

The Perennial Quest  
of Thoughtful Men:

## Finding God

The Psalmist says, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." Philosophy has worn itself out trying to find God. Speculation has proved its practical imbecility in trying to reduce the Divine One to the terms of philosophy, and to explain the mystery of His power and existence. It was well asked by the author of Job: "Canst thou by searching find God?" Every effort which science and philosophy have made have been answered in the negative.

On the other hand, those who have sought Him through faith and love have found Him, even under the most forbidding circumstances.

Finding God, Abraham was led out of the land of idolaters. Sold into slavery, Joseph found Him in Egypt. Waiting in a den of lions, Daniel found Him in Babylon. Throughout the world, whenever and wherever hearts have opened to His incoming, through love; wherever hands have been lifted to Him, appealing for help; wherever doubt, crying out of the depth of despair, has sought light, God has been found.

In so far as our lives need to know Him, God has no secrets from those who love Him. It was Browning who said:


"Earth's crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God,  
But only he who sees  
Takes off his shoes."

It was thus that Moses saw Him in the Arabian desert. All souls see and know Him, who walk with unsandaled feet in the divine presence.

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And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. 

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## Not for Show

Patrick Fox, Washington columnist, accuses the administration planners of changing their emphasis in their area redevelopment program. He says that the new strategy line is not to seek out the most needy areas for Federal help but the places where the quickest results can be obtained and the best showing made. Instead of taking remote communities with high unemployment and poor business prospects the strategists are now suggesting taking a town that shows it can grow and pouring in aid to make it expand in a hurry—a better showing.

The idea has appeal to those who are weary with wrestling the stubborn poverty of some Appalachian communities in the worked-out coal belt, or antique Northeastern mill towns. It is tempting to switch to other areas in which success will come easier.

In a rather caustic appraisal of this shift of program emphasis from need to show Mr. Fox says this is like the boy who lost his dime in the back yard but decided to look for it in the front yard because the street light was out there.

Churches face the question of where to do their major evangelistic or home and foreign mission work. We put money in the budget for such work—not unlimited funds drawn from a whole nation's tax resources of double every man's tithe, but a sizable amount. It is possible that locally and denominationally we are tempted to use most of that money, not where the need is greatest, not in the lower strata of society, nor where people are "gospel hardened," but where results will show most quickly and among people who are the best prospects for the financial support of the church? To raise the question is not enough. We must also try to answer it.

It would be a sad commentary on the way we follow our Lord and the teachings of the New Testament if we had to admit that our service and outreach is for show or for self-propagation. It cannot be so. We must resist any temptation that takes us in this direction. Our business is to serve and to serve where the need is greatest, whether it be the poorer sections of our community or the most neglected area of the world. We must be

willing to think in the terms of self-sacrifice that this involves.

On the other hand, we must recognize that our resources are limited and that ours is seldom the only church in a needy community or the only one on a given foreign field. In good conscience (not for gain or for show) we must devote our energies to the places where we can do the most good for the cause we represent and with the funds which our people voluntarily contribute. Let us try to answer the calls that are most urgent and constantly evaluate the quality and effectiveness of our evangelism.

## Credit Union Growth

In a day when the power of trade unions seems to be much abused and frequently used against the common good it is refreshing to read of the growth of another kind of union—the credit union. This type of local organization does not march school teachers as pickets outside the halls of learning and does not encourage welfare workers to abandon their relief work in defiance of duly enacted law nor does it tie up the ships on half a continent or half the transportation of a great nation. Credit unions harm no one and are a good example of co-operation. Members contribute a small amount to a fund from which those in need of extra capital may borrow at a reasonable rate of interest. They are not necessarily Christian but they operate on a principle that is Christian.

What are the figures just released by CUNA International (formerly Credit Union National Association)? The national office at Madison, Wis., announces that growth during 1964 was nearly one billion dollars and that the credit unions in the United States took in one million new members. With total assets now of \$9.025 billion savings of \$8.075 million are claimed for the year just ended. The idea is spreading rapidly in other countries, with a world-wide total of 41,460 credit unions. This includes 10,350 credit societies in India, counted for the first time this year.

What do people do with the money they save by using the facilities of their credit unions? That would be difficult

## MEMORY TEXT

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went.

— Acts 8: 26-27a.

to determine. In many cases it probably does not seem like saving money—the borrowing may be in a time of emergency. The saving, however, is real and is put to use according to the standards of the individual involved. Those who are Christians and interested in the missionary work of the church will rejoice that they are better able to support the work they love. Perhaps a whole philosophy of life is involved here. Should not a Christian try to save money wherever he legitimately can in order to be able to give more to those charities which are distinctly Christian?

## Blessed Be the Poor

Publishers and editors of religious magazines have cast wistful eyes at other publications which seemed able to afford full-color reproductions in their journals. Full-color printing is very expensive. The Sabbath Recorder has tried it just once—with extra contributions to cover the cost. In recent years it has been felt that natural color pictures were of such value in selling a periodical that the frequency of publication or the number of pages could well be sacrificed in order to afford profusion of color. There are evidences that the trend is changing.

H. D. Strauss, president of Grey Advertising, thinks that the days of color reproduction as a selling vehicle in the magazine industry are numbered. He notes that with the greater use of color in newspapers, the prevalence of color TV and color TV tapes, home owners may purchase their own color programs, concerts, etc. This will tend to make color in magazines superfluous. More and more magazine experts believe that editors should rely less and less on mechanical gimmicks to lure readers and depend more on ideas, thoughts, think-stuff. So

reports the Associated Church Press in *Dynamic*, a publication for member periodicals.

Our conclusion, our consolation, is "Blessed be the poor." We have not squandered our resources trying to make religious ideas more acceptable by excessive use of four-color printing to get our religious ideas across. Our people subscribe because they are interested in the cause our venerable but contemporary journal espouses. We believe that our loyal readers and contributors make it possible for us to compete in the realm of ideas with the best of them. May it continue to be so. We have access to all the truth that any others can publish, and the Lord has blessed us with a knowledge of the importance of the Sabbath in times like these.

### Church Spires Reach New High

Whatever significance it may have, the records show that 1964 was a banner year for the construction of church spires. A leading manufacturer of church spires says that they rose faster and in a greater variety of designs than ever before.

There are some reasons. More churches are being built in suburban areas as the expanding population moves out of the inner city. The abundance of modern metals and the spread of prefabricating techniques make spire construction easier and less costly. Pastors and building committees decide to add spires to churches that were built without them.

Steeple, whether of traditional or of modern design, seem to belong on churches. When there is something about the building that unmistakably points heavenward it gives the passerby some assurance that the people who attend are pointed that way and that the message of the minister will be of things eternal, vertically rather than horizontally oriented. The church spire is of wood, stone or steel, sheathed perhaps with aluminum or copper. It cannot give salvation, but its symbolism may help the needy person to be receptive to the saving message proclaimed from the pulpit and carried forth by the people.

### Report of the Commission January, 1965

The Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met January 24-29, 1965, in Battle Creek, Michigan, for the winter meeting, with all members and the executive secretary present. Appreciation is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, in whose home the sessions were held, and to members of the Battle Creek church who extended the hospitality of homes and good food.

The General Conference has designated varied duties to the Commission, which have been used as guides for agenda.

The proposed World Federation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences needs to be carefully evaluated by each church in our United States Conference before the roll call vote by churches in August. We understand that suggestions of the purposes, costs, and values a Federation could bring will soon be sent to churches by our American delegate at the 1964 Consultation, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

The Commission has studied the referral of proposals at the 1964 Conference concerning Yearbook listing of churches not favoring ecumenical participation. It was voted to recommend (subject to revision before August 16th) the following:

We recommend that a place be provided in the annual statistical report sheet where it can be indicated and subsequently recorded in the Yearbook, that by majority vote of the church it desires not to be affiliated with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and the World Council of Churches.

The Commission urges all Seventh Day Baptists to evaluate the sources of widely circulated attacks on the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches and to weigh the works and purpose of these ecumenical organizations against the criticisms of those who oppose them.

The Commission appreciates the efforts of the Ministerial Support Committee and evidence of response in several churches to plan annual increases in their pastor's salary.

The Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations is commended for the "Seventh Day Baptists and The American Baptist Convention" study series being sent to the churches.

Even though the 1963-64 budget was oversubscribed, the fact remains that designated giving to the Missionary Society did not reach its expected total. The Society depended on these funds, and failure to receive them has worked a handicap on the Society. Consideration should be given to increased designated giving to the Missionary Society in 1964-65.

At the end of three months the 1964-65 Our World Mission budget is seriously behind the amount anticipated for that period.

Church treasurers should arrange to make monthly payments to the Our World Mission treasurer in time to be received prior to the first of the succeeding month.

The 1965-66 budgets of all agencies were reviewed. Some of the requests were so far in excess of the current budget that agencies are being requested to submit revised budgets before the 1965-66 proposed Our World Mission budget is drafted.

Consideration and the development of a policy statement with regard to Seventh Day Baptist position on Bible reading and prayer in public schools was referred to the Committee on Christian Social Action for further study. This committee has prepared a tentative series of studies for the *Helping Hand* for 1966 on "The Christian's Involvement in Social Concern," as instructed by the General Conference. This was reviewed, and the committee was encouraged to proceed with the studies.

It was reported that the Rev. Kenneth E. Smith has been selected chairman of the Committee on Faith and Order. The attention of this committee is directed to the need for a revision of the *Seventh Day Baptist Manual of Procedure*.

Plans for a Dedicated Service Program are being made by the Planning Committee and the Director of Evangelism, anticipating a recommendation to be made at General Conference.

The Commission commends the Amer-

ican Sabbath Tract Society for the current survey of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

(The Commission drew up a statement for publication, noting the effort of the American Sabbath Tract Society to follow out Conference recommendations relating to the business affairs of the publishing house and sent a communication to the board, urging adherence to those recommendations. That paragraph is omitted in order not to handicap the publishing house in its business relationships but will be mailed to Seventh Day Baptist subscribers who request it.)

President Fetherston presented a tentative program for the 1965 General Conference sessions to be held at Alfred, New York, August 16-21, which was approved by the Commission. The suggestion was made that during the sessions of the General Conference the report of the Committee on Nominations be made available in ample time for full consideration prior to election.

Tentative names were considered for nomination to the Council on Ministerial Education, Council on Ecumenical Affairs, Committee on Christian Social Action, and Committee on Faith and Order.

The new executive secretary, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, will begin his service August 8, 1965. Secretary Harley D. Bond will complete his term on September 15, 1965.

The concept of the office of executive secretary was reviewed and the job analysis was revised. "Commission Duties and Rules of Order" was brought in line with previous Conference actions.

In keeping with the announcement last August, a primary matter of business for the winter meeting has been the study of Seventh Day Baptist organizational structure. Research and advance preparation aided the discussion and planning. Thoughts, prayers, and planning in depth must involve all Seventh Day Baptists in order to achieve a strengthened sense of mission and accomplishment beyond the echoes of the past 50 to 75 years. With a conviction of urgency, yet tempered with a need for deliberation, the Commission hopes we as a people may move forward as this important study is made.

Herbert L. Crouch, Chairman,  
C. Rex Burdick,  
Duane L. Davis,  
Mrs. R. T. Fetherston,  
George E. Parrish,  
Marion C. Van Horn.

## Bon Voyage to Malawi



When consecrated workers depart from our shores for service in far-off places it seems good for some of those not going to be present for the occasion to wish them "bon voyage" and to assure them that the prayers of many are following them.

A group of friends and loved ones of Miss Joan Clement and Pastor Paul Burdick met in the BOAC Departure Room at Kennedy International Airport, N. Y., on Sunday evening, February 7, to bid farewell to a beloved medical missionary nurse and to a well loved retired pastor as they travel together to Makapwa Mission, Malawi, Africa.

Miss Clement is returning for a third term of service as a registered nurse specially trained in the administration of anesthesia. As such she will be of much help at the Medical Center at Makapwa as she assists Dr. Victor Burdick in surgery, etc.

Pastor Paul Burdick is traveling with visitor's visa and may remain until October, 1965. Besides visiting his son, Dr. Victor Burdick and family, he will bear a witness for Christ as he preaches on oc-

casion. It is expected that he will also offer assistance at the Mission Station by teaching certain classes in ministerial training. Pastor Burdick makes the extended stay with the help of members of the family and without the expenditure of Missionary Board funds.

Miss Clement arrived at Westerly, R. I., from the West Coast on Friday, February 5, and spent Sabbath day at the home of Secretary and Mrs. Everett Harris, visiting also with members of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Board.

Most, but not all of those pictured here, are known to many readers. Back row: Secretary and Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Loren Osborn, Rev. Paul Burdick, Rev. Leon Lawton, Mrs. Loren Osborn, and Glenford Coe. Front row: Mrs. Leon Maltby, Joan Clement, Mrs. Glenford Coe, and Esther Burdick.

To see missionaries off is a memorable experience. It helps us to remember them in the months and years that stretch into the unknown future. Will there be other missionaries, new recruits? There is a great work to be done on this and other fields.

A sermon preached by Dr. Billy Graham to President Lyndon B. Johnson and invited guests, on Inauguration Day, January 20, 1965, at National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C.

## The Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership

On that day, more than a year ago, when the torch of leadership was transferred, I happened to be with a long-time friend of President Johnson's and we went immediately to a quiet place to ask God to sustain him for the immense responsibilities which were thrust so suddenly upon him. That afternoon, when he was placing his hand on the Bible and being sworn in to the high office of President of the United States, we read together a passage of Holy Scripture. It was the prayer of King Solomon upon his ascension to the throne of Israel after the death of his father, King David (2 Chron. 1: 7-12).

Today, at high noon, as he takes that oath again and becomes President in his own right, I can still think of no finer prayer to begin with than that one.

"In that night did God appear to Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee."

And King Solomon prayed, "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may come in and go out before this people."

"And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies... but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

"Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee."

Last February President Johnson said, "No man can live where I live now, nor work at the desk where I work now, without needing and without seeking the strength and support of earnest and frequent prayer." Humbled by the magnitude of the responsibilities of a high office, a man begins to probe the erratic swirl of events for a prophetic understanding of

history; and when he is a spiritually sensitive man he will feel, as Lincoln did, that he is a "humble instrument in the hands of Almighty God."

During the next four years, many of you here today will have to make decisions of State, perhaps greater than those of any of your predecessors. You will hold in your hands the destiny not only of America, but of the world. You will lead the richest and the most powerful nation the world has ever known. It is a nation which has been abundantly endowed with material blessings, but it is also a nation in danger of losing its moral moorings and its spiritual perspective. Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom, once said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8: 36). This applies to nations as well as to individuals, for a nation that loses its spiritual courage will grow old before its time. Even if we gain all our material and social objectives, and lose our souls, it would be disastrous. Winston Churchill once said, "Man's destiny is not measured in material computations."

There is a spiritual dimension to leadership which this administration has already recognized. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The White House is a bully pulpit." So it is! From this city you are already leading the nation to its greatest moral and spiritual heights. Jesus Christ said, "Unto whom much is given, of him shall much be required." Those who have the greatest power always need the greatest guidance.

No government rules except by the will of God. You are leaders, not only as a result of the greatest mandate the American people have ever given, but there is a mandate higher than the ballot box. You have responsibilities not only to all the people of America and to the peoples of the world, but you have also

a great responsibility to the God of our fathers.

Even to the most casual observer, it is apparent that there is a growing spiritual vacuum in our nation. Our wealth and our prosperity are in danger of making us complacent and careless in the matters of the spirit. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Many nations have tried it, and failed. Germany declared a neutrality in matters of religion during the thirties. That neutrality created a spiritual vacuum, and the first robust philosophy to come along filled that vacuum with a vengeance. And that, in my judgment, is how we got Nazism, and the hell of World War II. The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

In foreign affairs, we are faced with overwhelming problems, from Southeast Asia to the Congo. In domestic affairs, we are faced with an alarming crime rate, a moral crisis, and many individual psychological problems which fill our hospitals. These problems will become more intense and more demanding during the next four years.

There seems to be no permanent solution to our problems. We try this scheme and that, but we find that each one is only a stop-gap measure. Could it be that we have failed to diagnose properly the ills of the world? Could General MacArthur have been right when he said, 20 years ago, "The problem, basically, is theological... there must be a revival of the spirit, if we are to save the flesh."

I know the leaders of this administration, especially the President and Vice-President, well enough to know that they believe he was right — that our problems are basically spiritual and that they require a spiritual solution. That spiritual solution was outlined by God to King Solomon long ago, when He said,

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7: 14).

To approach the problems of the next four years in a spirit of prayer and humble

dependence upon God would bring a freshness of vision and purpose that could capture the imagination of the world.

During the next four years, there will be moments of discouragement, despondency, and even disillusionment. There may come times when some of you will feel like Woodrow Wilson did, when the Senate voted against the ratification of Wilson's proposal for the League of Nations. The news was telephoned to the White House. "I feel like going to bed and staying there," Wilson said. He could not sleep that night, and he turned to Dr. Grayson about three o'clock in the morning, and said, "Doctor, the devil is a busy man."

Later in the morning, he had Grayson read St. Paul's consoling words from Second Corinthians, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed." Turning to Grayson, President Wilson said, "Doctor, if I were not a Christian, I think I should go mad, but my faith in God holds me to the belief that He is, in some way, working out His own plans, in spite of human mistakes."

Centuries ago Moses stood before the people of Israel and said, "When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee... if thou turn to the Lord, thy God, and shall be obedient unto his voice... He will not forsake thee... nor forget the covenants of thy father, which he swore unto them."

In the midst of the bloody Civil War, Abraham Lincoln read his Bible regularly. He memorized passages from its pages. He used the Word of God to help him make decisions and solve problems. In matters of right and wrong, the God of the Bible was Lincoln's final court of appeals. The overwhelming problems of his day drove him to the Scriptures and to his knees in prayer. Out of this humble dependence on God came the preservation of the Union.

History throbs with crises, but the gospel is that God is for man, and that, in the greatest crisis this world has ever known — when Jesus Christ went to the

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MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board

Certain items of particular interest from the quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board held Sunday, January 31, 1965, will be noted.

It was reported that the Memorial Board has again made \$600 available for assistance on travel expense of missionary pastors to attend the biennial conference of Seventh Day Baptist ministers at Battle Creek, Mich., April 28-May 3, 1965.

A call to missionary service in British Guiana was voted to be extended to the Rev. Leroy Bass, pastor of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, with plans for further preparatory training to be worked out in consultation with Dean Victor Skaggs and the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman of the Conference Committee on Ministerial Training.

Upon the recommendation of the Director of Evangelism and the Home Field Committee, it was voted to approve the request of the Kansas City church for the services of the city pastor-evangelist, Rev. Paul B. Osborn, beginning as of July 1, 1965. Budget appropriations were approved in order to carry out this change of location for the city pastor-evangelist and also in offering matching funds to the Little Rock church in support of another pastor.

Loren Osborn, chairman of the African Interests Committee, told of the plan to divide the duties of administration of Makapwa Mission, Malawi, Africa, among a committee of three. This committee would be made up of a representative of the Missionary Board with power of attorney and legal control of property (Dr. Victor Burdick); a mission superintendent, an African — in charge of routine administrative details (Mr. Frighton Mazingah); and the mission pastor, African — probably would be chairman of the Executive Committee and other operating committees (Pastor L. Mungoni).

It was reported that the African Interests Committee had discussed at length the need for a successor to the Rev. David Pearson. A new concept of the role of

Mission Superintendent is being considered, with emphasis on theological training and Christian education for the leadership of the Central Africa Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

The hard work of both Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Joan Clement since their return from the field was noted, with appreciation for their efforts in behalf of the missionary program of keeping our people informed.

The plans of the Rev. Paul S. Burdick to leave Kennedy International Airport in New York on Sunday, February 7, for a visit to Makapwa were noted. He is traveling in company with Miss Joan Clement who is returning for a third term of service as medical missionary. Pastor Burdick was asked to carry Christian greetings and love to our missionaries and African brethren in Malawi.

During consideration of the operating budget for 1965 it was voted to approve a raise in scholarship allowance for students at Crandall High School, Kingston, Ja., from \$50 to \$67.20 per student. Twenty-one such scholarships will be carried in the 1965 budget. It is hoped that Seventh Day Baptist churches will take note of this increase and provide the needed support which will enable Headmaster Courtland Davis to offer a much needed increase in teachers' salaries at Crandall High.

Following prayer by the Rev. Edgar Wheeler the meeting was adjourned.

### Quarterly Report of Missionary Board Secretary

January 31, 1965

During the past quarter the usual duties of the secretary's office have been carried on, including such matters as furnishing material for the Sabbath Recorder, mimeographing and sending out the Missionary Reporter, and correspondence with workers at home and abroad.

An effort has been made to enlarge the mailing list of the Missionary Reporter among church and denominational leaders. Also the names of missionary keyworkers or chairmen of local church Missions Committees were solicited. As a result of this effort, the number of

copies being mailed out has been increased by about 100. Also some churches are co-operating by appointing missionary keyworkers.

Speaking appointments during the quarter have been at the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church on two occasions and at the First Hopkington Seventh Day Baptist Church on two occasions. A visit was made to Alfred, N. Y., carrying young people from the Westerly church for a visitation exchange. The opportunity was taken to interview possible missionary personnel.

The secretary attended a Consultation on Theological Education sponsored by the Division of Foreign Missions, January 8-10, in company with Dean Victor Skaggs. This was held in the recently opened Interdenominational Missionary Orientation Center at Stony Point, N. Y. It was especially helpful to attend this meeting with Dean Skaggs and consider together the theological bases for missionary work in this present day.

An effort has been made to keep the Executive Committee and standing committee chairmen informed as to the progress of the work and problems on the various fields for which we are responsible. In consultation with the Home Field Committee chairman the applications for aid to missionary churches have been received and considered.

A meeting of the African Interests Committee was attended at the home of the chairman, Loren Osborn. Some assistance was given in preparation for a meeting of the American Tropics Committee held at the home of Pastor Edgar Wheeler.

In consultation with members of the Budget Committee, the operating budget for 1965 was prepared for consideration of the board at this meeting and a tentative budget for 1966 was prepared for the midyear meeting of Commission.

Correspondence has been carried on in seeking missionary personnel for each of our three major mission fields. There has been a constant call from the churches for use of available slide sets.

Future plans call for a meeting with the Conference Planning Committee in March, a meeting with interim leaders of CoWoCo, and for attendance and partici-

pation in the biennial Ministers Meeting at Battle Creek in April.

The secretary spent four days, January 16-19, at the Westerly Hospital recovering from a ruptured blood vessel in the back of the nose and since then has been recuperating at home.

— Everett T. Harris.

### Protestants In Japan Double Memberships

A recent article in the Japan Times by William P. Woodward reports on the growth of Protestant church membership in Japan since World War II by as much as 11,000 a year.

Compared with an estimated 200,000 Protestant Christians in Japan in the end of the war, he notes that the figure for "traditional Protestant churches" in 1963 was approximately 400,000.

"In other words, Protestant church membership has doubled itself in 18 years," he writes.

In addition, says the report, are memberships of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) with 2,278; Jehovah's Witnesses with an estimated 5,000; the Non-Church Movement with 10,000; the Original Gospel Movement with 10,000, and the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity with 5,000.

Total membership for Christian churches other than the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox are given as approximately 430,000.

Of the "traditional churches," the article lists memberships in the Anglican Episcopal Church with 45,175, doubled in the post-war period; Baptist churches, represented in Japan by eight denominations with 21,248, a sixfold increase; Lutheran churches, represented by five denominations, with 17,250, a trebled membership; and the United Church of Christ in Japan, which has nearly doubled its membership to 193,435.

In the Evangelical Church Federation, with nine affiliated denominations, the report shows 40,000 members, and the National Christian Council, composed of six denominations, reports 267,000.

—The Interchurch News

### Teacher Training Sessions

We note with satisfaction the following announcement in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church bulletin for January 9: "The greatest need in our church work today is trained teachers who will put their whole minds into their preparation, their whole souls into their presentation, and their whole lives into their illustration.

"The (local) Board of Christian Education believes it has now scheduled a series of Teacher Training Workshops based upon the 'Teachers Trained to Teach' filmstrips that will be helpful to all regular teachers and would-be teachers."

Then follows in the announcement the time, place, dates, and session announcements. There will be four sessions; the first for Nursery and Beginners, the second for Primary and Junior, the third for Young Teen and Senior High, and the fourth for Adults and Cradle Roll teachers.

We urge every church to plan training sessions for their teachers and prospective teachers. If it seems impossible to have training in the local church, see that there is opportunity to participate in a community school.

### Junior High Conference

The director for the Junior High Conference at General Conference in Alfred, N. Y., next August is Miss Joyce Sholtz, a school teacher from our Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Miss Sholtz has had several years of experience working in church schools and camps.

### National SDBYF

All Seventh Day Baptist youth are urged to join the National SDBYF for the calendar year by sending name and address along with \$1.00 to Lyle Sutton, Almond, N. Y.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 27, 1965

Christian Forgiveness

Lesson Scripture: Matt. 18: 15-17, 21-35

FEBRUARY 15, 1965

### Contacting the Home Department

(This is a sample of the letter sent out from the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church to members of their Home Department, 2301 Wadsworth Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80215 in January 1965.)

Dear Home Department member:

We send greetings to you as a fellow student of the Bible and in the name of our church! Would you help us by sending back the questionnaire below after answering the questions as you think best? This will correct our mailing list and enable us to serve our Lord and Master Teacher more effectively. Thank you.

1. Is the address correct on mailings you receive from us? (If not, please write below.)
2. What sections of the **Helping Hand** do you find most useful: "Heart of the Lesson," "The Lesson Background," "The Lesson for Today," "Teaching and Discussion Aids," "Daily Bible Readings"? (Underline those you prefer.)
3. Do you have any questions you would like help with, or suggestions to pass on?
4. Have you used the **Helping Hand** with family groups, friends or neighbors, on Sabbath days, or at other times?
5. Would you like children's materials such as the **Sabbath Visitor**? (If your answer is affirmative, please indicate approximate age.)
6. Do you know anyone who would appreciate having their own copy of the **Helping Hand**? (Please give name and address.)
7. Are you using the **Secret Place** for daily devotions?
8. Please circle mailings you would like to receive in the future:  
The Helping Hand - The Secret Place - Church Bulletins.
9. If you are not already contributing to our church, can you send something in the enclosed envelope toward the cost of sending these material to you? (Kindly return promptly to the address above.)

Frances (Mrs. M. E.) Stephan,  
Christian Education Dept. Chm.  
Vernette (Mrs. F. S.) Van Horn,  
Home Dept. Supt.  
Albert N. Rogers, pastor.

### UCW Executive Committee

Report of Meeting Jan. 18, 1965

By Anna C. North

On Monday, January 18, 1965, I met with the Executive Committee of United Church Women to which denominational presidents and co-ordinators had been invited. It was a pleasure to greet, among the new officers and committee members, several friends whom we had met at the UN Seminar in September.

The worship service was based on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—"Behold I make all things new." The whole day was carried out in a spirit of Christian fellowship, and we felt the presence of Christ in our midst.

Many of those attending had expressed a desire to learn more about the new setup in the National Council of Churches where U.C.W. has become one Department of the Division of Christian Unity instead of a Division by itself. Mrs. McLeod discussed this quite thoroughly in the morning. In the afternoon Mrs. Cynthia Wedel, former president of U.C.W., spoke on the purpose and work of the Division of Christian Unity. She said that for the time being each unit should keep on as it has been working but work with the other units. The ignorance of the Christian faith among lay people is appalling. We can work with the unit of Faith and Order to help remedy this situation. Also there is a chance of more integrated work with young adults who are the hope of the future.

Another speaker was Dr. Samuel Proctor, associate general secretary for Communication who discussed interpreting the National Council. He said that the main sources of attack are disgruntled people who make plenty of money from the attacks. U.C.W. is needed to help build confidence in the National Council. He said to make no mistake, denominations and the Church of Christ are really under attack.

A recommendation came from a special committee to consider having joint Bible study for all groups of U.C.W. It was recommended that a special committee

prepare a guide for 1968 to emphasize the relevance of the Bible to these times. This would be an outline, submitted to the various denominations to work up for its own women, as each denomination sees fit.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Major Johnson, president, Division of Women's Work, American Baptist Convention.

#### Please, Mr. President

T. P. Chalker, Ph.D. D.D.

Evidence mounts that the Roman Catholic Church is finding loopholes aplenty in federal anti-poverty legislation through which to siphon public money into their parochial school program. . . .

Surely, President Johnson, you do not want a recurrence of the bitter Kennedy administration conflicts to divide the nation again on this vexing subject! You have admired the other features of the Kennedy program, and done much to bring them to realization. Remember how President Kennedy resisted all the attacks on the wall separating church and state in this matter of distribution of public tax revenue?

Don't disappoint those of us who look to you for leadership of all the people, Mr. President. It cannot be necessary to destroy this great church-state separation principle of freedom in order to make war on poverty. Admittedly poverty is to be deplored. To lose our heritage of religious freedom would be unspeakable tragedy. Let no one steal away such a precious — and costly — heritage.

Please, Mr. President?

Editorial in *Methodist Christian Advocate*, (Jan. 26), organ of the West Florida and North Alabama Conference.

#### Social Security for Ministers

A recently enacted law makes it possible for many ministers, members of religious orders, and Christian Science practitioners, whose date for electing Social Security coverage had previously expired, to now obtain such coverage. Those interested must act before the due date for the 1964 Income Tax return.

### The Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership

(Continued from page 8)

cross — God transformed that tragedy into triumph and wrought redemption for those who trust in Him.

Mr. President, on the wall of your office at the White House, I have seen a framed yellowed letter. It was written to your Great-grandfather Baines more than 100 years ago, and it bears the bold — almost defiant — signature of Sam Houston.

Your great-grandfather led General Sam Houston to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This conversion transformed that troubled, rough hero of San Jacinton into a man of peace, happiness, and purpose. As Marquis James put it in his book, *The Raven*:

"The long quest for spiritual repose ended when Houston knelt before the altar and asked to be received into the Church, and on the 19th of November, 1858, the convert waded into the chilly waters of Rocky Creek, and was baptized. A church publication at that time said, 'The announcement of General Houston's conversion has excited wonder and surprise of many who have supposed that he was past praying for.'"

At the time, somebody said to Sam Houston, "Well, General, I hear all your sins were washed away." "I hope so," Sam Houston replied, "but if they were all washed away, the Lord help the fish down below."

On the day Sam Houston was baptized, he offered to pay half the minister's salary in the church. When someone asked him about it, he said, "My pocketbook was baptized, too."

This newness of spiritual life that the President's Great-grandfather Baines introduced to General Sam Houston is the same transforming faith we need in our nation today if we are to meet successfully our rendezvous with destiny. That letter, written by a heroic Texan to the great-grandfather of our President, is heartening evidence of a sense of moral direction. The letter itself is important, but the fact that the President chose to hang it in his office is also important. It is a shining symbol that from the very

apex of government there is a spiritual emphasis in our national affairs.

Symbolically, it says that Lyndon Baines Johnson has respect for the old faith that has guided his family, his state, and his nation through generations.

On this solemn occasion, as a great nation goes forward under its newly chosen leaders, I find great comfort for the future, symbolized by a yellowed scrap of paper on a White House wall.

### People of Stature

Dr. Edward Chang

From time to time information is received about Seventh Day Baptist people who have been honored by their contemporaries or are engaged in some highly significant work or study for the betterment of mankind. When such information would seem of interest and value to the far-flung readers of the *Sabbath Recorder* it is passed on. Such a story is found in a newspaper clipping sent in by a member of the Buffalo church, an item that appeared in the *Buffalo Evening News* of January 20. It is an indication that the work of Seventh Day Baptist missionaries, though halted by political turmoil of China in recent years, still goes on in the lives of those who were influenced by our ministers, doctors, nurses, and teachers.

Dr. Edward Chang and his son Freddie are attending the services of our Buffalo church while he engages in the intricate scientific research described in the article. Our correspondent also reports that his wife and baby Andrew come to church when they can.

Dr. Chang Given \$168,607 in Grants

Two three-year grants totaling \$168,607 have been awarded to Dr. Edward Chang, senior research associate with the Medical Foundation of Buffalo, for studies involving the endocrine glands.

The American Cancer Society has given him \$84,981 for a study of steroid hormones in relationship to human breast cancer.

Some breast cancer is "hormone dependent" and growth is slowed down by removal of the hormone-manufacturing adrenal glands.

If Dr. Chang can learn how to differentiate hormone-dependent cancer from other breast cancer, surgeons will be better able to determine who can be expected to benefit from the surgical procedure.

The second grant, for \$83,626, has been awarded by the National Institutes of Health for an investigation of the adrenal glands.

Dr. Chang hopes to learn whether they sometimes manufacture estrogens, the hormones principally produced by the ovaries, and, if so, how they do it.

Dr. Chang is one of five full-time scientists on the staff of the foundation.

### Save Those Annual Reports!

Winston Churchill made history. He also recorded history, but not all of us have his prodigious memory. It is therefore important that the annual reports of our churches be kept safely as source material for future reference.

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society invites pastors and church officers to send them copies of reports presented at annual meetings. If your church holds its annual meeting in some other month than January, please make a note to yourself on your calendar and send them when they are available. (Please mark such mailings for Miss Evalois St. John, Librarian, and address: Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., 07061.)

Should copies of reports given in years past be in your hands, the Society would appreciate their being sent also. Duplicates can be discarded if too bulky but an active file on each of our churches and fellowships is desirable. Years from now others will be grateful for this material.

— Albert N. Rogers.

### The Sin of Separation

With all that is being said in ecumenical circles about the sin of separation and the need for Christians to pray God to forgive this sin, there comes an interesting note from Europe. The Bishops Conference of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church made a pronouncement from Berlin urging the Roman Catholic Church

to revise its rules about mixed marriages.

The bishops stressed that the mixed marriage question was an "especially suited field" for Protestant and Catholics, "to witness to their readiness for penitence and mutual forgiveness." They said that a mixed marriage places heavy demands on both partners and presents the churches with a special task of spiritual care. The Lutheran leaders called it "inadmissible that for reasons of church pedagogy, mixed marriages solemnized in non-Roman Catholic churches should be declared null and void by the Roman Catholic Church." They warned that such a policy "merely paves the way for increasing secularism."

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.—We all enjoyed the evening Christmas program and party at the church Dec. 19. The primary department presented the program with the High Climbers Class assisting with music and dialogue. A social hour followed.

New Year's Eve the Friendly Gleaners Class held a pot-luck supper at the home of Mrs. Genny Greene. A business meeting was followed by a pleasant evening of games. Before leaving for home we had said farewell to the old year and hailed the new year in.

The annual church dinner and business meeting was held at the church Sunday, Jan. 16. Church, Sabbath School, Ladies Aid and pastor's reports were given. There was election of officers and general discussion of church business. Pastor Appel was called to serve the church another year. We ask for spiritual guidance and the ability to make right decisions during this year.

The last two years the High Climbers Class have sold cherry pies to build up a fund on which to attend Pre-Con. Operation Cherry Pie is about to begin again.

— Correspondent.

NEW AUBURN, WIS.—The attendance at the annual church dinner and business meeting held January 10 was unusually good, and a spirit of brotherly love was evident. The following were elected: pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn; president, Rodney North; vice-president, Warren

North; clerk, Mrs. Arden Pederson; trustee, Ivar Pederson; chorister, Connie Pederson.

The youth group reorganized late in the year 1964 with Mr. and Mrs. Warren North acting as sponsors. Under the new organization the youth meetings are held every Friday evening at the church while Prayer Meeting is held at the same hour in the parsonage.

Since last spring there has been an active couples' Bible study class meeting on Thursday nights. Recently the attendance has increased.

The Ladies Aid programs have been interesting. At the January meeting one of our older members, Mrs. C. B. Loofbourrow, was surprised and honored on her birthday with money gifts and cards. Another older member, Mrs. Alton Churchward, was recognized on her 85th birthday when a carload of women visited her at the Chetek Rest Home and presented her with a beautiful plant.

A series of church membership classes began Sabbath afternoon, January 23, with a large attendance. They are Studying You and Your Church.

Pastor Van Horn has been preaching a most challenging series of sermons (based on 2 Peter 1: 2-8) intended to guide us in "The More Excellent Way."  
— Correspondent.

SALEMVILLE, PA.—The trustees with the help of our summer pastor, Edward Sutton, and a few other members mixed concrete and laid a new walk from the steps of the church toward the highway — also to the parsonage and to the door of the social room. Some painting was done to the exterior of the church and parsonage.

At our business meeting in October we voted for Pastor Sutton to serve our church twice a month during the winter months. The Sabbaths he is with us Mission 65 is discussed at an afternoon meeting. We appreciate the effort of the Suttons with two small children driving so far to be with us (from Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa.). On other Sabbath laymen have charge of worship services.

The Sabbath before Thanksgiving we had our annual Harvest Home dinner in

the social room of the church. The women's society had charge of a Thanksgiving program around the table. We gave the pastor a donation of groceries and canned goods.

The women's society sponsored a used clothing drive for members of Crites Mountain church group. The juniors gathered up toys for the children at Crites Mountain also.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher presented an electric stove to the church for use in our social room. We have also purchased a used oil furnace, now stored at the parsonage, but soon to be installed.

We are thankful for the Robert Bond family of Camp Hill, Pa., who drive so far to be with us for Sabbath worship. They make the trip about twice a month.

The Saturday night before Christmas the members of the Junior society sang Christmas carols in our community and returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kagarise for a Christmas party. On the Sabbath before Christmas we presented a white gift offering as a surprise to Pastor and Mrs. Sutton. On December 26 each class of the Sabbath School had a number of stories or songs for the morning worship program.

The youth group held a party on New Year's Eve at the John Kagarise home. Lois (Kagarise) Fletcher is the superintendent of the youth group.

What some of our members are doing: Kenneth Lippincott has enrolled at Penn State, Altoona campus. David Robinette, son of Mrs. Mildred Robinette, is in the Army. He and his family are living on the Island of Formosa. Mrs. Mildred Robinette is employed as a nurse at the Jesse Holman Jones Hospital at Springfield, Tenn. Juanita Lippincott and James Platt, married in September, are now living in the parsonage. Miss Ruthanna Kagarise is in nurses training at the Altoona Hospital.

— Correspondent.

### Our Servicemen

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## Accessions

Boulder, Colo.

By Profession of faith:

Emma Mae Soper  
Lyle Morgan

Associate Member:

Ray Haller

Daytona Beach, Fla.

By Letter:

Mary G. Carneal (Mrs. Ray)

Paul E. Carneal

Darrell Carneal

Donna Lee Riley (Mrs. James)

## Marriages

**Wilson-Waldron.**—Neil Wilson of Boulder and Lana Waldron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Waldron of Boulder, were united in marriage June 6, 1964, in a double ring ceremony in the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, the bride's pastor, Rev. Mynor G. Soper, officiating.

## Obituaries

**Dickinson.**—Alice Randolph (78), daughter of the late David and Jeanett Gilman Randolph, and wife of the late Clarence D. Dickinson, was born on a farm near Shiloh on February 9, 1886, and died on January 7, 1965, after several years of failing health.

Surviving are two sons, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson of Plainfield, Melvin R. Dickinson of Jericho; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin Nida of Salem, W. Va., and Mrs. Frank W. McAllister of Cohansey; eleven grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Jesse M. Carll of Bridgeton.

She was a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church and was active as long as her health would permit.

Funeral services were held in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

— C. H. B.

**Lawhead.**—William C., son of J. L. and Elva Hughes Lawhead, was born in North Hampton, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1894, and died Jan. 2, 1965, at his home in Jackson Center, Ohio.

Mr. Lawhead was the treasurer and a trustee of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He was married to Nina Davis, who survives, and they had planned to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on January 10. Also surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Walter (Dorothy) Helminger; Mrs. Ted (Mary) Stiefel; and Wilda Mae; a son, Robert; 13 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Dobie and Mrs. Irma Gibbs; and three brothers, Howard, Joseph, and Huitt.

Funeral services were held in the Van Horn

parlors at Jackson Center, with the Rev. David S. Clarke and the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, officiating. Burial was in the Seventh Day Baptist cemetery nearby.

— R. E. Z.

**O'Dell.**—Lewis Elba, son of William Clark and Alice Burdick O'Dell, was born at Alfred Station, N. Y., August 19, 1895, and died at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wells-ville, N. Y., January 17, 1965.

In April 1916, he joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred Station, where he had retained his membership.

On July 12, 1916, he has united in marriage with Miss Mida Palmiter of Alfred Station, who survives him. To this union were born a daughter and two sons: Alice, Mrs. Charles Neval, Jr., of Andover; Clifford, who died in childhood; and Kenneth of Canisteo, N. Y. He is also survived by one brother, Carl, of Hornell, N. Y., and twelve grandchildren.

Since his retirement from farming in 1948, he and Mrs. O'Dell had made their home in Andover.

Memorial and committal services were held at the Mulholland Funeral Home, Andover, with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Place of burial: Alfred Rural Cemetery.

— H. S. W.

**Wheeler.**—Herbert N., son of Rev. and Mrs. S. R. Wheeler, was born Sept. 27, 1873, at Pardee, Kan., and died at Boulder, Colo., Dec. 2, 1964.

Mr. Wheeler received higher education degrees from Milton College 1897 and Colorado University 1902 and later an honorary doctor's degree from Milton. He united with the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, which his father founded, and remained a member until his death. He served as supervisor of many of the National Forests of the West and was for many years chief lecturer for the U.S. Forest Service, lecturing throughout the United States and Hawaii.

His wife, the former Felicitas Walther, died in 1955. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Orville (Clarissa) Rasmussen and by nieces and a nephew. One sister, Mrs. D. M. Andrews, and two brothers, John and Alfred, preceded him in death.

Funeral services with his pastor, Mynor Soper, officiating were held December 5. Interment was in the Green Mountain Cemetery.

— M. G. S.

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