

The Sabbath Recorder

Your Heart

Your heart is a pump of superb and supernatural design. Your heart weighs only 12 ounces, yet it is capable of instantaneous adaptation — within one-tenth of a second it can adjust its flow from eight pints of blood a minute to fifty pints of blood a minute. It functions at the altitude of Mount Everest, in the heat of the Sahara, in the cold of the Arctic. It gives day and night service and it is built to last up to 100 years.

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missionary hospital in Morocco. Since then 30 more pacemakers have been donated by medical supply companies through MAP.

God made the human heart of intricate design.

Man can in some cases stimulate a faltering heart.

God also puts a new spiritual heart in sinful man.

Man has a part telling of the availability of the new heart.

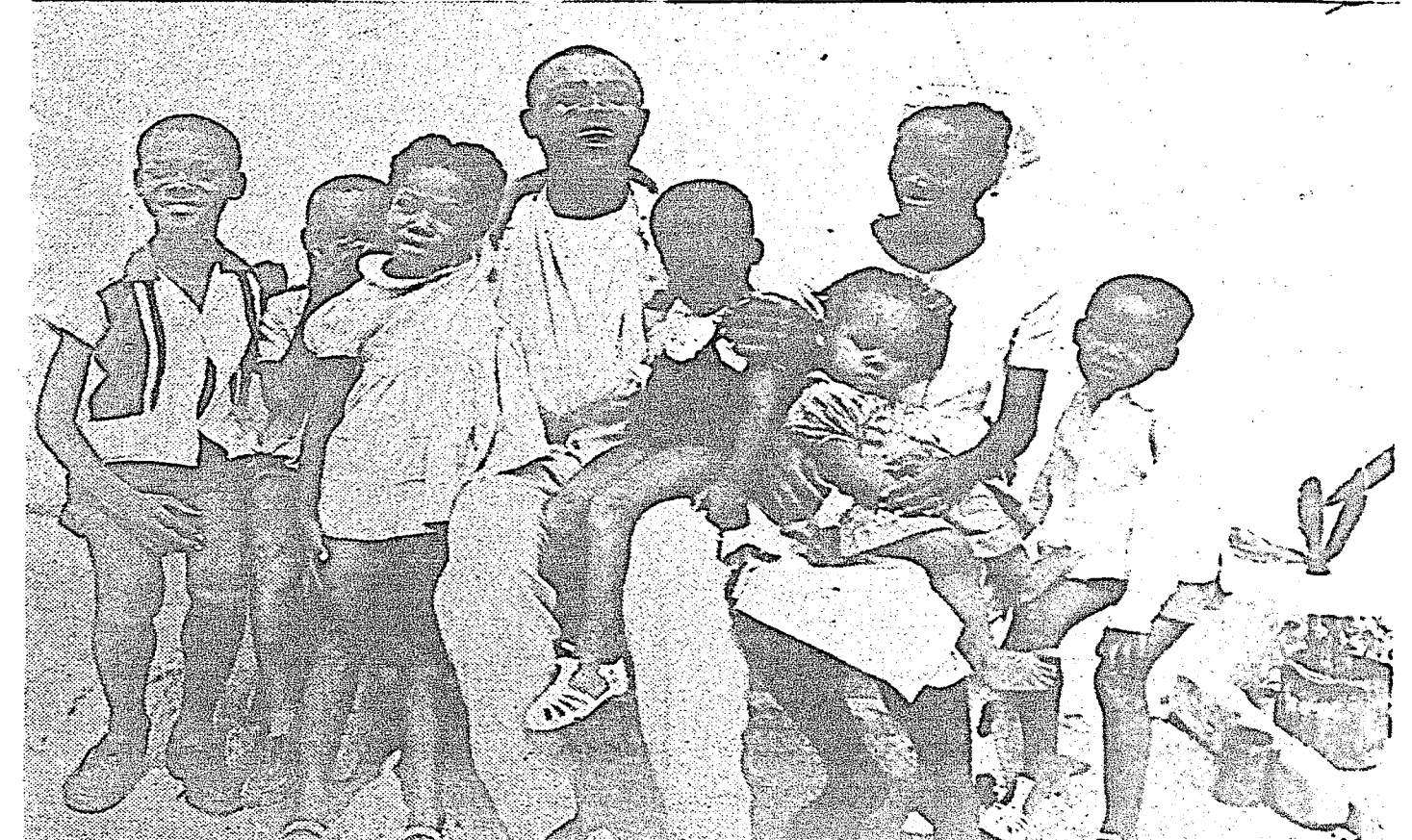
Full-Time Secretarial Post

Opens at Denominational Building

A plan for opening a full-time secretarial position was approved by the trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society at their meeting September 21, 1969. The starting salary offered is \$4,000 including benefits.

Duties of the new position will include typing and shorthand in the office of the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* and corresponding secretary of the society, Rev. Leon M. Maltby, and also similar work for the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society which will contribute to the salary to be paid.

Typing, shorthand or speedwriting skills and a Seventh Day Baptist background will be required. The position offers opportunity for advancement, however, and a unique type of dedicated service through participation in the work of two agencies located in the Seventh Day Baptist Building. A committee composed of Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Mr. Maltby will screen applications. Details may be secured from any of the committee, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.



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Appreciating Nature

Why is it that we think more about the beauties of nature in the fall than we do in the summer although most of our vacation excursions into the great out-of-doors are in the summer months? It is not because this is a time of change, of heightened color, of contrasts? Are we not also mindful that the blaze of glory seen on hill and dale is transitory and will soon vanish? There is an urgency about appreciating that which comes to its height of beauty and then fades away. We can be stirred to poetic feelings for a short time when nature puts on its richest royal robes, but our feelings may be dulled by the sameness of summer, beautiful as it may be. Perhaps this tells us something about ourselves that we ought to improve.

Fall is the time of harvest: of corn in the shock or standing row on row with golden ears bending down; of apple orchards laden with lush, crisp fruit that appeals equally to sight, taste and smell; of all manner of creeping and upright plants drooping after the growing season to expose their fruit — their reason for summer growth. The variety of it all stirs our hearts and makes us think of the plan and provision of God so beautifully expressed in the creation story of Genesis. Each produces after its kind, and seedtime and harvest fail not.

We do not all live in areas of high color, gorgeous mountains or fruited plains, but none of us are far from glimpses of the hand of God in nature. Recently we were driving back from church meetings in southern New Jersey through the farmlands of what is called the Garden State. There were large fields of golden winter squash and yellow pumpkins. The vines had withered and died, and the fruit had been gathered into rows ready to be picked up. Looking across those rows rather than between them it appeared as if all the ground was paved with golden pie-making fruit. What color! What bounty!

Days pass; the leaves turn and some begin to fall. We are told that New England and New York are at their best. How we long to take a trip or get back to familiar haunts of our earlier years! We would like to record some of this

MEMORY TEXT

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.
Ezekiel 18:27

color on film to add to the collection of previous years. What we really want is an opportunity and a little extra time for mental photography and meditation. We are reminded, however, as we have been before, that there may be more beauty of foliage concentrated in a few city blocks than in miles of untended countryside. Beauty of nature as well as beauty of life is closer at hand than we think.

This is the time of year that the gifts of God through nature are most apparent and thus most appreciated by those whose souls are attuned to His presence. If gratitude and warm feelings of appreciation well up within us, as they do, there is also the feeling that we should express this in sharing the beauties and the bounties with the less fortunate in the name of Christ. To the Christian all that blesses us is seen to have come from the hand of God. We increase appreciation by sharing our faith as well as our substance.

OUR COVER

Top picture is from Jordan where a community of semipermanent dwellings is being planned as young tent dwellers look on. Church World Service has shared in the costs of purchasing and erecting the prefabricated units. In refugee camps, blankets, made available through the CWS Clothing Appeal, have served not only as covers but have been used to form temporary shelters.

Lower photo is from Haiti where bright happy faces reflect this Haitian family's delight with their new clothes from the Church World Service Clothing Appeal, administered by CROP. The minimum requirement this year is for 5,000,000 pounds of good lightweight clothing, such as the garments seen here.

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Baptists Behind the Iron Curtain

It is difficult to get a clear picture of church freedom and church growth back of the Iron Curtain, as it is called. Baptist leaders such as Michael Zhidkov, 41, maintain that there is religious liberty in the Soviet Union and that there is growth in the Baptist churches. He reports 114 baptisms in the Moscow church last year and perhaps nearly 5,000 throughout all Russia. The figures are not quite so impressive when we recall that Moscow is a great city with all the Baptist churches closed but one and that the figure for Baptists in Russia is given (conservatively, they say) as 500,000. But any sign of relaxation of the campaign against religion and any growth in the face of official antagonism to Christian faith may be termed remarkable.

The situation in East Germany according to Adolph Pohl, director of the Baptist seminary at Buckow, is not very encouraging. Speaking at a great conference of the European Baptist Federation in Vienna in early August he gave the figures on church membership in East Germany (German Democratic Republic). "In 1946," he said, "94 per cent of the population of the GDR still belonged to a Christian church. Four years later it was 92 per cent. In 1964 it was down to 68 per cent." The seminary director pointed out that it was not so much a campaign against the church that caused the decline in church membership but that "all areas of human life are being consistently built up without the church—the areas of education and health, of economics and science, of art and leisure, of ethics and politics, and also of the private area and the emotions."

The Baptist press release on the Vienna meeting of European Baptists does not evaluate the two reports from Russia and East Germany. Whether the situation of the church is that much worse in the GDR than in the USSR may need a little more study. Perhaps it is partly a matter of the kind of glasses worn by the reporter. Mr. Zhidkov keeps well within the type of utterance acceptable to the state-appointed religious officials of his government.

Thrilling Special Issue Coming

Never before have our youth spoken as they are speaking in the forthcoming November special issue that goes to press October 27. Miss Esther Burdick has gathered together articles from youth who have had life changing experiences connected with dedicated service. This youth special issue presents by example (not by preaching) a challenge to Christians of all ages — a challenge to draw closer to the Lord and to present Christ to those who do not yet know Him.

One section in this colorful special issue has testimonies of prayer power. Other sections give youth experiences in worship, work, witness, and vision. This is a gathering together in one neat, hand-out issue the best stories of what has happened to and through our youth in dedicated service.

Letters have gone out to pastors and church leaders urging them to prepare to make full use of this unique evangelistic tool. It is unique and can be used effectively in personal contacts, especially with youth.

Churches are ordering the November special issues in 100 lots at \$8.50 for distribution locally. Nonresidents and lone-Sabbathkeepers may also order for their use at the same rate or at ten copies for \$1.00. This particular issue is something to talk about once it has been read. It will give the lone-Sabbathkeeper an opening to discuss spiritual things with friends and neighbors. Furthermore it will do much to change the prevalent idea that youth are not taking an interest in Christ and the work of the church. Don't just read the *Sabbath Recorder* for your own good; order extras to use for the good of others.

CORRECTION: In the report of the New Jersey Yearly Meeting (Oct. 13, page 11) an error crept in. We intended to say that the morning message was followed by a time of rededication, a litany prepared and led by the Rev. Victor Skaggs, and that the communion service was conducted by the Revs. John Conrod and Leon Maltby. Please make this correction in your mind.

OWM Figures Late

This third issue of the month is the normal time for printing the OWM treasurer's figures for September (and for the budget year ending Sept. 30). The figures were not available in time for this issue because of some technical problems in making disbursements of some of the money coming in from special sources. Look for the statement of receipts and disbursements in the October 27 issue. We like to have the figures of past giving as a stimulus, but if we tithe as a matter of principle our giving will be steady and high.

AUTUMN IS HERE

Autumn's here,
Time to cheer.

Brown red and gold
From trees unfold.

The season is bright,
Each step a delight.

The scent so sweet,
The color so deep!

That's autumn
Here today.

Jacqueline Louise Landry, age 11
September 21, 1969, Princeton, N.J.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The wide use and fruitful ministry of the November 3 special issue, written largely by youth who have been in dedicated service.
- 2) The youth who are reaching the age and considering the call of dedicated summer service.
- 3) The older people who are going south for the winter — that they may use their talents and extra time to witness for Christ and His Sabbath.
- 4) The unattached Sabbathkeepers and ordained leaders who need our love, our fellowship, and encouragement.

Planning Committee

Holds Fall Session

The committee of board representatives under the leadership of General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler, charged with current and long-range program planning for the denomination, held its week-long fall meeting at the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, September 29 - October 3. Planning Committee members felt that they made significant progress in evaluating past programs and in preparing for future advances in the work of our people.

Current planning involves the Conference president, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, who is a member of the committee and was an active participant throughout the week. Mr. Wheeler outlined next year's Conference program as far as is now developed and coordinated his travel plans with those of others who are expecting to visit churches during the year.

To encompass the total work and to provide background information the committee not only heard and discussed the most recent work of the four major boards, but also called in for consultation the dean of Ministerial Education and the president of the Historical Society, who made helpful suggestions. It was decided that several such resource persons should be asked to attend in the future. For example, when the committee works out details of the next emphasis of Facing Frontiers with Faith at the March 1970 meeting it would be helpful if our home field evangelist, the Rev. Mynor Soper, could be present.

Major attention was given to preparing packet materials for Year V of Facing Frontiers with Faith. In view of the large number of packets called for by laymen at Conference in August it was decided to produce a larger number next spring so that more laymen can be active in promoting the objectives of the program. In the meantime the Year IV program now getting underway will be promoted by suitable publicity and church visitation.

One of the ideas presented by Conference President Edgar Wheeler was a

topical Bible study to begin in January 1970. A writer was secured by the committee.

Of interest to many is the decision (after some long-distance telephoning) to continue for the present the twice-a-year *Mission Notes*, *Sabbath Recorder* combination (October and April), which had been in doubt as to editorship. A special *Recorder* Sabbath in February was inserted in the coordinated calendar in response to a request of a Tract Board committee.

After discussion of the Conference action in encouraging the Missionary Board to hold area pastors' spiritual retreats in preference to missionary pastors' retreats it was voted to support the Missionary Board in its decision to hold a missionary pastors' retreat in Westerly in 1970.

The dedicated service program involving inter-board cooperation set up by the Planning Committee came up for some revision at the suggestion of the Board of Christian Education and an evaluation by the Women's Board. It was decided to raise the age level to achieve a little more maturity and wider use of dedicated service personnel. It sets the minimum age requirement at "high school graduates, or at least 18 years of age by June 1 of the summer of service." The new guideline adopted combines the VCS/Camp program formerly administered by the Board of Christian Education with the SCSC (Summer Christian Service Corps) program administered largely by the Women's Board. Other forms of dedicated service for youth of high school age will be encouraged by churches and associations—service to be performed within the association or region.

In response to a request of the Vocations Committee it was agreed to change Vocations Sabbath from the last Sabbath of December to the second Sabbath of March.

The Planning Committee deferred action on promoting the NCC Mission in the 70's until our delegates to the NCC General Assembly meet as a committee to make recommendations (as outlined

by Commission). A denominational advance program for the next decade to be known as "Era of Action" is still in the planning stage and will be on the agenda for the next meeting in March.

Members present at the September-October meeting were E. T. Harris, Rex Zwiebel, Leon Maltby, Edgar Wheeler, Gladys Drake, and Alton Wheeler, chairman. It is hoped that Dr. Stephen Thorngate, 1st vice-president will be able to attend the March meeting.

On Being Sensitive

In Pastor - Church Relations

At the General Conference at Nyack last August President Leland Bond divided the delegates into many small groups for daily discussion of ways of becoming more sensitive to each other in living out the Christian way of life. Each day there was a different topic or area of sensitivity. On the fourth day each group was to consider how to develop more sensitivity between pastor and people.

Since there is always danger of side-stepping the issue and denying any need for improvement on our part some challenging thoughts were presented in a unique way by the Rev. Victor Skaggs to the whole delegation before they broke up into groups. He presented an off-stage conversation over the public address system of a group of people criticizing the pastor. The play-acting criticisms were such as are sometimes heard in the parish. Some had been gathered by Mr. Skaggs in his visits to churches; others were impromptu statements made up by the participants. The purpose was to make people realize how easily and sometimes thoughtlessly they pick up the little faults of the pastor, perhaps failing to be sensitive, and therefore hindering rather than helping the work and witness of the church.

A few of the remarks taken from the tape are recorded here to help us to examine ourselves. We may wish to avoid making similar remarks.

"Our preacher talks much too long; he's not even up-to-date, and his sermons are so dry; he's just plain dull."

"Our preacher moves all over the platform. I'm afraid he's going to fall off some day and break a leg."

"Oh, not ours, he's glued to the pulpit."

"Well, ours doesn't say much of anything, so I can't have those criticisms."

"One problem we've got with our preacher: he's always butting into politics and community affairs."

"I say more religion and less social action. I can get better economics on the TV or in the classroom."

"He thinks he's some kind of a little pope; his word is authority on everything and we've got to do what he says."

"He isn't very well organized, and he sure is no administrator."

"He doesn't know how to delegate responsibility."

"Well, my preacher asks me to do something all the time. He can't even blow his nose without my being there."

"I've got one big complaint with our preacher: he doesn't even call on me, not even once a year. He spends all his time with the kids."

"Well, I saw our pastor out flitting around the other day. He said he was calling on the old folks. I felt like telling him he should spend his time in his study, preparing a good sermon for the Sabbath for a change."

"I think our preacher should be available. If he's not home, his wife ought to know where he is and where we can get ahold of him. After all, we hire him, don't we?"

"My pastor and his wife spend too much time on the activities outside the church; the home flock needs more attention."

"Well, he always attends all the committee meetings of the church; doesn't miss a one. We can't get together without him at all. You'd think we're trying to put something over on him."

"His kids are a pain in the neck. You'd think he'd put his foot down. They should be examples to other children."

"I'll tell you one thing: our preacher's wife isn't very active in things going on around the church, like the other preacher's wives are."

"I don't know, we have the opposite problem: tries to do everything, bosses us right and left."

"I bet our minister's wife spends more on clothes than the three of us do put together."

Following the remarks quoted above Mr. Skaggs went on to consider some of the common criticisms and set forth the difficult, but joyous work of the ministry. We quote in part:

"Many, many times in the past few years, I've been in conversation with others about a pastor, and to my recollection, I have almost never heard concern expressed about his need for rest, or his need for rebuilding his spiritual life and his emotional strength, or his need for time with his family. . . . We take it for granted that our pastors are our spiritual leaders, men to whom we can turn when we are in grief, or when we are happy, or when we have to make decisions, but we seldom seem to think that after a pastor has involved himself with a bereaved family, become emotionally involved, and he comes out emotionally depleted, that he needs a time to recuperate. Perhaps he needs to take a quiet ride with his wife, perhaps he needs a father-confessor, perhaps he needs some recreation. Whatever it is, he needs time to rebuild and prepare himself for the inevitable drains that will come in the future. Let's look for just a minute at the pastor as a person. If we begin from this stance, we may begin to discover that it means to be sensitive to him. He's a man not different from the rest of us. He needs food and clothing and a home for shelter. He needs to love his wife and family just as we do. And he needs to see them reasonably happy and secure just as we do. . . .

"The pastor is in a little different position than some of us: what does he do when his family's needs outstrip his income? Does he moonlight? In some instances, he does. But in some of the churches, all his time is in demand. He can't go on strike and say, I won't bury the dead, or marry the young, or comfort the bereaved, or conduct worship, or

work with the young people until my salary is raised. He is almost completely dependent upon our sensitivity to his needs. We have to provide for them. . . .

"If we're sensitive to the minister and his family and his work, what do we do when he fails to meet the standards we hold of what his service should be? Well, what do you do, as a person? Are you one who carps and criticizes and builds a wall of criticism around that pastor, until you shut off the channels in which he might serve the people? Or does sensitivity demand an understanding that he has strengths and he has weaknesses and frailties? Does it demand a supportive fellowship that warms his heart and opens new channels of service for him, and supplies his lacks and uses his strengths and upholds him in a common ministry and in prayer?"

"We expect him to pray for us with meaning and power. We ought also then to pray for him, that he might be led of the Spirit, and led to see that we might be led to see in him the good, that we might be changed enough in heart so that his weaknesses may not defeat the ministry God had given him. I wonder sometimes if we pray for the pastor to change rather than for ourselves to change.

"We have to remember, and we seldom need to be reminded, that there is no perfect pastor. If there were, as there once was, we probably wouldn't like him anyway, just as the people of Jesus' day denounced Him. But equally we need to remember, and we often need to be reminded, that there is no perfect congregation. You know, the congregation, in relation to the pastor, is asked to deal with one person, his frailties, his weaknesses, his strengths, his goodnesses, his sins; but he is asked to deal with a hundred or two hundred people, and all their frailties, and sins, and weaknesses, and strengths, and goodnesses. And he is to do it with kindness and gentleness and grace. Perhaps our biggest trouble is that we look at the pastor as an ideal, and his family as ideal. Maybe we do it in order that we won't have to live up to the ideal ourselves."

Sabbathkeeping A Full-Time Job

By Eugene Lincoln*

The proper time to begin Sabbath observance is not at sundown on Friday evening, but at sundown on Saturday evening. Before dismissing this statement as rank heresy, please read further.

In most Bible citations, there is a prominent, or key, word. It is not hard to find the key word in the Sabbath Commandment as given in Exodus 20: 8-11. It is the first word, "remember." This commandment is the only one containing that word.

Why was not the command given, "Thou shalt keep the Sabbath day holy" or "Thou shalt not desecrate the Sabbath day"? At first glance, either of these would mean the same thing. But our Lord, in His wisdom, chose to use the word "remember."

The most obvious reason for this was that the Israelites had been slaves of the Egyptians, and because they had been forced to work on the Sabbath for many years, they had forgotten it. That Moses was trying to reestablish Sabbath observance among the Hebrew slaves even before he led them to freedom is alluded to in Exodus 5:5: "And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens."

But there is a message also to contemporary Sabbathkeepers in the word "remember." We too (and this includes those who consider themselves Sabbathkeepers) are likely to forget.

Items of business and work that should have been thought of during the week too often are forgotten until the Sabbath. Our best suit needs a button sewn back that came off when we wore it last Sabbath. We discover it as we put it on Sabbath morning. The minister is coming for dinner and we forgot to order an extra carton of milk. This comes to our attention when we open the refrigerator

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to get our Sabbath breakfast. The dentist gave us an appointment for "the eighteenth," and we didn't realize at the time that the eighteenth comes on Sabbath this month.

Even though we may not be as lax in Sabbath observance as the above examples, sometimes sundown Friday evening finds us rushing to complete last-minute preparations for the Lord's holy day—so much that we do not have time to pause for a few moments of prayer and praise to welcome the day of rest.

Most of us have better "forgettories" than memories. The Lord knew that of all the Ten Commandments, the fourth would be the easiest to forget. History proves this. In Old Testament times there were lapses when God's chosen people forgot to "remember" the Sabbath; in modern times almost the whole world has forgotten it.

The proper time, therefore, to begin Sabbath observance is at the end of the previous Sabbath. We should start then to plan for the next. Our week should be planned so that every action, word, and thought points toward the climax of the week—"the day which the Lord hath made" in which "we will rejoice and be glad" ((Psalm 118:24).

Too Much Freedom

The *Watchman Examiner* commenting editorially on freedom and order and its relation to his own church passes this judgment:

"Jettisoned have been the tenets of classical theology, historical Biblical interpretation, the reality of conversion and the facts of church history. Substituted have been the most blatant individualism and the most superficial forms of social involvement. On the whole the results have been pathetic. Seldom has the church had less influence, an obloquy it richly deserves."

If Lawrence Slaght, Th.D., assesses correctly the situation in one Baptist Convention he would probably predict similar consequences in any denomination that may be characterized as having substituted "blatant individualism" for the verities of the faith.

Mexico Work Makes Progress

The churches of like faith in Mexico are making good progress under the capable leadership of Elias Camacho. So said the Rev. Marion Van Horn after making a vacation visitation trip to Mexico just before Conference. It was his second visit to the churches and missions of Mexico and was doubly joyful because of renewed and new acquaintances.

The Mexican people are outgoing in their love, as those who have met Pastor Camacho are well aware. What they want from the churches north of the border, he emphasizes, is love not money. It had been several years since the first visit of Seventh Day Baptist representatives to the churches of Mexico. Some of the people told Marion Van Horn, across the language barrier, that they thought we didn't love them or we would have come back sooner. They wanted to express their love to the person coming from the churches in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn carried quite a supply of Bibles and portions to the people south of the border. These were much appreciated. However, Mr. Camacho pointed out that Bibles and tracts are not needed by the church members except for evangelistic outreach. The members already have Bibles — well-worn Bibles. It is by a study of the Bible that they became Sabbathkeepers and church members. There is need, he noted, for materials to be handed out to those not yet interested enough to buy their own Bibles.

In some countries the native leaders seem to be constantly asking for money and material things, clothing, building materials, etc. In almost every land the people are very poor. They look upon American Christians as being rich. They reason that some of that money sent to them would make the work grow rapidly. Most of the people in Mexico who are attracted to the Sabbath truth are also poor by our standards. The attitude fostered by Mr. Camacho is different. He told Mr. Van Horn that they did not

know what to do with much money from outside. He spoke of it as a detriment rather than a help. The thought seems to be that the struggling churches are better off to do what they can do by themselves (perhaps a little slower) than to become dependent on outside gifts.

Recent letters from Mexico bear out the report about financial help mentioned in the report of Mr. Van Horn's visit. Churches in this country desiring to help in Mexico feel impelled to send contributions to the churches in Mexico. The thought and the deed are appreciated but the leader of the churches there is very reluctant to accept such gifts.

There is, however, an area where gifts might be used. In Torreon, some distance to the west from where Mr. Camacho's churches are, there is need for a church building, and the group is not strong enough to take care of it. He writes:

"The work in Torreon is going ahead. Our brother Aldave (the local leader) is the owner of the house in which he lives (something needed for stability in the eyes of the people). It is the first step Yes there are many things that you can do. Pray; and if you and all our sister churches have a program and are interested in the work in Mexico, we have areas in which we need a church."

—L. M. M.

Stretching

"A stretch of the imagination" is sometimes a polite term for telling a lie. Young children do not always know the line of demarkation between the two: older youth should. Stretching our faith is a noble accomplishment. It is not being credulous or believing the impossible. It is rather standing at full height and reaching up, as a hungry boy stretches up to reach the goodies on the highest shelf. The greatest blessings of God come to those who exercise their faith by stretching. Norman Vincent Peale has said of true faith, "You can never stretch it higher than God; but you can stretch it all the way up to Him."

New School Year Begun

Crandall High School, Jamaica

Mrs. Grover Brissey has written quite extensively regarding renovations, preparations, etc., for the opening of the new school year at Crandall High School, Jamaica, this past month. Some items gleaned from her letter follow.

Principal Brissey tore out the old stairway and a man was hired to lay floor and put a partition in the upstairs hall so as to have two rooms for commercial subjects.

Three rooms in the cottage were re-decorated. The old kitchen which is used as a supply room and duplicating room, the large room which has served as living quarters for student pastors for over a year, and the staff room were re-painted, with walls a light green and ceilings and woodwork white. A general cleaning was given other rooms in the buildings.

Mrs. Brissey wrote that the big room can now be used for a library reading room as facilities for this purpose were so crowded previously. She plans "to put draperies in this room. The principals of the independent schools may use our school as a meeting place so I would like this to be a real nice place."

She writes further: "The other rooms in the school house are not in too bad a condition. I think we won't put any more paint there until spring before the (Wayne) Crandalls come When the rainy season is over we want to paint the front of the main building." Plans are in process for redoing the walls around the compound by Christmas time at least.

Last spring Principal and Mrs. Brissey traveled over the island leaving registration blanks and copies of Crandall High School prospectus at stores, filling stations, tailor shops, etc. At the present time the enrollment at Crandall High is 70. Although the Brisseys had hoped for a larger number to enroll this year, they are faithfully working toward the growth of Crandall High School.

**Experiences and Plans
of Miss Constance Coon**

During September and the early part of October, Miss Constance Coon served as assistant in evangelism at the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Salem church bulletin for Sabbath Day, October 4, carried this notice: "Miss Connie Coon will be with us one more week. The response to her Bible Clubs has been wonderful. If you can help lead a club for the next several weeks, please see Connie or Pastor Green."

A recent letter from Miss Coon tells of her work at Salem: "Last week Bible Club attendance increased even more. We had 21 boys and girls at Dr. Spencer's home on Tuesday, 18 at Pastor Green's home on Wednesday, 21 at Dr. Nida's home on Thursday and 20 at Sawyer's Run on Friday."

The letter continues, "We hope to find someone to take over leadership of the Bible Club work on Sawyer's Run and also the one at Dr. Nida's home. There are many unchurched boys and girls wherever you go."

Miss Coon's schedule calls for services with the Paint Rock, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist Church October 13 through November 15. She may be contacted there in care of Pastor Clifford Beebe.

Tentative plans are under consideration for her to assist the Rockville and Second Hopkinton churches in Rhode Island following Paint Rock. It is expected that she will leave Rhode Island for an extended period of service on the West Coast early in 1970.

The sun is sinking in the west,
And the Sabbath day has come,
May it be true day of rest
Rev'rently begun.

—Elizabeth Fisher Davis

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 1, 1969

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON JUDAH

Lesson Scripture: Jer. 26:1-6; 52:12-16

**Seventh Day Baptist Women
in World Fellowship**

A talk given at Conference

By Marjorie J. Burdick

Women have played a vital part in the work of God's Kingdom down through the ages. In the Bible readings we have been doing this year, I have been particularly impressed with that part as revealed in the Old Testament.

We naturally recall the mother of Moses with her influence on that great leader, but I noted in 2 Kings 18 and 2 Chronicles, the mention of Hezekiah starting his reign at the age of 25. There seems to be a definite connection between the fact that his mother's name was mentioned and then followed by the words "and he did right in the sight of the Lord."

Still another is Manasseh, who started his reign at the age of 12. Being younger than was Hezekiah, no doubt his mother, Hephzibah, helped him greatly throughout his reign for he, too, did right in the sight of the Lord.

We are very familiar with the place of women in New Testament times and Christ's dependence upon them in carrying on His work along with the apostles. His considerate and concerned love for His mother and the women disciples brings to us the value and regard He placed on the work of women and their importance in bringing His Kingdom on earth.

The Women's Board of today is seeking to do what we can to carry on in this work. Learning from these women of Bible times we here in the United States are attempting to reach out and touch the lives of other women that they may pass on to their children the inheritance and desire to "do right in the sight of the Lord." We desire a feeling of togetherness — a fellowship of Seventh Day Baptist women the world around.

The present board made its first contact with the women on our mission fields and in churches abroad in 1965 when the Packet Committee secured a few women

to write messages that were used in worship services in the 1966-67 packet. Following this effort the board decided to make further contact. We secured names through Secretary Wheeler of people in several areas and we started our project of bringing Seventh Day Baptist women into a closer fellowship.

In some areas there is the problem of a language barrier, but often we have found someone of the women who can read and write English or someone can be secured to translate. You recall that last year Mrs. Alton Wheeler acted as our ambassador abroad in her travels with her husband, Secretary Wheeler. She carried with her our Prayer Card in English and also some translated into Dutch, and some into German. From one of the women leaders in Rangoon, we learned that a translation of one of the prayer cards had been made into Burmese.

From one of our leaders in Brazil, South America, we secured the names of two women who are cousins who can read and write English. Their letters telling of their home life, and something about other women of their church groups, are very interesting.

Several letters have been written to and replies received from women in our church groups in England.

In May of this year, the name of the wife of a native missionary of Nellore, India, came to us. A letter from her told of plans for Bible work and work with the poorer people of the mountain areas. We answered the letter, explained our board work, the SCSC plans and our commitments, mailed her one of the packets and several newsletters, and sent also a check for \$10 to encourage them in their work.

In most of these areas there is a great call for financial support. Some tell of definite attempts and plans for raising funds locally to carry on their work—one putting aside rice to be gathered later and sold—a sort of "rice tithe."

Where we have missionaries on the field the board has worked through them to encourage the native women. Unused

Sabbath Visitors, Story Worlds, Straights, and Bible pictures for teaching have been sent and more are needed. Suggestions will be made on how you can help in this project.

Following this Conference we plan to greet the Seventh Day Baptist women of other lands and give them suggestions gained here of ideas and projects used by you in your local societies. They need and ask for these, but most often for our prayers.

Let us continue our support of Seventh Day Baptist women and our Christian fellowship through our thoughts, prayers, and encouragement that there may be many more who grow "to do right in the sight of the Lord."

Hope for the Future

By Maza Tilghman

Relations between rich nations (of which we are one) and very poor nations (where most of the people of this world live) is not only the key to future world unrest and peace, but also one of deep concern for millions who are hungry. This fundamental problem will be projected on a global scale during the nationwide celebration by Church Women United of their annual World Community Day, November 7, 1969.

The theme, "Christians in International Development," grew out of a recognition that the United States has the potential — with a standard of living twenty-five times that of people of Asia, Africa, and Latin America — "to end or not to end the servile poverty of our fellowmen." This is a "new freedom," writes Barbara Ward, noted British economist, which church women are exercising by making international development a major program priority of 1969.

Special programs are being scheduled by most of the 2,400 local and state units of Church Women United in the U. S. In day-long study sessions, they will ask themselves whether United States cut-backs are justified in the face of world hunger; whether technology in developing countries is a boon or a bane; whether population controls can be truly effec-

tive where such controls are frowned on by some cultures and religions. These and other questions which have gone too long unanswered will have a strong light thrown upon them on World Community Day.

The financial gifts donated on this day will go toward extending the Intercontinental Mission of Church Women United across the world. The emphasis this year is on projects to help people help themselves. Through the purchase of \$3 gift certificates, both domestic and overseas needs will be covered: blankets for disasters; self-help materials for low economic areas of the U. S., as well as overseas, providing such items as fabric, sewing supplies, simple tools to start cottage industries; school supplies; family planning resource kits, etc. For those who wish to sew, special packets of cut-out garments with instructions have been prepared by Church World Service to meet the demands for lightweight children's clothes and for layettes in refugee camps.

Sins in the Sanctuary

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

It may sound sacrilegious to speak of sins in the sanctuary. It should be remembered, however, that Jesus cleansed the temple. It is possible that contemporary churches need to be cleansed. Sin can creep into the most sacred places.

Our church buildings have been dedicated to God and to His worship. How thoroughly are they being used to fulfill His purposes? The sanctuary stands in the community as a symbol of God's presence among the people. Do the people recognize it as such a symbol? Whether or not they do will be determined largely by the prevalence or absence of certain sins in the sanctuary.

One sin that has to be guarded against is a worldly pride in the building itself. Certainly a church should provide a worthy house for the Lord, but it has to watch or an unworthy pride will creep in.

This pride frequently expresses itself

in a boastful parade of the cost of the building. There may also be pride in some of the luxuries that add nothing to the efficiency of the building.

Pride in the building may repel the very people the church needs most to reach. It is even possible that some members of the church will prefer for certain types of people not to be reached by the church.

Closely akin to, if not identical with, the preceding sins in the sanctuary is the spirit of self-righteousness. This was the only sin specifically condemned by Jesus. It was the sin of the Pharisees, the most "religious" people of that day.

Too many who attend regularly the services in our sanctuaries secretly if not openly pray the prayer of the Pharisee, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are" (Luke 18:11). He went on to inform the Lord what a good man he was. We need to have, even in the sanctuary, the spirit of the publican: "God be merciful to me a sinner."

One of the besetting sins of those of us who regularly attend the services of our churches is a failure to recognize our sinfulness. Too many of us in the sanctuary do not recognize that "all we like sheep have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6), that all of us "have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Also, entirely too many of us go from the sanctuary unchanged. This is a sin. We supposedly came to worship God. We can be sure that if we are not changed when we leave His house, we have not worshiped Him.

If we, through genuine worship, have had a vision of the God revealed in the Scriptures then we will go out of the sanctuary to attempt to make that vision a reality in the world. If we do not go into the world, it is a sin. If we go with any purpose other than to serve, it is also a sin.

Lord, cleanse those of us who regularly meet in Thy sanctuary that we may go out into the world to be instruments in Thy hands to achieve Thy purposes among men!

Junior Conference

Junior Conference was held on the beautiful campus of Nyack Missionary College. From the windows of the room in which our meetings were held, we could look out across the beautiful Hudson River. Twenty vigorous junior-aged children enjoyed this very much.

The staff: Miss Florence Bowden, Mrs. Ella Sheppard, Miss Alice Rood, and Miss Cathy Clarke, did an outstanding job in trying to bring many and various ways in which the juniors could be "Sensitive to God and Others," this being our theme.

Highlights of the conference included a program by the Rev. Neal D. Mills who spoke about Jamaica, talks by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and Mrs. Iris Maltby about the boards with which they are affiliated, worship services led by Miss Bowden, and Bible studies led each morning by Mrs. Sheppard. All of us profited from these activities.

Miss Rood and Miss Clarke worked with the children in music and drama. This prepared us for our part in the program of General Conference on Sabbath afternoon.

All of the youngsters cooperated very well and enjoyed the week that we spent together.

—Robert Harris, director

Study Indicates Importance of Christian Education

Dr. Victor Obenhaus, Chicago Theological Seminary, has just published the results of a study on the relative importance of various church activities, relationships to denominational and interdenominational agencies, and social action programs of the church.

The research information was obtained by questioning 24,000 United Church of Christ members in the state of Illinois. These members agree basically on just one thing — that "the most important activity of the local church is to provide proper Christian education for children." Some 66% of those answering list Chris-

tian education as the most important of the church's functions.

Differing widely at local church levels, more than half indicated that one role of denominational staff is to "speak to the nation on moral and ethical issues."

—(NYS) State Council Reporter

What's That?

On Sabbath Day, September 13, 1969, a young lady who had just begun to attend Sabbath School informed her father that there would be no church next Sabbath. When he asked her why, she said: "They're going to have a revolt." With renewed interest the father asked for more information. He was informed that there would be no church next Sabbath because the members were going to have a revolt at Camp Harley Sutton.

"Oh, you mean a retreat!"

"Yes, maybe, that's it. I knew it was something like that."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Social Security "Objectors"

The Internal Revenue Service of the U. S. Treasury Department now has available application forms for exemption from Social Security participation for ministers who may think they are opposed on grounds of conscience or because of religious principles.

Form 4361 is to be used. However, it is not necessary to file an application for exemption until April 15, 1970.

W. Barry Garrett of Baptist Public Affairs comments: "People need to realize the difference between anger or disapproval of a governmental program and 'conscientious objection.' Also, before a minister signs such a conscientious objection statement on Social Security he should think through the long range effects on both himself and his family.

"However, if a minister is honestly a conscientious objector to paying Social Security taxes on that part of his income which is derived from his ministerial services, he should obey the voice of God, willingly accept the consequences and make application for exemption."

Policeman Blows Whistle on PTL!

A traffic policeman in Santos, Brazil, after blowing his whistle and waving the PTL (Pocket Testament League) sound truck over to the side of the street, asked, "Do you have any of the little books you give out? I would like to have three of them. My daughter received one in school and got into an argument with her brother about it. If I could have three, then each one of us in the house would have one."

A mayor of another city welcomed the PTL team by saying, "You have my permission to do as you see fit. Perhaps this could be made a yearly event." The police chief added, "You are the answer to a policeman's prayer."

These typical responses on the part of public officials illustrate the unprecedented reception the Pocket Testament League has found in Brazil. From elementary schools to old peoples' homes, from prisons to public plazas, from convents to military camps, permission has been given enthusiastically for PTL Teams to present the gospel message through sound trucks and film, accompanied by mass Scripture distribution.

Pope Gives \$10,000 to Baptist Medical Effort

Pope Paul VI has contributed \$10,000 to further the work of a Southern Baptist medical doctor who is spearheading an international drive to inoculate the masses of people in underdeveloped countries against disease.

Dr. Robert A. Hingson, University of Pittsburgh medical doctor and Baptist layman who invented a "peace gun" that inoculates 1,000 persons an hour, is the director of the project called "Operation Brother's Brother" that prompted the Catholic pope's cash gift.

Dr. Hingson's work reportedly came to the attention of the pope when Cardinal Wright gave him a book about "Operation Brother's Brother." The book was written by C. E. Bryant, director of publications for the Baptist World Alliance in Washington.

Baptist Evangelism Executive Evaluates Recent Years

C. E. Autrey, evangelist, author, and for the past nine years top evangelism leader for the Southern Baptist Convention, upon announcing his retirement at 65 to teach evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, made statements about evangelism trends.

Cooperation with other denominations in evangelistic ventures is perhaps the major shift Southern Baptists have made in the last nine years, according to Autrey.

"There has been a softening up of our attitudes toward other denominations that has allowed cooperation in evangelism, and which I think is laying the foundation for even wider cooperation," he said.

Mr. Autrey added that he thought Southern Baptist attitudes toward evangelism were more wholesome than ever before.

He stated that the Crusade of the Americas was making lasting impact on Southern Baptists, both in cooperative attitudes with other groups and in awareness and understanding of many of the nation's social problems.

Autrey said he sees evangelism as perhaps the major key in resolving the conflicts that have arisen over evangelism and social concern.

World Vision

World Vision International, with headquarters in Monrovia, California, is a worldwide missionary service organization. Through it, more than 30,500 children are sponsored in 20 countries. It also conducts pastors' conferences for thousands of national ministers and evangelists each year, has sent more than three million dollars (1968-69) of relief supplies to needy areas as a voluntary agency participating in the U. S. government's A.I.D. program. It sponsors various medical, educational and evangelistic activities overseas and cooperates with more than 135 established denominational or interdenominational mission agencies in meeting emergency needs.

Marriages

Sherman - Davis.— John Orain, son of Mrs. Orain Franklin Sherman of Hornell, N. Y., and Donna Mae Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Davis of Alfred Station, N. Y., were united in marriage in the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sept. 13, 1969, by the bride's pastor, Rev. Edward Sutton.

Obituaries

LEWIS.— Dr. Welcome B., son of Francis H. and Eliza (Greene) Lewis, was born in Adams Center, N. Y., June 14, 1883, and died at the Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital, Sept. 10, 1969.

He was married to Allie Dealing in Adams Center, Sept. 2, 1909. They had just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and been guests of the church a few weeks earlier at a reception to honor this occasion. Dr. Lewis graduated from Alfred University in 1907 and received his M.D. degree from the U. of Ill. Medical School in 1912. He was an anesthetist in Battle Creek hospitals until retirement three years ago at age 83. He had also spent many years as a research chemist at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Dr. Lewis was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for 56 years and served many terms as trustee and moderator. His interest in young people was evidenced by his financial aid to several of our Seventh Day Baptist young men to enable them to complete ministerial or medical training. The W. B. Lewis Medical Building in Malawi, Africa, was constructed because of his interest and support of our mission there.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. LeRoy (Arabeth) DeLand of Bellevue, Mich., and Mrs. George (Madelene) Parrish of Battle Creek. A son Welcome B., Jr., preceded him in death in 1938. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Eugene N. Fatato, with burial in Memorial Park at Battle Creek.

—E. N. F.

MOULTON.— Archie D., son of Orrin L. and Farie Crandall Moulton, was born Mar. 24, 1885, at Dodge Center, Minn., and died at his home in De Ruyter, N. Y., June 16, 1969.

Mr. Moulton was a faithful member and trustee of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was visiting with his pastor when taken by death. Surviving besides his wife Celia are: a sister, Bessie Moulton Harkins; two daughters, Virginia (Mrs. Wendell) Burdick of De Ruyter, and Marilyn (Mrs. Claire) Merchant of Battle Creek, Mich.; a son Bernard, also of Michigan; and ten grandchildren.

Farewell services were held from the church with his pastor, the Rev. Charles D. Swing, in charge. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

—C.D.S.

The Sabbath Recorder

Reading Your Bible In The Order Of Its Events 1969

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1	ACTS 10-12	(chapter 10)
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5	ACTS 15, 16	(chapter 16)
6	GAL. 1-3	(chapter 3)
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10	1 THESS. 1-5	(chapter 4)
11	2 THESS. 1-3	(chapter 1)
12	1 COR. 1-4	(chapter 3)
13	1 COR. 5-8	(chapter 8)
14	1 COR. 9-12	(chapter 10)
15	1 COR. 13-16	(chapter 15)
16	ACTS 19-20	
17	2 COR. 1-3	(chapter 3)
18	2 COR. 4-6	(chapter 5)
19	2 COR. 7-9	(chapter 9)
20	2 COR. 10-13	(chapter 11)
21	EPH. 1-3	(chapter 2)
22	EPH. 4-6	(chapter 5)
23	ROMANS 1-4	(chapter 3)
24	ROMANS 5-8	(chapter 8)
25	ROMANS 9-11	(chapter 9)
26	ROMANS 12-16	(chapter 12)
27	ACTS 21-22	(chapter 22)
28	ACTS 23-25	(chapter 24)
29	ACTS 26-28	(chapter 26)
30	COLOSSIANS 1-4	(chapter 3)

Africa Success Story

There is a tendency to think that African people as well as others are slow to accept the gospel. This may be true in many countries, but for some reason Baptists are having great success in the Maryland-size country of Rwanda in East Central Africa, a land of 3½ million population. As a mission it is under the Danish Baptist Mission but the success appears to be largely attributable to the work of one native pastor, Gituro, who is the only pastor for 9,600 church members.

On one Sunday alone, 158 converts were baptized. On the following morning, baptism for 60 more took place.

In the first half of this year, there were almost 1,500 baptisms reported. There were another 6,000 persons awaiting baptism after finishing a class of instruction in the Christian faith when this item was written in late July.

In 1962, there were but 908 Baptists in this country. Now there are 9,600. The country gained independence in 1962 and the same year the church became autonomous. Gituro is a true circuit rider. Traveling mostly by bicycle, he pedals 200 kilometers (125 miles) in three days. Sometimes he goes afoot. "I preach every day, sometimes more than once," he said. He must visit each of 22 preaching stations regularly. Local lay people conduct services between visits.

Within two years a ministerial training program now in effect is expected to produce ten native pastors. It is expected that the rapid growth will continue, but there is a screening process to make sure the converts are true.

—EBPS



Mission of Mercy in Vietnam

Long before the stepped-up withdrawal of American military personnel from Vietnam there was the quiet transfer of missions of mercy from military to civilian auspices. The picture reproduced here originated with the Marine Force Logistical Command in Vietnam. A Vietnamese boy undergoing plastic surgery in the Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital, Vietnam, receives assurances from Dr. Everett S. Grafam, executive vice-president of World Relief Commission, on the occasion of the transfer of the hospital to the Commission by the U. S. Marines in Da Nang.