

The Sabbath Recorder

STEADFAST

By Mont Hurst

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."

—Psalm 27:14

In the midst of a fierce battle the commander of one army saw that his outnumbered forces were losing the fight. His chief of staff came to him and said, "Sir, I have ordered a retreat." The commander replied, "I know that our general is aware of our predicament and will send reinforcements. Withdraw your order for retreat!" The reinforcement did arrive later in the day and the tide was turned into victory.

God knows of our every problem, affliction, frustration and need. If we release our faith to Him we will instinctively know that He is aware of our need and will send deliverance before we are engulfed in defeat. Sometimes, in our frenzy of fear and excitement, we fail to realize He sees all and knows all and is going to deliver us. It is our part to endure the situation or difficulty, intensify our faith, and expect the miracle of His deliverance. In His Word in Isaiah 40:31, He tells us, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Do we need more assurance than this? God cannot lie. He will fulfill His Promise.

Almighty God, I stand steadfast in thy will and power.

Baptist Crusade Campaign Flourishing in Mexico

The Crusade of the Americas, a massive Baptist-led evangelistic campaign in the Western Hemisphere, is getting off to a flying start in Mexico, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reports.

The Rev. Ervin E. Hastey, Crusade coordinator for Mexico and Central America, said 20 churches of the Guerrero Baptist association registered 592 professions of faith following a one-week campaign in late January.

The campaign is featuring three main regional meetings, March 30-April 6 in the central sector of Mexico; May 25-June 1 in the north; and October 12-19 in the south.

—ABNS

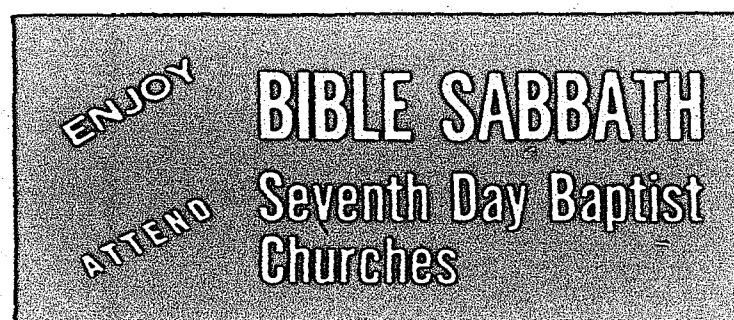
One Nation Under God

In the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., the church which Dwight D. Eisenhower joined in 1953 when he was president, has commemorated a significant event of his presidency with a special window. In the Chapel of the Presidents a faceted-glass window has been placed that shows President Eisenhower signing the 1954 law which added the words "under God" to the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The whole pledge is worked into the window design. At a time when some are trying to remove all reference to God in public and school life it is encouraging to recall that under Eisenhower a recognition of God as sovereign was written into law, and a fitting memorial in glass now preserves that event.

Happy

Anniversary!

Birthdays make us humble. They remind us that the life we enjoy came to us not from our own effort but from the parents before us. It is much the same with the birthday of a periodical, especially one that is 125 years old. The SABBATH RECORDER was born and named a long time ago through the efforts of people who can now be remembered only by the heritage they left. We of the present generation and those of us who put effort regularly into this publication are grateful on this birthday occasion for the foresight and effort of those who started this periodical and brought it along the way to our day.



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125th Anniversary

There is a date in June that must not go unnoted. For several years we have been watching and waiting for time to round out a quarter century in connection with the date that appears on the masthead of the *Sabbath Recorder*. The date is June 13, 1844. It was on that day that the *Sabbath Recorder* was born. Who at that time could have predicted that 125 years later Seventh Day Baptists and friends of their cause would still be looking forward each week to the arrival of their denominational journal?

This issue of June 9 is the actual birthday number. It contains some anniversary greetings from a few religious publications that are in the same age bracket and still going strong. All those in the religious and secular publishing business know the dangers, pitfalls and diseases that can conspire to shorten the life of a periodical. Many have succumbed within the past few years after living for a century or more. Others dare not say how much longer they will last. If we were to say that the continuance of the *Sabbath Recorder* had never been in question during this past century and a quarter, we would be challenged by those who have read our history or have lived through more than one generation of doctrinal or publishing discussions.

It might be interesting to try to discover why some religious periodicals die and others go on. There may not be any set pattern. By way of generalization it may be said that our publication must have found some ways to remain young and contemporary. This is like saying with one of the commercials frequently heard, "We must be doing something right." Perhaps it would be more discerning to note that the need for such a periodical continues to be felt, as in the past, and that the people are determined not to let their paper go the way of others that have disappeared from the scene.

The truths for which the *Sabbath Recorder* has stood are old truths, eternal truths. They have not been accepted by all, therefore, our mission is not done. We prophetically proclaim the truth of the Sabbath and we try to promote the other aspects of godliness. On the other

hand, our publication is fresh and new because it is a weekly, up-to-date periodical rather than a tract. On its 125th birthday it is as young as the new ideas of its younger contributors. It looks forward as well as backward.

This may be called the birthday issue. It is not the anniversary issue that is planned for a little later in this anniversary year. About the first of August the editor and the Advisory Committee are planning to bring out a larger commemorative issue for which this is but preparatory. It will have a heavier cover and numerous historical and forward looking articles. It is something to be ordered in advance and kept. It is also an issue that will cost more than the amount available for its publication. Substantial gifts would be appreciated.

Is the Sabbath Question Trivial?

A book on the Sabbath was sent to a minister for his consideration. He returned it without reading but with the comment: "How can we debate over these nonessentials when the world is on its way to eternal separation from God? Let's get about our Father's business . . . and bear witness to Him and pay less attention to this trivia."

Amen, preacher, it is good to know how concerned you are about the world on its way to eternal separation from God. Amen, also to avoiding trivia when souls are perishing in sin. But possibly, preacher, well-meaning as I know you are, your definition of trivia is not quite the same as that of God and the Son of God.

The good lady who sent the Sabbath book replied to the minister that eternal separation from God comes from disobedience to God, which is sin. God saw fit to put the positive commandment to remember the Sabbath in a key position in that Decalogue which has been used all through subsequent ages to define sin and the right relationship between man and God, man and his fellowman. It is the New Testament, not the Old, which emphasizes the unity of the law of God and condemns as a lawbreaker one

MEMORY TEXT

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. —Eccl. 9:10.

who transgresses any one of the Ten Commandments. Even if one could assume (which he cannot) that the details of the fourth commandment are less important than the details of other commandments he would have to do something with the words of his Lord, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

Jesus and Paul did not abrogate but rather intensified and spiritualized the demands of the law. When Paul spoke of the perishing world, with which the good minister professes to be so concerned, it was in terms of law. This: "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law; and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law" (Rom. 2:12). He goes on to affirm that the doers of the law shall be justified, not just the hearers of it.

Who determines what is trivia and what is not? Our Protestant profession is that the Bible is our guide in faith and practice. The idea that keeping the seventh day as the symbol of God's rest and God's redemption is trivial is a pretty late development the basis of which is not to be found in the Bible.

The prophets, Jesus and the apostles could thunder against sin and call people to the righteousness of God's holy law because they honored the whole law and did not wink at the disobedience of the fourth commandment, or any other. Our concern for the sinfulness of the world cannot end with the proclamation of the Savior. It is shallow and incomplete if it does not go on to instruction in righteousness. This is not trivia; this is the mission of the Church in the Great Commission. Remember it includes "teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you."

**Presbyterian Outlook (150 Years)
Sends Birthday Greetings**

When we review the long list of church weeklies that have arisen, served their day, and passed from the scene, it is clear that one like yours that has persisted for 125 years has been able to offer a highly significant service.

We do not always live up to the level of our information — that is, we often know better than we do — but it is a fact that we seldom move beyond or higher than that level. For this season, your service to your constituency from week to week is of fundamental importance, and I am hoping that as you mark this birthday, your people will come to a new realization of the place of the *Sabbath Recorder* in the life of our time.

These are days of significant change in the world and in the church; none of us is sufficient for what is demanded, yet all of us are under obligation to meet these changes, not by retreating to the past or bemoaning our fate, but in confidence that God is marching ever ahead of us, taking our place and moving with him.

As you move in your mission into the years ahead, let me congratulate you and wish you ever increasing joy in your demanding service.

Aubrey N. Brown, Jr.

Editor of the *Presbyterian Outlook* (estb. 1819), Richmond, Va., since 1943. This independent weekly serves the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and the United Presbyterian Church, USA.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The *Presbyterian Outlook* has already celebrated its most significant 150th birthday. Twenty-five years added to the age of our *Sabbath Recorder* may not be quite the same as that many years of human longevity, for publications have a way of staying young; their later years may be more fruitful and contemporary than their earlier years. The story of the present service of the *Presbyterian Outlook* is interesting. Essentially an organ of the Southern Presbyterian Church (as it used to be called), under the leadership of Aubrey Brown (editor for 25 years), it has campaigned to get the church into the world. When the paper started it was called *The Missionary*. It has had other ancestors. A relatively slim, generally pictureless periodical, it is alive and influential. Like the *Sabbath Recorder* it has to have some denominational subsidy.

**150-Year-Old Watchman-Examiner
Sends Greetings**

The Sabbath Recorder
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Maltby:

I have your letter of April 3rd indicating that the *Sabbath Recorder* is about ready to celebrate another milestone in its long history. As the editor of the *Watchman-Examiner*, now 150 years of age, we congratulate you and your fine paper upon its 125th birthday.

Since the religious highway is lined with markers indicating the demise of Christian journals of one kind or another, that there are those that reach the respectable age of 125 or 150 years, is quite remarkable. This longevity is made possible, of course, only by devoted editors and an understanding constituency. These you have and I am sure that each gives gratitude to God for the other.

I am taking the liberty of extracting a few sentences from your letter that I may use on our correspondence page in our Anniversary Issue which will be coming out May 15th. I am sure that you will not mind.

Also, I cannot miss the opportunity of adding a personal word or two. Really I should be over in your office learning from you, for I did not enter the journalistic field until 1964, when I left the pastorate of the First United Baptist Church of Lowell, Mass., to come with the *Watchman-Examiner*. Since we are an independent magazine, that is we are not supported by any denominational budget or funding, you can imagine that this has been, indeed, quite a learning experience.

We appreciate your good work and trust that God will continue to lead and guide.

Sincerely yours,
Lawrence T. Slaght

EDITOR'S NOTE: Nearly all Baptists and many well informed Seventh Day Baptists have long been familiar with the *Watchman-Examiner* under its long-time editor John W. Bradbury and, upon his retirement, the present editor, Lawrence T. Slaght, Th.D. This publication, as its name implies, continues the work of two publications,

**The Churchman (Episcopal)
Remembers Our Birthday**

St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Sabbath Recorder:

As for your 125th anniversary, you might wish to use this: *The Churchman*, although forty years older than the *Sabbath Recorder*, has the spirit of a fellow-youngster in the field of religious journalism. Religion is undergoing a shake-up in our age and religious journalism has within its responsibility the presentation of various views in order to enrich general enlightenment. The *Churchman* extends warmest greetings to a fellow centenarian in that rather exclusive club of the oldest religious journals in the United States.

If at any time we can be of any help, please call on us. Meanwhile Salud!

Sincerely yours,
Edna Ruth Johnson
Acting Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The acting editor of *The Churchman* notes that it won several awards for editorial excellence under its previous editor, Dr. Guy E. Shipler, who edited it from 1922 to 1968 when he died. Its present masthead broadens its scope beyond the Protestant Episcopal denomination with this statement:

"An independent journal of religion published under the sponsorship of The Churchman Associates, Inc. It is edited in the conviction that religious journalism must provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas and opinions; that religion is consonant with the most advanced revelations in every department of knowledge; that we are in a fraternal world community; and that the moral and spiritual evolution of man is only at the beginning."

The pessimist says: "My cup is half empty." The optimist says: "My cup is half full." The Christian says: "My cup runneth over." —Unknown

one started in 1819, the other in 1823. An independent Baptist journal, it is rather unique in publishing in each issue a six-point Confession of Faith which is part of the bylaws of the *Watchman-Examiner*. This clearly stated confession should be acceptable to all Seventh Day Baptists. The enlarged anniversary issue of May 15 and 29 contains much good Baptist material and sells for \$1.00.

**Associated Church Press
Congratulates a Member Publication**

Editor

THE SABBATH RECORDER

There are very few religious journals in the United States and Canada that have reached the venerable age of 125 years. In fact, there are very few secular publications that can boast such an amazing continuity of publication.

Please accept my congratulations on this happy occasion. I know your readership will rejoice with you upon this anniversary.

Be assured that *The Sabbath Recorder* has always been an honored member of the Associated Church Press and your contributions to greater understanding among our many publications and editors has always been appreciated. May *The Sabbath Recorder* continue to flourish in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,
Alfred P. Klausler
Executive Secretary

Negro Evangelism Promoted

Howard O. Jones, associate evangelist with The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, has agreed to serve as Consultant to the American Tract Society's new Division of Negro Evangelism.

Already active in leaflet materials for the Negro community the historic society, a bold expansion program in order to now in its 143rd year has undertaken meet the urgent challenges of the day. Under the direction of an advisory council of leading Negro Christians backed by a special staff at the American Tract Society headquarters in Oradell, N. J., ATS will be responding to the challenges of today's explosive society by producing tracts for the Negro community that meet the issues head-on and present Jesus Christ as the only answer.

Jones, a graduate of Nyack Missionary College, spends part of his time each year in Africa where he conducts evangelistic crusades. His weekly broadcast, *The Hour of Freedom*, over ELWA radio in Monrovia, Liberia, reaches countless thousands across the African continent.

President's Column Conference Publicity

It is about time that I shared some of the Conference plans with you. I am sure that you are beginning to enjoy some of the information being supplied by the host committee about the facilities and physical arrangements for your visit to Nyack, so I'll limit my comments to the programming.

In addition to our Conference theme of "Sensitive in His Service" we will have a daily theme which will be as follows:

- Monday — *Sensitive in His Service through Sincerity*
Tuesday — *Sensitive in His Service through Sharing*
Wednesday — *Sensitive in His Service through Speaking*
Thursday — *Sensitive in His Service through Submission*
Friday — *Sensitive in His Service through Salvation*
Sabbath — *Sensitive in His Service through the Sabbath*

The daily Bible studies which will be presented by five different individuals will be taken from the book of James and will reflect ideas relative to the daily theme. This part of the program will be known as "Gems from James" and we are looking forward to some real gems from this very practical book.

The day will begin with prayer for those who desire to participate and will close with an evening devotion following the evening speaker or event.

One of the real anticipations is that we may have a very stimulating experience as we participate in the activities of the week. We have scheduled a full week of activities, but we hope that people will have a feeling of relaxation without pressure.

WHAT STUDENTS FACE

IVCF says that it publishes *HIS* magazine for students who are put on the spot — by riots, attempts at seduction, attacks on their faith, by creeping secularism and galloping humanism.

Operation Conference, 1969

(Number 4 of a series)

—About Nyack

"Nyack, population 5,400, altitude 68 feet. Nyack is on the west bank of the Hudson River where it widens out to lakeside proportions, which early Dutch settlers called the Tappan Zee. It is now the western terminus of the Tappan Zee Bridge."¹ The above description summarizes the significance given by the American Automobile Association to the village of Nyack, at least in relation to the major cities and points of interest in the northeast. But to 500-750 Seventh Day Baptists, Nyack will become "Conference, 1969."

To orient you with the general area, Nyack is about 20 miles north of New York City, directly off exit 11 of the New York Thruway. But those of you who expect a metropolitan or even a suburban atmosphere will be disappointed. It is ideally located in Rockland County among a series of state parks and the Hudson River that make the setting almost rural in character. For comparison, it might be likened to Salem, with its steep hills, narrow roadways, and many steps.

Nyack's history traces back to the original concept of suburbia, as a residential village and summer resort for New York City residents, and many of its homes reflect this grandeur. The area's history was highlighted during the Revolutionary War, when it served for a time as Washington's headquarters. Included in that period was the betrayal of Benedict Arnold, who tried to surrender the military post of West Point to the British. The Major John Andre monument and the DeWindt mansion in Tappan; the Stony Point Battlefield Reservation and Museum; and West Point Military Reservation and Museum serve as current day reminders of our heritage during this stormy period.

Overlooking the village is the Nyack Missionary College, founded in 1882 and made up of a series of buildings spanning

the entire period. Included are Simpson Hall, the five story frame building that once was "the college," and will serve as our dining hall; a main administration building, (Shuman); two dormitories (Moseley Hall and Christie Hall); an auditorium (Pardington Hall); hopefully a new gymnasium where we will hold our "big" meetings, and a student center that will be under construction. The college houses about 550 students, and ideally provides for a complete transition to Seventh Day Baptists for the Conference week.

Included in the area's list of facts is a local ordinance prohibiting the "occupancy" of trailers. This means that they can be parked in the village (the campus has limited parking facilities) but may not be used for lodging. See the April 14 issue of the *Recorder* for a list of nearby camp sites.

The area abounds with both pool and lake swimming. Rockland State Park is two miles north of Nyack and features both. Others slightly farther away include: Tallman Mountain Pool, Tallman State Park, Sparkill (pool only); Lake Sebago, Harriman State Park (20 miles west); and Lake Tiorati, Harriman State Park, (20 miles north).

The Nyack area also has several hiking trails along the Hudson River, riding stables, picnic areas, roller skating rinks, golf courses, etc. Of course there are the well-known historical sites at West Point, Hyde Park, and the well-known attractions of New York City.

¹ American Automobile Association Tour Book, Northeastern, 1968-1969.

Junior Conference Plans

The theme for the 1969 Junior Conference is "Sensitive to God and Others." Since accepting the responsibility of being director, I have secured the services of Miss Florence Bowden and Mrs. Ella Sheppard of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, and Miss Alice Rood of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

This Conference year we are stressing the work of our boards and agencies, so

part of the Junior Conference program will include presentations by persons from some of our boards. We will also have a special presentation by our general secretary, Alton L. Wheeler. The program will include a time for worship, Bible study, drama, music, and plenty of time for recreation. Miss Bowden will be in charge of the worship services, Mrs. Sheppard of the Bible study, and Miss Rood will assist with the music. Miss Connie Coon will help organize the recreational program.

Junior Conference will be held August 11-15. The morning session will be from 9:00 to 11:45. The afternoon program will begin at 1:30 and conclude at 4:30. Wednesday afternoon will be free time. I hope and pray that we will have a large attendance and that many will pre-register.

Seeking to have a sensitive program,
Robert Harris, director

Outstanding Young People

Miss Lynn Ashcraft of our Los Angeles church was one of eight students out of 1,500 in her Junior High School who was presented the Citizenship Honor Award. It represents unusual scholastic and extracurricular accomplishments.

—Bulletin

Miss Kathy Kenyon who had to give up her extended dedicated service work with the Alfred, N. Y., church for health reasons is back at her home church at Westerly, R. I., where she is organist and choir director. Kathy is also a member of the Missionary Board.

—Church Bulletins

Sam Studer, Salem College student, has agreed to serve the Schenectady, N. Y., church as interim pastor this summer, it is reported.

Bob Harris of Shiloh, N. J., student at Salem College and looking toward the ministry, has a summer of service outlined which includes directing the Junior Conference at Nyack, N. Y., in August.

We would like to run a column like this several times emphasizing unusual scholastic achievements and Christian service projects of our young people.

An Open Letter to Youth About Pre-Con Retreat

127A, 425 So. 156 St., Seattle, WA 98148

My good friends,

I wish that I could sit down and write each one of you a letter today, but since that is impossible, I hope this catches your eye. It is a real pleasure for me to be working as director of Pre-Con this year, and I want to tell you a little about the plans that have been made.

This year's theme will be, "Discovering Sensitivity to Your Creative Self." If that sounds a little heavy, what it means is this. As an individual you carry within yourself a very unique and genuine gift. In learning about your values and yourself, you will want to know all you can about that gift. As Christians, we believe that the radical and authentic Spirit of Jesus Christ can set that gift free, and help you to be a person who enjoys the "abundant life." Perhaps you have never thought about this, or perhaps you think that you are without gifts. Don't believe that! Every person has at least one, and the abundant life in Christ means discovering and developing it fully. It is our intention this year at Pre-Con, to provide a warm atmosphere of Christian community where we may, each one, discover or develop the gifts that lie within.

We are very fortunate to have as resource person this year, Dr. Wayne Rood. Dr. Rood is a professor of Christian Education at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. He understands young people very well, and is a fine personal example of someone who has discovered and developed his gifts. Probably one of the finest things about Pre-Con, is the chance to be around other Seventh Day Baptist young people. As Dr. Rood put it so well, "We are gathering ourselves together because we like each other, and we don't see each other very often. We have important things to talk about."

What will the schedule be like? It will be quite flexible. Each morning, following breakfast and worship, there will be an hour of conversation with all campers and staff gathered in one place. This will be an opportunity for you and your friends to bring up the things that are really on your minds these days, whether it be dating, national concerns, drugs, whatever. After this hour, there will be the usually fine Pre-Con choir rehearsal; lunch, then recreation. At 2:30 each day, Dr. Rood will make a presentation, and then each camper will be free to choose one of five or six areas in which to express his gift creatively. The areas will be writing, drama, dance, music, sketching and junk sculpture (if I can find someone to coach that group). Dinner will be about six, and then there will be another choral rehearsal. The rest of the evening will be coffee house atmosphere, supervised by the staff. The purpose of this will be for relaxed discussion, guitar playing, work on your "thing," etc. A closing worship will finish the day.

Can you come? I hope so. Wouldn't it be great to break the attendance record of 110? One association I know of, was working for 100 percent attendance. Do you think it is impossible for you to come? Look around you. Everywhere, everywhere there are people willing to help you attend Pre-Con. Your parents, relatives, pastor, friends and your Y. F. are all wanting to help. If you really want to attend, and have exhausted every resource, write to me and I'll do all I can to help you out. August 6-10 is the time. The campus of Nyack Missionary College is the place. Surely hope you can make it!

Most sincerely yours,
Pastor Glen Warner

Guyana Mission News

Excerpts from letter dated May 11, 1969
from Pastor Leroy Bass

Plans are rapidly progressing for our next youth camp. You will find enclosed



New photo of missionary family

an information sheet, copies of which are being sent to all prospective campers. We have expectations for a most excellent camp, spiritually refreshing and exciting in all its aspects. Many interesting things are planned.

I never thought I could direct a youth camp until I came to Guyana and responded to the youths' appeal that we Seventh Day Baptists have our church camp too; other churches do. I plunged into plans for our first one the first year we came to Guyana. Now we are to have our third camp, and I am thoroughly enjoying it.

I should tell you in reference to your youth camps that I am realizing that our 1970 youth camp will go on without me, so this year I am putting in Pastor Leyland Bowen as assistant director as a coaching year to break him in, so he can be director the year I am on furlough in the States. He is our best candidate for this position. He will do very well; I am confident of this.

I am also proud to report that since last November I have been able to transfer my job as Worker's Fund treasurer to the hands of the Guyanese, and it is being carried out successfully by the Con-

ference treasurer of the regular Guyana Conference, who is Sister Inez Peters.

This, too, like camp, I intend to go on in a well organized way while I am out of the country for our furlough. These beginnings on indigenization of the church work are taking definite shape, and little by little it shall be proceeding until the work is all theirs and we missionaries can go elsewhere. There is still more training to do in the future training institutes, and young men are beginning to take ministerial training in Jamaica. All this is good. We have one Mortimer Tobin who is also making plans to go to Jamaica as did Sam Peters.

With more young men being baptized we should have some more whom God will be calling, and with such a corps of young men taking good training in a good seminary, we are building a future strength for Seventh Day Baptists in Guyana.

Report of Visit to Guyana

By the Rev. Rene Mauch of Nassau, Bahamas

Today is Sabbath day (May 17, 1969) and an ideal day to leave aside the cares of this world and reflect on matters of eternal importance. It is an eminently suitable day to write you some of my impressions received during my recent visit to Guyana

The purpose of my sojourn there was once again, to assess the local situation and see in what way I might best be of help on a self-supporting basis. Especially whether maybe a boat or a plane or any other facility might help in extending the work of our Lord among the Guyanese.

I must say that one of my first and most definite impressions has been the marked change in the Guyana I knew in 1961. Independence has come and brought its share of new ideas. Guyana is presently at odds with a neighboring country and feelings are tense. I enjoyed meeting dear old and faithful souls and yet among others I noted a spirit of deep unrest and dissatisfaction that raises a great question mark as to the future.

I can sincerely say that I found the time very useful and profitable while at

Georgetown. I stayed at the mission enjoying the fellowship of the home of Pastor and Mrs. Leroy Bass and sharing in many of the activities and meetings.

During my stay I visited every existing church and group except the Pome- room. Everywhere I had a warm welcome and I had great pleasure in renewing my acquaintance with our fellow believers there. Some of the highlights are: February 11 — arrival in Georgetown; February 14 — voyage to Parika and Wakenaam; (Sabbath) February 15 — service in Wakenaam; February 16 — programme of visits on Wakenaam and public meeting in the evening; February 17 — travel to Dartmouth — evening C. E. meeting; February 18 — visits in Dartmouth with Deacon Scipio; February 19 — travel to Parika — prayer meeting in Parika; February 20 — public meeting (slide show); (Sabbath) February 22 — Sabbath School and service — visiting in the afternoon; February 23 — visiting and public meeting in the evening; February 24 — travel to Georgetown; February 25 — visit to Georgetown Bible College; February 28 — C. E. in Georgetown (slide show); (Sabbath) March 1 — service in Georgetown; March 4, 5 and 6 — seminar in Georgetown on the subjects of pastoral training, sermon preparation and Sabbath presentation; March 7 — C. E. in Georgetown; (Sabbath) March 8 — Uitvlugt church service; March 9 — public service Georgetown (slide show); March 11 — departure for Trinidad and Nassau.

While the future of the Guyanese mission field is as great as the promises of God, I consider that future somewhat guardedly from what I could observe. It is true, however, that we face a situation there that is also existing in any one of a dozen emerging young nations in the Caribbean. While this sojourn has been a wonderful experience it does leave me somewhat disturbed. But in a year or two, I would again with anticipation look forward to renewing my bonds of fellowship with our South American friends and believers, God willing.

SHOW'N TELL

Something New in Audio-Visual Helps

Have you heard about one of the newest audio-visual phono-filmstrip helps for Bible teachers? Through a gift from Connie Coon the American Sabbath Tract Society can now offer fifty Show'n Tell filmstrips and disc recorded Bible stories to any church that has the moderately priced General Electric Show'n Tell phono-viewer. It is understood that the viewer costs only about \$40. Several churches have already secured this equipment on the recommendation of Connie Coon, our denominational assistant in evangelism.

The economy of having these fifty Bible programs available from the filmstrip library at Plainfield, N. J., is apparent. The complete set is too expensive for many churches to buy and parts of it might lie idle for long periods. Our library can distribute the flat, easy-to-mail programs as needed and keep the set in use. We do not have room here to list all the programs. For the present, superintendents and teachers may plan ahead and ask for the stories they want illustrated. The materials are recommended for use from kindergarten through third grade.

The Show'n Tell phono-filmstrip is not to be confused with the Stori-Strip programs of Bible stories that have been advertised for several years as available from our filmstrip library. These are now beginning to catch on and are in demand. The Stori-Strip has the advantage of price. (The projector and tabletop screen cost only about \$15.) It also has a somewhat wider variety of illustrated stories and can be used well with junior-age. However, the Show'n Tell has the advantage of a well prepared disc recording which is synchronized with the pictures. The new equipment is apparently handled by a number of distributors. The Tract Society does not deal in projectors; it only furnishes programs — on a free basis.

The road to tomorrow runs through yesterday.

—Rev. C. G. Rutenber, ABC president

On Taking Students Seriously

By Kenneth E. Smith

President of Milton College

Most small liberal arts colleges have professed a special concern for the individual student, and have gone on record as committed to the value of close student-faculty relationships. Recent studies seem to suggest that students of this generation evaluate the worth of a college experience, partly at least, in terms of meaningful relationships at a time when demands upon faculty make such relationships unlikely. The student slogan, "I'm just a number here," is countered by the faculty muttering, "We're not here to hold their hands."

The college must face this issue now. Either the statement of purpose is an inherited stone around the neck, or it is the basis for direction, planning, and action. It is certainly not unusual to discover a significant difference between the ideal and the functional, but not to be able to reach a stated goal is one thing — not to intend to is something else.

Let me state my thesis early. The strong likelihood is that higher education will become far more impersonal than it is today, and no college will be able to provide "student-faculty relationships" or "individual attention" unless it becomes deeply committed to do so. At the present time there is little evidence that such a commitment exists even in the small, liberal arts colleges.

There are a number of reasons for assuming that the problem will continue to plague higher education. The enrollment growth of colleges and universities is not likely to slow down appreciably, nor will the cost per student. Larger classes, instructional mass media, and all that is implied by the enrollment and cost factors may be anticipated.

The realities of the situation run counter to the hopes and expectations of thoughtful, troubled students who are preoccupied with the existentialist claim to individual importance. Every occasion of being herded, numbered, listed, lined up, and programmed is a personal of-

fense. When the crisis becomes explosive, it is the brightest of the students who attack the system. The dropout of the unable is nearly matched by the dropout of the unwilling.

Not long ago a young man came in to inform me that he was leaving college. There was little doubt in his mind that his decision was right in the context of his view of things. "My classes interfere with my studies," he said. "It's too much like high school. Right now I have to get my ideas about life straightened out." He was reading Camus, Zen Buddhism, Thoreau, Augustine, Sartre, Gandhi, and others, as a personal quest. Getting grades in courses seemed less real, less important. I said all that I thought a dean ought to say. He left.

If any member of the faculty feels inclined to say, "Good riddance," let him read again the college statement of purpose. Despite all that is said about "spiritual values," "cultural enrichment," and "personal relationships," we tend to place more emphasis on grades, attendance, credits, and prerequisites. It's easier to keep records than to keep students.

This is one reason for asserting that if the college really undertook to do what it says it does, it would be one of the more distinctive colleges in America. And, if we carried out the implications of our statement of purpose, who would want to teach here? Perhaps if we try to answer the first question, we can answer the second one for ourselves.

What would happen in curriculum if we were to take the student seriously? The college tends to say: "Here is what is important for you to know. We have had more experience than you have had as to what will best prepare you to face the competitive world. You must face requirements in society, and you might as well begin here. No, you may not take Oriental Art; you must take the Introduction to College Math."

While there are many students who are relieved to know what society demands, there is a growing number who couldn't care less. They would like to discuss with respected faculty members

whether, in fact, the system is worth the fig. What evidence is there that the courses deemed significant by the college will even touch upon the crisis of values which preoccupies the student? The sequence as required by most colleges and universities denies the fundamental tenet of educational psychology that interest and motivation should be the prelude to learning.

Let us ask the Committee on Curriculum and Instruction: What educational principles suggest that English, Math and Foreign Language, accompanied by Physical Education, are better introductions to the college experience than, say, the Problems of Sociology, Ethics, Contemporary Philosophy, or Science and the Modern World? There may actually be some very sound reasons for starting the college experience as much like high school as possible, but such reasons will have to face the fact that as many students drop out of college within the first year as in the other three years combined. And, while there are, no doubt, many causative factors, one of the most pervasive is disillusionment.

If I understand what the student complaint is about, it has to do with the neglect of what are sometimes called the "gut" issues of our time. We are always pointing out how much there is to know—the information explosion, and this is often described in order to urge the student to hurry up and know more. But we are reminded by students that some knowledge is existentially critical, and some appears irrelevant. There is much to know, but there is much to care about. It is not easy to lose oneself in the Peloponnesian Wars when you have a brand new letter from the draft board in your pocket. Surely the college no longer defends the traditional practice of beginning the college experience just as though there was no real world around us.

Taking the student seriously is to know that these are serious students. To know is to be responsible. To know is to decide, to have preferences, to believe or not to believe. It is just such commitments that many teachers avoid.

Certainly the kind of student-faculty relationships that matter to students today may have little connection with traditional advisor-advisee systems. If our contacts are always structured to advising across a desk, the lecture method may be transferred to a small office. The easy assumption that a small college is "small enough to know you" is unwarranted. The key to the matter is the willingness of the faculty to be known as persons, the willingness of the faculty to take seriously whatever concerned students take seriously.

Reprint from *Trustee*, a quarterly letter to trustees of church-related institutions of higher learning.

Pacific Coast Association

The Pacific Coast Association of Seventh Day Baptists met in Riverside April 18 - 20. The theme was, "Sensitive to the Spirit." Three particular areas of concern were emphasized: 1) "Listen for His Leading," 2) "Respond to His Will," 3) "Reach Out to Others."

On Sabbath Eve there was an inspirational time of fellowship in music and testimonies. Our youth field worker, Miss Esther Burdick, was there and shared with us some experiences she has had while traveling and working in this capacity. Pastor Paul Burdick closed the meeting with a prayer.

The Sabbath day message was brought to us by our field pastor, Glen Warner. He spoke on "Respond to His Will."

Sunday morning devotions were led by Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate.

The annual association business meeting was held on Sunday, moderated by the association president, Merle Ashcraft, of the Los Angeles church.

Visitors and representatives were from many different areas: the Rev. Mynor Sopers and the Rev. Duane Davises, from North Loup, Nebr., Pastor Glen Warner from Seattle, the Dr. Steven and Dr. George Thorngates from Monterey, the Rev. Paul Burdicks from Connecticut, and also representatives from the San Diego Fellowship.

—Mrs. George Barber, corr. sec.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

C. E. Contest Award

Through the generosity of Albert H. Diebold Christian Endeavor is able to conduct an essay contest and give awards each year. There are also awards to C. E. Societies for outstanding projects. The first award to individuals this year went to Sharon Ann Showman of Vanburen, Ohio — a cash award and an expense-paid pilgrimage in July to Portland, the birthplace of C. E. Following are some quotations from the talk that she gave in her church, which was later entered in the contest. She puts herself in the place of a soldier in Vietnam who isn't getting much mail from his home church.

"It's All Right, You've Been Busy"

"To my friends, church, school, and whomever else it may concern. Hi! Remember me? No, I guess not. Let me try to refresh your memory. I was the average type student — the kind you could always borrow money from or get a lift home from games with. I played football, sang in the church choir, led young people's meetings a few times, and gave specials on my instrument. I had a lot of friends in those days.

"I just thought I'd write to you, since I don't receive much mail from you. * * * But I know you're busy.

"I want you all to know you were real nice when I received my orders for overseas duty. Going away parties, gifts, promises of letters. Yeah, promises that were broken. But you've been busy.

"Mail sort of brings you closer to home. But you've been busy.

"I recall the church used to pray for us a lot, but Mom wrote, 'It's dwindled down now, son; they're praying for their sickness and for the church.' Well, I suppose that is sort of important. Because if all the people are sick, then there wouldn't be a church; if there weren't a church, they couldn't pray for servicemen. Right? You just don't have time to pray. You've been busy."

New Contest Announced

Christian Endeavor is now announcing the 1970 competition in the Christian

Youth Witness Program. Individuals, societies and local C. E. Unions may enter the contests to participate in the Albert H. Diebold Awards, totalling more than \$1,000 in cash, grants to attend the International and World's C. E. Conventions and honor certificates.

Full details about the 1970 Christian Youth Witness Program and helpful suggestions for entries may be secured by writing to the Rev. Christian A. Tirre, executive secretary, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

New Dormitory To Be Built at Camp Wakonda

The need for permanent sleeping quarters for the camping programs at Camp Wakonda is to be filled. The Milton church voted in the business meeting on April 13 to authorize the Camp Committee to proceed with plans to build the first dormitory this spring. Plans have been prepared and submitted to the State Industrial Commission for a frame structure 24 by 38 feet to be built on a cement slab floor. This is to be divided with a partition so that counsellors can be with smaller groups. Each side will house 16 campers by utilizing bunk beds.

This dormitory will be built on the ridge north of the present lodge. Trees on the site and pines which have been planted a number of years ago will screen this from the road in the summer time.

NOT LIKE BUT LOVE

God didn't say he liked us, He said He loved us. God didn't say we are to like everyone, but He does say we are to love everyone. This is the key to our means of reconciliation with one another.

Rev. F. A. Braunger

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 21, 1969

GOD'S CONTINUING ENCOUNTER WITH MEN

Lesson Scripture: Deut. 5:1-6; 30:15-20

Some of Our Graduates

School is already over for many college and high school students, while for others it continues until near the end of June. Our churches encourage and honor their local graduates and sometimes publish in church bulletins what the young folks are planning to do for the summer or during the next year.

Inasmuch as the Seventh Day Baptists of the United States are interested in each other and especially interested in the future of our young people it seems well to pass on some of the information that has come to the editor. We want to know each other better and encourage the graduates who may be changing locations. If you can help them to grow in their faith and in meaningful Christian service in their new locations you will feel good. So if a student or a graduate is close enough to be ministered to by your church put forth the effort to extend a welcome and an opportunity for service.

Our hearts are stirred with graduations almost as much as with weddings — and the two are sometimes not far apart. The editor manifestly does not have full details about graduates. More information may be available next week. Here are a few notes.

The Salem church gathers into its fold the Seventh Day Baptist college students who come from other West Virginia communities and from other states. News from Salem tells us the immediate plans of the graduates as follows: Ronald Davis (Schenectady) serves as assistant pastor at Los Angeles this summer and plans to enter medical school next fall at Loma Linda, Calif. Clara Richardson (Shiloh) plans to teach elementary school near Shiloh, N. J. Leola Welch (Berea) looks forward to teaching next year in Ritchie County, W. Va., her home county. Douglas Wheeler (Plainfield) is looking for a suitable music teaching position in the area of Plainfield, N. J. Ruth Wheeler (Ashaway, R. I.) plans to work in a home for handicapped children.

The Salem church lists the summer plans of eleven undergraduates. Some are returning home for work or Christian

service. Some who live in Salem are going to other states for work. Some from other states are working in the Salem area. One takes on the editing of Salem's weekly newspaper. The list follows:

Tim Bond — work in New Jersey
Norma Hambleton — summer school, St. Mary's Hospital in Clarksburg
Bob Harris — Summer Christian Service Corps
Becky Hurley — work on Long Island
Tim Looney — work in Salem
Elizabeth Nida — work in Connecticut
Peggy Parrott — summer school, Lansing, Michigan
Carol Rasmussen — Editor, *Salem Herald*

Alfred Rogers — farming
Sam Studer — summer pastor, Schenectady church, N. Y.
Bob Wheeler — work in Salem

North Loup, Nebr., church reports two graduating from the University of Nebraska, Ronald and Patricia Williams; from Grand Island Business College, Darlene King; from Mankato (Minn.) State College in August, Robert W. Babcock. High school graduates, whose plans are not given, are Colleen Keown, Allen and Mildred Williams, and Carol Ruth Soper.

The Dodge Center, Minn., church mentions four high school graduates: Bette Bond and Linda Greene, who will be going to Mankato State College, and Loretta Langworthy and Bill Babcock, enrolled in RSJC in Rochester. It is noted that five of the young people of Dodge Center have volunteered for dedicated service this summer.

From Plainfield, N. J., Virginia North gets a degree from Nasson College, Springvale, Me. Mervin Dickinson graduates from Rutgers University at New Brunswick, N. J., and is considering graduate work. Lynne Skaggs finishing high school plans to spend the summer in dedicated service.

The church at Westerly, R. I., notes that Eunice Barber and Marcia Hays have earned master of arts degrees this year. Meredith Barber has graduated from the University of Maine and Kathy Kenyon from Alfred University.

Accessions

NORTH LOUP, NEBRASKA

By Letter from Los Angeles:

Rev. Mynor G. Soper
Marian Soper (Mrs. Mynor)
Ruth Soper

By Testimony:

Dawn Soper

Births

Taylor.— A daughter, Teresa Marie, April 23, 1969, to Steven and Judith Taylor of Friendship, N. Y.

Taylor.— A daughter, Dina Beth, April 27, 1969, to David and Margaret Cartwright Taylor of Friendship, N. Y.

Obituaries

COMSTOCK.— Ralph J., son of Edgar D. and Jennie Crandall Comstock, was born at Brookfield, N. Y., July 4, 1882, and died at Elgin, Ill. May 4, 1969.

He came to Nebraska with his parents as a small boy, living where the present community of Comstock is located. He joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church April 3, 1909. He was married to Jessie W. Watts at North Loup June 11, 1904. Mrs. Comstock died in 1959.

For several years, he served as superintendent of the Babson Estate at Grange Mead, Ill., then lived in retirement at Elgin, Ill. Surviving are: two sons, Leon of Batavia, Ill., and Ivan of St. Charles, Ill.; three brothers, Edgar (Ned) of Key West, Fla., Leonard of LaGrange, Ill., and Myron of Grand Island, Nebr.; two sisters, Mrs. Martha O'Malley of Omaha, Nebr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis of Tekonsha, Mich.

Funeral services at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup were conducted by the Rev. Leonard Clark, in the absence of the pastor, and interment was in North Loup Hillside Cemetery.

—D. L. D.

SAUNDERS.— Faith F., daughter of William and Wealthy Crandall Saunders, was born in Richburg, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1896, and died at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, N. Y., April 10, 1969.

She was married to George Saunders over 48 years ago. Besides her husband she is survived by: a foster daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Allen of Webster, N. Y.; four grandchildren; a brother, Floyd W. Saunders of Richburg; and a sister, Mrs. Lelia Pierce of Alfred Station, N. Y.

Mrs. Saunders was a devoted and loyal member of the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church. At the time of her death she was the secretary of the Ladies' Aid.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, in her home. Burial was in the Richburg Cemetery.

—C. H. D.

SAUNDERS.— Fannie, daughter of David Church and Ellen Rogers Holmes, was born in Belmont, N. Y., June 2, 1880, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Russell Saeger, 109 Winfield Dr., Syracuse, N. Y., May 15, 1969.

Miss Fannie Holmes was united in marriage with Marion H. Saunders of Alfred on March 25, 1903. To this union was born one daughter, Mary Frances (Mrs. Russell) Saeger. She is survived also by a granddaughter, a great-grandson and a number of nephews, nieces and cousins. Mr. Saunders died in 1945.

While living near Scio, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Saunders became members of the Scio Seventh Day Baptist Church. When they moved to Alfred, they transferred their membership to the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. On April 3, 1948, Mrs. Saunders joined the Alfred Station church by letter from Alfred.

Farewell services were conducted from the Alfred Station church by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, interim pastor. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—H. S. W.

SNYDER.— Addie, daughter of Lester and Retta Salisbury Harding, was born in West Almond, N. Y., May 27, 1898, and died at her home on Jericho Hill Road, Alfred, N. Y., May 6, 1969.

In 1914 she joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, in which she had continued her membership.

On June 16, 1920, Miss Addie Harding was united in marriage with W. Carl Snyder of the Town of Ward. To this union were born a son, Arthur V. of Niagara Falls, N. Y. and a daughter, Anna Marie, Mrs. Lyle Trowbridge, of Glens Falls, N. Y. There also survive: a sister, Mrs. John Briggs of Ontario, N. Y., four grandchildren, and quite a number of nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Snyder was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Alfred church, and of the Andover chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had helped nine student generations to feel at home in Alfred through her work and cooking in dormitory, fraternities, and sororities.

Farewell services were conducted from her late home by Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—H. S. W.

OBITUARY CORRECTION:

There was a typographical error in the obituary of Paul Hummel in the May 26 issue. The date of death was April 24, not April 12.

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Power in the Printed Page

Leon Trotsky, the Communist, said: "The most powerful means of propagating communism is the small pocket pamphlet."

Jehovah's Witnesses, said to be the fastest-growing religious group in America today, are active and persistent in sending and giving forth their doctrines through the printed page.

Catholic Information Society states: "The laity armed with pamphlets can be made the greatest sales force in the world for the Catholic faith."

One missionary said: "We lost China because we failed to give the gospel in literature, and the 30,000,000 adults who had learned to read in a recent ten-year period were given the gospel of communism instead of the gospel of Christ."

A Latin America Missionary is quoted: "In recent months, I have been astonished to find 90% of all converts in Latin America are either directly or indirectly the result of literature evangelism."

Of Gospel tracts someone has said: "No one can argue or debate with them. They are anointed to win souls. They go through any kind of weather, hot or cold. They do not eat or sleep. They do not grow tired or weary. They never get sick. They need no offering. Their ministry may last one hundred years on some occasions. They can enter homes of sinners to which you could never go. They need no car, gasoline, nor garage bills. They are always ready. Clothes, shoes, or hats are not needed. They are prepared to preach anytime—twenty-four hours each day. They never change their message, never make mistakes, go into false doctrine, or lose

their temper."

The American Sabbath Tract Society publishes gospel and Sabbath literature in pamphlet form, recognizing the importance of doing so. If the above statements challenge you, why not volunteer your services in distributing this literature?

Crusade Groups Coming from Far and Near

From as far away as Sydney, Australia, and London, England, special delegations will attend the Billy Graham New York Crusade in the new Madison Square Garden, June 13 - 22.

By planes, trains, busses and private autos, the more than 500 delegations will converge on the sports center as part of the 20,000 people nightly who can hear Evangelist Graham for ten nights in June.

Bill Brown, director of the Crusade in America's largest city, explained that while churches were encouraged to bring special delegations composed of 50% active members and the other half unchurched, that thousands of seats will not be reserved.

SDB GENERAL CONFERENCE Nyack Missionary College Nyack, N. Y.

August 10-17, 1969

Package Cost: \$45.40 (single)
(per person) \$40.40 (shared)

Meals: \$20.40
(children 2-8 — ½ price)

Rooms: \$30.00 (single)
\$24.00 (shared)

Children 0-12 with own bed - Free



Learning to Use the Bible

Now is the time for parents and church leaders to see that the children of the church and the community learn to use the Bible to get the answers to life's questions that come early and insistently. Are we providing and staffing Vacation Bible Schools and Bible Clubs that may put eager smiles on the faces of youngsters like this one?