

# The Sabbath Recorder

the great Negro choir, "Wings Over Jordan," presented to us in concert. It was a real spiritual feast. — Correspondent.

**MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.** — At the annual business meetings of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church and Society which were held Sunday, January 6, officers were elected and Kenneth E. Smith was retained as pastor by a unanimous vote.

Carroll Loofboro was elected moderator to succeed Mrs. Clarence Olsbye who had served in that capacity for ten years and wished to retire. Other officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Roy Harris, clerk; L. C. Shaw, treasurer; Mrs. Oscar Hartman, activities banker; Miss Linda Bingham, chorister, and Miss Joyce McWilliam, assistant; Mrs. L. C. Shaw, organist, and Mrs. E. R. Hull, assistant.

Luen Lippincott was elected a member of the Auditing Committee to serve for two years. Wesley Loofboro and Carroll Loofboro will serve as trustees for three-year terms.

Mrs. Edward Wright was chosen to act as Interchurch Advisory Committee alternate and Mrs. Roy Harris will represent the church on the Quarterly Meeting Committee.

**ADAMS CENTER, N. Y.** — The quarterly business meeting of the church was held the first Sabbath night of January.

Attendance at church has been somewhat lower this winter, especially those Sabbaths which have been extremely cold or very stormy.

The first day social of the winter (sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society) was held January 13 at the parsonage. A small group attended due to a very cold day following a blizzard the night before.

All schools in Jefferson County were closed Monday, January 14, due to the blizzard and extremely cold temperatures which fell to 30 below zero. Monday night was another cold night with temperatures dropping to  $-38^{\circ}$  in Adams Center. There was no school here Tuesday as the janitors were unable to get the building warm enough.

The second Youth Fellowship meeting of the Central New York Association was scheduled for Sabbath afternoon and evening, January 19, in the Verona Church. (Weather conditions mentioned above pose some uncertainty as to whether the

youth were able to attend. Deep snow made it impossible to have church at Adams Center on the 19th.)

Five of our church members are spending the winter in Florida: Mr. and Mrs. Garrelt Bakker are at 611 Ora Street, Daytona Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Horton are at Sharpes; and Mrs. Clara Ehret is spending the winter with Mrs. Blanche Langworthy at 1800 Fifth Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for February 16, 1957

Kingdom Parables for Today  
Lesson Scripture: Matt. 13: 31-35, 44-52.

## Accessions

Lost Creek, W. Va

By Letter:  
Eulala Davis (Mrs. John) Williams

## Births

Bond. — A son, Michael Loren, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Bond, of Lost Creek, W. Va., on January 15, 1957.

## Obituaries

Higbee. — Minnie Rennison, was born December 6, 1871, in Hull, Yorkshire, England, and died December 5, 1956, in Lakeland Hospital, Elkhorn, Wis.

She came to the United States with her family when an infant, and had lived in the Harvard, Ill., and Walworth, Wis., areas most of her life. In 1911 she was married to E. J. Higbee who preceded her in death. She was a member and active worker in the Walworth Seventh Day Baptist Church as long as health permitted.

Funeral services were held in the Toynton Funeral Home, Dec. 8, Rev. J. W. Ernigholtz officiating. Interment was in the Walworth Cemetery.

Sabbathkeeping churches and promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mead Jones, D.D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photostatic copy in 4 parts each measuring  $17\frac{1}{2}$  by  $22\frac{1}{2}$  inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending \$10 to Mark Wiley, 5614 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.



Photo Courtesy of Gospel Messenger

A guard at the Hungarian border explains problems to the Brethren Service workers. Third from left is LeRoy Burdick, son of Rev. Paul Burdick, pastor of the Waterford, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church. LeRoy was visited at his post of duty between February 4 and 6 by his brother, Dr. Victor Burdick, en route to his missionary station in Nyasaland, Africa. Both Hungary and Nyasaland are areas of great need.

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## Which Translation Shall I Use?

The question of which translation of the Bible should be used continues to disturb many Christians. Letters come to the editor, some of which indicate a desire for help on that subject. Others are blisteringly critical of one translation and sometimes of the editor for allowing articles to be printed which refer, without condemnation, to the translation which they do not like. We need to think the situation through sanely.

A recent letter stated that the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination had rejected the King James Version. We wonder how that could have happened and the editor of the denominational weekly not be aware of it. Another letter from a good friend calls a certain translation accursed. Such charges are unreasonable, and fortunately not many of our readers are unreasonable. Some one remarked recently and appropriately, in another connection, that oversimplification of problems is not a mark of intelligence.

Can we answer the question of which translation of God's Word we should use? Certainly not with one title. Ideally, the translation we should use would be our own. If every Bible student were well qualified in his knowledge of the original languages of the Scriptures he would not need to be dependent on the work of others. There are thousands of ministers in our country and more on the continent who go to the best extant Hebrew and Greek versions to satisfy themselves of the correct meaning of verses, chapters, and books of the Bible. Such is the democratic way. Many laymen are also familiar with either Greek or Hebrew or both. Most of the better commentaries on individual books contain their own translation. Because most people cannot read the original languages we have the generally accepted English translations.

We must be careful not to honor any one version as if it were the only good one on the market. For public use such as quoting verses and reading in unison there is great advantage in having Bibles alike in their wording. Every translation is subject to a certain amount of error and we must face it. Back of the translation there are, of course, the highly technical problems of the transmission of the Greek and Hebrew texts down through

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the years. We do not possess the originals of any of the books of the Bible. However, great progress has been made in eliminating the relatively few errors of copyists. Recent discoveries have helped especially in confirming the text of the Old Testament.

Ministers do well not to confuse their people by too much emphasis on this or that version as if the differences between them were great or that some new translation makes all previous ones open to question. The people, on the other hand, may well be encouraged to compare as many versions or translations as they can reasonably afford. This is a rewarding method of Bible study, partly because it involves reading the passage in question as many times as the number of translations available. In churches such as ours the right of private interpretation of the Scriptures is insisted on. It is mockery to claim that right if we fail to exercise it. Unfortunately, some of the most vocal defenders of their own interpretations are talking about inherited views or childhood impressions rather than mature judgment based on their own detailed studies and comparisons with what others have written.

We would avoid extreme and untenable positions if we would cease this oversimplification of the problem. We should neither claim that the Revised Standard Version is the final word in Bible translation nor that the revered King James Version is the acme of perfection. Decidedly we should not limit ourselves as a denomination to any one version or attempt to produce one of our own. It may be an indication of doctrinal weakness when a denomination such as the Watch Tower people feels that it must have its own **New World Translation**.

Another group that fiddles on one string recommends the **Rotherham Emphasized Bible** and hopes to print a complete "Sacred Name" Bible. There are also some Bibles in print which are so loaded with private interpretations or emended texts that they are referred to by some as "doctored Bibles." In addition to the many translations made by large groups of scholars there are good ones and poor ones made by individuals. Some seem to have had their own axes

to grind or pockets to fill. Most, however, have honestly sought to help the Christian world to understand better the Word of God. Modern translations have their place. The fact that they are new is not sufficient recommendation to make them supplant the old; the judgment of time may deal harshly with many of them.

For our own reference we count nearly twenty different Testaments or Bibles in our library besides a few in modern European languages. Some of them we have found refreshing on special passages. Most of them were acquired in recent years. Knowing that there are these and many more makes us realize two things: that the Bible is a tremendously important Book to be translated so many times into one language and, second, that no one version is the one and only for private or church use.

## Is King Saud Furthering Peace?

As this is being written the diplomatic talks between President Eisenhower and King Saud of Saudi Arabia are drawing to a close. This state visit of a medieval-type, slave-holding monarch has made big headlines because of the refusal of the mayor of New York to "roll out the red carpet" for him. Our President will, no doubt, be generally upheld in his stand on giving like treatment to all invited heads of governments when they come in the interest of peace. At the same time, in this free country citizens have a right to state their reasons for not approving the actions of such men as King Saud.

The mayor of New York did not want to commit his municipal government to a great welcoming party for a king who is anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic. Perhaps the good mayor had an eye to politics. Possibly the same may be said of our good President who gave government employees a half holiday to swell the reception crowd on the streets of Washington. That particular action appeared quite unnecessary to the writer.

There are weightier matters than these. Some of them have been in the news; some have come to us by way of the many releases and little-publicized material which comes to the desk of an editor of



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**MEMORY TEXT**

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12: 1.

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a religious paper. Some such material is strongly weighted on one side or the other. Other purports to be neutral.

The American Christian Palestine Committee after the White House statement of January 28 emphasizing "the pursuit of peace" as the aim of the king's visit made a strong statement in reply. It disagrees with trying to stem Communist expansion by extending help to Saudi Arabia. The committee's statement points out that the record of King Saud does not bear out his professed desire for Middle Eastern peace. In January of 1953 this Arab monarch declared that "the Arab nations should sacrifice up to 10 million of their people, if necessary, to wipe out Israel." It further states that in February of 1956 the Antislavery and Aborigines Protection Society reported that the new increase in African slave traffic must be attributed to Saudi Arabian dealers and that King Saud himself is probably the world's largest slave owner. These two are among the eight charges brought against the king and his government.

We hope that as a "Christian" nation we can extend courtesy without compromise, that we can use our Christian influence at the top level in bringing about terribly needed reforms within Saudi Arabia as well as in promoting the global strategy of peace, which is our purpose. We have had many strange bedfellows in recent years. International diplomacy is no bed of roses for those trying to bring to the world the blessings of democracy; and when the bedfellows wear their armor we can expect them to leave the mattress a little lumpy. Must we learn again the lesson that peace at any price is not lasting peace? Let us pray for peace and for wisdom is making it. Efforts at peace making should be related to the coming Prince of Peace.

**Interesting Christian Leaders  
Outstanding Chinese Speaker**

On January 16, Rev. Andrew B. Loo, Ph.D., arrived in San Francisco, on the first leg of a round-the-world speaking tour for the Pocket Testament League.

On New Year's Day this year, Mr. Loo conducted a special thanksgiving service on Formosa, attended by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who have chosen him as their personal pastor.

This gifted and capable Chinese has been used mightily by God among his own people. In 1956 Mr. Loo went to Hong Kong to serve as Billy Graham's interpreter the night the evangelist spoke at the great stadium. Newspaper reporters constantly stated that Mr. Loo was the finest interpreter they had ever heard.

During February, Mr. Loo is speaking in the three West Coast states. In March, he will be in the Middle West, and April and May will see him on the East Coast. He will be in New York for the beginning of the Billy Graham campaign at Madison Square Garden.

For speaking engagements, write the Pocket Testament League, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

**To Study Global Impact of Printed Word**

Dr. Floyd Shacklock, executive director of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Division of Foreign Missions, NCC, embarked (Feb. 7) on a six-week series of conferences with Bible translators sponsored by the American Bible Society in Liberia. His trip will take him to Monrovia, Leopoldville (Congo), Angola, and Kenya. It is part of an extensive study under a \$400,000 budget of the literature needs of the world with attention given to providing something better for the people of Africa than the comic strip type of propaganda flooding the continent from Communist sources. The study will embrace books, pamphlets, and other materials published in some 250 languages and dialects throughout the world.

Dr. Shacklock stated before 100 Protestant literacy experts and mission leaders on February 1:

"Among the various mass media, there

is no substitute for the printed page. When a broadcast ends or the moving picture fades, the reader can carry his book or magazine with him wherever he goes."

J. Ollie Edmunds, president of Stetson University at DeLand, Fla. (Baptist-owned), is the new president of the Association of American Colleges. He is the first Southern Baptist educator to be elected to that office. — Baptist Press.

**General Harrison to Head Welfare Agency**

Lieutenant General William K. Harrison, soon to retire from the United States Army, has accepted an appointment as executive director of the Evangelical Welfare Agency.

General Harrison has long been noted for his Christian leadership. Throughout his years of military service he was active in aiding his men spiritually, both by private counsel and public speaking in army chapels. He has been featured in a number of Gospel tracts published by the American Tract Society. As commander-in-chief of the Caribbean area from 1954

to 1957 he was responsible for the military assistance given to locating the missionaries slain by the Auca Indians in the jungles of Ecuador.

**World Mission Program Available**

A program of 72 slides with an accompanying script is available for use to acquaint all Seventh Day Baptists with the work of our boards and agencies. This is a program that might well be used as part of an evening of social fellowship.

Arrangements for the program can be made with any Commission member or with the executive secretary. The Tract Society also has a set of the slides that is available for mailing to the churches.

In using this program it is suggested wherever possible to have a member of the Commission, the executive secretary, or one of the board secretaries present a discussion of the work or conduct a question-and-answer period following the presentation.

Unless there is within us that which is above us we shall soon yield to that which is about us. — Upper Room.

**Dr. Victor Burdick Flies to Nyasaland**


(Photo by the editor)

Family and friends who were able to be at the Idlewild (N.Y.) International Airport Thursday afternoon, January 31, are pictured here a few minutes before passengers boarded the BOAC plane for London. Left to right: Franklin A. Langworthy, president of the Tract Society; Esther Burdick (Syracuse, N. Y.); Fred-

erik Bakker (Plainfield, N. J.); Emma Burdick (Waterford, Conn.); Carlton Wilson (Philadelphia, Pa.); Everett T. Harris, missionary secretary; Doctor Burdick; Rev. Frederick M. Frerichs (pastor of People's Christian Church, N. Y. C.); Rev. Paul S. Burdick; Mrs. Harold Pearson and Mr. Pearson (Amsterdam, N. Y.).

## THE SABBATH AND OUR WORLD MISSION

Message given at the North Central Association, Albion, Wis., and requested for publication by the Conference president.

By Rev. Don A. Sanford

When Jesus sent His disciples out on their world mission, He prescribed the method of operation: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. . . ." Three methods are here prescribed which I feel have great significance for Seventh Day Baptists as we think of the Sabbath in our world mission.

In the Revised Standard Version the opening instruction of this commission is to "make disciples" of all nations. Discipleship implies both the act of teaching and the act of discipline. Baptism implies the act of consecration and fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ, while the final step in the commission is that of obedience as we teach the observance of all things whatsoever Jesus has commanded us.

We all recognize that there are many doctrines in the Christian Church. It is futile to argue about the importance of one commandment of God over others. There were those in Jesus' day who debated this question and even went to Jesus to ask which was the greatest of the commandments. His answer is well known to us: "Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." And the second commandment was similar: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." These two commandments are basic. But they are so all-inclusive that we need others to fill in our obligations. We still need the specific statements of the Ten Commandments. We need the teachings of the prophets and the instructions of Jesus in order to more nearly approach the love of God and our fellow men which Jesus emphasized.

The world mission of Seventh Day Baptists is enfolded in our obligation to make disciples — to baptize and to teach observance of all things which Jesus commanded. And we must never forget that

there were many things which Jesus commanded. The disciplines of the Christian are many.

### Our Distinctive Obligation

But there is also a distinctive obligation of Seventh Day Baptists in our world mission which we must not neglect. We must teach, preach, and practice the Sabbath observance which is our distinctive characteristic in the Christian Church.

We all will admit that it takes much more than Sabbath observance to be a Christian. Many of the Jews far exceed us in the matter of Sabbath observance, and they are not Christian. But the fact remains that the Sabbath is our only reason for existence as a separate denomination. Historically, this is so in the matter of our origin, and practically, it is so in the matter of our continued existence. It is likewise so as we look at our world mission in the expansion of the Christian Gospel.

As one reads the story of the founding of the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in this country at Newport, R. I., in 1671, he is conscious of the close relationship which such men as Stephen Mumford, William Hiscox, and the Hubbards had with the Baptist church. Even after they embraced the Sabbath, they were sent as representatives of the Baptist church to Boston to give aid to those who were being persecuted in that city. We read in Volume II of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*:

This incident shows the relation which existed between the church and the Sabbath keepers within its fold, and also the place these men, who afterwards became the pillars of the first Seventh Day Baptist church in America, held with the Baptists. Though still in covenant relations with those who observed Sunday, they made their influence for the true Sabbath, as is seen in both Green's and Arnold's histories of Rhode Island, that in 1667, they petitioned the general assembly to have market day changed from the Sabbath to Thursday. The assembly made both days market days.

For several years this fellowship seemed to exist, but after two families of the Sabbathkeepers slipped from the Sabbath,

the rest of that group felt that they could not partake of the sacrament of Communion with the apostates who once knew the truth and then fell from it. A separation thus became necessary.

In the other birthplace of Seventh Day Baptists, the church at Piscataway in New Jersey, it was likewise the Sabbath which forced a separation from the Baptist church. When one of my own ancestors, Rev. Edmund Dunham, came to the Sabbath in 1705, he was forced to withdraw from the Baptist church and worship separately on the Sabbath.

Throughout the entire history of the denomination, we have seen a general trend of co-operation and fellowship with other Christians who differ on the day of worship. But always there has been the necessity of maintaining a separate existence in order to follow what we know to be the true Sabbath.

Thus the first point to get fixed in our minds as we consider "The Sabbath and Our World Mission" is that without the Sabbath, we as a people have no mission, either at home or abroad. As individual Christians we have a mission; as churches we have missions to make disciples of all nations; but as a distinct denomination we have a distinct mission which must go along with the obligations of every Christian: we must witness to the Sabbath.

### We Must Teach the Sabbath

A part of that Great Commission of Jesus is in making disciples of all nations, or teaching all nations. If our distinctive witness in the Christian Church is the Sabbath, then we must teach the Sabbath. A disciple is one who receives instruction from another. But how much actual instruction do we give in the Sabbath? We have often tried to tell what can and what cannot be done; we have hedged it in; we have taught that it is right, proof-texting our position very convincingly. But is this really making Sabbath disciples? Is this really teaching the fundamental philosophy of the Sabbath?

About the turn of the century, the time when Seventh Day Baptists counted their greatest numerical strength, more emphasis, I believe, was given to this philosophy. Dr. A. H. Lewis, for example, wrote a volume entitled "Spiritual Sabbathism" which is still one of the basic

texts in the seminary study on the Sabbath. At about the same time, there was published the historical work, *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America, Volumes I and II*. This is still our basic source of historical study even though it is greatly outdated. A little later, Dean A. J. C. Bond wrote a book entitled *The Sabbath* and another on *Sabbath History*. But in recent years what has come from the pens of Seventh Day Baptists in the line of books? We have had little but tracts and pamphlets, and a large percentage of these have been merely negative attempts, aimed at proving the error of Sunday worship.

True we have various periodicals. We have the "Sabbath Recorder" and I am aware of some of the efforts which enter into the publication of the "Helping Hand." The "Sabbath Interpreter" also has made efforts in this direction. But actually what have we as a denomination done creatively in making Sabbath disciples, in teaching the fundamental doctrine and philosophy of the Sabbath to even our own people?

At Ministers Conference last May, Pastor Randolph told us a little of the plans of the Milton Church in an adventure in Sabbath Observance. Perhaps from this might come new techniques in teaching the Sabbath. But something must be done in this field soon. For while the Sabbath is one of the most essential doctrines to our existence as a distinct denomination, it is also our fundamental problem. Many of us feel caught in a dilemma and while we try to ride the two horns of the dilemma, our world mission is slipping from us.

On the one hand we recognize the validity of the Sabbath and we know that it is right and essential. It is the keystone commandment of the Ten Commandments, finding roots in creation itself. It was considered vital to Jesus' religious training and teaching. Biblically we see no support for any other day and there are many such warnings as that in James which says, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, yet fail in one point is guilty of all." Yet at the same time, it is the Sabbath which keeps many people from joining our churches.

(To be continued next week)



## Missions

### Nyasaland Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the Central African Conference of Seventh Day Baptists met at Makapwa Mission on Dec. 31, 1956 and Jan. 1, 1957. This was a week earlier than had been expected. The Sabbath Recorder issue of January 14 tells of matters on the agenda of this meeting for consideration. It can be compared with the following minutes to give added meaning and understanding to those who are deeply interested.

The minutes of this important Executive Committee follow. It will be recalled that the committee is made up of seven leaders, the four mission workers from America and three representatives of the churches selected by the Conference each year.

"The meeting was called to order Monday morning by the Mission Director, Rev. David Pearson. The opening prayer was led by Pastor Readson Mwango.

"The first item of business was to make plans for the next General Conference. Miss Severe and Miss Clement were selected to plan and preside over Conference sessions, and July 2-6, 1957, was chosen as the time.

"Baptismal classes were discussed. Pastors and committee members believe that it is better to leave questions in regard to the classes for each pastor to decide in his own church. He can see who is ready for baptism and who is not, and what can be done in his own area. Lessons for the baptismal classes would be more helpful to be bound together in a book rather than on separate sheets, and only one book would be needed for the pastor or teacher of the class.

"The possibility of having the (Nyasaland Seventh Day Baptist) Conference divided into Associations was discussed. Associational organization was explained, and the members agreed that such would be well. Associations will follow the divisions of the provinces, into Northern, Central, and Southern.

"The question of who should select the Mission pastor was introduced. Opinions

were expressed for having this power remain with the Executive Committee. However, some held that it would be better to allow the Makapwa Church to share or hold this power, since they are the ones with whom the pastor will work, and this would be more in accord with Baptist polity. After further discussion, it was agreed that four members of the local church would be summoned to meet with the Executive Committee on the following day to elect the Mission pastor who would begin his service in 1957 following Conference.

"Morning session was closed with prayer by Miss Clement.

"Afternoon meeting was called to order and Miss Severe presented a report on the book, 'Christian Giving,' by V. S. Azariah.

"Business matters in relation to giving were then considered. The situation of the present Conference fund was presented, and the question of whether or not the church offerings as well as the tithes should be sent to the central fund. The members agreed that offerings will be sent, with the exception of a small amount which each church will keep on hand for helping with funerals when they arise.

"Expenses involved with deaths occurring at Makapwa dispensary was mentioned, and was decided that these would be cared for by those at Makapwa.

"Envelopes which have been purchased to encourage giving were explained. The pastors were happy with this plan, and asked that they might be given the envelopes before returning to the churches. The envelopes are to be used for saving a special Conference offering.

"The possibility of electing an African director for the Southern Association was discussed. Several of the members and other pastors who were present to discuss this subject were in favor of electing such an officer. Some thought that this plan might tend to cause a split if such a person was called 'Director' as well as the present Mission Director. The possibility of having the Mission pastor work more closely with the director and assume some of the duties was discussed. The members and pastors were agreed that this was

the better plan. There was some discussion of whether the Mission pastor's term of service should be extended to three or four years, but was left to remain at two years for the present.

"Prayer was offered by Pastor Makhukwa and the meeting adjourned.

"Tuesday morning the meeting was called to order and 1 Corinthians 13 was read. Prayer was by Pastor Kadamanja.

"The arrival of Dr. Burdick on February 9 was announced and received with joy. Pastors agreed to come on Friday, February 8, to be present for Sabbath and the arrival of Dr. Burdick. Certain pastors and members were chosen to go as a welcoming group to the airport at Chileka. A service of greeting will be planned by the people at Makapwa.

"A report of the situation in Southern Rhodesia was given by Pastor Notale. A letter of encouragement was written to Ishmael Chipuza shortly before last Conference meeting, offering the visit of two of our pastors if he would desire it. No answer has been received from him.

"Pastors who desired a study of English on their own were told that there is no book written in Chinyanja for the study of English. They expressed desire to study with Pastor Mankhanamba, and were told that they may do this with the use of the Oxford Readers as used in Standard I.

"Needs of the churches were brought up. Pastors told of the ways in which their congregations are encouraged after the visits of their missionaries, and desire to have more visits. A problem is created in many areas when their Christians come in contact with members of other groups who participate in drinking and smoking. Pastors were very happy over the possibility of tracts upon this subject. Missionaries and visiting pastors were asked to speak upon tithing in the churches visited to encourage this phase of the Christian life. Pastors also expressed their earnest desire for more schools.

"Ministerial training was discussed with the present student, Otrain Manan, in mind. Pastors were told of his plan to take Standard VII by correspondence and to begin his pastoral training course in conjunction with it. Pastors were very

agreeable to accept him as pastor after completion of two such years of training.

"A letter stating the desire to have the name of the Armstrong Memorial Church changed was reported. The members agreed that the name of the church should be changed to Makapwa Church.

"Miscellaneous matters in relation to some of the policy of the Makapwa School was discussed.

"The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Msonkho."

### Grover Brissey Reports on Crandall High School

A report of the activities of Principal Grover Brissey for period ending December 31, 1956, gives an interesting picture of the busy life of this consecrated worker and his wife. He tells of preaching five sermons and delivering eight addresses during the quarter.

He then writes, "We carried through to completion a successful term of school with a commencement program in December granting certificates of achievement to seven seniors, and about 25 certificates of perfect attendance. We also gave prizes to outstanding students, two of each class, ten as a total, for general citizenship and one for most outstanding athletic activity.

"We repaired benches, seats, floor, windows, and painted with two coats the outside of the Third Form Room, built ten new benches, two commercial worktables, and did other numerous odd jobs during vacation.

"School enrollment for 1956 ended with 82 students. One faculty member had to be replaced because she left the island during the term. In general, the co-operation was very good the last term. Our athletic activities were not outstanding but were good for public relations. Our anticipations for the new year are high.

"If constant work makes for success and we are following the Leader, the great 'I Am,' then we are in for success."

"I happened to find one of your Gospel tracts and liked it very much. Would you please send me a few of your samples. Thank you so much."

### Ministerial Training Program Under Way

From information at hand the ministerial training program for Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist leadership has begun with four students enrolled as follows: Nathan Thompson, Byron Lewis, Joseph Samuels, and Japheth Anderson. Classes meet on weekday mornings from Monday through Thursday in the vestry of the Kingston Church. Pastor Leon Lawton is serving as instructor. Supervised field work is a part of the program to be carried out over the weekends after the program has gotten under way.

It is expected that the financial support necessary to operate the ministerial training program will be divided between the Jamaica Conference and special gifts from individuals and churches from this country. The Board of Christian Education in Jamaica has authorized its treasurer to establish an account to receive funds given toward this project. A committee of three was chosen by the board to govern expenditures from this account. Sufficient funds have already been assured to carry out this program.

Lists of books have been received by the secretary of the Missionary Society from ministers of this country. The lists have been sent to Pastor Lawton to check. Several books have been checked, the listed books received, packaged, and sent. Other lists of books will be welcomed, allowing Pastor Lawton the opportunity to check the books he wants and can use.

Dr. O. B. Bond (whose address will now be 1910 Glen Allen Lane, Altadena, Calif.) after spending a number of weeks at Phoenix, Ariz., meeting every Sabbath with the O. A. Davis family, remarks:

"We believe the devotion of this family circle may, in the not too distant future, grow into another fellowship and another Seventh Day Baptist church. This is another item for our consideration, as we 'pray without ceasing.'"

"The Sabbath Recorder continues to be a source of inspiration and instruction to us." — De Ruyter, N. Y.

### CALL TO PRAYER

Let Us Unite Our Minds and Hearts  
In Prayer!

Prayer brings closer together in mutual understanding the people who unite in its practice. It is clear from all Scripture that God wants His people to pray and it is His way for Christians to have fullness of joy and growth day by day.

Prayer is the cultivation of love and communion with God. It is a necessity! The Bible tells us that prayer had an important place in the life of Jesus and that His power came through constant communion with the Father. If we are to grow spiritually to be better Christians we must do it through effectual prayer. A spiritual people, a holy and right people, a prayerful and consecrated people has power with God and men. It is this kind of equipment and qualification we should devoutly pray for today, individually and in revived prayer meetings.

The Goals Committee of the Women's Board reminds us that — not only is the theme for this Conference year "Pray without ceasing" and "Abound to every good work," but the number one goal for the Women's Society this year is, "Make use of an intercessory prayer calendar and 'My Daily Meditation' card, in addition to your regular daily devotional help."

A prayer calendar was published by the Women's Board in 1889. Several calls have come for such a calendar to be continued. We thank God for the Pacific Coast intercessory prayer calendar which has kept us regularly informed about our needs and united in our prayers.

### Prayer Suggestions for February

February 10 - 16

Let us unite our prayers to God for His blessing on the life and future work of Dr. Victor Burdick now in Nyasaland.

February 17 - 23

Practice universal brotherhood in your own society and church (this also is one of our special goals for the year). Pray that the spirit of love for all men will

## Christian Education

### Items from Board Meeting

At the quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Jan. 20, 1957, a number of interesting things were done.

It was voted that the board pay one half of the amount of the executive secretary's fee to participate in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

Dr. Melvin G. Nida reported for the Higher Education Committee that at the annual Ministers Conference which will be held in Westerly, R. I., from April 29 to May 2, the program will center around our denominational publications with Rev. Victor Skaggs as discussion chairman. Pastor Kenneth Smith will be devotional chairman. Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, director of Christian Publications of the American Baptist Convention, will be the guest lecturer.

A recommendation from the Higher Education Committee, namely, that the board set up a committee on evangelism and publicity made up of the chairmen of the board committees with the executive secretary as chairman, was voted adopted.

Mrs. Elizabeth Percy reported that we are now printing 975 copies of the *Sabbath Visitor* with 852 going in club subscriptions to the churches and 75 being mailed to individuals. The balance is sent to those who write for extra copies or is used for publicity purposes.

Miss Onnalee Saunders reported that we are mailing 338 copies of the *Junior Quarterly* along with 56 teacher's manuals. Miss Ellen Swinney is the editor for the winter quarter; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Osborn are the editors for the spring quarter; and the Los Angeles Church will edit the summer quarterly.

fill your heart and be reflected in all your actions.

February 24 - March 2

Pray for Rev. Leon Lawton as instructor and the Jamaica boys as students, as they work together in a ministerial training course. — G. N.

### Salem College Christian Education Courses

Under the instruction of Mrs. Joseph Casey, the following courses in Christian Education were taught at Salem College the first semester, 1956-57: **Practicum**, with 3 students; **Survey of Christian Education**, with 29 students; **Methods in Christian Education**, with 24 students; and **Personal Evangelism**, with 5 students. Seven of the students were Seventh Day Baptists.

Under the instruction of Rev. Ralph Coon and Rev. Rex Burdick the following courses in Bible were taught: **Bible as Literature, Old Testament**, with 15 students; **Old Testament Survey**, with 21 students; and **Life and Teachings of Jesus**, with 18. Three Seventh Day Baptists were among that number.

### Christian Education in Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church

[The following report comes from our Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. It shows how the work of a director of Christian Education can help to make definite progress in all avenues of Christian education. We are hoping that more of our larger churches might make use of those who are available to serve in that capacity.]

In 1947, Leland Davis served as Battle Creek's first assistant pastor. (He is now the pastor.) Since then numerous other theological students have served in the same capacity. As the program grew, the plan to have someone here early enough to help organize and plan the summer work and help follow through the contacts became a reality. In 1955 we hired our first trained director of Christian Education, Miss Ellen Swinney, who served with us for sixteen weeks instead of just ten. This year, 1956, she served nine months, five of which were full-time and four were half-time. Opportunities have grown steadily.

In 1954 our Vacation Bible School at the church had only 114 pupils enrolled, whereas in 1955 there were 153, and in 1956 there were 141.

The Vacation Bible School in the Convis area has grown with an average of 52 pupils for the last three years. For the



past two years, classes have been held afternoons as well as mornings, enabling us to teach a two-week Bible course in just one week. We have attempted to maintain contact with the area since Vacation Bible School through Sunday afternoon Bible classes for all ages.

The Holston Camp program has expanded also to include a spiritual experience for adults as well as youth. In 1954 the first "Family Retreat" was tried with 17 present. In 1955 two adult retreats were held, both of which were planned by laymen with 87 different people attending at least one or more sessions. In 1956, although only one adult retreat was planned, 61 attended at least part-time.

For the first time this year, the primary group was divided and the older children were privileged to stay out at camp over a night and a day, while the younger ones went out for just a day. This year 43 of the primary department enjoyed the blessings of camp life.

In the fall of 1955 before Miss Swinney departed, she help organize a Bible Club for children. This was continued after her departure until her return in January, 1956, when she resumed this work until summer. A game day was added to Bible Day. In all, 38 Bible periods were held with over 50 contacts made.

Recently Earl Seims, a senior at Western Michigan College, has organized a Boys' Hobby Club which meets every Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Arabeth DeLand has been working with the Junior choir. Harold Bakker is sponsoring the Young People's Christian Endeavor group.

The following goals were adopted by our Religious Education Committee and are suggested for use by all of our teachers:

1. Faithfully set aside some time each day for prayer and Bible study.
2. Faithfully attend the services of the church unless hindered by a reason that would be acceptable to the Lord, and urge my class to do likewise.
3. Prepare prayerfully and thoroughly for each session, seeking to keep the needs of my individual pupils in mind.
4. Make it a habit to be in my place on time, which I understand to mean at

least ten minutes before the opening session.

5. When for any reason I am prevented from coming, I will notify my department superintendent at the earliest possible moment and if possible assist in securing a substitute. If I am absent for three Sabbaths without notice, I realize that my position shall be regarded as vacant.

6. Pray faithfully for the salvation and Christian growth of my pupils.

7. Seek in every way to be a real friend to my pupils, calling in their homes, checking every absence by card, phone call, and visit, and taking an interest in their affairs.

8. Regularly attend and participate in the workers' conference.

9. Co-operate with my fellow workers, and welcome constructive criticism and suggestions.

10. Constantly endeavor to equip myself more adequately for my position through reading and study.

11. Attend any leadership class made available to me.

12. Give the departmental or general superintendent two weeks' notice if for any reason I find it impossible to continue my service.

Using these goals Sabbath School is on the increase in attendance. For the third quarter of 1956 the total attendance averaged 112. For the same quarter in 1955, the average was 99, and in 1954 it was only 92.

R. E. Z.

### Recorder Correspondents Chosen

Many churches have their annual election of officers early in January. Reports from some of these meetings mention the election of Recorder correspondents, whose duty is to see that interesting happenings are sent to the denominational paper for publication. The printing of local church news informs and binds together our people. If your church has not been mentioned for months on end why not check and see whether or not you elected or appointed a qualified correspondent? If not, make a suggestion to the right people for an immediate delegation of this helpful responsibility. The Sabbath Recorder will send return addressed stamped envelopes whenever material is received.

## Teen Talk

### Rock 'n' Roll

One of the world's foremost sociologists, Dr. Petirim Sorokin, of Harvard University, has come to the defense of teen-agers in a backhanded sort of way. He says that Rock 'n' Roll is not the fantasy of crazy teen-agers but a symptom of decaying art form in America. He sums up Elvis Presley as "wild modern music in general." He blames this present craze on the "vast commercial interests well organized into a powerful machinery of exploiters and falsifiers of art values." Teen-agers, according to this noted sociologist, are merely their victims.

That is something to think about. When you think you are making your own choices in following the most popular songs of the moment just remember that, according to a doctor who as made a careful study, you are really being victimized by the clever promoters. We are caught in a temporary descent into art forms that are in the social sewers. Art and moral taste will rise again he assures us. If we are worth our salt as Christians let us be among the first to choose something better than the Elvis Presley type of "wild modern music in general."

### Teen-Age Girls Murdered

Chicago's greatest man hunt was on, following the discovery of the bodies of two teen-age girls buried in the snow near a city park. It was suspected that they were victims of a mass murderer. In a great city there are always a few crazed killers who endanger the lives of innocent adults and carefree youths. No effort or expense is too great to hunt them down and bring them to justice or commit them to locked institutions. Society must be protected.

This particular case has another side according to the reports. These two girls disappeared on their way home from seeing an Elvis Presley show for the tenth time. The killer was not the only one who was mentally unbalanced. When the story is fully told it may be brought out that the girls invited disaster to a certain extent. We hope not. But any teen-ager

who so abandons good sense and engages in "idol worship" to such a degree as to pay admission 10 times to see one show of doubtful worth is on the road to disaster.

There may be nothing morally wrong on seeing the popular singer on the screen. However, those who so waste their time and flood their minds with this fleeting trash cannot kneel in prayer before a mental picture of Christ with a clear conscience at the end of the day. Are you a follower of Christ, or of the current craze?

### Sabbath Promotion

By Rev. Lee Holloway

The Sabbath Promotion Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society is continuing its publicity work in regard to the Sabbath and religious liberty. Seventy letters are in the process of being sent to the newspapers in the State of New Jersey presenting the Seventh Day Baptist view on the current campaign to enforce the State Sunday Law. We have knowledge that several of them have been printed, one in Newark, one in Cape May, and one in Camden.

Letters are also being sent to sixty representatives and twenty-one senators in the New Jersey State Legislature, explaining our position on the Sunday law.

Several letters have been received from various parts of the country requesting information about Seventh Day Baptists as a result of the letters which appeared in the *Woman's Home Companion* and in various newspapers. Another letter has been published in the *Pulpit Digest*.

Miss Dorothy Hubbard has been doing the typing and some of the research work which has been necessary to carry on the work of the committee. Her faithfulness and devotion have been much appreciated.

Not until the time arrives when we have respect for the most important of all motorcycle cops — our own conscience — not until then can we hope for relief from the thousands of tragedies that happen annually through reckless driving. — Eddie Cantor in *Golden (traffic) Rules*, a free 116-page book.

### Eastern Association Provides Scriptures for New York

New York City is the headquarters for more churches and interchurch organizations than any other city in America. Yet there is great need for new efforts of evangelism in the shadow of its many buildings which house mission boards, Bible societies, and National Council of Churches offices. If it were not so the Billy Graham organization would not be taking a twelve-week lease on Madison Square Garden for next summer.

We have often been reminded that there are far more Jews in this great city than in the State of Israel. The "lost sheep of the House of Israel" are in greater need of the Shepherd than when Christ first sent out the twelve apostles.

A great door of Gospel ministry was opened recently to Seventh Day Baptists. It was an opportunity to make possible the personal distribution on the streets of New York of 36,000 Gospels of John. The Evangelism Committee of the Eastern Association has been seeking for two years to aid some church in the Association in an evangelistic outreach. An unused fund had accumulated. An earnest Sabbathkeeping Christian who now regularly attends the Plainfield Church is associated with another Sabbathkeeper in New York who is an effective street-corner preacher and evangelist to the Jewish people. Besides distributing hundreds and hundreds of special New Testaments to Jews only, they give away Gospels of John at the rate of about 50,000 per year in co-operation with the New York Bible Society which underwrites about two thirds of the cost.

The opportunity which has been grasped by the Eastern Association is to purchase 36,000 of these Gospels of John and to identify the gift by printed slips of paper inserted in each Gospel. The paper informs the reader that Seventh Day Baptists of New England, Eastern New York, and New Jersey made possible this gift. The Plainfield Church address is also given for reference. Distribution has begun and some inquiries have already been received. This group of churches is rendering a great service to thousands of people and

presenting our church name at a cost of only one cent per person. Along with it both men are constantly witnessing to the Sabbath as they have opportunity.

A later article will tell the story of the arrest of one of these men by hostile officers and of a glorious victory in the court. The judge requested him not to sue the city for false arrest, and the Jewish clerk of the court accepted a New Testament. — Ed.

### LET'S THINK IT OVER

#### Lincoln's Views on Liquor

"Whether or not the world would be vastly benefited by a total and final banishment from it of all intoxicating drinks seems to me not now an open question. Three fourths of mankind confirm the affirmative with their tongues, and I believe the rest acknowledge it in their hearts."

"The liquor traffic is a cancer in society, eating out its vitals and threatening destruction; and all attempts to regulate the cancer will not prove abortive but will aggravate the evil."

"There was a time when some literary smart-alecks thought to make it fashionable to ridicule democracy and debunk our heroes. Some of us fell for such pseudo-intellectual nonsense. We learned how misguided they were. We learned, as did Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and other American greats, that it is a rare privilege to be a citizen of the United States — a land which has woven together all of the races of man, all of the religions of man, and made of them a combined and mighty land of freedom and opportunity." — Louis B. Seltzer in the Cleveland Ohio Press.

According to the New York Times the Anglican Church is being urged to canonize saints as does the Roman Catholic Church. The movement is sponsored by a well-known English leader and author, Rev. Desmond Morse-Boycott. On the list of 34 candidates are John Wesley, founder of Methodism, and Car-

dinal Newman, who was formerly a member of the Church of England. No saints have been named by the Anglican Church since the Reformation. This current proposal is in line with the desire of many Anglicans both in England and America to emphasize the identity in essentials with the Catholic Church.

#### Youth Mobilize for Highway Safety

Minnesota Methodist young people — 13,000 of them — have launched a campaign to obtain pledges of "Christian action" in the interest of highway safety. At a convocation at Hamline University, St. Paul, the members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship units agreed to take the initiative in what they believe will become a national crusade for safe and courteous driving, based upon their Christian concept of "letting the other fellow go first." Methodist young people in more than 300 societies in Minnesota will take "the pledge" — a vow to practice "Christian action on the highways." They will make available in every youth society emblems bearing their "Christian Action" slogan to attach to cars they drive.

The architects of our country are really the Christian laymen of America. — J. Ernest Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of Labor.

#### Quiet Space in Our Lives

It is apparent that, both for considering our own position in relation to God and for deliberately using our power of faith, we need a quiet space in our lives. This is absolutely essential, and nothing is more important than securing this space amid all our busy-ness. No one is too busy to set aside a period of, say, a quarter of an hour each day for such quiet. (We are all rather ridiculous here. For if we knew for certain that a space of a quarter of an hour's quiet was essential for our physical health, for example, we should unhesitatingly make room for it. It would become a top priority. Can we not see that such a period, which should be regarded as a minimum, could be absolutely essential for our spiritual health?) — J. B. Phillips, New Testament Christianity, The Macmillan Company.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PHOENIX, ARIZ., FELLOWSHIP. — This fellowship, which has been mentioned two or three times in recent Recorders is now on the way toward greater stability. By action of the Riverside, Calif., Church on January 13, as reported in the monthly "Church Chimes," it was voted to recognize the formation of the fellowship, to accept the responsibility of being the sponsoring agency, and to certify giving toward that ministry upon receiving reports so far as income tax exemption is concerned. The Phoenix group is holding a full schedule of weekly services. The present meeting place is the home of O. A. Davis, 1046 W. Taylor Street.

TWIN CITIES, MINN. — The church held its annual meeting Jan. 26, 1957. The following officers were elected: president, Sylvester Moore, Harris, Minn.; secretary-treasurer, Alta M. Leonard, 22 E. 22nd St., Minneapolis; deacon, Dr. Stephen Thorngate, 2115 A Folwell, St. Paul, Minn.

Business of the meeting was concerned primarily with publicity for the church. For nearly a year, a weekly church notice has appeared in a Minneapolis paper on Sabbath morning, giving the date and place of the next meeting, with telephone numbers to call for further information. A number of inquiries have been received, and all who called have been sent tracts and invitations to attend our meetings. Several individuals have visited our services, but only one has become a member.

It was decided that hereafter notices will be placed in both the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers, but they will appear only on the biweekly meeting dates. This will keep the cost of the publicity at approximately the same amount as is now being spent for this purpose, and will give wider coverage.

Next discussed was the follow-up of the inquiries received. Pastor Van Horn of Dodge Center conducts services in his own church on Sabbath morning and comes to the Twin Cities in the afternoon. This full schedule allows no time for pastoral visits. It was agreed that the Twin Cities Church would pay his expenses for special trips to the Twin Cities



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for the purpose of making personal visits to interested individuals.

Following church services and Sabbath School, members of the church adjourned to the Thorngate residence for a buffet supper. — Correspondent.

**BATTLE CREEK, MICH.** — The holiday season was preceded by a series of sales and chicken-pie suppers given by the Ladies' Aid Society. These suppers netted in the neighborhood of \$500. Proceeds of one supper were given to "Our World Mission."

We felt indeed fortunate to have Miss "Jackie" Wells home from Jamaica for the Christmas vacation. She spoke to us several times at the various services and on the evening of December 15 showed her slides at Berean Hour and spoke to the 100 who were present at a family-night supper. At another Berean Hour Rev. David Geiman of Marshall, Michigan, showed his slides entitled "Christmas in the Holy Land."

The children's division of the Sabbath School was entertained at a Christmas party December 16 in the church social rooms. Mrs. Ellis Johansen was in charge, assisted by Mrs. Wanda Jordan. Films were shown and refreshments and treats served to 40 children.

The Sabbath School Christmas program was presented December 23 under the direction of Mrs. Donald Casler. A pantomime of "The Stable Boy's Story" by Jessie Wilmore Murton, a local poet, was presented. At the close the White Gifts were presented to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox who have moved to New Orleans, La., to help with the work there.

The choir, under the direction of Dr. Ellis Johansen, presented a cantata, "Glory to God," by Gounod, on December 22. Music was broadcast daily over the loud-speaking system of the church the week preceding Christmas under the sponsorship of the Activities Committee and the technical assistance of Arthur Millar.

Twelve members of the Christian Endeavor Society caroled at 10 homes and were later entertained at the home of Miss Judy Corfitson. On December 27 they sponsored a pancake supper in the church social rooms. Proceeds will be used to purchase articles to make the C.E. rooms more worshipful. A series of lessons on one central theme is now being

followed each Friday evening under the guidance of Harold Bakker, their counselor. The group was entertained at the Bakker home on New Year's Eve.

The church had the privilege of entertaining the Co-ordinating Council and Commission the last week of December. At a recent church business meeting plans were made to enlarge the dining hall at Camp Holston and build a utility building within two years and to arrange a formal dedication of the Arthur Ellis Memorial. Eugene Fatato, a first-year student at Alfred, has accepted a call to serve as assistant pastor for the summer.

The Mothers' Council sent 21 pounds of used clothing to the Save the Children's Federation and collected four large boxes of clothing and 15 pairs of shoes to be sent with that collected by the church to some Indian families living in nearby Athens, Mich.

We ask God's guidance as we press forward in our program for the new year.  
Correspondent.

Why do newborn babies yowl so loud? It has been suggested that it is because each one has a federal debt on its head of \$1,939.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for February 23, 1957

Interpreting Signs of the Times  
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 16: 1-12.

## Accessions

Washington, D. C.

By Letter:  
William Orpheus Brissey

By Baptism:  
Virginia (Mrs. William Orpheus) Brissey

## YEAR BOOK CORRECTION

We have been asked to remind people who are interested in correcting the statistics of the First Hopkinton Church, Ashaway, R. I. (page 205), that there is an error in the list of deacons. (The clerk apparently made a mistake in copying names.) The name of R. Merritt Kenyon should be inserted and the names, Delmar Crandall and Andrew Sitzai should be deleted. They were trustees rather than deacons in 1956.



Rev. Richard H. Ellingson, secretary of the American Bible Society, offers Hungarian Scriptures to refugees at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

## PRECIOUS TREASURE

Holy Bible, book divine,  
Precious treasure, thou art mine;  
Mine to tell me whence I came;  
Mine to teach me what I am;

Mine to chide me when I rove;  
Mine to show a Saviour's love;  
Mine thou art to guide and guard;  
Mine to punish or reward.