

OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, March 31, 1959

	Budget Receipts					
	Treasurer's March	6 mos.	Boards' 6 mos.	Treasurer's March	6 mos.	Boards' 6 mos.
Balance, Mar. 1...\$	2.54					
Adams Center ...	97.80	569.33		Marlboro	245.46	1,417.71
Albion	67.62	322.75		Middle Island	10.00	97.50
Alfred, 1st	600.25	2,190.14	5.00	Milton	357.15	3,002.11
Alfred, 2nd	190.72	974.04	39.00	Milton Jct.	118.10	831.60
Associations				New Auburn		13.00
& Groups		159.31	247.04	North Loup	287.67	479.80
Battle Creek	521.91	3,341.32	31.20	Nortonville	286.75	882.80
Bay Area			50.00	Old Stone Fort ...		45.00
Berlin	48.22	460.40	83.00	Paint Rock		50.00
Boulder	53.44	337.61	25.00	Pawcatuck	328.96	2,221.16
Brookfield, 1st ...	31.00	319.00	45.00	Plainfield	164.25	1,573.79
Brookfield, 2nd ...	36.50	201.80		Richburg	88.50	476.25
Buffalo		50.00		Ritchie	20.00	160.00
Chicago	75.00	383.00	240.00	Riverside	236.27	2,269.60
Daytona Beach ...	92.25	322.50		Roanoke	12.00	74.00
Denver		210.03		Rockville	25.27	156.32
DeRuyter		133.00		Salem	177.00	954.00
Dodge Center ...	67.76	741.03	700.00	Salemville		59.20
Edinburg	31.00	74.00		Schenectady	40.00	98.00
Farina	29.00	104.75		Shiloh	423.22	2,611.77
Fouke	63.00	100.00		Texarkana	12.00	23.00
Hebron, 1st		143.00		Tract Society		2,000.00
Hopkinton, 1st... 143.50	824.15			Twin Cities	50.00	100.00
Hopkinton, 2nd ... 4.00	32.00			Verona	116.43	864.16
Independence	68.00	609.00		Walworth	28.50	189.50
Individuals	15.00	2,429.00	369.06	Washington	11.00	223.00
Irvington		600.00		Washington,		
Jackson Center ...		10.00		People's	5.00	15.00
Little Genesee ... 150.00	302.26	10.00		Waterford	70.59	505.32
Los Angeles		915.00		White Cloud	46.44	296.97
Los Angeles						
Christ's	12.00	110.00				
Lost Creek	118.34	706.17				
					\$5,679.41	\$39,365.15
						\$2,611.94

Treasurer's Disbursements

	BUDGET (Designated & Undesig.)
Missionary Society	\$2,226.72
Board of Christian Education	469.92
Ministerial Training	801.32
Ministerial Retirement	725.82
Historical Society	103.04
Women's Society	98.16
General Conference	492.80
Tract Society	641.16
Trustees of General Conference	44.80
World Fellowship and Service	69.52
Memorial Fund	5.00
	\$5,678.26
Balance, March 31	1.15

NON-BUDGET GIFTS

March Receipts	\$15.00
March Disbursements:	
Salem College	10.00
Alfred University	5.00
	\$15.00

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$99,735.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 6 mos. ...	39,365.15
Boards' budget receipts 6 mos.	2,611.94
	\$41,977.09
Remainder required in 6 months	\$57,757.91
Percentage of budget year elapsed	50.00%
Percentage of budget raised	42.09%

Eldred H. Batson,
Treasurer.

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The Sabbath Recorder



BETTER THAN GOLD

Better than gold is a peaceful home
Where all the fireside characters come,
The shrine of love, the heaven of life,
Hallowed by mother, or sister, or wife.
However humble the home may be,
Or tried with sorrow by heaven's decree,
The blessings that never were bought or sold,
And center there, are better than gold.

— Abram F. Ryan.

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AWARENESS OF MISSION

The secret of church growth is awareness of mission. When it is strongly felt throughout the church membership the church grows; if it grips but a few of the members or is dimly apprehended the church declines. A study of the early church in the Acts and the Epistles shows the great expansion of the work when the apostles kept the words of the Great Commission ringing in the ears of the people.

The emphasis of our Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, its Commission and Planning Committee is on extension and growth at the present time. The great concern is how the vast majority of our people can be helped to become newly aware of their distinctive mission in and to the world. It is being approached from many angles and will continue to be.

A special meeting of the Missionary Board was held Sunday morning, April 26, to give the chairman of Commission and the executive secretary of that body an opportunity to fully outline to another board the program for growth that has grown out of recent planning by denominational representatives. The keynote of the presentation might well be stated in some such terms as have been suggested above. If our people, in general, have but dimly apprehended their mission in a half-Christian and Sabbathless society how can they be led to recapture an evangelistic zeal? It will take concerted prayer and wise planning at every level.

The recent Ministers Conference engaged in a week-long study of the Sabbath — a study which, in the main, was built around the program of an informal committee which is looking toward publishing one or more books designed to present to the Christian world in a new way the blessings of observing God's Sabbath. What will come of this unofficial committee's research and writing remains to be seen. The aim is good, but the present stage of the research and writing is admitted by the participants to be quite incomplete.

The conference brought together a group of papers, some good and some not so good, in the opinion of your editor. He considers his own paper as among the not-so-good ones. At this stage the effort might be compared to that of a group of

basketball players who had never played together as a team and were not quite sure of their primary mission. Perhaps there was a little uncertainty as to the difference between baskets. Be that as it may, the discussion by the brethren assembled was practical. There was a strong desire expressed as to how Sabbath research could be translated to Sabbath-consciousness at the pastoral level of work. Here, progress seemed to be made. There was much that was inspirational.

What do we observe in meetings of leaders, church and pastors' reports, and by way of conversations and correspondence? If we are not mistaken, we see many evidences of the work of the Holy Spirit among our people. Conversions that are as outstanding as that of Saul of Tarsus come to our ears. Hopeless cases of indifference are no longer hopeless. Dedications to local and foreign mission causes are becoming common. Girls want to become missionary nurses. Boys are drawn toward professional Christian service. There may not be enough of either, but there is a stirring. Has it come to your church yet? It can.

FAMILY WEEK

With much sentiment and deep appreciation we come to another annual observance of Family Week and Mother's Day. What may have been said well a year ago needs to be said again in other words. The example of a godly mother suggests anew the emulations of every daughter coming to maturity or herself rearing a family. The loving care and faithful teaching of such a mother are for every young man or father of growing children a fond remembrance and a source of inspiration.

The wheels of time roll on. Measured not by hourglass but by decade, those who think of themselves as young married couples suddenly awake to the fact that their children are nearly all grown up and that the little children in their home upon whom they lavish their care are grandchildren. How joyous are the years that span two generations. Perhaps only those in middle age are in the ideal position to appreciate the significance of Family

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MEMORY TEXT

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead. Acts 17: 2, 3a.

Week. Their perspective includes a better view of problems and heartaches, of satisfactions and joys, of mistakes to be avoided, and of achievements to be noted.

For one and all within a Christian family there is occasion to give thanks and to honor those to whom honor is due. In this issue there is a certain emphasis by way of pictures on what it means to work together as a family unit in the service of the Lord.

MAY SPECIAL ISSUE

The May special issue of the Sabbath Recorder edited by Kenneth Smith, with its 24 pages and its wide use of color, will replace the regular issue of May 11 at no extra cost to regular subscribers. Every subscriber is urged to secure extra copies (15 cents each, 10 for \$1.00) for distribution to friends, acquaintances, and others who might appreciate the best thoughts of many of our ministers. Orders may be sent through the local church or direct to the Sabbath Recorder. They will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. We cannot stock large quantities for future orders.

Praising the Lord

The family of the Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn are praising the Lord for the success of her recent throat operation. Special prayer was offered for her at the Ministers Conference. The condition was found not to be serious and a speedy, complete recovery is expected, according to word received from Mr. Osborn.

Reader Appreciation

"I call my Recorder 'Precious.' Could not know much of our work without it."

Executive Secretary

Dear Fellow Seventh Day Baptists:

As the first half of our Conference year closed on March 31 it might be of interest to make a few observations of the giving to OWM budget up to that time and to consider how our program is progressing. As long as last year's budget was oversubscribed perhaps it is not amiss to make a few comparisons. Thirteen churches gave more to OWM budget in the first six months of this Conference year than in the first seven months of last year. The people of these churches are taking seriously their responsibility in the matter of raising the full amount to make possible the carrying forward of the OWM program voted by Conference last August. This program, you recall, necessitates the spending of more money than did last year's program. The giving of nine churches is substantially less over the first six months than it was last year. Five churches have given nothing so far this year. Four fellowships out of the five active last year made contributions during the first half of the year. This year we have four active fellowships and to date only two of them have contributed.

I have recently attended meetings of all of our major boards. Reports indicate that planned work is going forward. Workers who are really our "extended hands," on both overseas and home mission fields, find more work than their hands can do. As we read of their work in these pages from week to week we thank God for them and certainly should feel inspired to more faithfully uphold them in prayer and with our giving.

The challenge of greater fellowship and service is being felt by our young people through our new SDBYF. Summer camp programs show promise of being very inspirational and helpful to all who can participate.

Many churches and an increasing number of individuals are finding help, both in their own growing Christian experience and in their efforts of outreach to others, through the use of the publications and audio-visual aids available from our Tract Board.

The program of work carried forward by our Women's Board is helpful not only to all local women's societies but reaches out to be of assistance, through the interest of our women, in many phases of our total OWM program.

Other agencies and committees faithfully carry forward their appointed task but all of their work, of course, cannot be mentioned here.

The recent Ministers Conference in session at Alfred, N. Y., brought together



Ministers Like to Eat!

the pastors of the majority of our churches and other ministers who are in places of responsibility in our denomination. The Christian fellowship experienced was of a value that cannot be expressed in words. Various ones who of necessity must at most times make plans and convey ideas by letter were able to come together for periods, when formal sessions were not scheduled, to talk of their interests face to face. Pastors of various Associations met together, those concerned about work on the Southwest field were able to hold extended conferences with the secretary of the Missionary Board. Members of the Commission present were able to confer. Several with responsibilities relative to the coming General Conference program consulted together, and so it went for the whole week. And this was just an "extra." The scheduled program occasioned much stimulating discussion as well as providing deep inspiration. I believe that many of us in our local churches will feel the impact of this inspiration for many months to come and it is certain that the future planning of OWM program will be influenced by it.

It does seem a shame that it is necessary to keep reminding ourselves that unless we are willing, each of us, to take responsibility in the matter of financial support of OWM program some of the good work being done must be curtailed.

Over the years, from the beginning of history, people have been cooperating in projects, religious and secular, which they have felt to be important to the betterment and growth of the individual and society. Always they have been asked to give — sometimes of their material possessions, such as jewelry, gold, and silver, sometimes fruits of their land, sometimes products of their labor. Today our common medium of exchange is money. Some of us have more and some of us less but we all have something to contribute to those things that we feel are of vital importance to us and to our children. Have we given careful consideration to the matter of the OWM program of Seventh Day Baptists? It is of importance in our lives? If it is, it should receive at least a part of the tenth that belongs to God. Some among us believe in its worth so vitally that they regularly contribute more than one tenth of their incomes to the program. May God give us each a blessing as we earnestly seek His will in our giving.

In Christian love,
Doris H. Fetherston.

SABBATH RALLY DAY

The annual Sabbath Rally Day sponsored by the Sabbath Promotion Committee of the Tract Board will be held May 16 in all Seventh Day Baptist churches unless local plans make another date more acceptable. Church leaders are urged to be imaginative and resourceful in making their own plans for a meaningful emphasis on Sabbathkeeping throughout the whole weekend.

Bulletin covers and a suggested responsive reading will be made available to all churches free of charge. These will emphasize the part that the work of our American Sabbath Tract Society plays in Our World Mission.

President's Message

Rationalizing vs. Reason

The dictionary gives one definition of rationalizing: "to find excuses for one's desires." In a class in psychology the teacher explained it this way: "If you are dissatisfied with your old car and want a new one and know your wife will not submit to it, you rationalize. The reasons you give her for needing a new car center on the increased safety for the children and the comfort of your mother-in-law."

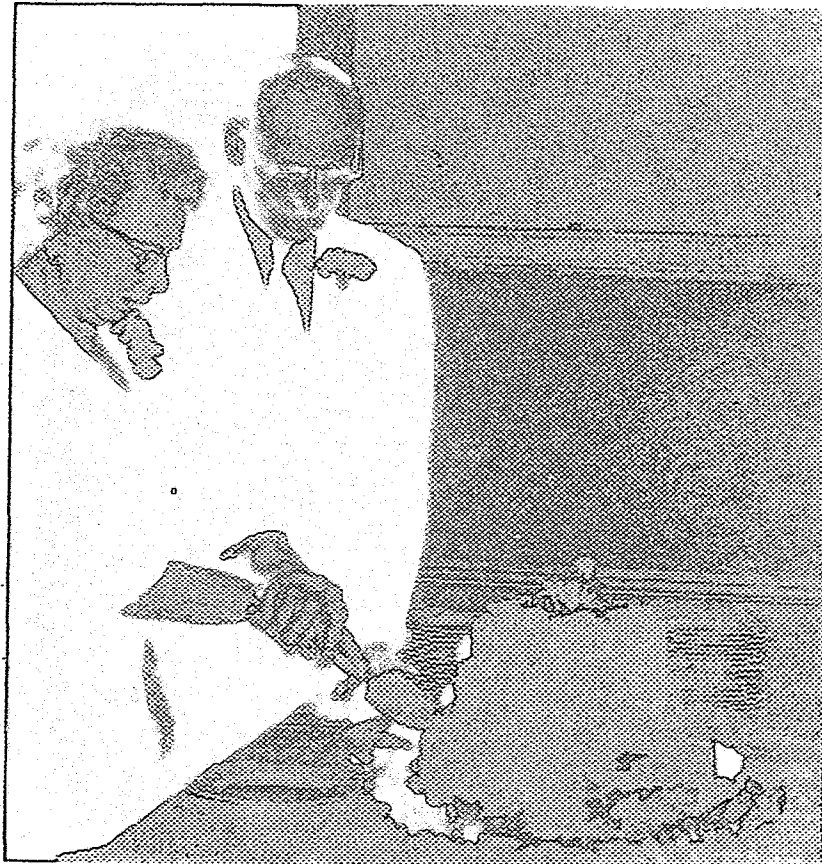
Have you noticed how easy it is for you to justify the things you wish to buy, rather than the things which would be better for you to buy? Recently, I read a report by the Department of Agriculture to the effect that smoking last year in the United States had reached such a staggering figure that on the average every person over 15 years of age was smoking half a pack per day. Should you tabulate all the reasons these millions of people smoke, a great variety would be discovered. Most of them would be rationalizing. On several occasions I have had boys owe me money for one reason or another. When I suggested they pay off, they explained they had no money; yet they had a pocket full of "weeds."

It is easy for some of us to criticize this expenditure of money; yet we do the same thing in relation to many other decisions. At the last financial report of Our World Mission, the fiscal year was half gone yet only 42% of the budget had been raised from the current giving. If any of us find something we really want at a bargain price, we quickly figure out a way to finance the purchase. When you examine the wages our denominational workers, nurses, and missionaries are receiving, there could be no greater bargain. If each of us were on fire with "the spirit of Christ and Him crucified," we would find ways of making up this deficiency. This might cause some belt-tightening, some adjusting, and possibly even some rationalizing.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and these things will be added unto you."

Serving Together

Family Week is an opportune time to remind ourselves of some of the families where there have been long years of married life and service for the Lord.



The accompanying picture of the Rev. Harold R. Crandall and his wife cutting the cake at the Golden Wedding anniversary celebration in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R. I., well illustrates living and serving together. Mrs. Crandall, the former Estella Bee of Berea and Clarksburg, W. Va., has been a helpmate in Mr. Crandall's religious work through the years.

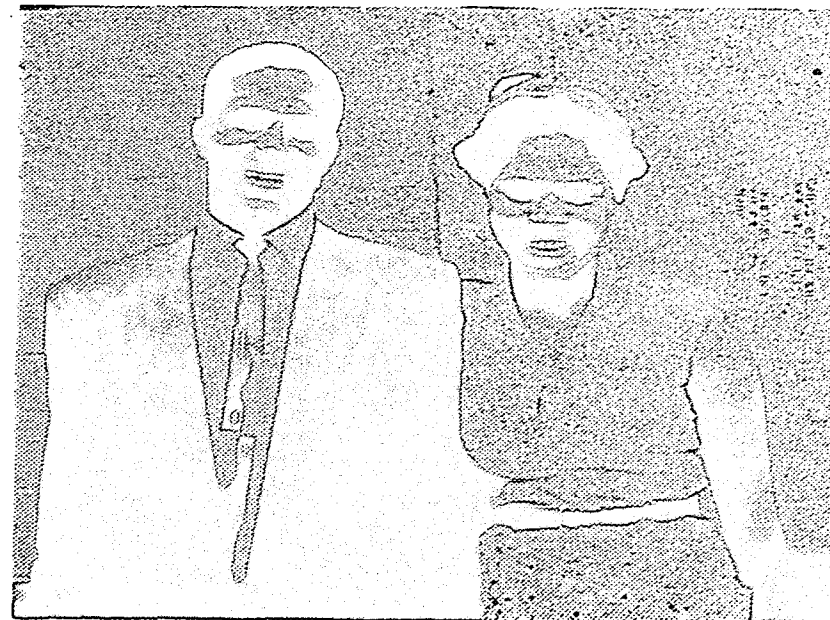
Before entering the ministry he was a deacon in the Rockville, R. I., Church from 1909 to 1920. Ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1920 while serving the De Ruyter, N. Y., Church, he continued his ministry of serving in the New York City Church from 1922 to 1930. Called from New York to Westerly, R. I., they ministered to those people for 18 years until his retirement. Still their labors together continued. The Crandalls, now living again in Rockville, have been active there at times when there was no pastor. Currently Mr. Crandall, pastor emeritus of the Pawcatuck Church, is acting as interim pastor. They are still active in the Missionary Board although the aging pas-

tor declined re-election as president of the board, a position he held for many years.

The anniversary celebration was said to be an enjoyable occasion. Their wedding date was April 22, 1909. The officiating clergyman was on that occasion Dr. Erlo E. Sutton, who is also retired but active. He is featured in the current special issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* which is being released on May 11.

Happy Homes Common to All Races

One does not engage in military, missionary, or vacation travel abroad without observing from different angles that the family is the basic unity of society wherever civilization penetrates and in many areas where living standards are very low. The truth of the statement that happy homes are common to all races soon becomes apparent.



Here we see a young Christian couple active in a new church in the outskirts of Jamaica's largest city, Kingston. Doubtless there is far more than the joy of living as husband and wife that glows in their faces as they stand outside their little church on Sabbath morning. They are dedicated to the Lord's work as a couple and as part of a large family that has rendered valuable service to the Seventh Day Baptist work on the island.

The Sabbath reminds us of God and His creative power. It is a day in which to meditate on His power, and on His love, His Law, and our duty to Him.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

Items from the Women's Board Summer Recruitment Project

The program for assistance to churches where teachers are needed for Vacation Bible Schools is shaping up very slowly. Some churches have sent in requests but not all have indicated the specific dates when their Bible School is to be held. Please send this information in as soon as possible so that plans can be completed. More workers are needed! Fourteen young people have been contacted, nine of whom have replied to our letters. Of these, three have said they would be able to help this summer. If you know of anyone of college age or older who would invest a part of the summer in this very worth-while endeavor, please let us know. Both churches and workers have written letters of appreciation for help given and experience gained. Please write Mrs. Hazel Langworthy, R. R. 2, Box 2053, Battle Creek, Mich.

Treasurer Elected

At the April meeting of the Woman's Board Mrs. W. B. Lewis was elected to act as treasurer for the remainder of the year to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Lloyd Lukens who is moving from Battle Creek. The board voted to extend to Mrs. Lukens our deep appreciation for the splendid work she has done and our sense of loss both on the Women's Board and in the Battle Creek Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lukens are now residing at 722 Fifth Street, Marietta, Ohio.

Program Packets Completed

The new Program Packets for 1959-60 are being completed and will be mailed early in May. The theme this year is "This I Believe." Included in each packet are ideas for society programming, goals to challenge the individual and the group, an outline for study on what an ideal women's society is, and a short history of the 75 years of organized women's work in our denomination, suitable for presentation in drama form.

Helps Available

Now available for your use is the "book of churches" which was on display at Con-

ference last year. It contains recent pictures of all our Seventh Day Baptist church buildings in the United States. This book, together with a large map, was used recently by the teacher of an intermediate Sabbath School class to make an interesting class session in locating our churches and gaining some background knowledge of our denomination. It could be used with other age groups also to make an informative program. This book may be had on loan by requesting it from Mrs. Herbert Lippincott, 91 Bowen Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

The Women's Board has prepared also a mimeographed sheet of information for the use of those who travel, to aid in locating Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships. Churches are listed, and the state or United States highway on or near which they are located. Send to Mrs. Lippincott, address above. Plan to worship in one of our churches as you travel this summer.

Christian Culture Committee

The Christian Culture Committee has been very happy this year to have help from societies in providing material for Newsletters as well as the packet.

Our appreciation is extended to the societies of De Ruyter, Salem, Denver, Fouke, and Texarkana for writing the Intercessory Prayer Calendars for the Newsletters. The White Cloud society arranged material for the meditation card. The Alfred and Daytona Beach societies planned the Christmas and Thanksgiving devotions which will be in the Program Packet.

Several have sent in lists of favorite books for our reading program which will appear in our new list, found in the Newsletter and also in the packet.

For all this assistance, we do thank you.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 16, 1959

Responsible Use of Power

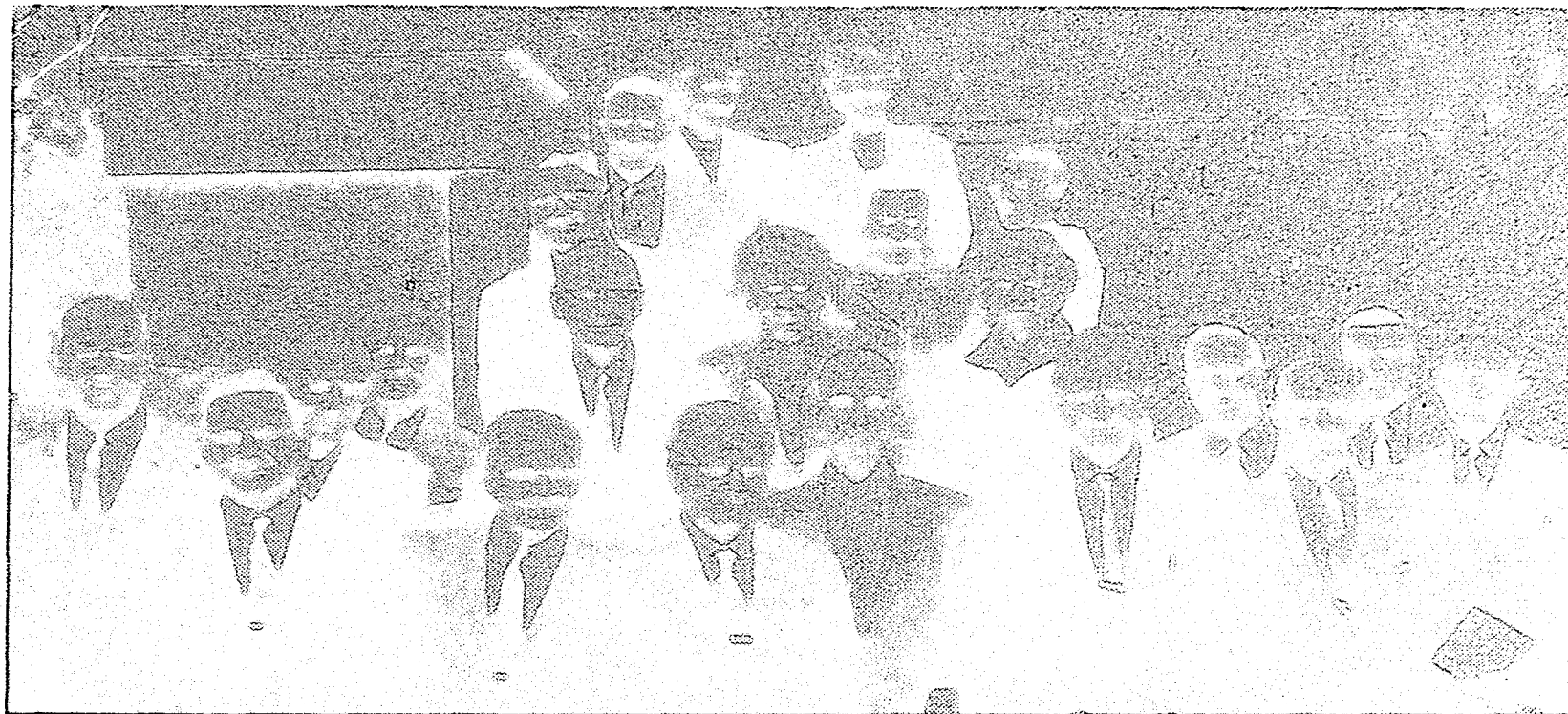
Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 9: 1-9.

for May 23, 1959

The Blindness of Injustice

Lesson Scripture: 1 Kings 12: 12-20.

PLANS FOR EXTENSION AND GROWTH CONSIDERED



Members and visitors (3) attending Missionary Board, April 26, Front row: Rev. Edgar Wheeler, Martin Oates, Rev. Paul Burdick, Morton R. Swinney, Board President George V. Crandall, Edmund Smith, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro. Second row: Elston H. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, Karl G. Stillman, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Mrs. Harold Crandall, Roger Cazziol, Loren Osborn. Top row: Rev. Everett Harris, Rev. Earl Cruzan, Mrs. Everett Harris, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, Mrs. James Waite, Mrs. Courtland Davis.

Missionary Board members and several visitors met for an all-day session in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday, April 26, 1959. A special board meeting had been called in the morning so as to provide an opportunity to hear Mrs. Robert Fetherston, Conference secretary, and Rev. Earl Cruzan, Commission chairman, outline plans for extension and growth on the home field.

A Lay Development Program was presented which looks toward an evaluation program challenging every church to reconsider its primary purpose for being, reviewing and evaluating its present program of worship and service.

The Missionary-Evangelistic Committee of the board has been asked to discuss this Lay Development Program and bring suggestions for adapting and expediting such a program to a future meeting of the board.

Following a lunch served by members of the Z. Y. W. Class of the Pawcatuck Church, the regular quarterly meeting convened at 2 p.m., with 16 members and

3 visitors present. Some forward-looking actions of the board were:

That the Missionary Board pay the cost of tuition and books for the Rev. David C. Pearson during two semesters of study which he plans to take at Gordon College of Theology and Missions, Beverly Farms, Mass. (north of Boston);

Approval of a request of the Crandall High School Committee, Jamaica, W. I., that we provide an amount for rental of a home for the headmaster of Crandall High School away from the school, permitting the cottage on the grounds to be used for classrooms, library, etc., to accommodate the increased enrollment at Crandall High School.

Roger Cazziol, called by the Jamaica Conference to serve as principal of the Maiden Hall Vocational School in Jamaica, was present at the meeting and spoke to the board. Mr. Cazziol told briefly of his hopes and plans for that work. Mr. Cazziol was expecting to leave by plane for Kingston, Jamaica, the next day (April 27). He carried with him the best wishes of the board to the Jamaica brethren.

Mission Workers to Wed

Word has been received from Makapwa Mission that Miss Beth Severe and Dr. Victor Burdick are soon to wed.

The following announcement comes from Calipatria, Calif.: "Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Severe announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Beth to Dr. Victor Burdick. They plan to be married May 29, 1959. They will be at home in the Pearsons' residence during the Pearsons' furlough in the States."

This date will give time for a wedding trip of one week before the Pearsons sail.

Dr. Burdick will serve as head of the mission during the absence of the Pearsons. Further plans will have to be made as to the housing of our mission workers in 1961.

The many friends of "Beth" and "Victor" in this country wish them much happiness.

STORMS

(This very interesting and inspiring article was written at our request by Mrs. Bertha Fitz-Randolph,, Texarkana, Ark. Mrs. FitzRandolph spent ten active years of missionary service in Jamaica with her husband, the late Rev. Wardner T. FitzRandolph. — E. T. H.)

Do you fear storms? Many people of our community, near Texarkana, have storm cellars. Others go to the shelter in the Post Office or to the Railway Terminal. Some go about their duties as usual or sleep if it is night. I think it is wise to seek shelter when we receive storm warnings.

A Seventh Day Baptist family of Texarkana tells of this experience, during a tornado. The roof and part of the house blew away. The father was away but the mother took the children to another part of the house. The boy said, "Mother, pray." She said, "All right, let us all bow our heads and repeat the Lord's Prayer." He replied, "No, Mother, I mean talk to God about this storm." Happily the storm did abate, without more damage to the home, and they were safe.

The most glorious gift in life is a Christian home where children learn of a Heavenly Father's care for them. It is also wonderful to know that Christians in

many parts of the world are praying to the same Father. He hears them, too, and blesses them where they are. Many of them pray for Seventh Day Baptists in America. It is our privilege and duty to pray for them.

I visited Font Hill with Pastor Fitz-Randolph after the hurricane in Jamaica. The church and every Seventh Day Baptist home were destroyed. Some believed there was an earthquake too. Certainly the cultivations were gone, the river changed its course, and, where trees, crops, and homes had been, we saw only huge rocks and no soil. It was very depressing. The government made lands available farther up the mountain. Deacon Webb built a temporary shelter under a tree, and there we met our people. It was one of the most inspiring experiences of my life. Many lost everything they had except life. A place of worship must be built, homes erected, trees and crops planted. All of them were cheerful and praising God for sparing their lives. Each family had a different experience, but all of them amazing.

One family told this story:

They were ready to retire when the little girl began crying for a drink. It was dark and stormy and the father went outside to the kitchen with her for water. The mother realized the wind was increasing and put the two boys under the bed just as a cocoanut tree fell across the house. It caught the foot of the bed and she had difficulty getting them out. They worked their way around the house calling the father and little girl. They found the father clinging to a post but the little girl and the kitchen were gone. The father was dazed and not sure what had happened. The river was rising and they had to get out or be drowned.

A light glowed on the mountain and they headed for it, crying because the little girl was lost. They went under and over fallen trees. A roaring made it impossible to talk, but they held hands tightly and pressed on. Flashes of lightning revealed all sorts of things sailing over them. They finally reached the light, a storm lantern hanging in a Government Land Office.

Many were there for shelter, if, when

rain is pouring down, you can call a roofless room a shelter. Here was a little girl who could not be comforted because her family was lost. It was their little girl. The small child went flying through the air, all that way, with pots, pans, zincs, tree limbs, etc., and dropped near the office unharmed. Oh yes, her family was praising God for life and a family circle unbroken.

Could we praise Him for life and its opportunity for service, if everything else we had was gone? If we think about it and pray about it, I think we could.

What Is the Situation In Nyasaland?

By Paul S. Burdick

Many Seventh Day Baptists will be asking this question these days, because of our interests in that country. It is true that there has been some disturbance, but it seems to have quieted down for the time being.

An article in *Africa Today* by Professor Channing B. Richardson, of Hamilton College, New York, gives us some insight into the situation. He was visiting professor of political science at the University of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1958.

The leader of the revolt is Dr. Hastings Banda, who, with several other leaders, has been removed from the country for a time. A rumor that violence was contemplated by Africans against Europeans, caused the calling out of militia to dispel the demonstrators. Unfortunately, in so doing, about 40 or 50 natives were killed. No Europeans lost their lives. Of course, an exhibition of violence on either side, makes it difficult for moderation to prevail.

There is no doubt but that the people of Nyasaland have a grievance. They did not want to be federated with Northern and Southern Rhodesia, where the white population is proportionately larger, and where white dominance is more in evidence. While the British have been good administrators, the native people want to gain more independence as fast as possible.

The question which concerns us most deeply is whether the independence movements will remain on a non-violent basis.

We are sincerely hoping and praying that it may be so. The example of Ghana in securing independence has been a stimulus to like movements in all Africa.

In December there was a meeting of the first All-African Peoples Conference in Accra, Ghana. Among the matters considered was the one of methods to be used in working toward independence. The method of non-violent resistance was the one chosen by the countries south of the Sahara. The Fellowship of Reconciliation, a pacifist organization using Christian principles, has had representatives in several states. Gandhi's son, teaching the methods of his famous father, has been well received by Indians and blacks in South Africa. These are encouraging signs. Independence and equal representation of races are surely coming to many of the African countries. We may pray that it does not come too fast for an orderly change-over, and that what changes are to come will be without violence and bloodshed.

The "White Man's Burden" is becoming less and less a matter of exploiting the backward races, and more and more a responsibility to develop native leadership so that the great resources of the Dark Continent shall be available to all its people, regardless of race.

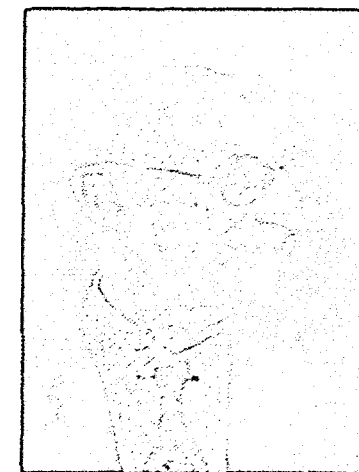
EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rev. Paul Burdick, father of Dr. Victor Burdick of Nyasaland, informs us that after writing the above he has conferred with Roger Cazziol, who attended the Accra Conference, and who substantially confirms the statements made in this article as well as pointing out that even in Kenya at the time of the Mau-Mau uprising no missionaries were molested.

☞ Martin King Is Author

Dr. Martin Luther King, Baptist minister of Montgomery, Alabama, is author of a new book, "Stride Toward Freedom," telling his philosophy of peaceful integration of the races in the United States. Peaceful resistance to segregation is possible, he said, citing his own experience as leader of a successful bus boycott for more than one year, until integration of the buses was achieved in his city of Montgomery, Alabama.

His book is published by Harper and Brothers, New York, N. Y.

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THE SABBATH IN EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

Loyal F. Hurley, D.D.*

Text: Isaiah 56: 1-8.

Charles W. Koller in an article "Altars in the Wilderness" writes as follows.

"In colonial days, as the lamp lighter made his rounds at nightfall, his path was easily traced by the lighted lamps he left behind. Similarly, the movements of Abraham may be traced by a succession of altars in the wilderness. 'Abraham pitched his tent . . . builded an altar . . . and called upon the name of the Lord' (Gen. 12: 8). This is familiar language in the record of his sojourn in the land of promise. He had no permanent abiding place, but dwelt in tents (Heb. 11: 9), with an altar in the midst, and with the blessing of God hovering over every spiritual oasis.

"Abraham is revealed as the friend of God, the confidant of angels, the father of the faithful, a builder of altars, a man of prayer, a pattern of godliness. But he was not without human imperfections, lapses of faith, departures from the truth. Five times he established his household around an altar; and five times he was signally blessed of God; but twice there is a significant omission of any reference to an altar. And in both cases his life is marred with sin, sorrow, and humiliation.

"At Shechem, Abraham established his first home in the wilderness. What a sensation it must have created among the natives as he built that first altar and offered the first sacrifice! And what blessings attended his faith! At Bethel likewise, Abraham built around an altar. How sad was his removal to altarless Egypt, his lapse of faith, and the resultant complications which caused him to be virtually

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thrown out with 'all that he had' (Gen. 12: 20)! And how humbly and gladly he returned to Bethel with the unforgettable blessedness of its altar!

"Again at Hebron, Abraham built an altar; and at Beer-sheba he 'planted a grove . . . and called on the name of the Lord' (Gen. 21: 33). Great blessings and spiritual growth attended him at both places. But between the blessedness of Hebron and of Beer-sheba, Abraham 'sojourned in Gerar.' There is no reference to a family altar, but here occurred what was perhaps the most tragic family row in all history. Its repercussions are still felt and are not unrelated to the crises which repeatedly have brought our generation to the brink of a third world war.

"Abraham, at the prompting of his wife Sarah, had taken a secondary wife, the Egyptian handmaid Hagar. Each had a son. When Sarah saw Ishmael, the son of Hagar, mocking her son Isaac, she demanded that Abraham 'cast out this bondwoman and her son;' and Abraham 'sent her away' (Gen. 21: 14). The descendants of Ishmael, the Arabs of today, have never forgotten, and have never forgiven. And the bitterness between Arabs and Jews today is continuous with that family row in the tents of Abraham, at altarless Gerar, nearly four thousand years ago!"

I have quoted in full this article "Altars in the Wilderness" by Charles W. Koller of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, as an introduction to the theme assigned to me, "The Sabbath in Evangelism and Missions." The Sabbath is a sort of Wilderness Altar. In the humdrum and monotony of life the Sabbath is a regularly recurring break in the dull routine. A wilderness altar lifted the worshiper from the common to the spiritual, from the secular to the sacred, from the earthly to the heavenly. So with the Sabbath. It has the power, rightly used, to flood the burden of daily toil with the light of Sabbath rest, to provide a weekly oasis in the desert of drudgery, to lift the lives of men once each week from the earthly and human to the heavenly and divine. Rich blessing attended faithfulness to the wilderness altar. Tragedy followed its neglect. So with the Sabbath.

As we have labored the past few years in church after church the blessing of Sabbath faithfulness and the tragedy of Sabbath neglect have grown increasingly clear. What recurring attitudes have appeared most frequently?

I A Liability

The Sabbath is an economic problem in the modern world. There is no use denying that fact. Many businesses demand work on the Sabbath. Of course, extra faithfulness, and sincerity, and outstanding service give many Sabbathkeepers a steady place in today's economic world, but society today is not a Sabbathkeeping affair. That's clear.

We could gain many more converts and adherents were it not for the Sabbath. The person who doesn't recognize that fact is just blind. It's a problem in all our churches.

Various efforts have been made over the years to meet this situation. The early ship builders of Mystic, Conn., were Sabbathkeepers and furnished employment to men who kept the Sabbath. So did the Cottrells of a later day in their printing press factory. Smaller concerns of various kinds have faithfully observed the Sabbath down the years and have furnished employment to Sabbathkeepers. My cousin, P. B. Hurley, ran a garage in Riverside, Calif., for twenty-five years, not only to make his living, but to furnish employment to other Sabbathkeepers. Whether his efforts were always appreciated is doubtful. Davis and Shepard do construction work in Denver, Colo., and often furnish work for other Sabbathkeepers.

This is a real problem for our people in Jamaica. Like folks in the States the Sabbath is a liability for them also. When one is actually on that field and gets to know our people there he understands why the Jamaicans are so interested in establishing an Agricultural and Vocational School at Maiden Hall. Crandall High is a good school and is doing good work in its field. But it is not serving enough of our Seventh Day Baptist youth, and is not giving the sort of training that most of our Jamaican youth want and need

most — training that will enable them to make a living and keep the Sabbath. Crandall High is still offering what the Missionary Board established it to do — training for future mission workers of the island.

When Sabbathkeepers leave the Sabbath they often leave everything religious and become secularized pagans. Even in some of our rural communities our farmers are leaving the Sabbath and, in consequence, leaving the church.

A wilderness altar was expensive. It cost a lot to sacrifice fine, unblemished animals in the worship of God. So the Sabbath is often expensive, but, like an altar, it is also a safeguard and a blessing.

II A Legalism

Jesus gained the violent hatred of the Jews because He sought to save the Sabbath from the petty legalisms with which they had surrounded it. For them it had become a burden rather than a day of rest and worship and restoration. They hedged it round with so many silly restrictions that the joy of it was lost. Our Lord seemed to say through His actions and attitudes: "These burdened people have had six days for their bodies, now comes a day for their spirits. I'll heal their bodies, educate their minds, elevate their thoughts, and lighten their eyes till they can see the beauty of the world, recognize God's loving care, and rejoice." How different that was from ordinary Jewish ideas of the time that the Sabbath was a day to be defended and protected, rather than used.

There is still among Seventh Day Baptists too much of the idea that the Sabbath is a legalism. That attitude is much too widespread for our good or God's glory. The very concept of it is repelling. The Gospel is still the Good News of God's grace in Christ, not the keeping of the Fourth Commandment, or any other. Salvation comes first. Sabbathkeeping is one of the ways by which we can show our appreciation of the gift of life which God bestows through His Son.

Many Sundaykeepers do a better job

than Seventh Day Baptists in training their children to love the day of worship. We know a home in Northern New York in which the little girl has come to love Sunday. She says: "I'm always so glad when Sunday comes for it's the loveliest day of the week. We put on our best clothes and go to church. Then we come home to enjoy an especially good dinner. In the afternoon we read together or ride together and have the bestest time. We spend the happy day together."

How different that is from the restraint and boredom which we find too frequently in Seventh Day Baptist homes. If your home is one of the more privileged ones where the Sabbath is enjoyed by all the household, then rejoice and thank God. One of the finest, more recent books by the Jewish author Millgram is entitled *Sabbath the Day of Delight*. Do we habitually think of the Sabbath as the "Day of Delight"? Or as a killjoy? We need to replace the idea of legalism with the idea of privilege.

Let me relate an experience in the home of our friend and brother, Rene Mauch. Mrs. Hurley and I made a special trip to visit them in their home in Canada. At that time they were living near Hemmingford in an old farmhouse which was being remodeled. It was a very simple home with few of the modern conveniences and none of the luxuries. Their daughter Esther had only the simplest of toys and playthings, but was noticeably happy and unspoiled. She was very glad to show us her dollie, only a paper doll with paper dresses. But one dress was special — "That is her Sabbath day dress," said Esther proudly. She was not forbidden her dollie on Sabbath, but since the Sabbath was special, one dress for her doll was special, too. Yet in some homes I have seen the children grow to despise the Sabbath because of the legalism and restriction surrounding it, instead of having it made specially attractive.

The Sabbath did become a legalism in the Jewish religion, but long before it grew into that legalism it was an opportunity for fellowship and communion with God and men. The wilderness altar in time grew into a legalism also, but long

before that day arrived it began as a contact point with God. When Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath," He was speaking of it neither as a legalism, nor as a license, but as a privilege.

III A Localism

Too few of our people have seen in the Sabbath a universal principle as well as a requirement and a privilege. Some people believe that the Sabbath is binding on Jews all right, and on a few Christians, but they do not recognize that it is something that applies to all men everywhere. For them it is only a localism.

On the second Sabbath of last October we attended the Central Association meeting in Leonardsville, N. Y. The afternoon was give over to three workshops to consider different aspects of the Sabbath. When the three groups had reassembled as one general body, reports were given and opportunity was afforded for questions. The question was asked as to what would be permissible on the Sabbath if all the people in our country were Sabbathkeepers. Would doctors and nurses and hospitals keep active? Would hotels and restaurants function in our cities? Would buses run and telephones be in use? And so forth. Well, that Association group declined to consider such a problem. Let other folks decide!

Here is an old, old problem. The Roman and Alexandrian Christians insisted that the Sabbath was a localism — it was only Jewish, not for mankind. That was one of the questions that kept the Church divided during the Middle Ages. Many groups, like the Waldensians, believed the Sabbath to be universal and were persecuted for keeping it, refusing to regard it merely as a Jewish localism. The Reformers bypassed the Sabbath as non-essential. When the Council of Trent, called by the Roman Church to consider problems growing out of the Reformation, was almost in favor of declaring for the doctrine of "Bible Only," instead of the doctrine of "Bible and Tradition," they were turned against the Reformation by being reminded that the Reformers accepted

Sunday on the tradition of the church. So we have the permanent split between Romanists and Protestants because even Protestants considered the Sabbath a localism. It is time Seventh Day Baptists stopped thinking of it so.

Of course, Abraham's wilderness altar was a local affair. It affected directly only him and his immediate family. But it permitted him to meet the God of all the earth. It was a means of contacting the Universal and the Eternal. So the Sabbath. Its benefits and provisions were given as an opportunity for all humanity. "The Sabbath was made for man." It was not a Liability, nor a Legalism, nor a Localism, but a Universal Blessing for all the human race. Let us present it so in our Evangelistic Outreach.

IV

Our Theme

What is the place of the Sabbath in Evangelism and Missions? What emphasis should be given to it in our evangelistic and missionary outreach? Should it be our major message, our primary proclamation?

According to Jesus we have two responsibilities, our duties to God and our duties to men. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Also, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Strangely enough, the Sabbath has a remarkable application in both these realms of responsibility. It is a regularly recurring opportunity for the worship of God, but it is also an opportunity to help men. Through its sacred remembrance we honor our Heavenly Father, while through its teaching and fellowship we instruct and encourage and strengthen our earthly brethren. Let us never minimize the value of the Sabbath.

Yet when we have said all this let us keep the Sabbath in proper balance and perspective. Do we dare emphasize the Sabbath to the extent of making it more important than our duties to men? To practice the forms of religion and ignore the principles of justice and love brought from Jesus some of His sternest denunciations. How scathingly He spoke of those who devour widows' houses, and for

a pretense make long prayers!" He insisted that "they will receive greater condemnation."

I dare not make the Sabbath more important than to love men, rather than to hate and kill; I dare not make the Sabbath more important than to be pure instead of licentious and adulterous; I dare not make the Sabbath more important than to be honest instead of thieving; I dare not make the Sabbath more important than to be truthful instead of bearing false witness; I dare not make the Sabbath more important than to be generous instead of being covetous. One so-called prophetess taught that in vision she saw the Fourth Commandment illuminated by the light of heaven until it shone brighter than all other commands. But Jesus our Lord never overemphasized it so. The sternest condemnations that ever passed His lips were against hard-heartedness and hypocrisy. Let us keep our preaching of the Sabbath in proper balance.

One more word needs to be said: The Sabbath is our distinctive message, but it is not our primary message. If we are Christian at all our primary message, like the Apostle Paul's, must be Jesus Christ and Him crucified. It was not the Sabbath that was incarnate, but Jesus of Nazareth who was God manifested in the flesh; it was Jesus who went about doing good; it was He who bore our sins in His own body on the tree, who conquered death and became the first-fruits of them that slept. "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." We do proclaim the Sabbath, but primarily we proclaim Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Sabbath.

The most sacred act of worship in the Christian Church is not the Sabbath, blessed as that is, but that service of remembrance known as the Eucharist, that holy sacrament most commonly called the Communion or the Lord's Supper. In it we recall in sacred memory the One who died and rose again, our crucified and ever-living Lord of Life. He is, and forever will be, the primary message of the Church of Christ. Only as the Sabbath is properly related to Him is it ever fittingly pro-

claimed by His followers. As our distinctive message let us proclaim the Sabbath only in its proper relationship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BERLIN, N. Y. — In spite of flu, colds, and bad road conditions, there has been good attendance at church and choir rehearsals this winter.

Pastor Paul Maxson attended Ministers Conference at Alfred, April 13-18. In his absence the young people of the church took over the service and did a splendid job. Those taking part in the service were: Paul Greene, invocation; Wesley Greene, the Lord's Prayer; Mary Ann Maxson, call to worship; Robert Ellis, pastoral prayer; Philip Cushman, Scripture; Kenneth Cushman, offertory prayer; Howard Ellis, responsive reading; and children's story, Ann Marie Jones. The sermon was given dually by Althea Greene and Laura Cushman. Althea spoke on "Witnessing for Christ"; Laura on "Young Blood for Christ."

We have a large percentage of young people in our church, and it is gratifying to see them enjoy coming to church and taking an active part in it.

— Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — This has been a very good winter for the Daytona Beach Church with a consistently good attendance and active interest. Pastor and Mrs. Herbert L. Polan, who have served the church so well, plan to return to Battle Creek at the end of April. A Methodist minister from a neighboring town will act as a supply during the summer.

A committee has been appointed to consider the securing of a permanent full-time pastor. The committee is attempting to discover by means of a questionnaire given to all who might be interested the possibilities for adequate financial support of a full-time pastor. It is believed that there is an excellent opportunity here for a growing church and there is a splendid spirit of cooperation and fellowship always evident in the group.

Among the social events of the winter

season have been three parties given to welcome the newlywed couples, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Esle Jeffrey, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Todd. Mr. and Mrs. Todd have recently bought a home in nearby Ormond.

In the Sabbath School and the Church Aid with its active committees there have been both a lively interest and a good attendance. — Correspondent.

LOST CREEK, W. VA. — On the Sabbath of April 11 Dr. Robert Hicks of the American Institute of Family Relations was present at our church. The Salem College Seventh Day Baptist young people conducted the morning worship service with Dr. Hicks bringing the message. Every one enjoyed his wonderful comments on "I Have an Altar."

After the morning worship service Dr. Hicks conducted a discussion with the combined groups of high school, young adults, and senior men and women's classes. Quite a few participated — especially the college students who were to have a test on the comments the following week.

After a very delicious covered dish dinner the afternoon program was conducted by the Rev. J. William Bonner of the Baptist Temple in Fairmont, W. Va. Mr. Bonner lectured and showed slides of his trip to Israel with a chosen group of Boy Scouts.

It was generally agreed that these pictures were some of the most outstanding groups of recent slides taken by any individual of the Holy Land. Mr. Bonner spoke in closing of "having walked where Jesus walked" which had inspired him to be of greater service. Everyone shared in his inspiration.

— Correspondent.

God has promised to honor the person who does not trample the Sabbath underfoot (Isa. 58: 13, 14). How can He fulfill His promise if we do not do our part?

As soon as we realize that the Sabbath is the Lord's day, most of the questions about it will be settled. "Is this my work or the Lord's?"

CORRECTION

The address of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church is 801 North Polk Street, Little Rock, Ark. The street name was incorrectly reported in the March 16 issue.

Accessions

Richburg, N. Y.

By Letter:

- Mrs. Gertrude Burrows
- Mr. Victor Burrows
- Mr. Duane Burrows
- Miss Susie Robinson
- Mr. Paul Baker
- Mrs. Hannah Baker
- Mr. Hubert Cass
- Mr. Willard Cass
- Mrs. Vivian Cass
- Mr. William Irish
- Miss Lora Greene
- Mrs. Edith Blouvet
- Miss Cora Greene
- Mrs. Mabel Davidson
- Mrs. Essie Young

Marriages

Van Horn-Hurley. — Carroll Dean Van Horn, U. S. Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Van Horn, of North Loup, Neb., and Terry Anne Hurley, daughter of President and Mrs. K. Duane Hurley, of Salem, W. Va., were united in marriage on April 19, 1959, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Salem, W. Va., by the Rev. C. W. P. Hansen and the Rev. Duane L. Davis.

Births

- Curtis.** — A daughter, Susan Gail, to Glen and Joan Curtis, Riverside, Calif., on Aug. 4, 1958.
- Ross.** — A daughter, Kathy Ann, to Starlin and Joy Ross of Riverside, Calif., Sept. 9, 1958.
- Dodson.** — A daughter, Lenora, to Darrell and Annabelle (Lee) Dodson, Brea, Calif., Nov. 5, 1958.
- Patton.** — A daughter, Linda Marie, to Bob and Jean (Maxson) Patton, Lake Charles, La., Nov. 24, 1958.
- Stillman.** — A daughter, Melissa, to James and Carolyn (Coon) Stillman, Riverside, Calif., Dec. 25, 1958.
- Boatman.** — A daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Clarence and Kathy Boatman, Sheppard AF Base, Texas, Feb. 10, 1959.
- Henry.** — A daughter, Rachel, to Paul and Marcia Henry, Fontana, Calif., Feb. 28, 1959.
- Elmer.** — A daughter, Karen Suzanne, to Jack and Anne (Babcock) Elmer, Riverside, Calif., April 6, 1959.
- Irabrit.** — A son, Craig, to David and Dixie (Crouse) Irabrit, Los Angeles, Calif., Mar. 29, 1959.

Obituaries

Cockerill. — William Henry, son of Richard and Jane Davis Cockerill, was born June 21, 1872, and died December 18, 1958, in McAllen, Texas.

He was married to Emma Sager at Grafton, Wis., April 27, 1904. In 1927 they moved to Edinburg, Tex. He was a deacon in the Edinburg Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mr. Cockerill is survived by a daughter, Mrs. E. S. (Alice) Kiland, of Red Lake Falls, Minn.; a son, Edward J., and two grandsons, William H. and Edward J., Jr., all of Rice Lake, Wis.; two brothers, Hugh L., of Berlin, Wis., and Walter B., of Milton Junction, Wis.

Funeral services were held in the Edinburg Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor James M. Mitchell officiating. The body was sent to Rice Lake, Wis., for burial. — J. M. M.

Williams. — G. Grover, son of George D. and Estella Hall Williams, was born Oct. 30, 1888, at West Edmeston, N. Y., and died Feb. 13, 1959, at his home in Leonardsville, N. Y.

He attended Leonardsville schools and Alfred University. Mr. Williams was a retired machinist and a veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Leonardsville Church.

He leaves a brother, Roger A.; four sisters: Mrs. Nellie Davis, Mrs. Minnie Sawner, the Misses Mary and Elsie Williams, all of Brookfield; a niece, and several nephews.

The funeral was held from the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. Addison Appel officiating. Burial was in Leonardsville Cemetery. — A. A. A.

Daland. — John Norton, son of William and Agnes Norton Daland, was born at Elizabeth, New Jersey, July 16, 1885, and died in Edgerton Memorial Hospital, Edgerton, Wisconsin, March 28, 1959, following a prolonged illness.

On June 24, 1914, John Daland was united in marriage with Nellie Furrow at Riverside, California.

John Daland was baptized by his father at Leonardsville, N. Y., in 1900. As a long-time member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church he was faithful and active in its life and program. His judgment and counsel were valued in many important church matters through the years.

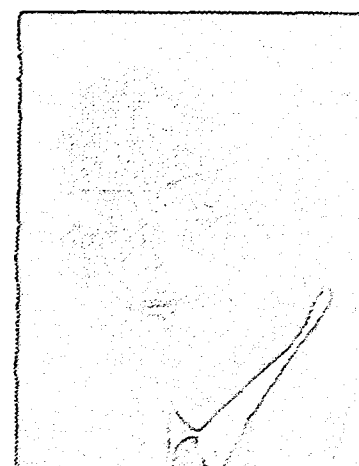
The major contribution made by John Daland came through his more than fifty years of teaching and leadership in Milton College: as head of the History Department, as dean, and twice during his association with the school as acting president.

Surviving are his wife and a daughter, Elizabeth, both of Milton; a son, Robert, of Storrs, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Gregory Hall, Durham, N. C.; two brothers: Clifton, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Alexander, of Rockford, Ill.; and two grandsons.

A memorial service was conducted at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 31, by his pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

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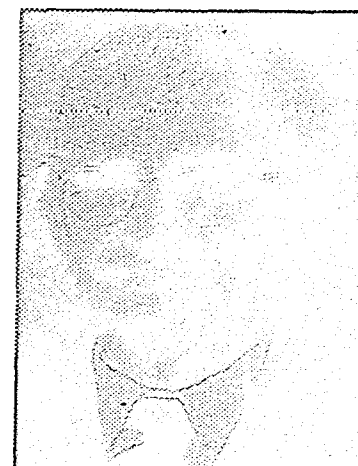


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