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further exploration of the sermons and the business of the Association. Discussion sheets were furnished outlining the subjects to be brought up at the business meeting on Sunday morning.

On Sunday morning at Camp Wakonda, Mr. Wheeler met with the high school youth for a fellowship breakfast and a morning workshop.

At the annual business meeting a proposed revised constitution for the Association was adopted. It was felt that since many of the churches in the Association were revising their constitutions as a result of the Advance Workshops, it would be in line to bring the Association Constitution up to date.

The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year:

President, Charles Williams, Albion; vice-president, Mrs. Evelyn Marsden, Albion; secretary, Mrs. Paul Green, Milton; treasurer, Mrs. Don Gray, Milton; youth representative, Sue Stewart, Kirkwood, Mo.; field coordinator, Don V. Gray, Milton.

A closing worship service was led by the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn of New Auburn, Wis.

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Even the most optimistic forecasts of expanded food production do not provide any permanent escape from family limitation, the 200 delegates to the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches were told at a recent meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., by Dr. Richard M. Fagley, executive secretary of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, speaking to representatives of 30 American denominations.

WCC and the South Africa Problem

A letter sent by the World Council of Churches to leaders of its eight member churches in South Africa on May 12 outlined the concern of that body for the attitude of the churches in the present controversy over the forced segregation (apartheid) of races which the churches there seem to favor. It called to their attention a resolution of the second Assembly of the World Council of Churches declaring its conviction "that any form of

segregation based on race, color, or ethnic origin is contrary to the Gospel, and is incompatible with the Christian doctrine of man and with the nature of the Church of Christ." The letter went on to say in somewhat softer terms:

It is not a part of the nature of the World Council of Churches to pronounce judgments upon churches or nations or people, nor to attempt to enforce convictions which have been crystallized in ecumenical debate. It is the function of the ecumenical movement to witness to such convictions, and it is the function of the World Council of Churches to continue conversations concerning these with those who disagree with them.

OTHER FOLDS AND FIELDS

Lutheran Cooperation Grows

There are eight Lutheran bodies in the National Lutheran Council. One large Lutheran denomination (Missouri Synod) remains aloof. Seven of the eight bodies are currently engaged in two separate moves toward organic union. Committees of the Missouri Synod and the National Lutheran Council have been appointed to draft statements on the doctrinal basis of unity, looking toward the possibility of the Missouri Synod coming into the National Lutheran Council.

Another step toward unity of action is the rather well-hedged decision of the Missouri Synod to participate in the National Council's Division of Home Missions "to the extent our principles permit." Synod officials pointed out that their church would insist upon doctrinal agreement before participating in joint services of public worship with other denominations or in the conduct of jointly controlled mission projects.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Nearly 1,000,000 American men, women, and children were injured or killed last year because an automobile driver exceeded the speed limit. Equally shocking would be the figures, if available, of the toll of those whose lives were shortened or cut off by fast living in disregard of the laws of God and the principles of Christ.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Church of God too feebly leads
Toward life's rewarding goal
By dogmas cold and formal creeds
The weary, troubled soul.

We seek the light in Jesus' face;
All lesser lights grow dim
When common labors in His grace
Unite our hearts in Him.

The unity the Father willed,
By which the world is won,
Now in the sons of God fulfilled
Reveals God's Greater Son.

In this true brotherhood of love,
For which the Master prayed,
We feel the Spirit from above
And press a world crusade.

— from Poems, by Ahva J. C. Bond

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Editor Maltby in Jamaica

Editor-Secretary Leon M. Maltby on his return trip from the Baptist World Congress in Brazil is making a stopover in Jamaica to attend the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference in session in Kingston, July 12-17.

The Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey were made official delegates of our own General Conference to the meeting in Kingston but when it became known that Mr. Maltby was to be so near, an urgent request came from the Rev. Leon Lawton, superintendent of the mission, to the Tract Board for their approval for Mr. Maltby to fellowship with them in their conference meetings. The board granted the request and so although he is an "ambassador without portfolio," it is good to know that one more of our members can help to show our love for our brother and sister Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica.

— D.H.F.

The Leading of the Lord

The story of contacting Seventh Day Baptists and their churches in Brazil could be written as a remarkable testimony of the leading of the Lord if one could piece all the elements together in their proper relation. The important thing to everyone concerned is that after several years of hazy knowledge that some groups bearing our church name existed in portions of the great land of Brazil, personal contact has now been made which may lead to a substantial new chapter in the annals of Seventh Day Baptist history. The contact was possible through last-minute efforts to secure Seventh Day Baptist representation at the Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro.

Perhaps the beginning of the story can be traced to the Ecumenical Relations Committee which brought to the attention of the 1959 General Conference the desirability of having someone represent our Conference at the Baptist Congress. The idea was publicized in the Sabbath Recorder and one or two individuals believed in it enough to pledge some financial help. The Commission and Planning Committee talked about it. Then the Baptist World Alliance office informed the secretary of the Board of Christian Education that

some money from the Travel Fund of the Alliance could be made available. The Advisory Committee of the Tract Society voted to recommend the use of funds because they felt that there was much to be gained in relation to Tract Board interests. When several suitable representatives found it impossible to attend and the secretary-editor was unexpectedly freed from military obligations, he was appointed by the executive secretary of General Conference.

Names and addresses of possible contacts were gathered from the correspondence files of the Tract Board and various other sources. The Lord led by supplying translated Portuguese letters coming to the office via Jamaica at the moment from a pastor at Curitiba, Brazil, a city well to the southwest of Rio. Unable to get transportation just in time for the Baptist Congress, the representative was forced to go early enough to have opportunity to locate a few so-called Seventh Day Baptists — if they could be found in a strange land where there was a language barrier and very inadequate locating facilities.

The next day after leaving Plainfield the editor-secretary ventured forth from his hotel, 5,000 miles from home, with high hopes of finding a pastor in Sao Paulo, a city of nearly four million that is rightly called the Chicago of Brazil. The man's last name was long and strange but not in the long list filling the pages of the telephone directory. Finally, one was found that seemed to fit exactly. A visit to his office brought to light the fact that he was of quite a different faith. A new beginning had to be made.

Then came the first experience of the gracious hospitality and unexpected helpfulness of the Brazilian people. The Lord led an increasingly dependent editor by the hand of a Catholic girl who spoke a little English, and took him through strange streets to a place where further information could be found. Ultimately, with the help of others who could talk two languages on the telephone it was learned that the man sought was out of the city and would be at Rio the following Sunday for the opening of the Baptist Congress.

Were these frustrating but interesting experiences part of the leading of the Lord? It later appeared so, for there seemed to be no reason to tarry longer in that city but to hasten hopefully on by air to Curitiba to be ready in the morning to locate another pastor whose translated letter, mentioned above, rang with such a note of evangelistic zeal that meeting him seemed highly important. The Lord provided free transportation with generous businessmen. But, again, it was found that locating a man without a phone and only a post office box number was not as easy as it might sound. Once more, it was one of another faith who came to the rescue at the post office to the extent of some three hours of driving and phoning. This young law student finally succeeded and in the next two days there was a real sharing of experiences and life problems. The week to come brought to light the openness of many hearts which we would expect to be closed by the traditions and teachings of their church.

But more of the leading of the Lord! The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Curitiba which had been in existence for many years had been found by the first representative of the U. S. Seventh Day Baptist Conference. After a long evening of questions and answers in the home of the deacon and with the local leaders of a loosely organized Seventh Day Baptist conference of the United States of Brazil, the question of the leading of the Lord in regard to visiting another church of like faith was before us. The brethren advised that distances were too great and the language barrier too high for such an attempt to be made. Lunch and evening get-togethers were planned for Friday and I would supply the pulpit for them and meet the people from the country.

Daily the fellowship and understanding grew and tentative plans for mutual helpfulness began to crystalize. It was the feeling of all that my coming to them for three days had been of the Lord. They were supplied with sample tracts which, with help, could be translated into Portuguese and printed to help in their zealous evangelism. Supplied with the

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knowledge that there were over 20 churches in several states, the U. S. representative was asked to be their spokesman also as occasion rose at the Baptist Congress. It meant much to be able to tell people who were interested in Seventh Day Baptists that the present generation had witnessed the springing up of many churches without the help of, or even the knowledge of a parent church. Some of the people who study the Bible for themselves are bound to become Sabbathkeeping Baptists; so it would seem. Most naturally they take the normal descriptive name.

The Lord led in the sending of a representative to the Baptist World Congress. When he left the headquarters building at Plainfield, he ventured forth to a new continent alone, expecting to be the sole spokesman for our Conference and our boards. When he left Curitiba on a frosty winter day, there were two carloads of erstwhile strangers who drove 17 kilometers to see him off at Rio. Neither was he alone at Rio. The following Friday one of the Brazilian church leaders looked up the editor at the press table and spent much of the next three or four days with him, and experiencing the surge of the Congress as it came to a climax in the world's greatest gathering of Protestants and visitors come together to hear Billy Graham.

Guest Editorial

By Paul Osborn

In this day of threats and counterthreats between our nation and many others, we as Christians need to be firmly established on the Rock, Christ Jesus. The government assures us that our bombers, missiles, and submarines are ready to meet any attack or danger that may come from behind the iron curtain. Khrushchev and Co. reply with threats of missile attacks and economic aggressions. It is a peculiar situation with many faint hearts on both sides. Recently, however, this writer heard one of the leaders of our denomination state that he was pleased to be reassured by the U-2 incidents that we are not behind Russia in armaments and ballistics.

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MEMORY TEXT

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. Proverbs 19:1.

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But in this day of atomic warfare, it is not the one that has the most, but the one who gets the first punch who will have the advantage. No one truly wins any war, and especially can we see this is true of the conflict which may come as a result of any misunderstandings or determined conflicts today.

This situation calls to mind several things. We in America are concerned with freedom. Freedom for all, if at all possible; freedom for us at any cost. We depend upon the administration of the United States Government to provide us with the security that will keep us free. This is right and this is good. Let us not do anything which will weaken America and prevent her from defending freedom on a global scale.

But let us not, as Christians, depend upon this strength to keep us free. Let us take heed to the lessons learned in the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. Jeremiah was called of God to warn Judah of making alliances with heathen nations: "Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:5). Judah fell, trusting in an alliance with Egypt to preserve her freedom, forsaking faith in God for faith in idol-worshiping neighbors.

Are we in America any better than they? What do we trust for our security? We as a nation have NATO, SEATO, and many individual treaties. We have SAC, Atlas, and satellites. But where is our true strength? The thing that makes me fear in this day is not that the Russian military might will overcome us, but that we will depend on the arm of flesh which cannot but fail us.

When good King Hezekiah was faced with the hordes of Sennacherib's army, he reassured his people and his army with these words, "Be strong and courageous,

be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah" (2 Chronicles 32:7-8). Unless we as Christians are willing to lead the nation in repentance and crying out to God, no armaments can save us!

Our World Mission Giving

By Doris H. Fetherston

Our World Mission giving for June fell below May giving. Of the sixty member churches of our Conference nineteen failed to send any support to our united work to be distributed to our boards and agencies when the treasurer sent checks the first week in July. Six of the forty-one churches who did send money sent more than in any previous month of this year. A few churches have given no support this year and, to date, in no month has there been received one-twelfth of the amount voted by the 1959 Conference as needed to support the 1959-60 Our World Mission program.

These facts should give us cause for serious thought. Perhaps we as a people want a different program from the one we have. If so, it is our duty to make our ideas known in our coming sessions of Conference.

Surely in our world today the Christian message and the knowledge and blessing of God's Sabbath are needed, perhaps more than they have ever before been. Are we literally "passing by on the other side"? Are we letting things of lesser importance demand not only our money but our time and thought until we are failing to "bind and care for" the spiritual needs of our world?

The program of Our World Mission because of the consecrated and sacrificial efforts of workers in various phases of our program and the financial support of many of us, has accomplished much and truly has been blessed of God. One of our great

needs is that more and more of us should give thought as to what we consider of most importance in our world today. Then each should ask God's guidance in finding out how he personally can help in making and supporting the program of Our World Mission that will ever be more effective for Him.

If it is God's will that the 1959-60 Our World Mission budget be raised and if every one of us gives prayerful thought to this matter, it will be raised and His work will be more and more effectively accomplished through Seventh Day Baptists.

Western Association

By Doyle Zwiebel

A full weekend was experienced by Western New York Seventh Day Baptists when on June 17-19 the Western Association convened. Activities began on Sabbath eve in the Richburg Church with an adult meeting arranged by Mrs. Jesse Burdick. Laywomen presented the program. It included papers by Mrs. Gertrude Burrows of Friendship, Mrs. Rachel Kenyon of Hebron, and Mrs. Vera Reynolds of Little Genesee. Mrs. Grace Sanford read the Scripture and offered prayer. Music was furnished by the local choir under the direction of Mrs. Marie Zwiebel, and a solo was sung by Mrs. Marie Bee.

Running concurrently with the above mentioned meeting was a youth rally under the sponsorship of the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene N. Fatato. Planned originally as an evening of fun at Little Rock City, it was held at the community house in Little Genesee due to a sudden heavy downpour. After their earlier activities, the group heard a talk by Conference President Skaggs.

The Sabbath dawned dark and cool, but rain didn't show during the day. The main meeting was held at the Independence Church with its interim pastor, the Rev. O. Blakely Hill, presiding. There was a good attendance. President Skaggs challenged the group with a sermon entitled "Thine Is the Power and the Glory."

Following the traditional tureen dinner served ably by the local women, a panel

discussion was moderated by the Rev. Dr. Melvin G. Nida. Members of the panel who spoke briefly were Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson and President Skaggs. Concluding remarks were made by Mr. Pearson at the request of Wayne Crandall, who suggested that the speaker give his observations of what the lay movement had or had not accomplished during his tour of the churches. Mr. Pearson pointed out two things: (1) the average Seventh Day Baptist's interest in mundane things; (2) the lack on the part of Seventh Day Baptists of true Sabbath conviction.

Sunday morning the Association young adults, co-chaired by Grace and Maurice McCrea, presented the worship preliminaries with Robert Stohr leading. Pastor Doyle Zwiebel gave the morning prayer. Mr. Pearson spoke on "The Exalted Christ," thus further carrying out the meeting theme "Jesus Christ Is Lord!"

The afternoon session was moderated by Pastor J. Paul Green, who carried out the order of business very efficiently. Besides the reading of the regular reports, other business was discussed. A statement from the Camp Planning Committee reported that several hundred dollars were being used to build a new girls' dormitory and shower facilities at Camp Harley, and that other money would be needed soon to be able to pass the state's sanitary inspection. A letter from the Central Association asked that the Western contribute at least fifty dollars toward their project of setting up an advertisement booth at the New York State Fair near Syracuse in September. This request was granted.

Mrs. A. Burdet Crofoot was elected moderator and the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato, vice-moderator, for the coming year.

Pre-Conference Meetings

Commission — Monday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. to Friday, August 12

Planning Committee — Sunday, August 14 at 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Co-ordinating Council — Sunday, August 14 at 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All meetings will convene on the campus of John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Mission Activity in a Changing World

(An address presented by Loren Osborn at the Waterford, Conn., Seventh Day Baptist Church April 23, 1960)

(Continued from last week)

There is nothing that I know of to prevent Seventh Day Baptists being employed as schoolteachers, medical workers, or in other technical capacities by the government — if by so doing they can continue to advise and counsel with our people there. By this means they might become so involved in the indigenous movement of the church that they could do even more good than they could as employees of a foreign-controlled mission board.

Now this brings up another problem — and a very grave one — in these areas where political unrest, and even open rebellion against existing governments, is evident. We must walk a tightrope between the established government, no matter how stringent its regulations are, and the wishes of the native, nationalistic movements that are becoming more and more influential.

To fall into disfavor with the government would be to risk expulsion from the country. Our movements in Nyasaland are suspect in many ways, and traceable to the origins of Seventh Day Baptist groups as started by Joseph Booth. His philosophy was one that any red-blooded, liberty-loving American can readily understand, but it sowed dissatisfaction among the natives and brought them too suddenly into a new, independent attitude with which they could not cope. His whole philosophy of Africa for Africans and their right to independence was hardly one to endear him to the British authorities of the early 1900's. This eventually led to the 1915 rebellion led by one of Booth's earliest converts, one John Chilembwe. Enough to make us move with caution even now where government regulations and wishes are concerned.

But on the other hand, with native elements testing their newly found powers, and working actively to establish their

own governments free of white domination, we risk losing the loyalty and friendship of these very people with whom we are committed to work, and for whom we are dedicating so much effort to bring the Gospel.

As I said, this is a long-range program — looking forward even to the time when the government, whether it be some modification of the present British Colonialism, or a new government by the natives themselves, can and will take over the school systems, medical institutions, and other technical areas of public service.

From this point we could branch out into other problems that confront our African Seventh Day Baptist brothers — such as the place of nationalism and political affiliation in churches; the question of whether Christians can actively support organizations working for the ultimate overthrow of the present government, and so on and so on.

(Such small but significant steps as increasing the African representation on the Executive Committee that administers the mission activity so that there will be a native majority is one way of imposing responsibility; another is to appoint and have on the job assistants in every important administrative or executive function so that they can learn as swiftly as possible to assume the actual burden of the work — even looking to the time in the not too distant future when we will turn over all our American-owned physical assets to the native organization for operation. These and others can be developed.)

These are interesting points to pursue in conversation, but nothing will be gained by going into them any deeper here. I would like to conclude with a brief resume of what I propose to present to the Missionary Board meeting by way of recommendations affecting our present policy of operation. (Any questions or comments you have will be welcomed.)

It will be recommended to the board:

1. To reverse our present position and accept government assistance for the op-

eration of our schools, as well as for the medical work, of our mission in Nyasaland.

2. To commend the present representatives of the board now working at Makapwa for their efforts to indigenize the Nyasaland work, and they will be urged to proceed even farther with it.

3. To maintain close contact, even as they are attempting to do now with the local people so that the "White-Colonial" barrier that often exists between missionaries and the native population can be broken down. Anyone who reads the letters and listens to the experiences of our own Seventh Day Baptist missionaries on the spot will readily attest to the fact that they identify themselves wholeheartedly with the African — feel pain with their pain and joy with their joy — but physical evidence of this love, as outlined previously, will do much to implement their dedication to this philosophy.

4. To continue to work through whatever technical means we can command — to give them tangible aid so that we can keep our "platform" (to put it graphically) from which to preach the Gospel of Christ — which is our primary aim.

In producing "Stop Driving Us Crazy," the new film which highlights for young people the moral responsibility involved in the use of an automobile, the Methodist Board of Temperance has made a significant contribution to the Safety Movement.

— National Safety Council.

Vocational Interests

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As the General Conference year comes to a close, will anyone who has been helped by the Vocational Interests column please address the above and relate the story. This information, given promptly, will be helpful in determining the value of this service.

A letter from each local church vocational committee chairman will be greatly appreciated.

Statement of Belief

By Eugene N. Fatato

I have been reared in a Christian home and as a member of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. Thus I have learned to cherish liberty of thought. I present, herewith, my statement of belief with this in mind. This personal evaluation is based upon study as well as experience. It may contain errors, and for these I ask your indulgence. I expect to continue to study and to grow and to show myself approved unto God. The truths that may be contained in this statement are to the honor and glory of God who has seen fit to reveal them to me.

This statement is not by any means a final one, but the beginning of a growing process which I know must continue. I fall short of the glory of God and the only way to achieve my goal is to strive for perfection. In this way, I am sure, I will know and understand more as I continue in the Christian way of life.

God

I believe that God is the creator and sustainer of the universe. All that has life, and that which does not, was created by God and is sustained as a product of His will. All that He created was good, but man with his sinful nature has corrupted many of God's creations (Gen. 1: 31). I must accept God as the creator and sustainer of all things. For me to deny this would be to deny His sovereignty.

I believe in God as the one, personal, perfect, and eternal spirit. God is personal. He is no mere sub-personal thing or force, but is what the Bible calls a "living" God confronting man with an inescapable call to worshipful devotion and loyal service. He is not a God of the dead, but of the living (Matt. 22: 32). The personal relationship between God and man is never eliminated. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5: 48).

I believe that God is a perfect Being without an evil nature. The evil which exists in the world is a product of mankind. Man's tendency to turn away from

God started with early man and today it seems almost an ordinary function in every one of us. This, however, does not credit God with creating evil as well as good but attributes to man the creation of evil.

I believe that God is an eternal Spirit. To think of God otherwise would be to limit Him. "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4: 24). It is from Jesus that we learn much about God. He told the Samaritan woman that she did not have to go to a holy mountain or to Jerusalem to worship God but that she should worship Him in spirit and in truth.

I believe that God manifests a holy and redeeming love to all men. When God gave us His Son, Jesus Christ, He showed us the holy and redeeming love He has for all mankind. He permitted man to crucify Jesus and still offers us pardon from our sins. (See John 3: 16, Romans 5: 8.) We may reject Him over and over again, but when we turn to Him, He is willing to forgive.

Jesus Christ

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the divine-human Savior of the world, the man in and through whom God turned the course of history and reconciled a rebellious world to Himself. He is the center of my religion.

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 16). I believe that Jesus Christ fulfills the messianic hope in the Old Testament as the Messiah, the divinely appointed Prince who fulfills the hope of the world and restores His Father's Kingdom in defiance of all. Instead of coming in glory, to liberate the world, He came in humiliation, "lowly and riding upon an ass" (Zech. 9: 9).

I believe that all of the New Testament was written to kindle and express the belief that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of God" (John 20: 31). I believe that Jesus was clothed with divine authority and that He has proceeded from God and been uniquely close to God from the very beginning. His birth was brought about by the power of God (Luke 1: 35), but even before His birth there was something in the very being of God that was al-

ready moving toward His advent (John 1: 1-3; 10: 30).

I believe that Jesus Christ offered His life as a voluntary sacrifice on our behalf. Christ showed His love for man by fighting evil to His death and had thus broken the power of evil over man. Through this sacrifice we are able to obtain remission for our sins.

I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I do not like to use the term "physical" or "spiritual" in reference to the resurrection. This terminology does not do justice to Christ's victory over death. When the woman came to the tomb and looked in, the angel said, "He is not here: for he is risen" (Matt. 28: 6). If the body of Jesus Christ was present, how could one believe He was risen? I do not question whether a physical or spiritual change took place. The important fact in my belief is that Jesus Christ rose and that He lives today.

I believe that Jesus Christ was without sin (2 Cor. 5: 21; Hebrews 4: 15; 1 Peter 2: 22). He was tempted as we are and suffered as we suffer. This unites all my Christian faith. He asks me to do nothing He hasn't done Himself. I believe I should pattern my life after the spotless life of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity, the one that dwells in the hearts of men. The Holy Spirit is our comforter, active in the hearts, minds, and lives of men. He reproves of sin, instructs in righteousness, and empowers for witnessing and service. I believe that the Holy Spirit inspired the writings which we now call the Bible.

Through the Holy Spirit, the presence of the glorified Christ is a reality to men in all generations. Through Him we are called to faith and He leads us to a life as sons of God. The Holy Spirit bears inward witness of God. God has made man for Himself, and everlastingly solicits him from without and within, leading him back toward his true source and goal without ever violating his freedom. But we are led back to God only when we are willing to submit to the power of the

Holy Spirit instead of our own selfish ways.

The Church is not only the people of God and the Body of Christ; it is also the community of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit, at Pentecost and after, is a further act of God which, dependent as it is upon the central and decisive act in Christ, may be considered as the final act that created the new people of God out of the old.

I believe we can comprehend the workings of the Holy Spirit not only in our own lives but in the lives of other Christians. The Holy Spirit enables us to take the written and the spoken word and transform it into deeds for the honor and glory of God.

The Bible

I believe that the Bible is the scriptural Word of God. It is the infallible rule of faith and practice, sufficient by itself, without traditional supplement, to give the saving knowledge of God. I do not, however, deny the existence of natural and general revelation outside of the Scriptures, nor do I deny the necessity of an inward work of the Spirit to make the human heart receptive to the scriptural Word. Yet the hope of salvation does not finally rest on anything in nature or in the human heart; it rests on God's promises declared in the Scriptures.

I believe that the Bible was inspired by God through the Holy Spirit. By this I mean that the Holy Spirit worked through the minds of men to convey to all mankind the thoughts of God. I do believe that there may be errors in our modern text. These errors are not the errors of God but of man as he attempts to translate the Scriptures into modern-day language. My Christianity depends upon the Bible as a pattern for my way of life.

(To be continued)

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 30, 1960

Seeds of National Decay

Lesson Scripture: Hosea 10:1-8, 12.

Women at Conference

On Tuesday afternoon there will be a workshop where we hope to explore the responsibility of all women in the areas of better leadership, better programs, and fuller participation as group members. The buzz sessions will afford an opportunity to exchange ideas. Bring your ideas and suggestions to these discussion groups.

On Thursday afternoon the annual meeting of the Women's Society will be held, where brief reports will be given, officers elected, and other business matters considered. Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, president, will preside. All women are voting members of the Women's Society and we hope will be present at this meeting. If arrangements can be completed it will be held in connection with the evening meal.

The Conference display will include new ideas for handwork and interesting items from women's societies. Add yours to the display. Bring or send your contribution to Mrs. Lloyd Seager, 6925 Rockwood Road, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mission books for our next year's study will be there for your perusal on the themes: "Into All the World Together" and "Heritage and — Horizons in Home Missions."

Articles and books mentioned in the program packet will be on display for your interest.

Summer Reading

What type of reading do you prefer for the summer months? If you are interested in our world neighbors, these books might appeal to you: *I Married a Korean* by Agnes Davis Kim; *Beyond the Ranges* by Mrs. Howard Taylor — a story of southwest China; *North to the Orient* by Ann Lindbergh.

Lighter reading, though surely no less worth while, could be the *Family Nobody Wanted* by Helen Doss; *The Little Professor of Piney Woods* by Beth Day; *My Lord, What a Morning* by Marian Anderson; *Papa's Wife* by Thyra Ferre Bjorn.

Christian Culture Committee.

Impressoes Sobre
o Congresso Batista

The title of the editor's report of impressions of the Baptist Congress is given in the language of Brazil in order to let our readers catch immediately just a little of the feeling of the less than 3,000 English-speaking people from the United States lost in the midst of a crowd of Portuguese-speaking people of which we of North America were but a very small minority.

The opening meeting was Sunday afternoon, June 26, in the great circular, concrete auditorium at Rio de Janeiro. The preparations for this important 10th Baptist Congress were coming to just a little less than frantic conclusion on Sunday morning as press arrangements and television installations came into working condition. The greatest value of the Baptist World Congress, held for the first time in a mission country, would be in helping Brazilian Protestants, and Baptists in particular, to evangelize the vast country. Although definite calls for expression of newly-found faith would not be given until the closing day, almost every message would be geared to evangelism or the strengthening of Baptist faith. The first task of conversion was that of converting the secular building into a place of worship and a religious workshop. It was a task similar to that which confronted the people who prepared Madison Square Garden in New York for the Billy Graham Crusade a few years ago. The great platform had been built ahead of time and the theme, "Christ Is Lord," had been painted in giant letters just under the concrete dome above, where the 3000-voice choir would take its place every day.

Below the choir loft in the more or less subterranean area back of the platform there had to be some converting done. Here would be the throbbing life of the Congress with control, recording rooms, radio and wire services, and the day and night grinding of duplicating machines to provide the press with advance copies of nearly every message. The press rooms, equipped with a good supply of new typewriters on loan from a local company,

were converted men's and women's dressing rooms. For better lighting the typewriters were placed on the rows of mirrored dressing tables of the chorus girls and actors who more normally occupied the secular building. It was your editor's observation that neither editors nor secretaries who worked there gave much thought to what they could see in the swinging lighted mirrors if they looked up from their work. They were putting themselves into the labor of love during the week, but thought of self seemed to be lacking everywhere.

An Impressive Congress

What shall we say in a general way of our impressions of the Congress? First of all, it was impressive. None could deny it, not the delegates from 67 nations, not the Baptists of Brazil, not the newspapers of the city and nation, not the governor of the state, not the representatives of the national congress who were featured on the last evening, and not the Roman Catholic Church which feels keenly the constant loss to the Protestant (largely Baptist) movement. An evidence of the fact that the Catholic Church sensed the impressiveness particularly of the great meeting on the second Sunday could be seen in the mass distribution of anti-Baptist fliers just outside the stadium. We hasten to add that although Brazil is predominantly a Catholic country — originally a colony from Portugal — there is almost complete separation of church and state and the tenderhearted people are responding to the warmth of Christian love which is able to find expression in a land where the church is not in control. (Perhaps we will have more to say later of the editor's experiences along this line. They were numerous.)

An impressive Congress! Yes. The governor of the state, himself a Roman Catholic, welcomed with thunderous applause, was among the first to say so. Never before had he ever seen so many people in that gymnasium (the local papers reported 30,000). The procession of the flags of 67 nations circling the auditorium to the platform must have impressed him as it

did some 27,000 other Brazilians. Applause could not be restrained as the flags appeared. Religious faith was firmly avowed as the theme of the Congress rang out over the multiple loudspeakers in every language. In a congregation that far exceeded that of the Day of Pentecost in Acts, other representatives of those nations had an experience of hearing at least the basic declaration of the Gospel, "Jesus Christ is Lord," . . . each in his own tongue. There was a similar procession of flags before nearly 200,000 people at the outdoor meeting July 3.

Impressive indeed was the great 3000-voice choir on that first occasion. Feeling ran high when from the midst of it a large band rose up to play the national anthem of the United States of Brazil. When the governor spoke he said as much as any man of another faith could be expected to say. He mentioned that Brazil was the largest Roman Catholic body in the world but that there was no place for discrimination or intolerance in this country. He implored the Almighty for the people assembling in the Congress and was loudly applauded when he mentioned faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and the mutual desire of all to work for the good of the country. He had previously mentioned the appropriateness of such a gathering as this in Rio under the shadow of "Christ the Redeemer." (The reference was to the great white statue of Christ that dominates the highest mountain peak and is visible day and night from almost all parts of a city of 3,500,000. The statue, incidentally, lacks any elements that are distinctly Roman Catholic.)

Before closing this first article dealing with impressions, let it be said that the total experience at Rio and two other great cities which would nearly equal in combined population the city of New York makes your editor, in common with a large number of editors and 2,000 other United States citizens in attendance, feel strongly the urge to tell such a story as will enlarge our appreciation of and love for a people who speak a language that is little known in our country. We want to enlarge the vision of our readers.

We are in a sense a family — a family

that cannot countenance the thought of not enough love to encompass another child. Your representative spent two Sabbaths in Brazil with Sabbathkeeping churches. We have, as it were, Seventh Day Baptist children in Brazil — one third as many churches and missions as in the United States. They are relatively self sufficient. Their people would like to be enclosed in the circle of our love, just as they would like to have enough information about us to enclose us in their circle of love. That story is separate from the Congress story, but the Brazilian Seventh Day Baptists, a small minority, are not completely unknown. There were many opportunities to represent them (at the request of the leaders of their headquarters church) at the World Congress in talking with numerous central figures.

Tract Board News

Plans for future uses of tracts and new publications were discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Sabbath Tract Society July 10. Franklin A. Langworthy of Plainfield presided at the meeting attended by members from Shiloh, Bridgeton, Marlboro, Plainfield, Philadelphia, and Battle Creek, Michigan. Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, executive secretary of the General Conference, spoke on Our World Mission and introduced the Rev. K. K. Samson of Poona, India. Mr. Samson spoke on his desire to have tracts published in several of the Indian languages.

At the recommendation of the Publications Committee, it was voted to print a new tract "Tired — Try this remedy," and to print tracts in foreign languages. Other business included the reporting of the continuing project to prepare disc records of Bible studies in the Chinyanga language and the approval of the reports of the various committees.

The Sabbath Promotion Committee reported that the Central Association is planning to rent a booth at the New York State Fair and the committee will give up to one-half of the expense up to \$100 on a matching fund basis.

The prize winning poster, "Travel with a Tract," will be used as the third poster for tract promotion and has been sent to the

churches. Distribution figures show that 27,249 tracts have already been sent to churches and individuals on 65 orders.

Everett T. Harris, Jr., was welcomed as the new manager of the publishing house to succeed L. Harrison North. Courtland V. Davis, who has been a member of the Tract Society since 1926 will leave soon with his wife to assume the duties of headmaster at Crandall High School in Kingston, Jamaica.

The special issue project of the Sabbath Recorder was reported sufficiently well established so that the Advisory Committee and the board can look farther ahead in planning. The Pacific Coast Association has placed a standing order for 1,000 special issues for use as their principal piece of Sabbath evangelistic literature.

L. Harrison North gave his final report after 36 years of service as manager of the publishing house. He reported sales for this 36-year period have amounted to \$4,169,984 of which \$3,633,195.40 has been commercial and \$536,788.60 denominational (books, tracts, Year Books, Sabbath Recorder, Helping Hand, etc.)

Punch and cake were served in honor of L. Harrison North, Courtland Davis, and Everett T. Harris, Jr.

Editor Writes to Tract Board Members of the Tract Board:

Since I will not be present at the quarterly Tract Board meeting Sunday, July 10, I want to write briefly of my thanksgiving to God for the opportunities I have had to learn, to bear witness, to distribute tracts, to discover churches, and to share in the Baptist World Congress in ways that might not have been quite as open to one who was not a representative of the Tract Board or editor of a religious publication.

Never in my life have I felt more the leading of the Lord in many of the things which were quite unforeseen before my departure. Some doors were closed that seemed most open for enjoyable experiences but with the opening of others. For example, I made no contacts of denominational value in Sao Paulo and so went on to Curitiba, the capital of a state farther south. (A portion of this letter is deleted

since a fuller account of the Curitiba visit is given in the editorial, "Leading of the Lord," page 2.)

As to the Congress itself, my position as a member of the press and a fellow editor gave me access to many places where others were not free to enter and entitled me to advance copies of most of the addresses — a distinct advantage in an auditorium where the public address system was hard to control adequately. It also entitled me to meet a far greater percentage of the leadership of the World Congress than would have been possible to one not assigned to the headquarters hotel. The Seventh Day Baptist witness was therefore at a level that could be expected to reach a large number of people in many lands.

Tract and Recorder distribution was natural, and appreciated ostensibly by many. Never have I had such opportunity and pleasure in this kind of work. Particularly useful were the tracts picturing the Seventh Day Baptist Building. Nearly all given out were personally autographed.

In haste,
Leon M. Maltby.

DEATH AND LIFE

By Rev. Leon Lawton

Physical life is one of the things which all who read this have. It is precious; it is sacred; and yet, it is so easily gone. For death is ever before us. Those stricken by age or illness slip away. Though we sorrow, such passing is expected. Accidental death comes every day, and tragic as it may be, we become accustomed to learn of such in our age. But deliberate death by one's own hand — suicide — still causes us to sit up and take notice. Why should death be desired?

Perhaps the answer could be as varied as the individuals who take this step. But basically it is shown that they have decided life is not worth living. Despair, financial setbacks, love problems, sin brought to light — these and others are behind such acts. And deliberate death is chosen by those of all walks of life, of all social backgrounds. Probably many more think of this "way out" than actually take the step.

But God through His Word shows us that there is more for man than just physical life. Jesus Christ testified as a reason for His coming: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10b.) That which Christ offers is purposeful living, joyful days, and a peace inwardly that passes man's understanding. A life filled with the presence of the Giver of Life. A life abundant! To have this life should be the desire of all who read these lines.

The abundant life is one freed from the guilt and power of sin. Only Christ can bring this to pass because of His death for us on the cross. He said He came "to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). He bore our sin on the cross that we, receiving Him as our Savior, by faith, might have our sin forgiven, might have our lives cleansed, might be able to know abundant life. Have you believed this? Have you received Christ as your Savior? Read John 6:37.

The abundant life is one filled with the presence of Christ. Paul rejoiced in testifying, "And my present life is not that of the old 'I', but the living Christ within me. The bodily life I now live, I live believing in the Son of God, who loved me and sacrificed Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20, Phillips). In John 15, Jesus spoke of the relation between Himself and the believer as like that between the vine and the branches. In verse 11 He says, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Is this your experience? Do you have His joy?

The abundant life is one fortified for the trials of life. To the true Christian, despair, defeat, problems, sin made known — all these drive one closer to the Savior. Why? In Him lies the answer. In Him there is comfort. In Him, understanding and guidance and cleansing are known. As Paul said, "I can even enjoy weaknesses, suffering, privations, persecutions, and difficulties for Christ's sake. For my very weakness makes me strong in Him" (2 Cor. 12:10, Phillips). Have you known His strength in time of need? Have trials and testings been times of triumph, joy, and peace?

Memorial Board

The Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund met in regular session Sunday, July 10, 1960, to transact the business that usually is cared for at a quarterly meeting.

Thurman C. Davis of Shiloh, N. J., attended his first meeting as a trustee after his election at the April meeting to fill the unexpired term of Courtland V. Davis, who goes in August to Kingston, Jamaica, to take up his duties as headmaster of Crandall High School under the auspices of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Out-of-town visitors were Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston of Battle Creek, executive secretary of General Conference, and Mrs. Rolland A. Maxson of Milton, Wis., who is in charge of the Press Relations office of the denomination.

Of special interest was the consideration of the Albert S. Maxson Trust Fund of \$63,388.43, which is to be entirely expended within thirty to forty years, both principal and income, one-third going to the retired ministers' fund and two-thirds "to foster Bible Study, Sabbath School Bible Study, Vacation Bible Study, and like and allied work," etc. This work quite likely can be undertaken by the Board of Christian Education, under the direction of General Conference.

Also it was announced that four Seventh Day Baptist students attending Milton College had been granted scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 each from a discretionary fund now called the Scholarship Distribution Fund.

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Remember, Jesus came that everyone might have life — **ABUNDANT LIFE!** Physical Life is one of the things which we all have. But abundant life has to be accepted — chosen — by faith in Christ. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Have we found it?

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Protestant-Catholic Understanding

Some 3,000 laymen of churches in Boston on May 22 heard one of America's foremost preachers call for better understanding between Protestants and Roman Catholics. In his keynote address to the 10th annual Laymen's Communion Breakfast in the Massachusetts capital, Dr. Theodore P. Ferris declared that the modern Catholic looking at the modern Protestant today could have "grounds for real misgiving."

"I am bound to admit," said Dr. Ferris, "that Protestantism has often wandered so far from the real intent and spirit of the gospel that it has sometimes become not much more than a secular club. If we, as Protestants, have good reason for thinking that Catholics often fly too high into the clouds of mythology and magic, Catholics have good reason for thinking that Protestants often fly so low that they never get off the ground of materialism and the American Way of Life."

Admitting that most religious terminology is incomprehensible to modern man, the World Council executive, Dr. Visser 't Hooft, asked for religious communication in "the relevant language of today." Does he mean theological terminology derived from the Bible or the language of the highly ritualistic churches, or both? It seems to us that most of the preaching in our church circles is in "the relevant language of today" — so much so that many of our people have failed to understand the basic doctrines of our faith. There is need for definitive language.

Accessions

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Testimony:

Ellen Marie Polan (Mrs. Adren)
Carl Sisler

By Baptism:

Marie Barnes
Lauralee Bond
Sharon Davis

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — Pacific Pines Camp is in progress for our youth with Pastor Wheeler and Pastor Saunders from the Los Angeles Church as directors. Intermediate camp was June 19 - 27 with 36 young people and the staff. Several decisions for Christ were made and some rededications. The senior camp was July 1 - 4; primary, July 5 - 8; and junior camp, July 10 - 17.

We are happy to say that arrangements are being made for Wayne Hambleton to go as an exchange camper to Boulder and Denver for the youth camp in that Association. The young people are sponsoring several projects for raising money to send a representative to the Pre-Con camp. They have an accumulative fund whereby it is used whenever there is need.

The Rev. Harry Gomer, chaplain at the General Hospital, has been a guest minister twice recently when Pastor Wheeler has been away.

On June 19, Dr. Dale Curtis and Rosalie Harper were married in the church with a very beautiful ceremony and reception following. We welcome Rosalie into our fellowship. They met in France when both were in the U. S. service as doctor and nurse.

Dr. K. Duane Hurley was the guest speaker at the service Sabbath morning, July 1. His subject: "Voices That Must Be Heard." He is attending the National Education Association being held in Los Angeles.

— Correspondent.

ALBION, WIS.—The quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago churches was held at Albion April 22 and 23. The Friday night meeting subject was "Hymnology of the Church." Besides the five divisions of hymns of the church there was special music — two selections by a male quartet and two by a mixed quartet. The speaker Sabbath morning was the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. As there is no Sabbath School session at the quarterly meeting and the lesson subject for that day was "The Holy Spirit," Pastor Randolph gave a helpful sermon on that subject.

In the afternoon after the business meeting there was a devotional meeting planned and led by representative young people. Talks relating to Christian Higher Education were given by Miss Mary Neils, Dan Randolph, and Prof. L. H. Stringer.

The last two workshops of this spring were on the subject of "The People and Their Pastor," with Mrs. Evelyn Marsden, leader.

The Albion people enjoyed seeing and hearing the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson. He spoke Sabbath morning. They showed pictures and African articles that night. Mrs. Pearson spoke at the meeting of the Home Benefit and the Missionary Societies on Tuesday.

The Young Adults sponsored a Mother-Daughter Banquet May 8. Earlier they sponsored a Father-Son Banquet. Also, recently, the Couples Club entertained the Young Adults of the Edgerton Congregational Church.

June 4 was Children's Day. Pastor Skaggs gave the Junior message. The Junior choir sang. Others on the program were: William Baum Jr., Bruce Kenyon, Christine Furseth, Janella Streich, and Richard Baum.

The Vacation Bible School was held June 13-24 with Mr. Ernest Bee director; Mrs. Victor Skaggs, secretary; Miss Donna Reiersen, pianist and helper-at-large; Mrs. Evelyn Marsden, refreshments. There were six teachers and seven helpers. There were seventy-nine on the concluding program. This was a union Bible School — three teachers, three helpers, and several pupils coming from the Milton Junction Church. One teacher, Mrs. Laura Streich, came from Stoughton and a helper, Arlounie Van Horn, came from New Auburn.

Pastor Skaggs and daughter, Nina, returned from the East the last of June. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Bee. Mr. and Mrs. Bee will live at Milton while Mr. Bee is assistant pastor of the Milton Junction and Albion churches.

— Correspondent

If a thing hinders worship, or hinders development of the spiritual life, it has no place on the Sabbath.

The Sabbath Recorder

OUR WORLD MISSION Statement of the Treasurer, June 30, 1960

	BUDGET RECEIPTS				BUDGET RECEIPTS		
	Treasurer's June	Boards' 9 Mos.	9 Mos.		Treasurer's June	Boards' 9 Mos.	9 Mos.
Balance, May 1	\$ 9.66			Lost Creek	130.28	1,334.79	
Adams Center	101.85	640.50		Marlboro	288.40	2,799.14	55.00
Albion	54.63	614.16		Memorial Fund		1,457.68	23.54
Alfred, 1st	537.93	3,938.24		Middle Island	18.00	131.00	
Alfred, 2nd	225.15	1,429.50		Milton	643.45	5,096.95	75.00
Associations and Groups	310.31	481.57	518.00	Milton Junction	145.26	1,102.51	
Battle Creek	1,129.26	5,759.96	126.20	New Auburn		138.75	35.61
Bay Area			50.00	North Loup		516.05	
Berlin	36.83	564.80	178.00	Nortonville	325.04	1,186.54	40.00
Boulder	88.80	557.85	35.00	Old Stone Fort	20.00	100.00	
Brookfield, 1st	27.00	463.00	25.00	Paint Rock	37.00	187.00	
Brookfield, 2nd	62.00	267.85		Pawcatuck	366.10	3,698.10	55.00
Buffalo		150.00		Plainfield	314.16	3,333.91	160.00
Chicago	72.00	1,101.00	160.00	Richburg	238.24	745.89	
Daytona Beach	20.00	855.00		Ritchie	15.00	305.48	
Denver		353.59	25.00	Riverside		2,104.23	
DeRuyter	285.65	560.65		Roanoke	10.00	132.00	
Dodge Center	111.76	627.03		Rockville	45.32	344.08	
Edinburg		146.50		Salem	197.00	478.00	
Farina	10.92	198.52		Salemville		171.83	6.00
Fouke		153.07		Schenectady		148.00	21.00
Hammond		45.97		Shiloh	297.50	3,547.05	50.00
Hebron, 1st	27.24	277.16		Texarkana		30.00	
Hopkinton, 1st	94.35	1,559.90		Tract Society		2,100.00	229.50
Hopkinton, 2nd	19.00	54.00		Twin Cities	60.58	310.58	
Houston		89.50		Verona		1,175.25	
Independence	213.00	931.00		Walworth	56.56	349.56	
Individuals	135.00	3,504.50	322.88	Washington		217.45	
Irvington		730.00		Washington, People's	10.00	65.00	
Jackson Center		15.00		Waterford	89.47	858.47	
Little Genesee	73.50	524.18	15.00	White Cloud	164.58	680.61	
Little Rock	5.00	48.50	5.00	Yonah Mountain		10.00	
Los Angeles	480.00	1,960.00	15.00				
Los Angeles, Christ's		140.00					
					\$7,602.78	\$63,598.40	\$2,225.73

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

	Budget Designated & Undesignated
Missionary Society	\$3,167.71
Board of Christian Education	686.40
Ministerial Training	990.30
Ministerial Retirement	747.78
Historical Society	139.15
Women's Society	169.14
General Conference	744.15
Tract Society	845.95
Trustees of General Conference	54.45
World Fellowship & Service	55.35
	\$7,600.38
Balance, June 30	2.40

Non-Budget Gifts

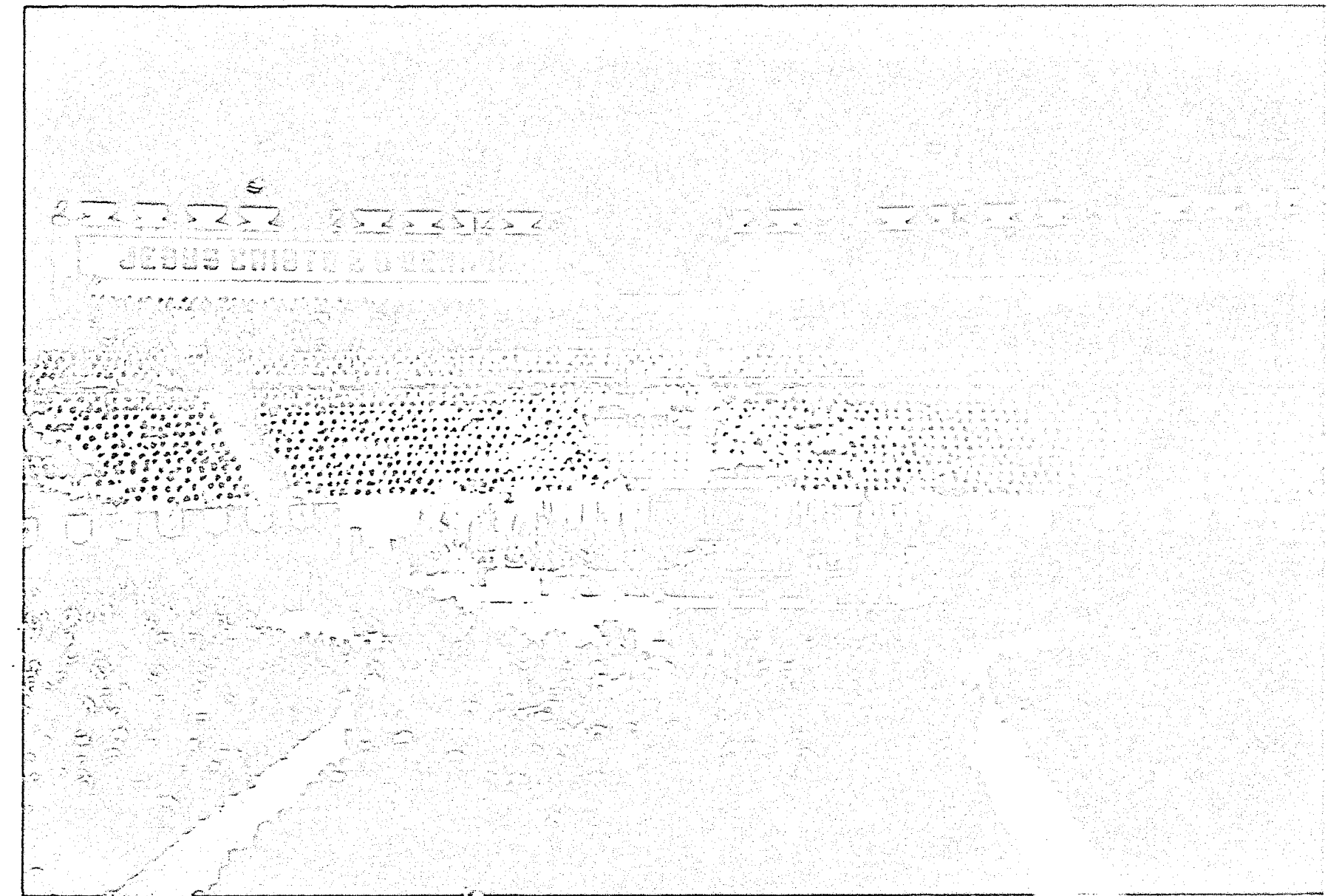
June Receipts	\$12.00
June Disbursements:	
Salem College	\$12.00

SUMMARY

Current annual budget	\$108,022.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 9 months	63,598.40
Boards' budget receipts 9 months	2,225.73
	\$65,824.13
Remainder required in 3 months	\$42,197.87
Percentage of budget year elapsed	75.00%
Percentage of budget raised	60.94%

Eldred H. Batson,
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BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

Wonderful as press cameras are, they cannot reproduce in printable form a picture of 30,000 Baptists seated in a circular auditorium on the opening afternoon of the 10th World Congress. Television and movie cameras were on hand to sweep around the circle and tape recorders would reproduce the Christ-glorifying songs of the 3,000-voice choir in the center of this picture. All the Baptists of the world, including the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, could feel that they were represented here from June 26 to July 3.