

The Sabbath Recorder

The Lion and the Lamb

Walter Lippmann, commenting on Russian tanks in Czechoslovakia used scriptural terms: "In this very wicked world in which unhappily we live, the lambs have to be very good before the lions will lie down with them."

Accessions

SALEM, W. VA.

By Baptism:

Martin Zinn
Christina Rogers

By testimony:

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Mrs. Raymond M. (Agnes) Kenyon

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Raymond M. Kenyon
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Robert Harris
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Geri Osuna
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Robert Wheeler
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Obituaries

ALDERDYCE.—Lynn D., son of Arkwell and Emma Alderdyce, was born in Lenawee County, Michigan, June 1, 1894, and died in Battle Creek, April 22, 1968.

On Sept. 16, 1916, he married Gail F. Wells of Battle Creek, who survives him. Most of his life was spent in that city where he was employed for a time as a laboratory technician and for many years as a furniture salesman. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Duane, of Port Huron; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. —E. N. F.

DAVIS.—W. Scott, 87, of Fairmont, W. Va., former resident of Salem, died March 24, 1968. He was born Oct. 30, 1880, at Salem, W. Va., a son of the last Mr. and Mrs. Job Davis. On May 2, 1906, he married Bessie Faye Clark, who died Dec. 4, 1960. Surviving are two sons, J. Wilson Davis of

Fairmont, and Paul C. Davis of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one brother, Ova Davis of Pampa, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Fonda Crislip of Cincinnati, Ohio; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Mr. Davis was a retired merchant and had operated a men's clothing store in Salem several years ago. He was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. —J. P. G.

ECCLESTON.—Sylvia Wells, daughter of William R. and Pauline Stillman Wells, and widow of Hugh C. Eccleston, was born June 6, 1884, at Ashaway, R. I., and died at the Westerly, R. I. Hospital, July 22, 1968.

Mrs. Eccleston was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, and was an alumna of Alfred University.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Tarbox of Ashaway, R. I.; a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Van Sickle of Rockaway, N. J.; two brothers, Nathaniel D. Wells of Hackensack, N. J., and Forrest Wells of Beverly, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home in Westerly, with her pastor Edgar F. Wheeler, officiating. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.

—E. F. W.

SMITH.—Edmund Tillinghast, son of Wilbur and Bertha Dobbrow Smith, was born Aug. 10, 1887, at Alton, R. I., and died unexpectedly at his home in Ashaway, R. I., October 8, 1968.

On December 23, 1909, he was married to Alison Turnbull. A son, Edmund T., Jr., passed away in 1925.

Mr. Smith had been employed for many years as a shipping manager at the Cottrell Company, previous to his retirement in 1956.

He was a faithful member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, and served as a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board.

He is survived by his wife; a sister, Mrs. Orville (Millie) Murphy of Narragansett, R. I., and St. Cloud, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Schilke Funeral Home in Westerly, with his pastor, Edgar F. Wheeler, officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway.—E. F. W.



THANKSGIVING 1968

What have we to be thankful for? Did the original celebrators of the feast of Thanksgiving have more cause for gratitude than we do today?

Wouldn't it be a sound idea for all of us to reflect a bit on that original scene of Thanksgiving? History is a great teacher, and a quick flashback to the first Thanksgiving might help us to rededicate our lives to sound principles, good deeds, human values, cooperation, peace, prosperity for all mankind.

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Know Your Treasurer

Our churches have been emphasizing stewardship during November. Church bulletins, letters and pastoral messages have picked up and applied some of the biblical statements and admonitions about giving. It is always possible to make a typographical error and not to notice it until it is all mimeographed. The often quoted words of Christ, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also," came out in one church publication, "Where your treasurer is . . ."

The volunteer work of our church and denominational treasurers ought to be appreciated more than it sometimes is. We have a lingering feeling that some people who give sparingly and intermittently think ill of the treasurer, especially if he does his assigned duty and reminds them that they are behind on their pledges. Again there are church members who do not seem to know the name of the man who records the gifts and signs the checks. There are a great many more who do not know the name and address of our OWM treasurer, Gordon Sanford, R. 1, Little Genesee, N. Y. 14754.

If you and I are giving regularly and generously from our hearts we will find our hearts following our treasure to the coffers of our church and some of our appreciation and love will go to the treasurer who administers for us those contributed funds.

There is another thought that derives from the same section of the Sermon on the Mount from which our quotation came. Jesus was admonishing his hearers to lay up treasures in heaven rather than on earth "where moth and rust corrupt and where thieves break through and steal." It is evident that treasures are laid up in heaven through gifts to the work of the church and through unselfish contributions to the poor and unfortunate. If this be true then our OWM treasurer and our local treasurers have a heavenly calling; they are the human instruments by whom we lay up these treasures in heaven.

One of the best ways to keep our giving up is to keep our church attendance up. We may say that we give \$2 or \$10 every Sabbath, but we are prone

to forget those Sabbaths that we miss church. Some people are very happy to have dated offering envelopes which they fill in advance. It makes bookkeeping easy. It gives to those who for health or other reasons cannot attend every Sabbath a joyful feeling of weekly participation. It makes the treasurer seem like a very close friend. Whether or not we use the system of dated envelopes, let us remember to contribute regularly enough so that we can honestly think of it as treasure. Only thus can we be sure that our heart goes with the gift.

What the Veterans Need

The number of men who have served in the military constitutes a rather high proportion of the United States population (higher than ever before). Honor was paid on November 11, 1968 to 26% million living veterans. Of the people over 18 one out of five is a veteran. Looking at it another way half of the population of our country is composed of former military men and surviving dependents of servicemen.

If we can assume (which we probably cannot) that people having had a connection with military life have a little different outlook than others it should impel ministers and lay workers to understand this outlook and to devise ways of meeting the particular needs of this vast group. One of the reasons why ministers volunteer for the chaplaincy is to be better able to serve veterans when their tour of duty is over. Many ex-servicemen and their families will respond better to someone who "knows their language" than to one who has not had similar experiences. It behooves all of us to make a serious effort to meet people where they are if we hope to lead them to where they ought to be.

On the other hand, veterans and their families can no more be lumped together into one class than Negroes or whites. People are all different. Military men and women do not by any means all have the same outlook on life, the same attitude toward military service, or

the same attitude toward Christ and the church. A large proportion of them coming back into society soon take their places and are outwardly little different from those who have not been under military discipline or subjected to the unnatural military way of life. Even if the man comes back to his home and family responsibilities seemingly unchanged there are differences. Generally speaking, youths grow up quickly in the Army. Most of them think more serious thoughts. The current anti-Vietnam demonstrations on the part of students are not primarily idealistic. They reflect in some measure a fear of facing realities and a fear of facing death. Military training and service makes a sobering difference. The majority of the men in Vietnam, for instance, have lost those high-voiced student fears of involvement. They see international issues in a different light, perhaps in a truer light, for they are where the action is. They may have a more clear view of what its all about.

One thing is sure, most veterans have a broadened outlook. They have been places; they have met all kinds of people in traveling halfway around the world and back. They have learned something about the needs of people in other countries. They may show more concern for the physical and spiritual welfare of far-away people than those of us who have stayed at home. Veterans are likely to chafe at the provincialism or parochialism of some of our local churches.

What does this all add up to? There are a great many men back in our churches or coming back to them who have had broadening or disturbing experiences. (In the small state of New Jersey there are already 62,000 veterans of the Vietnam conflict.) Some of these people have deep gospel needs which cannot be satisfied with the sometimes superficial preaching and activities of the home church. On the other hand, many have found Christ real to them and are anxious to render a real Christian service. Will our churches shake themselves loose, seek to understand, to stabilize and to use—as well as to honor—our veterans?

Why Social Service?

Some people have been critical of the program of the World Council of Churches as it developed at the assembly last summer, saying that the new emphasis made the WCC look more like a political than a religious organization. Eugene Carson Blake, the general secretary, met this by saying that the churches through WCC are only doing in 1968 what the New Testament church did — meet the basic human needs of the suffering people around them.

Not everyone, we understand, is satisfied with this comparison. Were the early Christians motivated by the feeling that social service was the nice thing to do or, rather, by a spiritual motivation? As E. Stanley Lowell (who was at Uppsala) says, "They did not perform charity and in its performance find God. They found God and then did as God bade them." It is readily admitted that the delegates at Uppsala were religiously motivated in their "charity" program promotion. Some, however, still feel that in the overall program the cart stands in front of the horse. These people believe that the program bears the marks of being the work of political and economic theorists who are attempting to palm off their theories as "God's will for our generation." The WCC is a religious organization. The program, says Mr. Lowell, is quasi-religious: "God is invited in to bless the *ad hoc* programs which the Council leaders are convinced He wants."

There are differences of opinion as to what the United States should do economically for the underdeveloped nations. There are also some differences of opinion among American church leaders about priorities. There has to be a line drawn somewhere between bringing men to a saving relationship to God through Christ and bringing them to economic equality. It hardly seems reasonable to claim that God's will for this generation is so different from His will as expressed in the Great Commission and similar passages that set forth the program of the church. The why of social service for the Christian has to be based on his relation

to God—not on the need of society for cultural renewal apart from Christ. We must keep our major emphasis where God wants us to keep it. God's will is primarily discovered through a study of His Word, which sets forth, as wise religious leaders have said, "The full council of God."

Situation Ethics

We have reason to be apprehensive about the net results of "situation ethics" as it is popularly promoted. It is akin to the "new morality" which seems to be the well-known old immorality under a better sounding name. This cannot be a real evaluation—just some thoughts.

As its best situation ethics could be guiding one's action by the situation on the basis of outgoing love rather than by a literal observance of rules and laws. Love goes beyond rules in given situations because there cannot be enough detailed rules to cover everything. Love sets us free from rules because it covers more and keeps us from the errors of judgment we would make in following rules without love's motivation. If you want to do better than the rules love can be your guide in given situations. If this be situation ethics, let us encourage it and freely espouse it.

But what seems to characterize the new morality and situation ethics is something considerably different. It is at the other end of the spectrum. People attempt to justify disobedience to God-given moral codes like the Ten Commandments because the specific situation seems to warrant such action. This is dangerous. Society will fall apart without some basic determination of right and wrong. The desire to do less than the moral law requires is pretty likely to be selfish and far removed from the love we talked about in our first paragraph.

Jesus pointed out over and over that rules leave gaps. He showed us how love can fill these gaps. The Christian must follow his Lord. He cannot take the other course of tearing holes in the moral law in order to disobey it under the guise of situation ethics.

"LIGHTS BURNING"

By Duane L. Davis

Day by day most of us move along a more or less routine path. We awaken from sleep. We perform our daily rounds of work and pleasure. We rest for another day. Thus our earthly course is run.

How can a person, any one of the more than two billion living on the face of this earth, make life count for good? When faced with national and world conflicts, what can one Christian do to change things? This is an important question for everyone, no matter how humble or how high one's position in life.

Jesus always taught that what a man thinks and believes influences what he is and does. His thoughts therefore—and his beliefs—are of primary importance. Yet, it is still true that the power of any person's influence is exerted mainly in the kind of life he lives, in the example he sets for others.

The Bible often uses the illustration of *light* as a symbol of the influence of one's life on other people. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." And again, "I am the light of the world." And, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

In one of Jesus' parable-stories, He speaks of the importance of being ready in life to show our beliefs by our actions. "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning," He told His followers.

"You must be ready, dressed and have your lamps alight, like men who wait to welcome their lord and master on his return from the wedding-feast, so that when he comes and knocks at the door, they may open for him at once. Happy are the servants whom their lord finds on the alert when he arrives. I assure you then that he will then take off his outer clothes, make them sit down to dinner, and come and wait on them. And if he should come just after midnight, or in the very early morning and

find them still on the alert, their happiness is assured" (Luke 12:35-38, J. B. Phillips translation).

So Jesus spoke of the essential requirement for Christians to be faithful and watchful in their daily living. Surely, He was calling attention to the Day of Judgment, and the Second Coming, but let us not overlook the need He emphasizes that this conviction affects our actions here and now. Someone paraphrased this teaching of Jesus with the comparison of our trust and faith in God by saying, "Live each day as if it were your last day in this earthly life," at the same time, living with complete faith in God for all the days ahead.

As we think about the illustration, "Keep your lights burning!" it may be well for us to think about the kinds of *lights* we are making in our lives today, as Christians.

Some people have discovered the advantage of a special kind of yellow light bulb that may be used out-of-doors, in yards and on porches. We are told that this light bulb, which is not quite as bright as our common light bulbs, but still gives off plenty of light in the darkness of the night, is completely invisible to insects. So in place of swarming and flocking to a bright white light bulb, the moths, gnats and bugs ignore the yellow "bug-light" and do not even realize it is there.

This "bug-light" may apply to the kind of light we make for Jesus Christ. While the light of a great missionary or a humble Christian is meant to reflect the life and teachings of Jesus, many church people today "give off a light that seems completely invisible." Rather than "reflecting" the light of Him who called Himself the light of the world, we are often satisfied just to go along, hoping not to attract attention that we are any different from the average, normal, common citizen. I often think of Pastor Joe Samuels' reference to some church folks who travel on the bus to church services, and wrap their Bibles in *The Daily Gleaner* so the public won't realize they have a Bible along. This type of Christian isn't restricted to Ja-

maica, either! But Jesus our Lord always calls for a kind of living that will be an influence for Him in the community and in the family group where we live and work.

If we are "in Christ Jesus," then we cannot be yellow bug-lights; but must let His light shine through our example and witness wherever we are.

This kind of learning is more often caught than taught. The personality of each of us makes an impression on others. Your attitudes, your enthusiasm, your ways of acting, your faith in action, will linger and continue to impress long after people have forgotten what you have said about your beliefs. Your particular views may soon fade away, but your character, your spirit, your zeal, (or lack of them) will long be remembered. The power and example of Christian activity can hardly be overestimated.

The behavior that influences others to become interested in the way of Jesus comes from our own *real* beliefs about Him and Christianity. The man, woman, or youth who has committed His life to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, who knows a comradeship with Him, who senses His presence and guidance, and who feels a faithfulness to His cause, will show it in daily life.

"Walk in the light! so shalt thou know
That fellowship of love
His Spirit only can bestow
Who reigns in light above."

—Bernard D. Barton.

I believe that in order to make every day a day of "watchfulness and faithfulness" we who would be Christians need to realize that all the light of love is born in God's heart. As James expressed it, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (1:17). Just as the light of a new day comes from the east as the earth rotates, so the light of love and life we need to keep burning is from the heart of God and Christ.

Dr. William Stidger wrote of the man who had his house wired for electricity but who for quite a while used his sys-

MEMORY TEXT

Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. Proverbs 27:1, 2.

tem only with a connection to a battery to ring the door bells. He did not know much about electricity, but he figured if a battery would ring the door bell, it would also make lights, so he proceeded to run the wires from the battery up into his office for light. But it did not work. He called an electrician and said, "I cannot get light."

"What is the matter?"

"I do not know. I have a battery here that has been ringing the bells a long time, and I thought if it would ring bells, I could use it to also make a light."

The electrician said, "Don't you know that it takes more power to make a light than it does to make a noise?"

If you want your life to make a light in today's world—as well as a noise—you need to get the power of Jesus Christ into your heart. Even a child—or an insignificant person in a remote place—can carry the light to humanity.

An old tale tells of hearing a light bulb speaking. The light bulb said, "I am too dull to shine. I cannot make a light. I cannot do anything. I do not amount to anything. How dull and stupid I am!"

But a man heard the light bulb and said, "Are you willing—willing to be used to make light? Are you willing to be an instrument?"

"Yes, I am," came from the inside of the dark bulb.

So the man pressed a button and the room was flooded with light!

Are you discouraged with your ability to influence the world for good? Then, are you willing to be used of God through Jesus Christ and His Spirit? Are you willing to let His light shine through you for the world? . . . Then, let your lights be burning!

Through Faith and Prayer Came the Los Angeles Church

By Alice Virginia Mackintosh

(One of several talks based on Hebrews 11 given at the Pacific Coast Association)

By faith many Seventh Day Baptists left their homes in the East and began trekking westward during the middle of the nineteenth century. Many of them settled in the Southern California area. Unwilling to abandon their belief in the sanctity of the Sabbath and seeking fellowship with others of like faith they met in small groups for Bible study and discussion.

After the Colony Heights church was organized in 1896 and the Tustin group combined with it most of the families moved to the Riverside area. Some, however, moved to Los Angeles and continued to meet together in a rented hall in downtown Los Angeles. Leadership came from Rev. Eli Loofboro of Riverside or the deacons from that church.

By faith a little group of nineteen persons signed as charter members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles on January 14, 1911. Dr. Lewis Platts was called to be the first minister and the little church building on 42nd Street was acquired. By faith this elderly minister accepted the call. A little more than a year later due to declining health, he returned to Milton, Wisconsin, where he died soon afterwards. However, a work had been started.

By faith Rev. George W. Hills answered the call to the far West. A leading denominational worker and much loved minister, he served as missionary pastor for a field which covered the entire Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico and extended into Idaho. After his death following nineteen years of faithful service the small church was without a pastor.

Now faith flickered and nearly died as the congregation dwindled in number without sufficient funds to pay the salary of another minister. Arrangements were made to deed the property on 42nd Street to the Memorial Board in Plainfield, New Jersey. Had it not been for

the perseverance and faith of those few remaining ones, the work would have been abandoned.

But faith was revived and a new spirit came into the group as several young adults moved into Los Angeles to continue their education or seek employment. This spirit of optimism and faith resulted in a new dedication of time and money. At this time the Hargis family was returning from seven years of missionary service in Jamaica and Pastor Hargis enthusiastically and joyfully took up the task of rebuilding the work. During his pastorate, the need for a larger church building became evident and by faith a building fund was established and grew. Even as Pastor Hargis prepared for further missionary work in New Zealand, his life was cut short.

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off . . ." (Hebrews 11:13).

Under the leadership of a young ministerial student, Leon Lawton, the church continued to grow in numbers, and property in Highland Park was acquired. A year from the time the first spadeful of earth was turned, a dedication service was held in the new church building in May 1951.

After Pastor Lawton was called to mission work in Jamaica, Pastor Francis Saunders came to us to be our spiritual leader. Following his pastorate, Pastor Mynor Soper answered the call. Each one has had a vision of great work that can be accomplished on the Pacific Coast as well as in the Los Angeles area.

There are others who have been outstanding in our church's history and have shown by their lives the meaning of faith.

We think of the faith of Dr. Rosa Palmborg who was forced to flee from China after over forty years of service to the people whom she loved so dearly. She chose to remain on the Pacific Coast rather than return to her home in the East. She joined the Los Angeles church always hoping that the door to China would reopen, ready to board the first ship that would carry her back to her adopted land. Sarah Becker was able to go to China for a period of time but

again the door of missionary work was closed there.

By faith Victor Burdick came to Los Angeles and took out membership. In a two-fold way he prepared himself so that he would be ready when there was a need for a medical missionary. After long hours at the hospital, evenings were spent at the church learning how a pastor schedules his duties, accompanying him on pastoral calls, observing teaching methods, volunteering wherever work was needed, asking questions, learning. When Nyasaland needed a doctor, Dr. Victor Burdick was ready.

By faith Joan Clement accepted the Sabbath and joined the Los Angeles church. Together with a classmate in nurses' training, Beth Severe of the Riverside church, she answered the call for nurses on the African field at Makapwa, the first to go. Later they were joined by Sarah Becker and Barbara Bivins.

These are but a few who have carried the witness of Seventh Day Baptists from this area, examples of faith in action. We are challenged today as was the early struggling church to whom Paul ministered. "Let us (then) run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Sabbath Calendars

The Bible Sabbath Association with headquarters at Fairview, Oklahoma, has long rendered a valuable service to all Sabbathkeepers. It has prepared each year a convenient-sized calendar with Sabbaths instead of Sundays printed in red ink. It is more than just a well illustrated calendar suitable for display in the home; it has a wealth of information on it about the Sabbath and other subjects.

The price has had to be increased this year to 35 cents (3 for \$1.00) says Lawrence Burrell, secretary-treasurer of the Bible Sabbath Association. It is good to have a constant reminder of the distinctive character which the Bible, from beginning to end, gives to the seventh day of the week. Send orders to Fairview, not to Plainfield.

A Modern Parable

Behold a ball team went forth to play a game of ball. Just as the umpire was saying, "Batter up," the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place. The center fielder and the second baseman didn't arrive until the middle of the second inning. The first baseman didn't come at all, but later sent his regrets and said that he had to go to a chicken dinner at Aunt Mary's. The third baseman likewise failed to show up, having been up late the night before and preferring to spend the day in bed. The left fielder was away, visiting another ball game across town. The shortstop was present but left his glove at home.

Verily, when the pitcher entered the box he looked around to see his teammates, and lo, his heart was heavy when he saw many empty places in the lineup. The game had been announced and visitors were already in the stands to see the game. There was nothing left for him to do but go ahead and pitch and hope for the best.

So the pitcher tightened his belt, stepped into the box, and did his level best to put one over the plate. But, for some strange reason, he just couldn't find the groove. Some of his teammates began to ride him for wild pitching and loud boos began to come from the stands. At the close of the game, the home team (what there was of it) was mercilessly beaten. The game produced a considerable amount of discussion and when the rest of the team heard about the disgraceful defeat, everyone decided that something ought to be done about it. They finally came to a unanimous decision. A new pitcher was hired. It must have been the old pitcher's poor pitching that lost the game.

Behold, a preacher stood up to preach . . . but that's another story!

From The Scarlet Thread
Immanuel Baptist Church
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

A Christian apart from the church is as meaningless as a word apart from language.

Farewell Services for Courtland V. Davis

Even though a letter had been received from Mrs. Courtland Davis regarding the failing health of Mr. Davis, still the word came as something of a shock that he had died on Tuesday evening, October 29. We are never ready for the news of the death of our friends and loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis went to Kingston, Jamaica, in August 1960, to begin work at Crandall High School. He had been serving as principal at Cedarbrook and Clinton Schools in Plainfield, N. J., and various other schools in that vicinity, for the past 34 years. At Kingston he served most acceptably as headmaster and principal at Crandall High School for six years. Mrs. Davis worked with him as librarian and general helper in the work. They were succeeded by Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills who arrived in the summer of 1966, expecting to serve as "dedicated workers." At the request of Mr. and Mrs. Davis the Millses took over the leadership of the work at Crandall and Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the "dedicated workers" couple, continuing in this offer of assistance until the present time.

Word has been received that a memorial service was held at the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, November 2. In lieu of flowers it was requested that gifts might be made toward a water drinking fountain for Crandall High students. The Missionary Board will be glad to channel such special gifts to this end.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis' three children flew to Jamaica for the memorial service at Kingston, after which they returned to this country for a graveside service at Lost Creek, W. Va., on Thursday, November 7. Mrs. Davis remained in Kingston.

Rev. Neal D. Mills was asked to represent the Missionary Board at the memorial service in Kingston and Rev. Grover Brissey was asked to represent the board at the graveside service at Lost

Creek. In behalf of all Seventh Day Baptists we would pay a tribute of thankfulness to God for having known and worked with Courtland Davis and would express our deepest sympathy to his family at this time of sorrow and loss.

Evangelism Director Resigns

Announcement is made of the resignation of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton as director of evangelism to take effect "around February 1, 1969." Pastor Lawton also sent a copy of his resignation message to the First and Second Brookfield churches which he has been serving on a part-time basis. This resignation is tendered so that he may accept a pastorate at the call of the Denver, Colorado, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Pastor Lawton wrote the Missionary Society the following: "Having received and feeling led to accept a call to the pastorate of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, I hereby submit my resignation from the position and work now held with the Missionary Society. This is done with regret for it has been a joy to work since mid-1956 in the missionary and evangelistic ministry. And I feel no sense of completion of this vital work. Yet the Lord is calling us to the challenge and need of ministry on the local church level."

It is anticipated that the Missionary Board will accept Pastor Lawton's resignation with deep regret and consideration will be given to the future of the work he has carried on so successfully.

The Other Half

Since our gross national product (GNP) will soon reach \$200,000,000, our GNP is about \$3,500 per capita per year. On the other hand, the annual GNP of more than half the human race in Africa, Asia and Latin America runs under \$150 per capita . . . these people have less to spend each day on food and all other needs than the average American spends for a package of cigarettes. We could share a little more through our missionary and relief agencies.

Viewpoint

With tensions increasingly threatening to divide our cities, we asked Dr. Olivia Pearl Stokes what the churches and the individual can do now to ease them.

This is part of her answer: The more urgent question is: Do Christians have the will to act to bring into being a just American society? The alternative is a Nazi state or apartheid!

Since the Church is *people*, it is and always has been involved in the American social systems through voting, decision-making, investments, whenever opinions are registered. But the systems have been oppressive and discriminating to American Negroes.

Across the nation there is a too small remnant of dynamic Christian-change agents. Their number will be increased and their efforts supported as creative groups in parishes and in Christian homes plan to witness through their vocations, the mass media, in legislative halls, in public and higher education, in the economic corridors, through the criminal-justice systems, in civil service, in industry and in the life of the gathered Christian community.

"Committed to a New Way of Life" could become the new slogan of those followers of Christ who are willing to meet the requirement of new attitudes, new understanding and new will.

The committed courageous Christian must, above all, first understand his and her own prejudices. Empathy is not enough. Sympathy is not enough. Paternalism is an insult and self-defeating. Preparation and serious study are imperative to any attempt at bridging the chasm between black and white in this nation.

The individual Christian and every citizen — who means it when he says: "To serve man is our service to God," must study. The following books should be on a "required list."

The Metropolis — Its People, Politics and Economic Life, by John C. Bollens and Henry J. Schmandt, Harper & Row.

This is the first book to give a full, integrated presentation of the modern urban community as a dynamic social, economic and political system.

From Slavery to Freedom — A History of American Negroes, second edition, by John Hope Franklin, Alfred A. Knopf Publishers.

This study is recognized as one of the best histories of the American Negro. It is comprehensive, objective and eminently readable.

Protest and Prejudice — A Study of Belief in the Black Community, by Gary T. Marx with a foreword by Bayard Rustin. Harper & Row.

This is the first nationwide analytical study of Negro attitudes toward themselves, their condition and toward whites.

Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man, by George D. Kelsey. Scribners. An excellent paperback.

The New World of Negro Americans, by Harold R. Isaacs. A study from the Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Viking Press paperback.

Dark Ghetto, by Kenneth B. Clark. Harper & Row.

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—NCCC Newsweekly

Bird Labels

We should sun "bird labels" characterizing the sharp divisions of opinion on Vietnam war such as "hawks, doves, and eagles." The cartoonist for "Miss Peach" may have described a sizable segment of American people when Marcia commented concerning Arthur's lack of knowledge on the Vietnam issues, "One thing about Arthur—he's neither a hawk nor a dove. He's a dodo."

The dodo may be far more damaging in the long run than either the hawk or dove.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 7, 1968

CHRIST SPEAKS TO CHURCHES

Lesson Scripture: Rev. 1:9-11; 3:7-13

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Robe of Achievement Presented

During the Sabbath morning worship service at Alfred, N. Y., on September 7,



the Rev. Miss Elizabeth Fitz Randolph was presented the "Robe of Achievement." A woman of accomplishment is picked each year from Seventh Day Baptist women for this honor by the national Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society.

Mrs. Dora Norwood gave the tribute to Miss Randolph which had been written to be read during the annual Women's Society meeting at Conference at Kearney, Nebr., in August. Mrs. David Clarke then presented Miss Randolph with the robe and a certificate of remembrance for this honor. An orchid was also presented to her from the Alfred church.

Miss Randolph gave a short statement in appreciation of her father, her family and church and their influence on her life.

At the close of the morning worship service the Rev. Miss Randolph pronounced the benediction.

Recipient of Robe

Responds to Honor Bestowed

To the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination:

Thank you and all the members of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination for the honor you have bestowed upon me for a life of

achievement, symbolized by the awarding of the beautiful Robe of Achievement.

I accept this honor as a token of the honor to which each woman throughout the Seventh Day Baptist denomination is entitled. Each one in her own way is weaving with the help of God and her fellow Christians a robe of achievement which sparkles and glows as she wears it humbly as a sister of Jesus our Elder Brother.

Recently I have been reading and thinking of the depth of meaning of Matthew 23:8-12, according to Moffatt's translation.

As I stood at the door of the sanctuary following the presentation of the Robe of Achievement and received the congratulations of the people, I was moved to respond somewhat as follows: "You and each one here is weaving for himself or herself a robe of achievement to be worn through eternity, far more beautiful and significant than any material robe."

I have been duly humbled and inspired to further service and achievement and I thank you and God for it.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Fitz Randolph

A Tribute to Miss Randolph

Prepared and read by
Mrs. J. Nelson Norwood

Again one of the women of our denomination has been chosen by the Women's Board to receive the Robe of Achievement. The recipient of the robe today is a woman whose Christian character, revealed in a life of service for others, is outstanding. She has been a pastor of churches, an educator, a home missionary, a promoter of evangelism; and, in whatever field she has worked, her life and service have revealed her deep concern for her fellowmen.

Born in Alfred, N. Y., she graduated from Alfred University and later attended the School of Theology at Oberlin, Ohio, where she received the degree of bachelor of divinity.

The early years of her service included a series of short pastorates in churches

needing leadership and encouragement, beginning with a supply pastorate at Young Hickory, N. Y. During her first full-time pastorate at Hartsville, N. Y., she was called by them in 1923 to ordination. She had interim pastorates at Petrolia and Scio, N. Y., and at Hebron and Hebron Center, Pa.

While in the West because of the illness of a sister, she served as pastor for the Denver and Boulder, Colo., churches. While studying for a few months in the Chicago Divinity School, she served as pastor for the Chicago church.

Her service in the Daytona Beach, Fla., church began with a four months' winter pastorate and continued each winter from 1929 to 1933. After the dedication of their new sanctuary in Daytona Beach in 1933, she continued as full-time pastor of that church until 1943.

During that time there were frequent calls for her help in the area of Palatka, Carraway, and Florahome, Fla., where there was an increasing interest in Sabbath worship.

For three years after her pastorate at Daytona Beach she spent much time in home missionary work in the Putnam County area. Financial assistance for this came from the Daytona Beach church, the Women's Board, other interested friends, and from her own earnings from the nursing which she did.

In 1947 under the direction of the Women's Board she became the promoter of evangelism, a position which involved both evangelistic and educational work. Her fields of service included places in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, Arkansas, and Texas.

Between the time of this active service and her next full-time pastorate, her continued interest in that field took her back often to work in Palatka, Carraway, Florahome, and other Putnam County areas. Wherever she was she always had a deep concern for children and their welfare.

In 1954 she became the pastor of the church in Washington, D. C., where she remained for eight years, followed by a

year as pastor of the People's church in that city.

Though now retired from active public service because of family responsibilities, her efficiency, her energy, her cheerfulness, and her consecration are always evident. Her concern for the welfare of others is never a passive one. She has for her family, her friends, her church, the community, and the world a concern that results in doing something about it.

It is to this woman, the Reverend Elizabeth Fitz Randolph, whose entire life has been given to dedicated Christian service that today the Robe of Achievement is given. It is an honor for the Alfred Church to have the privilege of presenting this in behalf of the Women's Board.

Prayer Request Corner

Conference President Leland Bond suggested some time ago that the *Sabbath Recorder* might have a prayer corner this year to help carry out the theme "Sensitive in His Service." This could be very meaningful. An appeal went out in these pages for the sending in of suitable prayer requests or answers to prayer. It has not yet been possible to start publishing such requests because they have not come in. Perhaps everybody thought everybody else had more suitable requests. This is not likely to be true. Requests may be sent in by anyone but it is a good idea to talk them over with friends first. The Bible speaks of prayer in terms of "If two or three be agreed" Local prayer groups, church and board leaders might well take on the responsibility of sending in every few weeks a list of special prayer requests in which our readers could join individually or in prayer groups.

Private Schools Become Public

When two schools are financed out of the same pocketbook, policies for both will be set by the same authority. When this comes to pass, there will not be much difference in the two schools.

—Church and State

Books I Have Read

There may not be a good solid reason for an editor to tell about the books he has read recently when others who may have read equally interesting and valuable books do not have equal opportunity. On the other hand, many of the books an editor reads are selected and read with a view to finding out whether they would be helpful to others who do not have occasion to know about them. Possibly our attempt to achieve some balance in the type of reading done may also be helpful to at least a few.

One of the best ways to keep good reading habits is to belong to one or more book clubs that specialize in religious books. The clubs have to be chosen with care if one is to get the best and the things that will suit him best. There are quite a number of good clubs. It is quite a bother to belong to four or five at the same time and to keep from getting too many books or a number that don't appeal. But it may be worth it just to have a wider selection to choose from. It is a little frustrating to slip up on notices and to occasionally find yourself with two of the same title. But if they are good there might be someone on your Christmas list who would enjoy the extra copy that you purchased at the low book club rate.

Notes for Living. A most unusual and stimulating book (1968), something on the order of devotional thoughts, is written from the wealth of experience of Raymond Irving Lindquist, pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the United States (Hollywood). It has 222 of these well developed notes, each related to the gospel and the Christian life.

God's Hand I See is another shorter, beautifully illustrated, easy reading, devotional book printed in 1962. Its thoughts are aimed at the reader in the second person. It is by a Lutheran pastor, Eric J. Gustafson, published by Augustana Press.

On the heavier side, but very readable, is the brand new book, *Journey Into Light* by the prolific author, Emile Calliet Stewart, professor of Christian Philos-

ophy emeritus, Princeton Theological Seminary. Though his other books are too scholarly for the ordinary reader this one takes its title from the author's experience (as an unbeliever) discovering the Bible and then journeying into light—a most rewarding little book of 118 pages published by Zondervan.

Again on the heavy side is a new book on an old subject by the British scientist, Robert E. D. Clark, entitled *The Christian Stake in Science*. Extremely well footnoted this book presents much new material on the relation between science and religion. The science editor, keeping his book down to 158 pages, concludes, after covering nearly every area of inquiry, that "science has never been more favorable to Christian belief than today." His development of this thought is interesting and very moderate. Published by Moody Press.

If one's interest turns to the history of missions in India the McGraw-Hill 246-page book *Palace of Healing* by Dorothy Clark Wilson will prove informative and challenging. It is the story of Dr. Clara Swain, first woman missionary doctor, and the further development of her hospital down to the latter part of 1967.

Not everyone would be interested in the book by Rev. W. A. Landman of South Africa entitled *A Plea to Understanding*. It is a reply to the Reformed Church of America which marshals some pretty strong arguments to show why the Reformed Church in South Africa supports the way the multiracial situation is handled in that country. It should be read to avoid making oversimplified statements on the Christian thing to do in South Africa. Available from P. O. Box 930, Cape Town, South Africa.

A popularly written book on a highly important religious subject is *The Untold Story of Qumran* by John C. Trevor, a Fleming H. Revell book listed at \$8.95. Large and well illustrated, it does describe in detail the thrill of John Trevor in getting access to and photographing the Dead Sea Scrolls that have done so much to make us appreciate the carefulness with which Old Testament Scrip-

tures were copied and preserved. Not everyone will want this book, but many ought to read it in addition to the many other books on this subject.

A splendid book for preachers is the fifth enlarged edition of *A Minister's Obstacles* by Ralph G. Turnbull, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Seattle, Wash., a minister with wide experience. The obstacles he describes are not what might be expected but the obstacles on the inside. He has helpful suggestions about identifying them and overcoming them. Fleming Revell Company.

Omitted from the list of recently read books are three informative nature study books and the religious novel *Christie* by Katherine Marshall, which needs no introduction.

There is a satisfaction in the broadening effect of reading a variety of good books undertaken perhaps because we ought to take time for such reading.

Challenging Messages on Tape

The last issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* (Nov. 18) contained reports of the Continental Congress on Evangelism edited by our Seventh Day Baptist director of evangelism. Perhaps these reports caused many people to wish they could have heard some of those messages as the speakers gave them. That is now possible. They were tape-recorded and have been copied onto smaller tapes that could be used in church gatherings to stimulate interest in evangelism and the Crusade of the Americas to which we are committed this year and next.

Church leaders have been notified by letter of the availability of these tape-recorded messages. They are to be ordered through the office of the American Sabbath Tract Society. Why this separate notice? Pastors may not know that you would like to hear these messages unless you show an interest. Ask the pastor without delay about getting some of these tapes to playback in a local church group. Most of the messages are less than 25 minutes.

Youth . . .

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Father, for our capacity to appreciate the beauty of a sunset, the power of the waves of the ocean, the fragrance of the flowers. May we think about these things of beauty, that we might find in them our inspiration and hope when we must face up to those things which are ugly. Thank you for all that others have done to lighten our load and make us glad; may they know that their acts of kindness are appreciated. We are grateful for the gift of salvation, for the never-ending hope which is ours because we believe in Jesus Christ. We make our prayer in His Name. Amen.

—Alan Crouch, Milton, Wis.

Where Are They Now?

Rene Mauch, who traveled widely among our churches a number of years ago and was for a time under appointment of the Missionary Board to go to Guyana, has been living on the island of Nassau where he keeps his small missionary boat, the *Messenger*. He has been employed by a newspaper there.

Since June of 1968 Mr. Mauch has made his headquarters at his original location in Canada, having purchased the farm, which he expects to operate next summer. The address is Box 241, Hemmingford, Province of Quebec. Now that he has paid for his farm, and most of the expense of educating his 16-year-old daughter Esther has been met, he hopes to have more funds available to finance some long-dreamed-of personal assistance to the missionary work in Guyana, "without" as he says, "upsetting the delicate balance of the OWM budget." He writes that he would like to make a preliminary visit there this winter. He is now working part-time in the office department of a printing plant.

In reply to a recent letter Mr. Mauch writes:

"I have been receiving the *Sabbath Recorder* faithfully for the past ten years

and I gladly renew my subscription to this organ of our denomination every year. While I have perforce been kept out of the mainstream of happenings, the *Recorder* has always brought me a welcome fellowship with our churches and kept me informed of our activities on a worldwide basis. So you can be sure that I will keep myself on your mailing list for the *Recorder* and *Helping Hand* year after year."

Alfred L. Davis, son of the late Rev. Alva L. Davis, has not lived close to a Seventh Day Baptist church for a number of years. He is now one of the four vice-presidents of the Rochester Institute of Technology which is currently in the news. The institute has recently dedicated buildings costing \$60 million on a new 1,300-acre campus south of Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Joan Clement, formerly missionary-nurse at Makapwa, Malawi, has been employed for some time at Loma Linda, California. She has recently moved to Phoenix, Arizona, and is active in the Seventh Day Baptist fellowship there of which Rev. O. Arlie Davis is pastor. Her address is 534 E. Huntington Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

Miss Sara Becker, a veteran nurse of two mission fields, China and Malawi, has been a nursing instructor in a Los Angeles hospital since her return from Makapwa. She has recently gone to Washington where she can be with her aging parents, whose address is 1161 James St., Chehalis, Wash. 98532.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WATERFORD, CONN.— Our church was pleased to have a report from the General Conference by the pastor of the Ashaway church and some of his young people. In this way we learned much about the business of Conference, the music, the youth activities, and the sermons.

In September, when dahlia blooms were at their height, the church sponsored a tour of dahlia gardens in the nearby area. Two gardens, which were

the care of two of our church families, were visited by between twenty and thirty people.

At the time of Worldwide Communion, our church was host to a meeting of the Yearly Meeting of the New England churches. The independent Sabbath-keeping group at Middletown was represented by the pastor, Mr. William Kimshel, and others. Pastor Clifford Bond of the Rockville and Second Hopkinton churches preached the sermon from John 12: 32, on the "Exalted Christ." Ashaway and Westerly churches furnished the choir numbers, and communion was served by Pastor Paul Burdick and Rev. Harold R. Crandall. The cafeteria of the nearby Great Neck grade school was used for the midday meal.

Our interest and prayers go with Miss Esther Burdick as she begins work for the Board of Christian Education as the new youth field worker.

—Correspondent

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.— Our church was well represented at the Mid-Continent Association held in Denver, Colo., with quite a number of families and other young people able to attend. When this association held its first meeting in 1948 (also at Denver) Roy Cox of North Loup was president. Gary Cox was president this year and had a fine program. In 1969 the Mid-Continent Association will be held at our church next October. The new president elected at Denver is Ron Goodrich, a prominent member of our church.

—Gleaned from North Loup Bulletin Extra

NORTONVILLE, KANS.— Members of the Nortonville and Kansas City churches met September 29 to redecorate the church. Non-resident members and friends can visualize the newly papered sanctuary. The quarterly report of the trustees was mimeographed on bulletin-size samples of the rich-looking wallpaper. The report describes the volunteer work on this and other church beautification projects. It begins:

"The church has been repapered. A crew of sixteen worked on Sunday, Sep-

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tember 29, to do the vestibule, choir loft and sanctuary. A crew of five returned on Wednesday, October 2, to complete the job, doing the north room." Pastor Osborn later painted the stairwell and storage rooms. Three Kansas City cars made four round trips to transport workers. A gift of \$300 was sent to the Kansas City church to help with their evangelistic work in appreciation of their help in the papering job.

Five Nortonville churches are participating in "Open-Church Days" in which the first Sunday of each month will be used to visit and acquaint ourselves with other churches and their programs. The first session was held in our church on November 3. Other churches involved are the Catholic, Christian, United Methodist and Lutheran.

At the quarterly meeting the Nortonville Evangelistic Committee reported on the fair booths sponsored, built and manned by the church. At the Wyandotte County Fair, August 14-17, 853 pieces of literature were passed out. At the Atchison County Fair, August 20-23, 1,200 pieces of literature were picked up by the public. Another booth was maintained at the larger Mid-America Fair at Topeka, September 6-11, with 1,700 pieces of literature picked up. The church also had a two minute spot announcement on T.V. Mention was made in the report of a fourth successful booth at the American Royal staffed by the Kansas City church. According to reports 4,587 tracts and 741 *Sabbath Recorders* were taken by people visiting the booth. It is elsewhere reported that two new families are taking a vital interest in the church as a result of this outreach project.

—Correspondent and editor.

Accessions

NORTONVILLE, KANS.

By Testimony:

Mrs. Blanche Reader

Marriages

Werle - North.— Lawrenz O. Werle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Werle of River Grove, Ill., and Karen E. North, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney North, New Auburn, Wis., were united in marriage June 8, 1968, at the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Edward Sutton.

Births

Petrillo.— A daughter, Lisa Noel, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Petrillo, Friendship, N. Y., on October 17, 1968.

Steesy.— A son, Shawn Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steesy, Little Genesee, N. Y., on October 5, 1968.

Obituaries

McHENRY.— Florence (Andress) McHenry was born Oct. 31, 1893 in Downing, Wis., and died Aug. 14, 1968, in Menomonie, Wis.

Mrs. McHenry was a member of the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church though not active in recent years.

The funeral services were held at the Downing Methodist Church, Downing, Wis., conducted by the Rev. Earl Hammerude.

—E. S.

ZWIEBEL.— Kevin, son of Doyle and Marie Zwiebel, was born March 6, 1960, at Olean, N. Y., while his family lived at Richburg, N. Y., and died Oct. 30, 1968, Clarksburg, W. Va., following a short illness.

Surviving are his mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle K. Zwiebel of Salem, W. Va., one brother, Kent, and a sister, Veronica, both at home. A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Paul Green at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.



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BY FAITH IN CHINA

Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate were among the last Seventh Day Baptist missionaries who were able to serve in that mission field where our people were pioneers. They followed in the train of Solomon and Lucy Carpenter who were accepted as candidates for China in 1846 and sailed in 1847 for Hong Kong and Shanghai. The China field, though now closed, is still dear to the hearts of Dr. and Mrs. Thorngate. The story by Helen Thorngate, beginning on page 10, stimulates faith like a reading of the faith chapter (Hebrews 11). It ends with a tribute to the work of the Thorngates by Rev. Everett T. Harris, executive vice-president of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.