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How Many Hours in the Day?

Jesus answered this question when His disciples warned Him against going back to Judea where the Jews had so lately sought to kill Him. Mary and Martha had sent for the Master upon the death of their brother. He must go. "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" He asked. These daylight hours must be used to the glory of God without too much thought of the dangers of the coming darkness.

How many hours in the day? The answer depends not so much on the clock as the attitude toward the clock, and toward the God-given opportunities. A mimeographed communication came to our office from one of our churches where there is a campaign for promptness at church (five minutes before the hour) and punctuality at all other church-related appointments. It was pointed out that fourteen members were on time for the church business meeting. Fifteen were required for a quorum. The fifteenth person came in five minutes late. The group as a whole had lost an hour and a quarter. The pastor notes that five minutes may be 100,000 minutes, if ten other people are disturbed by your walking into church five minutes late. He suggests that everyone determine to be on hand five minutes before the appointed hour for all meetings as well as for the church service. Minutes and hours are important.

From across the Pacific the question is asked, "How many hours in the day?" Here we find a desire to use every available hour of the day to bring the Gospel to the people of the far-flung Orient by way of radio. The Far East Broadcasting Co. at present is on the air with 100 program hours daily in many languages and by using several transmitters. Their capacity, which they hope to reach, is 140 hours every day.

"Are there not twelve hours in the day?" There are less than that if we waste them or shun our Christian responsibility. The number of hours of work is multiplied by the number of workers on a given project. Are we co-operating with our fellow workers to increase the number of man-hours given to the Lord's work, or are we by our self-centeredness keeping the total of well-spent hours small? Let's think about it!

Is Faith Enough?

When we talk about Christian faith, we have a pretty clear idea of what we are talking about. For most of us it means faith in Christ, saving faith. It is faith that Christ, and only He, can lift us out of our sinful condition and restore us to fellowship with God the Father. To state it in not quite the clearest language, we are aware that somehow the death of Jesus Christ on the cross was for us, and makes possible the salvation which is both a present possession and a future hope.

It comes as something of a shock to read again what the Rev. D. T. Niles of Ceylon, chairman of the World's Student Christian Federation and visiting professor at Union Theological Seminary, said a little over a year ago. His remark was, "More and more, the Christian faith, even of those who believe, is independent of the historical Jesus." Among theological students, he observed, there is a clearer idea of what "Paul was talking about" than of the Gospels.

He suggested that in this country there is a tendency merely to "have faith" without any clear idea of "faith in what." "Just faith by itself leaves you stranded," he said. "Any attempt to free faith from its rootage in the Gospels and the historic relevance of Jesus changes radically the substance of Christianity, he warned.

How has it come about that church members and seminary students profess to have Christian faith, but tend to think of it as something independent of the historical Jesus? Is this something fostered by theological seminaries or something that the students have before they arrive and do not get rid of while in attendance? The idea of faith without an object is common in the world and in sub-Christian thinking. As such it is a cousin to superstition or, at best, an aunt. But failure of students to understand the relevance of Christ may possibly be traced to many recent theological books of which *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* by Albert Schweitzer, was the forerunner. The idea is that the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were written late and

MEMORY TEXT

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13.

reflected the views of the Church to such an extent that they are quite untrustworthy in giving a picture of the life and teaching of Christ. Schweitzer and his followers give the impression that the quest for the historical Jesus is no more rewarding than the quest for the elusive Holy Grail in the tales of King Arthur.

One can hope that the situation described by Dr. Niles will quickly pass. Unfortunately the extremely liberal books that lead us away from a faith that is securely rested upon Christ will continue to clutter the shelves of college libraries where mature theological balance is not achieved as easily as in the more well-rounded instruction in graduate seminary work. Printed matter, both sound and unsound, has a way of continuing and influencing future student generations either toward the truth or away from it.

Christianity, which has stood the test of the first generation — the hardest as far as the person of Christ is concerned — and every succeeding generation, is not about to fail now. Apostles who walked the earth with Jesus and taught the world about Jesus said little or nothing about having a quality of faith such as Jesus had, but they said much (even in the face of persecution) about having faith in Jesus. Thus Peter, who had previously assured Jesus that he believed Him to be Christ, the Son of the living God, declares in the fourth chapter of Acts, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." It is manifest that Christianity without Christ is not Christianity at all. Paul would call it a gospel, which is not a gospel (Gal. 1:6, 7). Faith will triumph! It will march on, but we must be faithful in teaching it.

Senior Adult Socials

Someone has said that God must love the poor, because He made so many of them. Let's change the thought a little to bring it up to date. In American society we no longer have a high ratio of really poor people. We do have an increasing percentage of senior adults due to the great advances in medical science and perhaps also, in some measure, to economic security. God loves the older people. They need His love because, generally speaking, they do not get much love and consideration from the young or the middle age group.

Churches, which generally are considered as being manned by those in the more productive years of life, are beginning to realize that they have as great a responsibility for the happiness of their senior adults as for the happiness of budding youth. There can be no diminishing of efforts to cultivate and develop the latent capabilities of the young, but the need is becoming recognized that the church should encourage and preserve the proven capabilities of those who are in their retirement years. It is true enough that older members have very often in the past borne the heavy burdens of the church. Sometimes they have held positions of leadership too long for the good of the church, but not as often as some have thoughtlessly claimed.

The fact that there are more senior adults in our churches now than in years past must be recognized. It does not mean necessarily that the church is decadent or that young folks are in a smaller minority or are not being challenged by the Gospel. The senior members are able to be active for more years than formerly. They form more of a group even in a small church. Such being the case, church-planned activities need to include provision for recreation, and suitable kingdom work for this age group. Not all can be leaders but all can participate.

A discussion in Southern Baptist circles has brought out the perhaps obvious observation that whereas education is the main thing in the life of youth, it is

recreation for the retired. They are stimulated by opportunities to keep their mental powers keen. They respond to educational programs — Bible-centered and otherwise. The church can encourage them along this line — to the great benefit of the church. Church socials for the senior adults, perhaps planned by those in the 30-50 age group, will do much to show that we continue to love the older members (who appreciate it) as much as the younger members (who are not always appreciative).

Fewer Orphanages

Is it comforting to be informed that there is less need for orphanages in our country than in previous decades? It would be except for the fact that more institutions are constantly needed to care for the emotionally disturbed children. One denomination has 33 children's homes in 19 states. The emphasis has to be more and more geared to the needs of the emotionally disturbed children with living parents, than the orphaned children.

Why is this? "More broken homes, more divorces, more separations, more desertions by parents," says a spokesman for the executives of the 33 children's homes mentioned above. Are we rearing a generation of children whose parents have not died but might as well have, as far as the children are concerned? There is no choice but to take care of the needy children in this emotionally disturbed class. There is, however, a greater work that needs to be done — a work with the parents and the prospective parents. Christ is the answer to almost every family and social problem. A Christ-centered family does not produce emotionally disturbed children. What we need is more Christ-centered families. That is the work of the church — and it has much more prospect of success if it begins long before marriage.

The Gospel does not fluctuate with changing conditions. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and He will not be deflected from His redemptive purpose. — John F. Soren, Rio de Janeiro.

President's Message

Conference Committees

While working out the details for the General Conference sessions, much thought and prayer must be devoted to selecting the right people to handle the various phases of this week-long program so that the maximum can be achieved in the short time available. Committee chairmen and members are extremely important, since the bulk of Conference decisions are the result of committee recommendations or action on reports submitted to them for consideration. A good chairman can organize an efficient committee, cover the material in time allotted, and present a clear, concise report on the floor of Conference that can be considered intelligently. Committee chairmen are being chosen this year, as usual, for their ability, as well as their dedication to the work and their interest in specific fields.

Again this year the Missionary Interests Committee will be divided into two sub-committees, the Foreign Field and the Home Field. This method was pioneered last year at Siloam Springs and proved to be an effective way to handle the widely varied matters referred to Conference by the Missionary Board.

Another committee that may require administrative assistance is the overburdened Committee on Reference and Counsel. More and more items of business, especially matters of finance or controversial questions, are referred to this group, with the results that it takes an unusually skilled administrator to prepare an understandable report. Fortunately we have been able to find the personnel to do this job in the past but, in the interest of efficiency, it is time to consider a realignment of areas of responsibility in this category of our business.

The new Conference Interests Committee — that on Christian Social Action — will lighten the load on some of the other committees, and may even take the place of one or two, but this is such an experimental field that here again, extremely able persons must be drafted to fill it. We

will expect significant developments from this committee, which can lead the way into the fourth year of our Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance so that our continuing plan will not falter at this step.

Letters are now going out to "volunteers" for various Conference assignments and places in the program. Please watch your mailbox; give these "letters from the president" your prayerful, serious consideration; then write back immediately that you accept the proffered responsibility. This can do much to insure a successful General Conference on the business level as well as the inspirational level. It will lead to a better implementation of our theme, "I must be about my Father's business." Many matters of importance to our continued existence and effectiveness as Seventh Day Baptists will be considered this year. So — on to Amherst in August!

Evangelism at Denver

Report of Evangelism Committee

Nov. 1, 1960, to Jan. 1, 1961

Special meetings were held for eight consecutive nights beginning with November 13 and continuing through November 20. We were privileged to have as our evangelist the Rev. Alton Wheeler, pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

One week prior to the start of these meetings, lay visitation was conducted by several people in the church. Some of those who were contacted came to the meetings and also have attended Sabbath services since. Although many who were contacted did not follow through with promised attendance, the lay calling group felt a great blessing in this type of work, and a regular program of lay visitation has been initiated. This group looks very promising. There are about 15 people participating in calling at the present, which is equal to the number that participated in the lay calling the week prior to the special meetings. An accurate number of those contacted is not available at present. However, a statement from our pastor is as follows, "The number of people contacted in the one week prior to the special

meetings would have taken me two months to contact."

A list of names, addresses, phone numbers, date of membership, and type of membership has been prepared on all members, non-members, resident, nonresident, and visitation contacts. This list is used primarily to meet the needs of the Evangelism Committee but is presently proving helpful for correspondence, mailing, etc.

The need for a visitation clerk was brought before the Advisory Board. Doris Widman was appointed and is now very capably filling this position. The need for someone to take charge of transportation arose, and the committee selected Mildred Jeffrey for this position, with the understanding that Mrs. Jeffrey was not to do the transporting herself, but that the duty was to arrange to have others bring new contacts to church.

This committee is very grateful to our pastor and to the Rev. Alton Wheeler for the assistance given in the planning and organization of the lay visitation program, and for the great number of calls made upon contacts in the metropolitan area during and after special meetings.

We also wish to express thanks to all who helped to make the special meetings a great blessing.

—Daryl D. White, Chairman.

Protest Liquor Serving At White House

A resolution adopted by District 4 of the Baptist General Convention of Texas here has reprimanded President John F. Kennedy for serving liquor at the White House.

The resolution was approved unanimously by 500 Baptists representing 396 churches and 51 missions in 19 southern Texas counties.

The resolution said: "Since it has been publicized in the press, on radio, and television that hard liquor has been served in the White House, we express our opposition to such practice."

It will be recalled that temperance groups hailed the decision of President Eisenhower not to serve liquor at the White House.

Vocational Opportunities

By Edwin L. Johnson

The problem of unemployment throughout our nation assumes more importance every day. With this problem increasingly before us, with new youth soon to be seeking life employment and establishment of homes, with a concern for those just approaching this same threshold, and for possibly a few older ones who have felt the lightly-used expression "cut-back" take away the security of a steady income, the Vocational Committee would seek the concern of brother Sabbathkeepers as expressed by Mr. Paul Hummel of Boulder, Colorado. Mr. Hummel has served actively for the denominational Vocational Committee and serves his Association now.

He believes that we have a number of lone Sabbathkeepers of skill and technical training who are in their present locales because of job availability. He seeks to meet this challenge with a list of companies in his area that are expanding or newly building and are therefore new job potential. Here is the list: U. S. Bureau of Standards; National Center for Atmospheric Research; Dow Chemical Company; International Business Machine; Beechcraft Corporation; several smaller research companies.

Mr. Hummel will make direct contact with these companies for anyone who is interested or needing a job.

The Vocational Committee would like to publish through the Recorder just such information as this from any area of our denomination which has known of potential job availability, specifically in the area of our churches. We are ever mindful that our churches must grow stronger before they can foster and nurture new groups in new centers of employment. Shifting of these centers from rural to urban has been part of our problem.

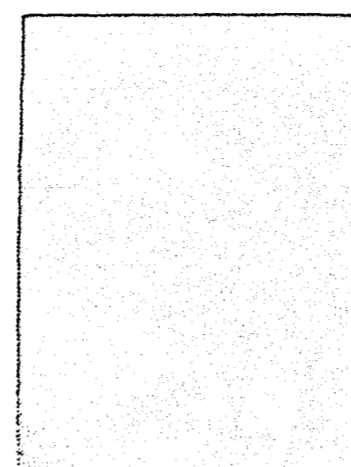
Read Hebrews 4 and then express your concern for a brother, or a son, or a daughter, just as Mr. Hummel has.

Service is this committee's only goal.

Those who claim to be self-made men are often found worshiping their creator.

A Christian Home

By Don V. Gray



Some people in our neighborhood find it good to raise gardens of vegetables and flowers, and we notice that some of them make use of hotbeds to assure themselves of a good supply of sturdy plants for the garden.

In many ways a Christian home is to the church, the community, and even the world very much what one of these so-called hotbeds is to a garden.

In both cases, a sheltered location is established, and ingredients are carefully selected and blended to make a seedbed which is deep and nourishing. Here plants or children, as the case may be, come to life in the very early springtime. Both are cultivated carefully; bad influences are guarded against or weeded out; while the garden nearby is still stiff in winter's grip the young things are warm and well-fed, stretching eagerly up toward the sunlight pouring in from above.

Gradually, as they grow stronger, they are allowed to feel the chill air, and later to feel pelting rain or be roughly handled by passing breezes, but always in bad weather they can depend on the protection of the glass above, and be sure of the deep, warm, nourishing soil below them.

There comes a day for plants and for children when they and the garden are both ready, and with their well-developed roots and beautiful, strong, young bodies they are transplanted. If the transplanting is well done and the garden has been carefully prepared, there is very little shock — only the realization that here is more room to grow!

At this point a Christian home becomes more to a child than a seedbed can ever be to a young plant. From here on it is more like the snug harbor and the shipyard, where a ship slides down the ways to make its maiden voyage; full of hope, full of promise, eager to meet the test of

the deep that thunders outside the harbor, anxious to share its rich cargo with the ports of the world. Here in the snug harbor of God's love, the shipyard which is a Christian home has wrought with patience and skill, joining together fine materials in this gallant ship. All who see it will give honor to the builder, and all who experience its seaworthiness and share its cargo will be blessed.

Now there are times for every ship and every person when the storms lash out with fury too great to endure, and at such times both ships and persons are glad to glimpse through the darkness a light which guides them to a secure harbor, where they can mend their broken gear and regain their strength. It makes no difference whether or not they sailed from this particular harbor on their first voyage — they recognize it for what it is, and give thanks.

Is your home a Christian home? It is a place where all who come within its influence feel the warmth of its love, the depth of its faith, and the cleanness of its habits? Are you doing your part, by example and by aggressive Christian action, to make your community a garden where young plants may grow and bear fruit? Does your home offer safe harbor not only to its own, but to others who need love and guidance but who find themselves far from their own home port? If you have a house, it can be a home. Why not make it a Christian home?

Our Senior Citizen

The Alfred (N. Y.) Sun in the edition of January 26 called attention to the birthday of the Rev. George B. Shaw in the following words: "Our Senior Citizen, the Rev. George B. Shaw, observed his ninety-sixth birthday yesterday. He enjoyed, as always, the messages, cards, and letters sent to him."

Not only is Mr. Shaw the senior citizen of Alfred; he is undoubtedly the senior minister of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. His pastoral ministry was rich, helpful, and long. For many years he has been incapacitated and unable to speak, although his other faculties have been relatively unimpaired.

Tithing - Biblical Basis

By Paul B. Osborn

Secular history, as far back as we can read, records the practice of people having given a portion of their industry, crops, and spoils of war, to the "gods" who supposedly helped them. This can scarcely be a surprise to the Bible student who finds the tithe to be a basic part of the Jewish economy.

The Bible does not specify the origin of the tithe. Its existence is only assumed as a practice of God's people, just as the existence of God is assumed without attempt to establish proof of His existence.

In Genesis 14 we read that Abraham gave "tithes of all" to Melchizedek who is described not only as "king of peace" but as the "priest of the most high God." It should be noted that Abraham did this before he restored the goods to the kings of the valley who had lost them previously. Thus he shows the pre-eminence of God's claim over all our goods. The tithe does not rate a secondary place.

Tithing has a twofold purpose. Jacob vowed, among other things, to pay a tithe in return for God's promise to him (Gen. 28:22). It should be pointed out that God had already made the promise when Jacob made his vow, thus the tithe is not a "bargaining point" with God, but a means of showing love and appreciation. The giving of the tithe is something that we can do, and God does not despise it, although He does not condition His promise of salvation on our tithe.

But why should God take goods from His people? He is not an idol with no power to make things for His own use! He could have chosen a different method of carrying on His work among men (before and after Jesus Christ's ministry on earth). But God chose this method of letting His people share in His plan. Numbers 18:21-32 shows the destination and use of the tithe. The Levites, whom God had chosen to be His workers among the twelve tribes, were to receive and use the tithe for their maintenance. This is an

example for all of us to follow regarding the support of church and mission work the world over.

But the tithe, as all Old Testament practices, is only as good as the people make it. Remember how the Lord condemned false worship? "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood" (Isaiah 1:15). In the same manner Christ condemned those who were "tithers": "Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Luke 11:42). By the very nature of the statement of Christ which makes it impossible to tell whether Christ is referring to the "tithes" or to the "justice and love" when He said, "These ought ye to have done," the importance of tithing is demonstrated.

John tells us that it does no good to just talk about our love, but that if we love our Lord, we will demonstrate it in deed and in truth (1 John 3:17-18). Here is the true value of tithing — when it is the expression of a sharing heart. Many people try to escape the "system" of tithing, but they cannot escape the New Testament guide of regular and consistent giving "as God has prospered" us, as Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 16: 1-2. Surely God has prospered us much more through Jesus Christ than the Old Testament tithers, and throughout the laws and practices of tithing, we find consistently emphasized that the tithe was a bare minimum start for the giving to God and His work. If we try to escape the "tithe," we only find ourselves compelled to give more by the love of Christ. The tithe is a guide for consistent support for God's work on this earth by His people.

(The above is the second in a series of stewardship articles prepared under the direction of the Conference Stewardship Promotion Committee.)

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Review of January Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society was held January 22, with sixteen members present. In spite of bitter cold and snow-filled airports, the Rev. Leon Lawton came from Lost Creek, W. Va., to attend the meeting. His message concerning mission work in Jamaica was greatly appreciated.

It was reported by the secretary that two army surplus lighting units which had been authorized for shipment to Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, "have been tested for operational performance, re-created and shipped from New York harbor on December 23, 1960." Hearty thanks and appreciation were expressed to Secretary Leon Maltby, Mr. William Warren, and Mr. Arthur Schoephlin for their assistance on this project.

A special plan of assistance to the Daytona Beach church was approved whereby it is hoped they may be enabled to secure the services of a full-time pastor in the near future.

It was voted that a special committee be appointed by the president, including representatives of the African Interests and American Tropics Committees to study the specific steps that may need to be taken in carrying out the indigenous principle of turning over mission property to native leadership, this committee to report at a later meeting.

Upon recommendation of the Budget Committee it was voted to draw on the appropriation for higher education scholarship funds for Jamaica students in order to offer assistance to Mr. Joseph Samuels and to Miss Jossett Duckett during 1961.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Pastor Earl Cruzan and was closed with prayer offered by Secretary E. T. Harris.

The day of battle to the godly may seem long, but the hour of victory will be pleasant and the reward will be glorious. — Walter E. Isenhour.

A Letter to the Churches

(The following letter to the Daytona Beach church was written by Headmaster Courtland V. Davis on January 10, 1961. It was requested for publication as carrying a challenge for all Seventh Day Baptist churches. — E.T.H.)

It is a pleasure to take advantage of the opportunity offered by your acting pastor to send greetings from your work in Jamaica as represented by Crandall High School. We knew that the need was great when we first planned to come to Jamaica but we had no idea how great that need was. Seventh Day Baptists desperately need young leaders in Jamaica, and Crandall High School is doing much to supply that need, but not nearly enough. It is nice to report that three of our pastors are Crandall graduates but it is not so nice to have to report that each of them is trying to care for at least two, and in one instance, five churches, and that each of them is carrying additional work either in the denomination or outside, as well. Much is being done but so much more should be done.

Our physical plant, old when it was acquired, is fast reaching the point where large-scale repairs must be made. The ravages of time and termites do take their toll. The paving of the play yard solved several problems. The tile floors in some of the classrooms have solved others. But the Cottage was not built for occupation by classes and the floors must be strengthened, or better replaced with dirt fill and tile, before very long. The stairs to the second floor of the main building will not too much longer stand up under the eager feet of a daily procession of students.

And so it goes. We have so much for which to be thankful and so much more that we would like to be thankful for. We work with boys and girls who will soon be gone. What we can do for them must be done now. But tomorrow others will take their place, more than double their number if only we could find room for them. And tomorrow we must think beyond secondary school toward a Seventh Day Baptist-oriented college. Time is so short.

Having Fun at Christmas Time in Jamaica

By Headmaster Courtland V. Davis

Did you have a nice Christmas among family and friends? Did Santa Claus treat you well? Then hear this, written to a mission worker by a Seventh Day Baptist Bible worker and evangelist with long years of service under the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference. Now retired on a Conference pension (\$5.60 per month) she has fun.

Dear Sister Frankie,

I received a Christmas card, guessed it was from you. Thanks ever so much. I received one from Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Mills, also one from Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond. Don't you think I must be feeling very happy? SMILE. Let me give you a little fun now, how I spent my holidays. December 26th I gave the inmates at May Pen (the parish almshouse) an entertainment composed of fruits, cakes, Christmas cards, and reading matter. All were nicely served. All seemed to enjoy the time spent with them.

Then on Wednesday, December 28, I took a large group, both small and great to the Chapelton Hospital where a lovely programme composed of songs, recitations and addresses was presented. We also entertained the full staff, the sub-staff, and the patients of the wards with fruit, light cakes, Christmas cards and tracts. The outdoor patients were served with Christmas cards and reading matters. These reading matters are composed of tracts and Sabbath Recorders. The Christmas cards or gifts came from Seventh Day Baptist ladies in America. You smile at my programme for the holidays? Yes, it really is a small job, but it took much time to get through such a sharing to let somebody SMILE.

I must wish you a friendly Board meeting. My best regards to you both.

Yours in the Master's Service,
Emily Smikle.

Was your Christmas as nice as that?

Pastor Marion Van Horn III

Word has been received under date of February 1, 1961, that Pastor Marion Van Horn, shepherding pastor of the Southwestern Association, has been hospitalized. At this writing the cause of illness has not been determined.

Mrs. Van Horn has written of his complete exhaustion. Please remember the Van Horns in your prayers.

U. S. Public School Aid Plan Arouses Debate

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, has condemned a proposal by President Kennedy's task force on education as being "unfair" to the nation's parochial and private school children. The prelate's comments drew immediate criticism from Protestant leaders.

The task force recommended that Congress enact a \$5,840,000,000 program of Federal aid to public schools. However, Cardinal Spellman noted that no Roman Catholic schools or institutions of other denominations were included in the proposal.

In a statement read at the final report meeting of his campaign for a U. S. \$25,000,000 fund for the construction of educational facilities in the archdiocese of New York, the cardinal charged that the recommendation represented a form of unequal taxation. He said that many millions of American parents could not expect any return from their taxes unless they were willing to transfer their children to public schools.

"It is unthinkable," said the cardinal, "that any American child be denied the Federal funds allotted to other children which are necessary for his mental development because his parents choose for him a God-centered education."

He said further that he could not "believe that Congress would discriminate against Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic, or Jewish parents — Americans all — in the allocation of educational funds."

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, public relations director for the Lutheran Church-

Missouri Synod, advised the prelate "not to speak for us Lutherans," and commented that his denomination would not feel discriminated against if Federal funds were restricted to public schools.

Dr. W. Hubert Porter, associate general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, said it was "most unfortunate that a leading cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church would attack a position to which Mr. Kennedy pledged himself repeatedly before nation-wide audiences during his successful campaign for the presidency not to use public funds for parochial schools."

The Missouri Synod operates the largest education system of any U. S. Protestant Church, with 1,293 schools. A few elementary schools are also operated by the Baptists.

Meanwhile, E. Allison Grant, past president of the Protestant Episcopal School Association, affirmed "the doctrine of church-state separation." However, he said he personally favored "some Federal aid," and conceded that "the argument of Catholics against 'double taxation' is a cogent one."

—EPS, Geneva.

Sabbath Recorder News

Many of our churches are taking very seriously the challenge to greatly increase the circulation of our denominational weekly, the Sabbath Recorder. The first phase of the program was a co-operative venture between local churches and the Tract Board of sending out from the publishing house a six weeks' trial subscription. The churches already participating have sent in enough names to increase the number of copies printed each week by about one third. It is believed that the stimulating articles and interesting news going into these additional homes for even this brief period will result in renewed appreciation of the privilege of having a part in the work of Seventh Day Baptists.

The Sabbath Recorder, with its many contributing writers, needs to be in every home, not just for six weeks, but through-

out the year. This goal can be achieved only as local churches put effort and zeal into the program of following up these trial subscriptions. It is easy to contribute 25 cents to cover part of the cost but quite another thing to testify to these non-subscribing families of the value of continuing the Recorder. In relation to cost the \$3.00 price is one of the greatest bargains in religious journalism. Subscribers often write of how much the Sabbath Recorder means to them as it comes to their homes each week. It would do our denominational program more good if such written and spoken words were directed to friends who are not yet subscribers. Those who feel this way about it are urged to give all the encouragement possible to the local committees or groups that are making the drive for increased circulation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Face-to-Face Groups

In our Seventh Day Baptist program for "depth Bible study" as well as in all of our group study it has been found that attendance is better, and more is accomplished, when the group can actually sit so that each member can see and talk to every other member.

In our Sabbath Schools most of our adults and young people sit in pews for the lesson discussion. The teacher stands facing them. Of course a lot of learning can be done in this manner, and a great many of our churches are not equipped so that the students can face each other.

If the teaching situation can be arranged so that the groups can sit in a circle or around a table, this is the better way. It has been discovered that the individual develops only to the extent that he is involved in dynamic relationships. One leader puts it this way: "All vital learning is by experience of interpersonal action and reaction, by active membership in multipersonal events." If this is true, it is no wonder teachers learn more than anyone else in the usual situation. They participate more.

There is more, however, than just learn-

ing that needs to take place. Participation means that every member is really a part of the fellowship in spirit as well as in body. He is reacting by agreeing or disagreeing. He feels free to contribute, to raise questions, to comment, to oppose, and he can say what he has to say while looking directly into the faces of the person or persons he is addressing. While it might be easier to direct a comment to the back of the neck of a person, the effect is much greater while looking him straight in the eye while speaking.

Somehow each member of your study group must be involved in more than just reading the lesson material. If it is possible at all, let us study "face-to-face" when we can.

Eightieth Anniversary of Christian Endeavor

"God reveals Himself through prepared youth," said Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, at a rally in Williston Congregational Church on February 2, marking the 80th anniversary of the movement. The first Christian Endeavor Society was organized there by Dr. Francis E. Clark on February 2, 1881.

Other birthday events at the birthplace of the movement included the fellowship banquet on February 4, when Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York City, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, spoke. Norman Klauder of Philadelphia, vice-president of the International Society, served as toastmaster. Members of the Executive and Finance Committees participated in the anniversary events, as well as Harold E. Westerhoff, Delno W. Brown, and Phyllis I. Rike, International Society staff members from Columbus, Ohio. Among the honored guests was Mrs. J. Parker Paxson, daughter of Granville Staples, president of the first society.

In recalling the history of the movement, Dr. Meadows said that it grew "from the heart of Francis E. Clark and a handful of youthful followers in Williston Church to a world-wide movement in four-

teen brief years." Fifty-seven signed the original constitution and covenant of the first society.

In his anniversary message, Dr. Meadows also stated, "It was thought at one time that we should do something 'to' youth to prepare them for life, and so they received lectures from their parents and teachers. Later the idea developed that in preparing youth something could be accomplished by doing things 'for' them and so we had picnics for them, Christmas treats for them, prepared programs for them. Now we know that the best way to prepare youth for real Christian living and service is to do things 'with' them. We learn best by doing. Christian Endeavor has always operated on the principle of youth participation. Dr. Clark laid the foundation of Christian Endeavor in total and pledged commitment to Jesus Christ and loyalty to the church through personal attendance at all her services as well as sharing in the real burden and work of the church."

Speaking of the needs of youth, Dr. Meadows declared, "This is a dark time, but a time of tremendous opportunity and challenge. Christian Endeavor has the answer. While it encourages its members to share in happy Christian fellowship, Christian Endeavor insists on a full personal commitment to Jesus Christ without reservation. This is expressed in the pledge, which begins, 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do.' Commitment to and faithful observance of the high purposes expressed in the Christian Endeavor pledge are the basis on which God can reveal Himself in our generation."

Thousands of societies in Protestant churches in North America, with approximately one million members, are included in the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The World's Union counts in its membership three million members in more than fifty national or island groups, encompassing eighty denominations. Headquarters for both the International Society and the World's Union are located at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Maxson

Grow in the Spirit Through Patience

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isa. 40:31).

"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing" (James 1:3, 4).

Patience is that quality of spirit which brings a quiet strength and endurance to our days. Who among us does not find that with each new day we are pulled in many directions to meet the demands of business, family, church, school, neighborhood, and beyond? Where and how to find the time apart to renew the spirit and build a reserve of strength is the need of each individual. In the book, *Gift From the Sea*, available in most libraries, Anne Morrow Lindbergh has written in her own appealing and discerning way of the many frustrating elements we face today: the restlessness, the unending pressures and demands, the denial of leisure and silence, the threat to inner peace. She seeks the answer at the seashore, where the ocean speaks to her over and over again of patience — patience and faith. Having shared her experience, her thoughts go with you through the tasks of the day.

The Need of Patience

Patience is the guardian of faith, the preserver of peace, the cherisher of love, the teacher of humility.

Patience governs the flesh, strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride.

Patience produces unity in the church, loyalty in the state, harmony in families and societies.

She comforts the poor and moderates the rich.

She makes us humble in prosperity, cheerful in adversity, unmoved by calamity and reproach;

She teaches us to forgive those who have injured us, and to be the first in

asking forgiveness of those whom we have injured; She delights the faithful, and invites the unbelieving.

Patience rides not in the whirlwind and stormy passion, but her throne is the humble and contrite heart, her kingdom is one of peace. — Selected (Courtesy Mrs. Walter Wilkinson).

Personal Glimpses

We who have always lived in a temperate zone are prone to forget that the meaning of some of our common words like "hot" and "cold" is practically unknown to little children born in a tropical climate. This is brought to our attention by a paragraph in a letter dated January 1, written from Lost Creek, W. Va., by our Jamaica missionary, Leon R. Lawton. The letter describes what the four children thought of the winter weather that they so quickly encountered upon their arrival in the United States. The older ones had looked forward to it after four years in Jamaica and a Southern California background before that. There is real human interest in the following quotation:

"And our youngest — Jeffrey? To him this is a great new world. He is learning for the first time the meaning of "hot" (when he gets too close to the gas heaters), and "cold," as he fingers the ice on the window or sees his breath on some of the crisp days we have had. He has stood and pondered the falling snowflakes and been more than interested at the B. & O. engine and coal cars that pass nearby the bedroom window."

Why is the printed page so powerful? Here are some of the reasons:

1. Since it can be secured and studied in secret it receives undivided attention in quiet hours.
2. It leaps language barriers and race tensions that hamper personal contact.
3. It can be read over and over until the message is comprehended.
4. It is the most economical way of carrying out the Great Commission.

—Good News Publishers.

Youth News

Christian Endeavor Day or Youth Fellowship Day was widely observed throughout the denomination, with large participation by young people, according to the church bulletins on file at the editor's office. Not all had their emphasis on the same weekend, and not all used the same topics for talks in the morning services. This is as one would expect under Seventh Day Baptist polity. Some of the talks given will undoubtedly be considered original enough and stimulating enough to be printed in the Sabbath Recorder. The issues of the next two months are likely to carry news items and articles of special interest to youth and those who are interested in their spiritual development.

Shiloh Forms Men's Fellowship

Forty-three men met in the dining room of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on Monday evening and before they returned to their homes they had not only voted to form a Men's Fellowship but had the organization on the road.

William Richardson, Owen Probasco, and David Ayars were chosen as a Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers to report at a later meeting. But it was decided the waiting would only hold up progress, so they met to nominate officers while the remaining group selected an Aims and Goals Committee, consisting of Everett Dickinson, Melvin Dickinson, and B. Frank Harris.

Soon the Nominating Committee returned and the following officers were elected: president, Bert Sheppard; vice-president, Thurman Davis; secretary, James Williams; and treasurer, George Pettit, Jr.

The Ladies Benevolent Society, at the request of the men, served a delicious beef supper which put everyone in a good mood to discuss the all-important work of a men's fellowship.

After group singing and a humorous reading we turned to the serious part of the meeting when the question was asked, "Shall we form a Men's Fellowship?"

George Pettit, Jr., told of the thinking that had already gone into the program through the four workshops held earlier, and Pastor Charles Bond challenged the men with a series of projects which could be accomplished if they organized and seriously went to work.

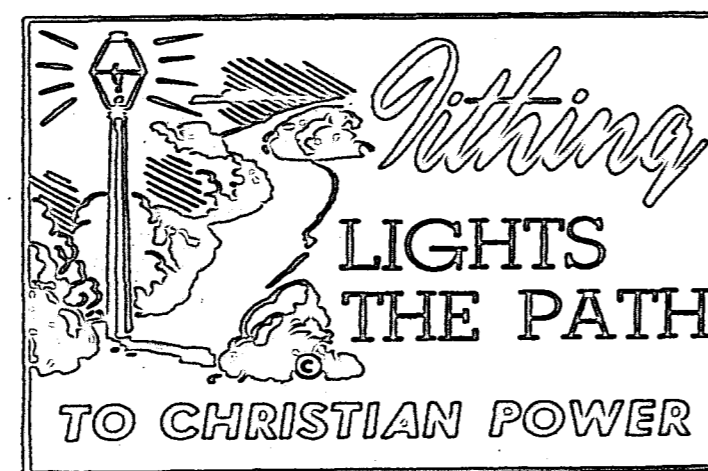
The Men's Fellowship voted to hold their next meeting in the church dining room on Sunday evening, February 26, and that the "grub committee" be George Pettit, Jr., and George Pettit, Sr.

—Contributed.

Remembering the Sick

One advantage of a small denomination is the family feeling that is possible. When the population shifts somewhat with the seasons and with job opportunities there is hardly a church that does not have numerous members in it who have been connected with other Seventh Day Baptist churches. Thus the news of any one church is read with interest in other churches from one to three thousand miles away. Joy and sorrow, health and sickness in one congregation can be felt in many others.

Some of our pastors have just recovered from illnesses. Neal D. Mills has recuperated from an operation. Hurley S. Warren thanks his church people for their help and understanding during a recent illness. Leland E. Davis also thanks his people. Some other leaders face health problems almost continually as they carry on their ministry. Let us pray for our ministry by name, especially those whose work is somewhat hampered by lack of strength.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The year 1960 was a busy one for the church and its auxiliaries. Two baptisms were held, one for nine young people in June and another for two youngsters in November by our new pastor.

An intermediate choir was organized in the fall for junior and senior high-school students. It is directed by Mrs. Lester Greene. Since December the junior and intermediate choirs have each been responsible for the anthem on one Sabbath of the month, the senior choir having the anthem the other two Sabbaths.

Some of the projects of the Ladies Aid have been a doughnut and coffee sale at an auction, sewing of garments for Nyasaland Mission, tastings party, baby show and tea, bake sale, farewell party for the Harry Birds, welcoming party for the Richards family, and the sale of correspondence notes with the picture of our church on them.

The Junior Christian Endeavor members enjoyed an evening of caroling followed by refreshments at the Claston Bond home. The Sabbath School presented a Christmas program in December with three choirs and other individuals furnishing the music.

During the summer and fall the parsonage was redecorated inside and resided and painted on the outside.

On January 8, 1961, our annual dinner and election were held. New officers are: moderator, Darwin Lippincott; clerk, Marguerite Clapper; treasurer, Ray Langworthy; and trustee, Claston Bond. Because of the birth of their daughter, Doneta Ruth, on that day Pastor and Mrs. Richards were unable to attend the first annual dinner held since coming to live among us.

The Youth Fellowship has distributed special issues of the Recorder in neighboring towns. They are now planning the services for Sabbath during Youth Week, and work will soon start on another issue of the church newspaper.

The Christian Fellowship has offered their services to sponsor a Sabbath Recorder subscription drive.

—Correspondent.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. — Our annual meeting was held January 14 at the church. It was preceded by a fellowship dinner.

The Rev. Lester G. Osborn was asked to remain as pastor for another year. Officers elected were: moderator, Gordon Kilts; clerk, Mrs. Arthur Swartz; treasurer, Mrs. Helen Kilts; usher, Victor Burns; music director, Lawrence Fatato. Gordon Kilts was elected as trustee for one year.

On January 29 we had a work day. The church was cleaned and several improvements were made.

—Correspondent.

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — The union Thanksgiving service was held in our church. The special music was furnished by the choir of the Hope Valley Baptist Church.

A Junior Youth Fellowship was organized last fall and meets on Thursday nights.

The Christmas program and party were sponsored as usual by the Sabbath School.

The annual church meeting and fellowship supper were held at the parsonage the evening of January 7 when a good time and a bountiful supper were enjoyed together. Annual reports, routine business, plans for the coming year and election of officers were on the agenda and duly taken care of.

The report of the Loyal Workers showed that they take the spotlight for greatest activity during the past year. They have raised over \$400 and carried out several other very worth-while projects. They donated cloth and made forty-four garments for Makapwa Mission, made and filled with homemade fudge and cookies sixty-six may baskets for patients in the State Institutions, sent used hats to Jamaica, two medical kits to Church World Service, and twenty-three Christmas baskets to local shut-ins, collected used clothing for a local needy family. Some unique methods of raising funds were tried and found successful. These were: (1) Dime-a dip Supper, where donated foods were served smorgasbord style at 10¢ a serving of any food or beverage, (2) Increase Your Talent Project, where each member was given 25¢ and a period of time to increase it for the Lord (this was fun and brought in \$53.75), (3) Cookie Sale, when we each took orders

for as many homemade cookies at 35¢ per dozen as we could, then made the cookies by various recipes, took them to a central place, packaged them into assortments of one dozen each and delivered them all the same day. People are asking "When is the next cookie sale?"

—Correspondent.

SECOND HOPKINTON, R. I. — The walls on the interior of the Second Hopkinton church were freshly painted and small repairs made to the exterior early in the fall. In October our church entertained the South County Baptist Hymn Sing. Though it was a very rainy night the church was filled.

The Youth Fellowship meets each Wednesday evening. During the year members have collected a large quantity of used stamps for the benefit of Mission Notes, and have helped support Our World Mission and have given toward the church repairs. They presented a very good play, "Back to Bethlehem," at the Christmas program and spent an evening singing Christmas carols at the homes of shut-ins. They are presently working up a church service for February 4th of Youth Week.

Mrs. Sadie Kenyon and Miss Ruth Kenyon were hostesses for the fellowship dinner held preceding the annual meeting on January 15 at the Post House near the church. It was well attended and a fine social time and delicious meal were enjoyed. Officers for the coming year were elected and routine reports and business done. Ways of improving our church service and Sabbath School were discussed and some measures taken to try to bring them about.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — It has been a long time since you have heard from Plainfield, but we have been active.

The weekend of November 4 and 5 we had the pleasure of having Charles F. Harris with us to bring us a talk on the Lay Development Program for the year. He spoke and showed a film Friday evening, and Sabbath afternoon we met at the denominational building and made plans for the topics we wished to discuss this year, also made out the calendar of the church for the year.

At Christmas, the choir presented a cantata, "The Incarnation," by Nevin. In

the afternoon a Christmas vesper service was held consisting of music, Scripture, and a colored filmstrip. It was sponsored by the Sabbath School. An offering was taken to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Davis for their work in Jamaica, also books to be sent to the Davises for the school library.

On December 29, the Sabbath School held a Christmas party for all church members. Games were played and refreshments served.

We are in the midst of our Lay Development Program. Each Sabbath afternoon for four weeks, (with the exception of two stormy weekends) we meet for a covered-dish luncheon, then we have two workshops, one on youth, and one on stewardship. This is followed by Bible study, then two more workshops, one on missions, and one on Christian education.

We are looking forward to entertaining Ministers' Conference the first week in May — May 1-6.

—Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 4, 1961

A Test of Discipleship

Lesson Scripture

John 13: 1-5, 12-17, 24-35.

Accessions

Boulder, Colo.

By Testimony:

H. Henry Howe

Mrs. H. Henry Howe

Obituaries

Burdick. — Julia Wells Burdick, daughter of John D. and Eunice Burdick Wells, was born February 25, 1872, on Pious Hill, near North Stonington, Conn., and died January 15, 1961, at DeLand, Fla.

On February 10, 1936, she was married to H. Frank Burdick, and they have lived in Florida since 1947. She was a member of the Ashaway, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Besides her husband she is survived by a daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. John R. Dunn of Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her funeral service was conducted by Chaplain W. A. Wiggins of Halifax Hospital, Daytona Beach, and burial was at Port Orange, Fla.

—Herbert L. Polan.

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He giveth snow like wool.

The psalmist, who lived in a land of little snow, must have climbed the slopes of Hermon to appreciate the gift of snow to a thirsty land. Residents of eastern cities have not all been thankful for the quantity of snow this winter, but what can be more beautiful than the white wool wrapping on trees and grass or the downy pillow on the shaded bench? And what symbol can excel that of our sins being made "as white as snow"?