dr. Walter M. Montano of Christ's Mission, New York, reports that more and more priests are coming to the mission for assistance and rehabilitation. Most of the noted evangelists of America report fairly numerous conversions of Catholics.

Claud Nelson reviewing a book on Catholicism in the June National Outlook concludes with these words about the differences between the two faiths: "The Holy Spirit does not appear to have deserted either group." That opinion is not necessarily the view of this paper.

Rev. Samuel Ruiz, a young priest from Colombia, S. A., writes this testimony: "Just this past Easter season, coming back to New York, I experienced the New Birth. Not a change of garments or religion. My trust had been in the Roman Catholic Church, now it is in my Lord. I was a priest of the pope, now a royal priest of my Lord Jesus Christ. What joy and peace is mine."

The only remaining Protestant radio program in Colombia has been ordered off the air according to Dr. Luis A. Quiroga, executive secretary of the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia. The program, "The March of the Gospel," sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Girardot, had been broadcast each Saturday for the past five years. Four other Protestant radio programs were prohibited in March, 1952.

"Some people insist on attacking others while armed with pure ignorance." — Bob Cooke.

NEWS OF OUR ELDERLY MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Jay W. Crofoot, veteran China missionaries of our denomination and still active in pastoral work, are celebrating their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. En route from Daytona Beach, Fla., to General Conference at Battle Creek, they have been spending several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. L. H. North, in Plainfield. Mr. and Mrs. North announced an open house Sunday afternoon, August 2, to honor the occasion.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis who have been visiting their daughter's family near Syracuse, N. Y., seem to be in good health in their advancing years. With the Burton Crandalls they motored ninety miles north on July 25 to attend the outdoor Sabbath morning service of the Central Association camp. These retired China missionaries are still wide awake to the problems and work of our denomination.

NOT ON THE SABBATH

Michael DeBeck

The recent trial of the A-bomb traitors, the Rosenbergs, stands out as the most highly publicized court trial of the 20th century. No court case received such world-wide notoriety. It was top news on every radio station, TV channel, and in every newspaper throughout the world.

President Eisenhower said their crime was "worse than murder," and he would not intervene, even though the case went before the highest tribunals in the land.

Finally, when the Rosenbergs had to die, and the execution was slated for the evening — as almost all executions are — the same Rosenberg pair, knowing death was ready and waiting, requested that their execution be advanced several hours, which meant they would have to die sooner. This was because the doomed pair did not want to be executed on the Sabbath. So, they both died before sundown on Friday. The bodies lay over the Sabbath, and burial was on Sunday afternoon. . . . Did God use these two people to accentuate the sacredness of His holy day which was sanctified from the beginning?

Think it over . . . !

DO THINGS JUST HAPPEN?

Nathanael Olson

Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert, was in the Army during his father's presidency. One day he received orders to report to Washington and upon his arrival was told that his parents were at Ford's Theatre. As he entered the building, he was met by a group of men carrying out the body of President Lincoln, victim of an assassin.

Years later, as Secretary of War under James Garfield, he was requested by the President to accompany him to New Jersey. At the last moment, discovering that business would necessitate his remaining in Washington, Robert Lincoln hastened to the depot to so inform President Garfield. As he approached the building, the fatally wounded President was being removed.

Twenty years later, President William McKinley invited Robert Lincoln to the Pan-American Exposition. He accepted with misgivings, and at the door of the building where he had been told to go, he arrived as the murdered President McKinley was being lifted away.

Do things like these "just happen," or is there a plan behind them? Do you believe that you "just happened" to find and read this leaflet or could it be that God had a purpose in leading you to it?

God wants to save your soul from eternal damnation by giving you a chance to know that "as many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1: 12).

God has had a plan from the very beginning. He made man in His own image to worship and fellowship with Him. This perfect plan was ruined by the sin of Adam and Eve. Since then, "all we like sheep have gone astray" (Isaiah 53: 6); "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3: 23). But God had another plan, that of redemption. Centuries before the birth of Christ, this was clearly revealed through the words found in Isaiah 53: 5: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our

peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

God's plan is clearly seen by the way world conditions were when Christ came to earth. The Romans had built roads and established lines of communication, the Greeks had established a universal language, the stage was set. At last Christ appeared to "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1: 21).

What a wonderful plan is revealed in the simple words of John 3: 16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Seeing that things do not "just happen," you might ask: "What is God's plan for my life?" The Bible, in 2 Peter 3: 9, says that Christ is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." God's plan for you is that you might be saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31). You will have to take this step if you want to reach Heaven, for Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people.

Things do not happen by chance. God's plan of salvation is for you. Accept Christ today, not merely intellectually, but by faith into your heart, surrendering all to Him.

[The above article is a new tract which can be secured from the American Tract Society, 21 West 46th St., New York 36, N. Y., one of the best sources of Gospel tracts known to us. Most of their tracts are for free distribution. This one ought to provoke serious thought. Ed.]

Actor Cesar Romero, 44, of N. Saltair Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., who is currently advising the public from thousands of billboards, "I drink smooth Schenley—try it today," pleaded guilty to drunken driving charges one day recently before Judge Charles J. Griffin in Beverly Hills City Court.

He was fined \$250 and given a 90-day suspended jail sentence. He also was placed on probation for one year, a condition being that he refrain from using alcohol. — Civic Bulletin.

HUMANICS PROGRAM AT SALEM COLLEGE

President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College has announced that Salem is one of a very few colleges in the United States to be selected by the American Humanics Foundation of Kansas City as a participating institution in the unique educational program of the foundation, which has established a definite course of study, preparing young men and women for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Human Relations.

When the program is under way at Salem the foundation will add 1,000 volumes to the college library, dealing mostly with the human relations fields. A full-time faculty member will be sent to the Salem campus to direct the program and teach classes in the curriculum, and the foundation lecture series will bring nine top-flight nationally known lecturers to the campus for seminar programs. The Salem program will be designed to train a maximum of fifty boys who will be selected by the foundation.

Young people interested in entering the program should contact President Hurley at Salem College or write directly to the American Humanics Foundation, 1023 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6E, Mo.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Milton College, the alma mater of many Recorder readers, has been struggling through some rough waters, according to reports. Quite in contrast with those reports is the front-page article in the July 2, Milton Courier.

Acting President J. Leland Skaggs reports recent gifts to the sagging operating fund of over \$12,000, not to mention a \$10,000 gift not to be included in this fund. Operating fund gifts were boosted to an all-time high of \$35,000, with the alumni breaking all previous records of giving to their alma mater.

These figures seem to speak well for the efforts of the acting president as well as for the corporations and individuals who come to the rescue of one of our colleges in a time of need.

Dr. Forrest M. Branch was named on

July 15 the new president of the Board of Trustees of Milton College replacing Dr. Milton D. Davis. Dr. Branch is a native of White Cloud, Mich. He has been active in church and community affairs since setting up his dental practice in Milton. Another young man steps into an important position of service.

Those who have been closely following newspaper reports of religious persecution in East Germany have been relieved to note a very considerable relaxing of the same by the unpredictable Communist Government. The following excerpts from a message published by influential church circles in East Germany do not explain the political reasons for the change but thank God for better conditions as of the present:

"There is a Lord of history, who can divert like rivulets the hearts of men, even the hearts of politicians. After a time in which many Christians, young and old, were daily encompassed by dread and danger, we are grateful for an hour of refreshment. God forbid that we should sleep that hour away in comfortable security and complacency. God grant us the spirit of forgiveness, forgiveness likewise of those who have reviled and persecuted us. God give us a new, genuine, spiritual struggle with the convinced adherents of a materialist philosophy."

The East German Communist party has instituted widespread reforms in the Eastern Zone of Germany. Among them is a relaxation of its campaign against the Evangelical Church which has been going on for more than a year with arrests of churchmen, confiscation of church property, and vicious propaganda attacks the chief weapons.

The Communist concessions, which are in complete contradiction to their attitude and actions of the past months, include the following major reversals of policy:

1. "No further actions" to be taken against the youth communities (Junge Gemeinde) and other church groups.

2. Court sentences against upward of 100 pastors in jail on charges of opposing the state are to be reviewed and "unjust punishment" is to be rectified.

The Sabbath Recorder

*"Yoked for Life
in Christ"*

Theme for the One Hundred Forty-first Session of the
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
meeting at Battle Creek, Mich., August 18-23, 1953

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me."

Meeting Place: First Congregational Church
on Capital Avenue NE, Battle Creek.

3. All state subsidies to the church, a long-established custom in Germany, are to be paid without further quibble and on time.

4. Confiscated church property is to be returned. — EPS.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called to His heavenly home our brother in Christian fellowship, Lester P. Kelley, a faithful deacon of long standing, a devoted father, a respected citizen, a loyal member and trustee of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years, be it

Resolved, That we express our sympathy to the bereaved family and our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good, by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be placed in the church minutes, sent to the family, and to the Sabbath Recorder.

Gleneta, Williams,
Evelyn Marsden,
Resolution Committee,

[The obituary was printed in an earlier issue of the Recorder. Ed.]

LET'S THINK IT OVER

When the American Baptist Convention closed its annual meeting in Denver, May 26, it had taken forward-reaching action in both home and foreign missions. A huge item of 8 million dollars for establishing 300 new churches had been adopted. The Convention specified that these churches should be unmistakably Baptist and connected with the American Convention.

The Christian Century has reportedly called this action "Baptist Imperialism," contending that thus binding the new churches to the denomination is to discard "the ancient Baptist principle of the autonomy of the local congregation."

That comes as something of a shock. Churches that are "unmistakably Baptist" must, by the term, be also autonomous. Beyond the financial dependency involved it is difficult to see how the action of the Convention could be more than a feeble gesture. Who can predict how a congrega-

tion will vote to disburse its benevolences year after year? But again, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Asserting that there is a right way and a wrong way to combat Communism, the president of the National Council of Churches recently announced the appointment of a special committee to watch developments in Congress and elsewhere that threaten the American spirit of liberty. The National Council "is and always has been unalterably opposed to Communism," stated the policy-making board of the council at its recent Chicago meeting. Bishop Martin further stated: "Some people are so frightened about Communist infiltration that they pay no attention to the danger of un-American methods of fighting it. Other people are so alarmed by the wrong methods of dealing with Communism that they ignore the danger of Communism itself. I am sure that the committee will deal effectively with both aspects of the problem."

Drink and Crime in Colorado

Governor Dan Thornton charged recently that a major portion of Colorado's 10,000 institution residents were there because of heavy drinking. He said that apparently 75% to 80% of the convicts in the state penitentiary at Canon City are there because of drinking and almost 90% of parolees returned to prison for violating parole attributed it to drinking. — The California Liberator.

PITTSBURGH PEOPLE

Any Sabbathkeepers in the Pittsburgh area who would be interested in starting a Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship there will please contact one of the following ministers: Rev. Clifford Hansen, Salem, W. Va., or Rev. Paul Burdick, New Enterprise, Pa.

Births

Isaacs. — Douglas Alan to John and Alice Isaacs, 2324 Dora St., Modesto, Calif., April 17, 1953.

Munro. — Cynthia Joyce to Arthur and Beverly Munro, 1854 N. Berendo, Hollywood, Calif., June 17, 1953.

Welch. — Daniel Francis to Wesley and Betty Welch, 1855 Locust St., Pasadena, Calif., June 23, 1953.