

The Sabbath Recorder

has met the emotional as well as spiritual needs of our congregation following the news of the auto accident which befell our pastor, Alton L. Wheeler, and party, en route to Conference on July 25th, has been greatly appreciated. At the ensuing Sabbath service, Mr. Bingham led the congregation in special prayer on behalf of the injured before delivering his discourse on the first petition of "The Lord's Prayer."

"Give us this day our daily bread," furnished food for thought in the second sermon. In view of OWM budget needs, a special Conference offering was taken August 12. Mr. Bingham filled the pulpit again speaking with illumination on "Forgive us our debts." On Sabbath, August 19, he concluded his thoughts from The Lord's Prayer with the petition, "Lead us not into temptation." At the close of each service in this series the congregation had been asked to sing "The Lord's Prayer," by Malotte, which by repetition grew in effectiveness.

It was good to again welcome the Rev. Owen L. Miller from Riverside's First Baptist Church into our pulpit, Sabbath, August 26, preaching on "Strong Saints." He stressed the part that the congregation can play by upholding the pastor in prayer.

Since Pastor Wheeler could not resume his duties as scheduled, Mr. Bingham kindly supplied for us September 2 and 9. Family Camp on September 3 and 4 proved a success with Mr. and Mrs. Darvil Boatman in charge, and Albyn Mackintosh the main speaker.

The pastor and his family have all safely returned to Riverside. Pastor Wheeler had been accompanied on his return journey by Mrs. Beth Severe Burdick, missionary-nurse from Nyasaland. She spoke on Sabbath morning, September 16, to a large congregation. Her topic was "Forward With Christ in Nyasaland." In the evening she showed slides of the Makapwa Mission following the annual Sabbath School business meeting.

During the period of the Wheelers' convalescence the laity has arisen to the need and all activities of the church have continued. Special mention should be made of the services of Dr. Dale Curtis who has filled in ably in many capabilities. To bear one another's burdens is to fulfill the law of Christ.

Conference Meeting Places Scheduled

- 1962 — Mission Farms, Minnesota
 - 1963 — Estes Park, Colorado
 - 1964 — Salem, West Virginia
- 1962 Conference theme,
"Draw Near to God"

Accessions

Carraway (Putnam County), Fla.

By Baptism:

Ray Bohannon
Montana (Mrs. A. L.) Blix

Marriages

Babcock-Christenson.—George Babcock, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Orville W. Babcock, and Emma Lynn Christenson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Christenson, both of White Cloud, Mich., were united in marriage on September 9, 1961, in the Methodist Church. The ceremony was performed by the fathers of both the bride and the groom. George is enrolled for graduate study at Michigan State University.

Welch-Weidman.—Lowell Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Welch of Berea, W. Va., and Miss Patricia Weidman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Weidman of Brookfield, N. Y., were united in marriage July 1, 1961, at the Brookfield Methodist Church by the Rev. Loren C. Hawver.

Births

Paquette.—A son, Douglas Neal, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Paquette of Plainfield, N. J., on September 14, 1961.

Sweet.—A son, George Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. George (Brenda Moore) Sweet of Waterford, N. Y., on August 25, 1961.

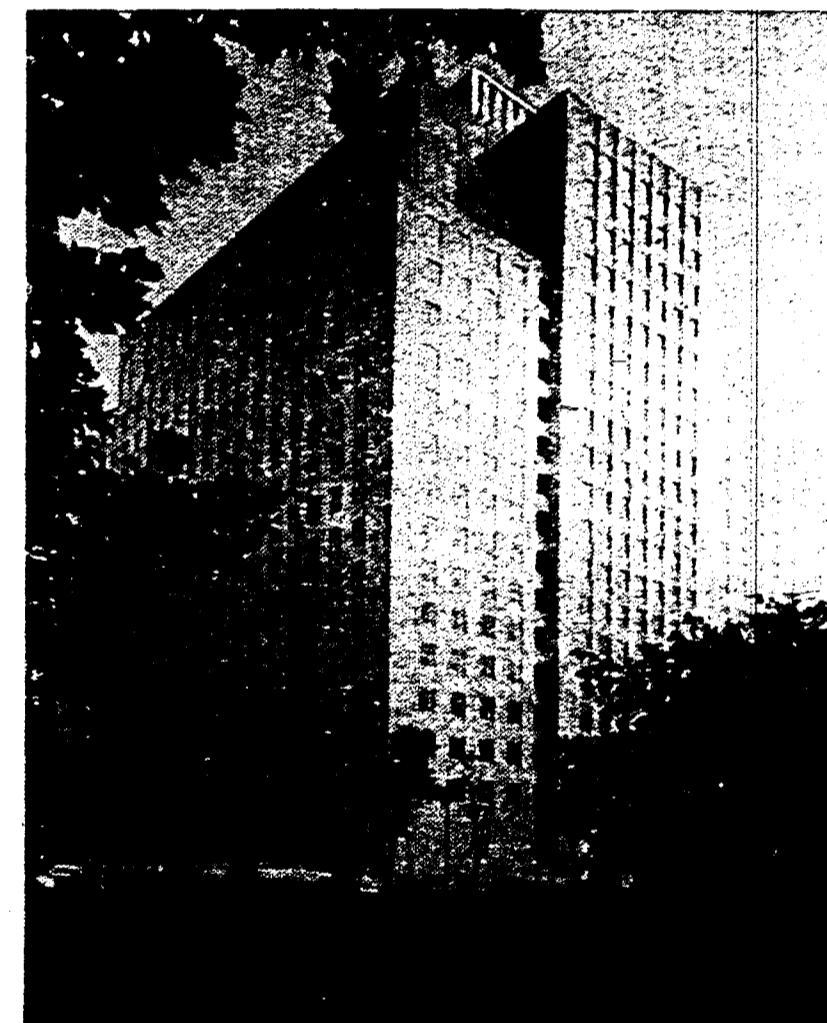
Obituaries

Kelley.—Jess, son of A. G. and Charlotte Watson Kelley, was born March 15, 1882, in Berea and died April 3, 1961.

He was a retired farmer living in the vicinity of Berea all of his life. He was baptized by the Rev. John Randolph during his pastorate at the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Murray of Marietta, Mrs. Guy Ireland of Pullman, and Mrs. Howard Reppert of Gary, Ind.; a son, Billy J. of West Union; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted from the Ritchie church with the Rev. Frank Osbourn, Harrisville, delivering the sermon, assisted by the Rev. Hollie Thompson, Pullman, and Pastor Leslie Welch of the Ritchie church. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery. — L. A. W.



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The imposing structure rising majestically on Riverside Drive, overlooking the world traffic of the Hudson River, stands almost next door to Union Theological Seminary, with the largest library of its kind in America. It adjoins historic, popular Riverside Church. In its own right it is a monument of the past, present, and future co-operation of many Protestant denominations, several of

which maintain national offices there. Primarily it houses various ecumenical agencies of the National and World Councils of Churches and provides convenient meeting places for boards and committees, large and small. Recently its facilities were extended graciously to a newly created Seventh Day Baptist committee. Visitors to New York do well to make it a point to tour at least the main floor of this building, even as they visit the United Nations Building on the East River.

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Conflicts in Israel

No country on earth can claim more contradictions and conflicts than the new nation of Israel. The conflicts are inevitable and it remains to be seen how many of them can be resolved satisfactorily. The news releases and the one-sided reports (Arab and Jewish) stress the political, social, and economic problems that beset and surround this new nation which has established itself in territory claimed by the Arabs. Charges and countercharges may be read in freely distributed conflicting publications and are voiced in the halls of the United Nations. There are also religious conflicts which occasionally get in the papers.

Christian people are interested in Palestine as the birthplace of their religion. The history of that land is replete with climaxes of many kinds. The control of the country has changed hands so many times that it is not strange to have repetitions of that process in our own times. God made land promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. After Israel became established, following deliverance from the bondage in Egypt, the favor of God smiled on the land until the nation forsook God. The prophets foretold disaster and promised that the faithful would return and rebuild Zion. The Jews have failed to recognize that the Messianic prophecies were fulfilled by a suffering servant who rose from the dead and replaced the Jewish nation with a spiritual kingdom, the Christian Church. They have felt (along with many Christians) that toward the end of time Israel would be gathered again from the four corners of the world to inhabit the land given to their ancient forefathers. Modern Zionism is seen by many as a fulfilment of Scripture. Others (both Jews and Christians) are not quite so sure.

One disturbing situation is that Israel as it now exists is composed of such diverse elements. It is natural to assume that the strongest force in Israel is the orthodox Jewish faith — that it is really a religious nation. Those familiar with the situation have pointed out frequently that this is not quite true. They tell us that there is a fanatical orthodox group that holds power in some limited sections, a moderate Judaism, and a powerful segment of the state which has little interest

in religion. The problem is to balance these forces and present to the world a somewhat acceptable face. This is all the more important because the economy of the nation depends so much on tourism and the attitude of Christians in other lands, especially America.

Favorable world opinion is endangered in several ways. The continual border incidents resulting from Israel's determined efforts to resist the avowed purpose of the Arab world to rid itself of the new nation bring up questions as to which side is right. The fact that Arabs have been displaced and that many of them are Christians has pulled hard on the sympathy strings of Americans. There are other incidents that are hard to overlook. Certain Protestant mission churches in Jerusalem have been repeatedly stoned by fanatical orthodox Jews who are very indignant at the attempts made to convert Jews. One little stone church of not more than 34 members was finally closed by its pastor after repeated attacks. It was located in a sector where the very presence of a Christian church was provocative. Churches in other sections of the city are unmolested, and many Jews are both tolerant of and friendly toward those of other faiths.

The Eichmann trial, which was designed to force the people of the world to relive the horrors of Hitler's genocide and also to gain favorable world opinion for Israel has not been an unmixed blessing. Fanaticism has been fanned to flame and has fostered such incidents as just related.

To add to the confusion, one reads that in the recent election three Arab Christian members of the 120-man Israeli parliament were re-elected. It would thus appear that the Arabs are not necessarily second-class citizens in a Jewish state. In this same election the Communists increased the number of their seats in Parliament from three to five. It is reported that in Nazareth, the boyhood home of our Lord, they gained almost half of the votes. Remembering that communism is avowedly atheistic this is disheartening news.

What does it all add up to? At least this: that Israel is still (or again) a

troubled land needing our prayers. Neither fanatical orthodoxy nor fanatical nationalism will solve their problems. Christianity, persecuted by the one and ridiculed by the other would, if accepted and applied, be a better solution to the conflicts within and without. In the meanwhile more and more of our people who are able do well to grasp the opportunity to visit the lands of the Bible and to show their love for the descendants of those who were God's chosen people — chosen to present to the world its only Savior.

College Tract Teams

The American mind is geared to athletics, and from early childhood to senility the language of sports fills the air. Baseball, football, and track stars are freely discussed everywhere by everybody as if they were the people making the biggest contribution to American life. Perhaps that is why one encounters such blank expressions when he says that part of his business is tract work. It appears that outside of church circles men are not very familiar with tract work. They perhaps hear the word as "track" instead of "tract." Or they may think of the latter term as belonging only in the vocabulary of real estate salesmen. Possibly the distributors of Christian literature need to use a less confusing word when describing their work to the average man of the world.

An interesting story comes from a prominent college in the South. Bernie Moore, an alumnus of that college is listed in the "football hall of fame." He learned something else in college; he acquired skill in evangelistic methods. Now he has changed his interest from football to what might be called another sport. Recently he became a coach at Louisiana State University. What did he coach? The championship "tract team."

Let's have more such coaches. We need not abandon the respectable word "tract." What we need is to make it better known by personal demonstration: "My friend, here is a Christian tract which I found helpful."

End of Catholic Elementary Schools?

There is possibility that the Roman Catholic Church will quietly and gradually eliminate its elementary schools in order to place more emphasis on high school and college training of its youth. Church officials differ sharply on this, but it has now come to light that Catholic educators have had this shift of emphasis in their education program under discussion for some time.

One advocate of this proposed emphasis is Msgr. George W. Casey, a regular columnist on the editorial page of the *Pilot*, official organ of the Archdiocese of Boston. Reasons given for dropping elementary parochial schools included the prospect that Catholic schools would not get financial aid from the Federal Government. He argued that the best return for money invested would be in high school education. His contention is that times have changed so that the most formative years in a pupil's life are during his high school and college days.

Casey said:

"Let us face it, the chief reason for the Catholic school system is the preservation of the faith. And I, for one, have never seen a child lose its faith in the elementary grades, unless the parents lost it for him."

He added:

We will all be relieved of the financial strain that so distorts our devotions and parish programs; the clergy will be freed from fund raising to devote their energies to spiritual accounts; and the parishes will not have to erect the enormous bingo signs that disfigure all the church lawns in certain areas nor will they have to run a lot of novenas for palpably profit motives.

Protestants could well be thankful if these distasteful money-raising practices were removed from the communities in which there are churches of both faiths. Whether or not other Catholic leaders will follow the lead of Msgr. Casey in the near future remains to be seen. He is strongly opposed by others of equal rank who are still hopeful that the Federal Government will soon come to the aid of their schools.

Let us ponder well the judgment of these educators that more indoctrination

MEMORY TEXT

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. John 2: 1.

is needed in high school and college. We may well assume that they know what they are talking about. Are we behind the times? At one time our churches provided high schools and colleges that were denominationally oriented. We have almost completely abandoned to secular or unaffiliated schools that area of education and have shown an inclination to support religious elementary schools on the assumption that lifetime patterns were established at that level. Many parents have learned that church and family training in the grades do not always hold their children true during their teens.

Financial Relief for Recalled Veterans

Premium payments and interest on commercial life insurance policies of Reservists and National Guardsmen who are ordered to active duty may be guaranteed by the Veterans Administration under provisions of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, T. V. Williams, regional manager in Newark, announced.

This protection, VA said, covers the policyholder's period of active service and two years afterward. It applies only to life policies that do not impose special premium rates for military duties or clauses limiting benefits because of service. The total amount that VA can guarantee must not exceed \$10,000 in each case.

The VA reminded veterans, however, that the protection is in reality a loan against the policy and that the premiums and interest thus guaranteed must eventually be repaid by the veteran.

Recorder Comment

Love for,
Loyalty to, and
Learning about the denomination of my choice always prompts my subscription to its magazine.

— DeRuyter, N. Y.

President's Message

"John James thou hast been indicted, arraigned, and tried as a traitor to His Majesty, his crown and dignity, and hast put thyself upon trial of God and the Country, and the Country have found thee guilty; and therefore, John James, thou art to be hanged by the neck, and, being yet alive, to be cut down and thy bowels to be taken out and burnt before thy face, a fire being prepared, and thy head to be severed from thy body, and thy body to be quartered, and thy head and body disposed according to the King's pleasure. Long live the King!"

On November 26, 1661, the sentence was carried out James was bound to a sled and drawn through the slush of the streets to Tyburn followed by throngs of curious and jeering onlookers His children, it is said, also followed their father on the sled and exhorted him to be faithful.

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were pilgrims on the earth . . . Wherefore, seeing that we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Those who attended General Conference at Amherst, Mass., will recall these stirring words as part of "The John James Story," a dramatic reading written and directed by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. It is a story of martyrdom that needs to be told and retold by Seventh Day Baptists. It is a story that can be told in our churches, too; for here it is in presentable form requiring, in order to be told, only a sincere interest on the part of those whose heritage is John James.

Copies of the script for this dramatic reading are available to groups or persons interested in using it. You have only to write to Rev. Albert N. Rogers, at Box 742, Alfred, N. Y., and copies will be sent. There are 17 parts in the play, but a smaller group can do it when one person takes several parts. It is the type of a story that can be told very simply or produced more elaborately as a play, whichever is desired.

On Sabbath day, Nov. 25, 1961, we will commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the martyrdom of John James, Seventh Day Baptist faithful to his convictions until death.

Let us recall his faithfulness with the same type of conviction and "Draw Near to God." — Melvin G. Nida.

Planning Committee to Meet

Members of the denominational Planning Committee — representatives of the major boards with the executive secretary presiding — will hold their regular fall meeting at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N. J., October 16, 17, and 18. Further co-ordination of work is always on the agenda. Upon the recommendation of Commission and Conference planning for the Fourth Year Program for Advance will be undertaken at this time — just as the Third Year Program is getting under way in the churches.

Western Association Semiannual Meeting

The Semiannual Meeting of the Western Association (Western N. Y. and Northern Pa.) will be held with the Independence church on Sabbath, October 21. Youth and adult meetings at Hebron, Pa., on Sabbath eve will precede the services at Independence, N. Y.

Northern Association

The Northern Association will meet in White Cloud, Mich., the weekend of October 14. Rev. Orville Babcock will speak Friday night and Dr. Victor Burdick on Sabbath morning. The Burdicks will show pictures and tell of the mission work on Sabbath night.

"I Must"

A Worship Meditation by
Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

(Given on the second morning of
General Conference.)

(Continued from last week)

This sense of duty and obligation undergirds the life of all God's great servants. The great reformers are in that line: Wycliffe, John Huss, Savanarola, Martin Luther. Listen to Luther cry out before the assembled Diet: "Here I stand; I can do no other. So help me God." It sounds strangely like a cry nineteen centuries ago: "I must." And the list must include Carey, the English cobbler, who was the first missionary to India; Judson, the first missionary to Burma; Morrison, the first missionary to China; and in many ways David Livingstone, whose heart is laid to rest in Africa. Every one of them had something of the purpose and urgency that first began in their Master when, as a boy of 12 He cried out in the Temple, "I must be about my Father's business."

Then think in contrast of those who have had a great purpose and a great urgency, but not for God — only for themselves. Very few people know that David Livingstone had a brother who died in Canada worth from half a million to a million dollars. He chose a vastly different purpose and goal from his brother David who died penniless in an African hut. Now that their lives are finished and done, which of them would you rather be, if it were possible for you to take their place? "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever" is a statement in the blessed Book.

And there are lesser known folks who belong in the ranks of the dedicated. Recall the list of our own missionaries from the Solomon Carpenters down the line to the last ones who have gone to Jamaica and Makapwa. Every one of them has said, "I must." Mrs. Hurley and I found, in an old trunk in Salem, the letter written by a young woman in her late teens offering herself as a missionary to China. She was well-educated, a fine musician, and her wealthy father offered her every-

thing in the way of travel and culture and career if she would only stay at home with him. But she went to China. Something in her soul said, "I must." If you don't recognize her from this meager description, her name was Susie Burdick. After some 45 years as a missionary for our people she passed away in Southern California. It was my happy privilege to share in her funeral. Would God we had a thousand more like her.

But I fear some of you are saying, "Yes, these are all missionaries. Such people have to be consecrated." Now could it possibly be that that is what is the matter with us as a denomination? We expect missionaries to be consecrated; we expect ministers to be consecrated; but the rest do not matter. Is that what is the matter with us that for a generation and more we have either been dwindling or standing still?

It is not sufficient for a Christian just to be good. We have church members by the million in America who are fairly decent folks, all right; but somehow they do not keep our citizens out of crime and our youth out of delinquency. Either we are not good enough, or our goodness is too negative to be transforming. It is so often said, "It is not enough to be good; one should be good for something." And for a Christian that "being good for something" means primarily being a soul winner.

We come to General Conference year after year. We enjoy each other's fellowship; we transact the business arising out of the activities of Commission and our boards; we pass resolutions; we appoint committees; we plan for the year ahead; we adopt a budget — usually more than we subsequently raise; then we go home. And too often that is all! All too many of us forget the dedication of our Master, "I must be about my Father's business," or the cry of Peter and John, "We can not but speak of what we have seen and heard," or the word of Paul, "I am debtor to the Greeks and the barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise." Every layman among us, as well as every minister, needs this cry, "I must!"

We say: We need a new inspiration

at General Conference. We ought to receive a new dedication whether we are at Conference or at home.

God had one supreme purpose in sending His Son into the world, "that the world through him might be saved." That was why He established the Church; that is why He has called missionaries down through the ages and has sent them out to the nations. But that was also why He called each of you sitting in the seats here before me today; that is why He called me; He called each of us to become His children, yes! but He called us also to be His servants. He expects every saved soul to say with Jesus, "I must!"

In the magazine *Christianity Today* for July 31, 1961, is an article on "The Great Cities," by Thomas L. Livermore. He says: "The crowd has simply left God out. This means that city preaching must be related to the basic needs of the people. Their interests in the mysteries of life, birth and death, their questions about justice and judgment, their interest in the future of the nations, and, above all, the personal problems of sin, temptation, guilt, anguish, and loneliness all provide opportunities for the wise preacher." But does this apply only to the cities? Does it apply only to the preacher? Or does it apply to every Christian in any place over the earth?

We have just ended a business session of this General Conference. Was it really our principal business? Or is our principal business the same as impelled Jesus long years ago in the Temple to say, "I must be about my Father's business." Valuable as our decisions this morning may prove to be, our principal business is to lead men to Christ in whom alone men find life. That is your business; that is my business; that is every Christian's business; for that is the Father's business. Shall we not join in chorus to restate the affirmation of Jesus, "I must be about my Father's business"?

I am a nickel — If you used me 25 years ago I would have purchased twice as much as I do today. I have 830 million brothers. I'm just a little fellow now, but I still go over mighty big in church.

Setting Dates for Our Lord's Return

When the special assistant to the postmaster general in Washington, D. C., answered a telephone call the other day, he heard a demand that he issue a commemorative stamp for the second coming of Christ.

Needless to say he was dumbfounded. After sparring for time awhile, he answered: "If you will tell me the exact time and place, I'll be ready with the issue." The caller hung up.

Later on, this special assistant, who is also public relations chief for the post office, related the incident to newsmen in Kansas City. They, of course, published it. The result? This chief received a dozen letters from readers who said they knew the time and place.

However, he is still holding out because the dates are all different — ranging from July 1961, to the year 2061!

There can be no reasonable doubt of the fact of our Lord's return, for He said to His disciples: "I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14: 3). He is Truth personified and "cannot lie" (Titus 1: 2).

The manner of His coming is revealed in these inspired words: "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we (disciples) which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4: 16-17).

The suddenness of His coming is stated thus: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15: 52).

The one thing that is not revealed in prophecy is the time of His return. No human being knows the day nor the hour when He will fulfill His promise to come again.

When the Thessalonians heard the Gospel of Christ, how that He died for

our sins, was buried, rose again, ascended to heaven and promised to return, they believed it. They "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (1 Thess. 1: 9-10).

Interesting as a commemorative stamp would be, it is not going to be issued. We have our Savior's promise: "Behold, I come quickly (or suddenly)" (Rev. 22: 7, 12, 20). Let each believer respond with the last prayer of the Bible: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" — From Tom Olson's Page, LeTourneau College Now.

Book Review

Mormon Claims Examined

Writers outside the fold of the Latter Day Saints have long assailed the preposterous claims of Mormonism but these writings have been generally ineffective in convincing those who have come to believe in the revelations of Joseph Smith contained in the Book of Mormon. The world has been waiting until 1961 for a thoroughly documented book such as that of Larry W. Jonas, recently published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich. It is a paper-back book (86 pages) selling for \$1.00 but it contains the kind of historical research needed to show that Joseph Smith could well have been an imposter.

The author has indeed examined the evidences presented by Latter Day Saints in behalf of the divine inspiration of the Book of Mormon. He has interspersed 32 pages of photostat copies of newspaper items and material in rare volumes in the Library of Congress. He shows quite conclusively from the daily papers read by Joseph Smith prior to his "discovery" of the plates that all of the ideas about archaeology, the South American Indians and prophecy which were worked into the Mormon reconstruction of Christian history were preached and published back in 1828 and were known to Joseph Smith. That he was capable of dictating the Book of Mormon is quite plausible when one reads from the biography written by his mother the following:

During our evening conversations, Joseph would occasionally give us some of the most amusing recitals that could be imagined, he would describe the ancient inhabitants of this continent, their dress, mode of traveling, and the animals upon which they rode; their cities, their buildings with every particular; their mode of warfare, and also their religious worship. This he would do with as much ease as if he had spent his whole life with them.

Some may find it interesting to note that in 1826 Joseph Smith was found guilty of being an imposter. The charge says, in part, that he had a certain stone "which he had occasionally looked at to determine where hidden treasures in the bowels of the earth were . . . that he has occasionally been in the habit of looking through this stone to find lost property for three years . . ."

In a brief review one cannot do justice to the book or author. It is not an attack on Mormonism in the ordinary sense of the term. It claims to be objective and fair. The publishers say that it will be used as collateral reading in courses of Apologetics or Comparative Religion in Bible colleges and seminaries. Against the charge of bitterness Mr. Jonas writes in his concluding paragraphs:

Some who believe in the Book of Mormon will no doubt be so emotionally repelled at the very idea of such a book as this being printed that they will look for bitterness in every word of mine. They may admit many of the proofs I present (they cannot deny original documents), but they will find some place where my emotions led me to undue heights and then they will say, "See, he is bitter and satanic. We would rather stay Mormons knowing our book can be proven wrong than believe Jonas." . . .

I have tried to present the truth in love. I have tried not to be so soft that you would not see the seriousness of the evidence. But I am a human and undoubtedly will offend some. May God have mercy on those who use my mistakes as their excuse for rejecting evidence.

Communist Rome

According to *The New York Times*, the Vatican is dreadfully concerned about the rapid growth of Communism in that city. Today, one out of every three voting citizens of Rome is a Communist or pro-Communist, and the city is considered one of the most communistic capitals in the West. — *Bible Advocate*.

"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great . . ." (Acts 26: 22). This well describes the work of Thelma Tarbox. Following is a portion of a letter written to Gov. Notte of Rhode Island, whose intentions seem good on

The Sunday Law Issue

When we consider the many reasons given to exonerate Sunday Laws, isn't it clear that these laws are employed to solve several problems which either do not lie within the proper jurisdiction of government, or which could be solved by different laws — laws that would cause little or no opposition (as compared with the constant bickering provoked by Sunday Laws)? The various problems which legislators attempt to solve by enacting Sunday Laws are summarized, I believe, as follows:

1. The need of employees to have at least one rest day each week.
2. The need for employees to have their weekly Sabbath free from regular work.
3. The elimination of seven-day business competition.
4. The attempt of some trade union leaders (meat-cutters, for example) to appeal to traditional reverence for Sunday in order to eliminate competition from people outside their unions.
5. The desire on the part of some church leaders to gain government protection of Sunday.

Obviously, 4 and 5 are unconstitutional. The unions, having failed to "unionize" the proprietors of small businesses and others, are seeking to "get them" through the "back door" of Sunday Laws. As for those church leaders who want Blue Laws, if they would carefully consider all the implications and dangers involved in seeking help from the state, I'm sure they would cease agitating for such laws. It's the weak church that can't convince its members of the sin of buying and selling on the weekly Sabbath! It's the foolish church that encourages the state to take the first step in legislating the church's business by enacting Sunday Laws! History

shows that for centuries after the Roman Emperor Constantine gave Christians (some of them) the legal right to exist, the state, hungry for power, interfered in the internal affairs of the Christian Church, even to the extent of determining and punishing "heretics."

As for problem 3, seven-day business competition would not exist in Rhode Island if the churches were as successful as they should be. According to statistics, Rhode Islanders are almost 100% church-affiliated! Devout Christians, Jews, Moslems (Friday-observers), etc., do celebrate a weekly Sabbath upon which it is a sin to buy and sell unnecessary items, or to perform unnecessary labor.

If however, it is deemed wise in the interest of fair business practice to enact legislation limiting all business to a 6-day work week, or less, why not clearly define the law as Fair Business Legislation? Such a law could simply state that every business must be closed at least one day each week, leaving it to the owner's discretion to choose the closing day.

To those who argue that Sunday must be specified as the closing day in order to make enforcement possible, it must be pointed out that a "one-in-seven" law can easily be enforced because businessmen, being as they are, will be quick to report any competitor who remains open seven consecutive days. . . .

Sunday Laws, claimed by their supporters to be true health and welfare laws, unlike the Federal Wage and Hour laws, which protect the worker from overwork, coerce all — professionals, self-employed, owners — into refraining from most forms of activity, even if they want to engage in money-making activities. Sunday Laws introduce a totally foreign element into the health and welfare field.

If, however, Americans wish to lose their freedom of choice in determining which practices are most conducive to their own health, then it should be made crystal clear to all that the responsibility for promoting individual health has been transferred from the individual to the state. Such a move would open up a tremendous field for legislation — a lights-out curfew in the hope that every citizen would get his required eight hours' sleep; exercise centers supervised by the police; or perhaps community kitchens where state employees prepare well-balanced menus made out by the Legislature; and of course stringent Sunday Laws curtailing all unhealthy activities, and plenty of police around to supervise the healthful activities that people need to do on Sunday in order to be healthy!

There's a big loophole in the Sunday Laws which prove that their main purpose is to protect Sunday as a holy day as much as possible, and is very little concerned with the health of workers. This loophole is the fact that because a hodge-podge of exceptions are allowed, many people are able to work at a regular job during the week, and in a "legal" business on Sunday. So how is the health of these people being protected by Sunday Laws? The day receives considerable protection but not the individual's health.

Bible Society Emergency Appeal

The American Bible Society is making an appeal for \$250,000 to meet emergency needs for Bibles in Indonesia, prior to an embargo against their importation to that country which takes effect December 23, according to Dr. Robert T. Taylor, executive secretary.

Local Indonesian churches and mission stations of American churches have requested supplies of Bibles prior to the effective date to take care of their needs. The emergency funds will be used to provide 50,000 Bibles in the Toba Batak language and 30,000 in Javanese, and to help the Netherlands Bible Society supply 100,000 Bibles in the Indonesian language.

If the entire \$250,000 is raised, the society will also send paper and binding materials for the printing of Gospels and New Testaments in Indonesia.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Nyasaland News

A recent letter from the Rev. David Pearson announces that he and Mrs. Pearson are parents of a little daughter, born August 22, 1961, and named Joanna. He writes that mother and daughter are doing very well.

One of the dependable teachers, Mr. F. Felukia, contracted malignancy of the liver and died within recent weeks. This is a severe loss to the Makapwa Mission school. Mr. Felukia was a Christian teacher, having recently joined the Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Plans for teaching Standard VI at Makapwa are still undecided. It will be recalled that the request for additional funds for Makapwa school was one of the items that could not be approved because we decided "to hold the line" at the last General Conference. Pastor Pearson writes that the Nyasaland Conference Executive Committee will deal with the problem of finances as it affects all mission plans including schools, at their next meeting on October 3, 1961. (NOTE: Makapwa Mission budget for 1962 has been set at \$5,000, the same as in 1961. The tentative budget "askings" from Makapwa were over \$7,000.)

"Dr. Raubeheimer of Malamulo has made two monthly visits to Makapwa. These visits are necessary from the government's viewpoint. Without this supervision, government would stop all assistance" (refunds on drugs, etc.) Pastor Pearson adds, "His visits are always cheery and helpful."

Laymen's Sabbath

What has formerly been known and observed as "Men and Missions Sabbath" has been changed to Laymen's Sabbath. It is suggested that the day be observed by Seventh Day Baptist churches on the second Sabbath in October in 1961, or at a date during fall months more convenient to the church program.

A handbook of suggestions for the observance of this Sabbath (October 14, 1961) has been sent to all church pastors and leaders.

The Board of Managers of United

Church Men has sponsored the preparation of this booklet. President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., is our Seventh Day Baptist representative on this Board of Managers.

President Hurley has written, "Please do not hesitate to give every possible promotion to the observance of Laymen's Sabbath. I only wish that I were not so busy and had more time for the promotion of such worth-while activities in our churches."

The theme for 1961, "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses," presents an impressive opportunity for laymen to witness publicly to their faith and to inspire others to accept a call to service as witnesses for Christ and His Church.

The purpose of the observance is not to minimize the importance of the ordained ministry, or to take from the minister his regular place of leadership in public worship; rather, it is to enlist and encourage all laymen to participate fully in the church's life and witness. Pastors who have seen to it that this observance is included in the calendar of the congregation testify that they have been richly rewarded. Their sympathetic counsel with laymen responsible for the worship on that day is greatly appreciated.

Laymen's Sabbath is the day when, in thousands of churches throughout the United States and Canada and in the chapels of our servicemen throughout the world, the regular worship service is conducted by the laymen of the church.

Interesting Facts and Figures

1. Did you know that the monthly payments to Missionary Board workers in August amounted to \$3,979.97? Government refund on nurses' salaries reduces this amount by \$140 each month. As of September first there will be two more workers added: the pastor of Daytona Beach and the missionary-elect to British Guiana.

2. In adding up the number of people now living at Makapwa Mission station, other than our missionary personnel, Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick noted: 32 school workers and their families; 35 medical workers and their families; several connected with the church; and about 40

boarding students, making a total of approximately 110 adults and children who depend upon our assistance to some degree.

3. The total number of Missionary Board workers and their families, including home field, foreign field, and administrative workers, who look to the Missionary Board for their subsistence, in whole or in part, is 70. The figures for the number of dependents are drawn from our Blue Cross records and only include children up to 18 years of age.

4. The amount expended for carrying out the missionary-pastor exchange plan for Jamaica was over \$1,800 and the amount anticipated and therefore budgeted was only \$1,500.

5. Do we all realize that a failure to raise approximately 20% of \$60,000 operating budget in 1961 means a failure to receive anticipated income of about \$12,000 (in round figures)? It requires no great stretch of imagination to realize what a problem and struggle it is to try to readjust plans and stay within the actual income received.

6. Do you know that \$722 was sent to Maiden Hall School during 1961, on a matching fund basis? The Jamaica Conference expressed the hope that the funds formerly sent to Maiden Hall School would be sent "to the work of our Mission Fund."

POAU, Church-State Watchdog

In Dixon, New Mexico, POAU won a decision in the Supreme Court which swept 137 persons from the public payroll because they were under vows to teach their religion to all pupils.

In Vermont, the State Supreme Court unanimously declared that an arrangement by which a school district paid tuition grants to parochial high schools was unconstitutional.

Over the last 14 years no organization in the United States has made as many appearances before Congressional Committees in regard to legislation dealing with church-state problems and no organization has submitted as much material to these groups on such issues. POAU representatives are invited and welcomed at any hearings where church-state questions are at issue.

The Peace Corps

I do not know about political or religious ins and outs of the new government Peace Corps, and I have no argument with anyone about the way it is being set up, but in a newsletter from Congressman Goodell of western New York, he quotes Mrs. Marguerite Stitt Church, Congresswoman from Illinois, concerning the worth of that program. The way it is written, it would apply to any worth-while program set up for the betterment of relationships among all of mankind.

In the course of congressional debate, Mrs. Church summed up in moving terms the potential of the Peace Corps: "Mr. Chairman, this program is as American as Boston beans and apple pie. I would say to those who call this a hairbrained scheme for a kiddie corps, you are doing the youth of America a great injustice. Yesterday, I heard someone say, 'What could a hairbrained youngster just out of college do in the jungles?' I thought back, Mr. Chairman, to 1941 when an earlier generation of young boys proved that they could master the jungles where they died, in war. I want our generation of youth to go out in the world and show their willingness to give, in living. American? Of course it is.

"You say that I am dealing with intangibles. In times of crisis, Mr. Chairman, it is only the intangible that has any essence of reality for life — or power. I am sure of that."

Protestantism and Communism

Specific actions which church people can undertake in resisting the inroads of the John Birch Society and similar groups are spelled out in the September Newsletter of the Columbus (Ohio) Area Council of Churches.

Under the heading, "A Program for Action," they include: cultivating "a deeper experience of your own faith"; being informed on the real nature of communism; supporting study and discussion groups in the local church; and helping the world service programs of the churches.

"Concerning communism," says the

message, "the church has done far more than many people know." It points out that no Protestant country has even a sizeable Communist minority. "Protestantism's unfettered education, free inquiry, vitality of faith, support of freedom, individual responsibility, and democratic organization make it a bulwark against communism."

The message warns: "When some groups are trying to cast suspicion on the churches, church leaders and organizations by false, misleading, and irresponsible charges, remind them of this record, for such talk is doing the very thing that the Communists want — to discredit the churches."

Dr. G. Weir Hartman is executive director of the Columbus Area Council of Churches. — Religious News Weekly.

Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held in the Alfred University School of Theology, Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m. This will be the first regular meeting of the new fiscal year.

Lesson Helps

Your Board of Christian Education has just received several copies of the *International Lesson Annual for 1962*, and is offering them for sale for \$2.50 each. The lessons in the annual follow the lessons as they appear in the *Helping Hand Sabbath School* quarterly. Teachers who use them find them very valuable as resource material. Send your order to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 15, Alfred Station, New York.

Israel's Ability to Accommodate Large Groups Attested To

The recently concluded Pentecostal World Conference in Israel, which attracted approximately 3,000 persons from all corners of the globe, has drawn plaudits from the leadership and membership of this religious body, further pointing out Israel's emergence as a leading convention center.

Supremacy of the Mind

Howard J. Waddell*

It is no secret that the future dominance of earth is planned by the Russian Communist Government.

And by now, everyone must surely be aware of the fact that Russian Communism plans to conquer the world by conquering man's mind. They do not want to fight a hot war to win their objective of world dominance. Indeed, Russian Communism has been, is, and will continue waging a "cold war," the battlefield being the mind of every human being on earth. The ammunition — Education!

At this time of the year, here in America, our schools have just graduated many thousands of young people from twelve years of academic study. The question is, What now? Some graduates will not go on to higher education. Many others plan to enter colleges and institutes this fall to continue their thirst for knowledge.

To both groups, to all graduates, indeed, to all people everywhere, young or old, may I offer the following thoughts.

Knowledge without God is like a car without an engine. No power! There is no value in a big new beautiful car if there isn't a power plant to operate the vehicle.

One may be the most educated individual in the world; one may have a B.A., M.A., and a Ph.D. but if he does not know God, His law, His history, and His love, then he is but an educated fool.

I believe that when all is said and done, when the years of the century have rolled by and 1961 is back in the corridors of time, history will show that the nation supreme, the ruling power of the earth, will be the people who were educated not only in the physical and social sciences of the world but those who also were learned in the science of the Spirit of God.

As we unwrap the creations of the

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universe through new and bolder discoveries in the field of time, motion, energy, and matter, we are but learning more of God's world, planets, and universe.

As one learns more of God and the wondrous works of His hands, and the glorious beauty of the galaxies, one must have more knowledge of God if he is to understand and be able to use the new-fraught knowledge to the Glory of God.

It is therefore imperative that people everywhere, young and old alike, begin to study the Word of God.

It is not enough to study only the physical sciences; it is not enough to study only the social sciences; one must also study the spiritual sciences.

Mankind is once again going through an era of revolutionary change. And just as one group of people are conquered by another; just as the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Grecian, and Roman Empires were all toppled, one after the other, so our American Republic is challenged by godless forces of atheistic communism. An atheistic communism is even now at this very moment battling fiercely outside the citadels of our faith, our nation, our freedoms. This wicked war is being fought by education — education without God, and the dominance of men's minds subjected to the will of godless men to capture and enslave us — to lead us captive into slavery, even in our own land.

It is my urgent plea to all who read this article that they take seriously their ideas on education, and not sit back and allow the opposition to win the battle for men's minds.

Especially to young people, recent graduates, I urge the call to battle to oppose the tyranny of communism by developing your further education, not only in the sciences of earth and peoples, but in the knowledge of God, who created heaven and earth and all therein.

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for October 21, 1961

Growth in Christian Relationships

Lesson Scripture: Col. 3: 8-17.

World Community Day Nov. 3, 1961

By Mrs. A. Russell Maxson
Theme: Freedom to Know

Each year since the early war years women of the churches have gathered on the first Friday in November for study, action, and worship that gives expression to the belief that the mission of the Christian Church and world affairs are interdependent and interlocking in their concern for the people of other lands.

This year the theme is another step in our concern for freedom — the freedom to know, the God-given right to be free to know. We pray for peace and at the same time must realize that understanding among men must come first, based on the integrity of men and their ability to communicate with one another. This communication cannot come about without knowledge and the freedom to think and act.

The study booklet for this year opens up a continent close to us but little understood and is entitled *Education, Women and the Church in the Americas*. It gives much information that many of us have not known about the religious, social, economic, and educational life in the Latin-American countries. In recent years so much of our attention has been directed by the headlines to the fast-moving events in Africa, and Asia, that we have had less concern for our neighbors to the south. Often our visitors from Central and South America have been dismayed by our lack of any comprehensive knowledge of Latin America's geography, long history, or rich cultural backgrounds.

The Castro revolution in Cuba has dramatized the problems being faced by Latin America and our relations in the area. It has highlighted the importance of our knowing more about the social upheavals that are disturbing these countries. There is a growing realization that a new page in the history of the hemisphere is being written, and we should be aware of the significance of the events that are taking place. We are learning that talk about "good neighbors" con-

tributes little to real inter-American understanding without attitudes and action which give meaning to the words.

Through World Community Day observance and study, an opportunity is offered up to learn more of the needs and to contribute as we have the means. Seventh Day Baptists have had a continuing interest in missions in South America and are all the more interested in knowing about the people there since a Seventh Day Baptist missionary family will soon be preparing to go to British Guiana.

What are the specific things we can do? First, order a packet which gives all the information and materials for study and program planning. Study and join with others in study and discussion of the booklet mentioned above. Share in the observance of World Community Day in your own community. Contribute by offerings of money and material aid in the form of children's clothing, piece goods, school bags, and school supplies.

The offering of money will help to train women in adult education so that these women may open new doors of learning for their own people. Of special concern are women who have had no schooling, and the many young women who left school at an early age. World Community Day funds will help bring the light of knowledge to women who long for it.

Your material aid and time spent in sewing will provide school bags and simple school clothes to help a mother start her children in school. You may wish to supply a school bag yourself, or work with a group, each member supplying a different item of school supplies. The child's dress or suit, size 5 to 8, should be of simple pattern, either of new or strong used material. Do not put hems in these garments — each mother, in partnership, may finish a garment for her child. There is a special need in the Caribbean area for boys' cotton top shirts and shorts.

All these things mentioned are things we can do with our hands. Let us also pray that we may be directed in our giving, and dedicated to His service. Pray that our own Seventh Day Baptist churches

and church people in South America may be led in their endeavors for Him.

(Order all materials from P. and D. Dept., National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 340, Manhattanville Station, New York 27, N. Y.)

What Should I Do? Changing Neighbors and Strange Neighbors

We sing, "Come to the church in the wildwood" and my memory returns to the church on the hill. It was surrounded by homes, homes of Seventh Day Baptists. This hill section was separated from the post office and business by a creek and railroad running parallel. This section, the other side of the railroad, was known as Sabbatarian Hill, for most of the folks were Seventh Day Baptists. Many of the farms in all directions were Seventh Day Baptist owned or leased. Today no farm is Seventh Day Baptist owned.

Gone — for whatever reason — to all points of the compass looking for advantages not seen there. We were among the first to go. After a time we obtained a home in another location with other Seventh Day Baptists in the block, and others around the corner in nearly all directions. We had picnics in each other's yards and Thanksgiving dinner in the driveways. The section came to be known as Sabbatarian Corner or New Jerusalem. Now some years later five homes remain, four widows and my wife and I. Although our city church is strong and growing steadily in membership our little corner community has changed.

We are surrounded largely by colored people. Across on the corner is an elderly couple with a fine looking young man. They are folks of leisure, drive a Cadillac, have a trailer, and go boating and fishing. Next is a woman who rarely shows herself. She has five youngsters who are restricted to the use of the back door and must not play on the front porch. The rear apartment is occupied by a young couple not out of their teens but who just became parents of triplets. Next is a small house filled with an undetermined number of young men, some with very fine cars. In and around this place parties

seem to form nearly every week. When started, the street fills with cars loaded with people that are very noisy often till 3 a.m. with recorded jungle music played very loudly. It's scarcely ten feet between their open windows and our screened sleeping room. Next morning our lawns must be cleared of cans, bottles, cartons, etc.

What can I do? What would you do? Shall we throw the house open to those children with others for Bible study and singing? Shall we ask those young men to church? Will our young people welcome them? I am in a quandary. Who is my neighbor? — The Questioning Old Man.

Note: The situation described above presents its problems, which may be somewhat similar to those faced by others who love neighborliness and find it far more difficult at that time of life when they had hoped things would be easier. The problem in some respects is as old as the time of Lot (2 Pet. 2: 5-9). We may not be able to give advice, but the lesson from Lot is that, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly. . . ." Much of the social work of the church must be left to younger members, but we can be sure "The Old Man" finds a service to render.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Britons contributed more than \$25,200,000 to aid refugees during World Refugee Year, the campaign's United Kingdom Committee reports. The figure represents more than four times the original goal. The sum raised by the 97 participating countries amounts to more than 33,000,000 pounds, and is expected to exceed 35,000,000 pounds when all contributions are tallied.

The 236,000-member Christian Reformed Church (U. S. A.) has voted to continue conversations looking towards merger with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Protestant Reformed Churches of America. The former has 9,500 members and the latter about 3,000.

New Eugenia Price Book

Zondervan has sold out its first edition of 10,000 copies of Eugenia Price's new book, *Beloved World*, within a week of publication. Second and third printings are being rushed to take care of orders

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that are piling up from book dealers across the country. The new printings will bring the total in print to 60,000 copies by October 1.

The new book, which bears the subtitle, "The Story of God and People as Told From the Bible," has had a bigger advance draw than any previous book by Miss Price, whose recent *Woman to Woman* has sold more than 100,000 copies in two years.

More Surplus Food for the World's Needy

More food and new kinds of food will be available during the coming year for relief distribution by such voluntary agencies as Church World Service, according to the "Food for Peace" program. Church World Service is to receive more than 377,000,000 pounds of food during 1962. This is out of the 2,700,000,000 pounds "Food for Peace" will furnish to twenty-one voluntary agencies. The foods newly available to voluntary agencies include bulgor wheat, a cracked wheat easily prepared for eating, and more than 100,000,000 pounds of vegetable oils, eight times as much as during the past year. Some 24,000,000 malnourished school children will be provided lunches, an increase of two million. — W. W. Reid.

The American Baptists (Northern) and the Southern Baptists have recently held national conventions at which there were fraternal delegates. Officials of both conventions have expressed the view that there is practically no interest in merging the American and Southern Baptist Conventions. They do have many ties and enter into co-operative relations in matters of mutual interest.

The Congo

It is encouraging to read that in the south Kasai area where the death rate from starvation was 200 per day it has now dropped to about 40 per day. The Congo, however, is far from self-sufficient. There is not a native doctor of medicine in the whole land. When the government authorities announce that a political prisoner is to be tried for high treason the question arises, by whom and before whom? There is no Congolese judge, no Congolese lawyer. It would appear that

Christian missions and outside help will be needed for some time to bring that country from heathen adolescence to Christian maturity.

In a country where the average annual income is less than \$100 per person, Korean Methodists in 1960 gave to their church an amount equal to \$7 for every man, woman, and child in the Methodist constituency, it has been reported.

More than 800 Baptist students representing 55 colleges in Texas have passed a resolution expressing their eagerness to co-operate with desegregation and expressing grave concern over increasing racial tensions.

Two students voted against the resolution. Several others abstained.

It is believed to be the first such statement on the race problem in the nation coming from Baptist students.

The students said that racial prejudice has had an increasingly damaging effect on the Christian witness throughout the world. — BP

Obituaries

Fitz Randolph.—Grace Dawson, widow of the late Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, died at her home, Hotel Alvord, West Orange, N. J., September 16, 1961.

Mrs. Fitz Randolph, daughter of Edwin H. and Julia Hollister Dawson, was born in Newark, N. J., November 19, 1868. She was a graduate of the first Normal School Class in Newark. It was in Newark, July 7, 1926, that she was married to Corliss F. Randolph.

While Mrs. Fitz Randolph was not a member of a Seventh Day Baptist church, she had a sincere interest in the denomination and its people. Seventh Day Baptists in not only the United States, but in England, Germany, and Holland will remember her with warm affection.

Surviving Mrs. Fitz Randolph are nieces and nephews, and Miss Mildred Fitz-Randolph, of Perth Amboy, N. J., a daughter of Doctor Randolph and his first wife, Melissa Howard Fitz Randolph.

Committal services were held in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J., Tuesday September 19, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Dr. Davis of the Morrow Memorial Community Church, Maplewood, N. J. — E. St. J.

Wanted. — A Burdick Genealogy book. To rent or buy. Florence V. Burdick, 2620 East 7th St., National City, Calif.



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