

The Sabbath Recorder

Gospel Goes to World's Fair

One of the greatest distributors of Scriptures around the world is the Pocket Testament League which sends out teams with specially equipped vans to do evangelistic work.

The leaders of this organization rejoice that their representatives had done a great deal of work in 1961 in the portion of Peru where the earthquake struck this year. They say, "We can only marvel and give thanks that God in His providence has led us once again to proclaim the message of hope in Jesus Christ well ahead of the time when people would face their greatest need for hope and salvation."

PTL was also in Tokyo this summer to meet the need of as many as possible of the 350,000 per day who visited Expo '70. They distributed their Testaments for fifteen days in the Christian pavilion, handing out 68,000 copies. A liberal church in Japan protested distribution in the Christian pavilion because the PTL Gospel has a decision page in the back. Moving out was a blessing in disguise—they were accepted in the booth of the American Park Complex and also gave out Gospels just outside the North Gate at the rate of 6,000 to 8,000 per day. Mr. J. Edward Smith, International Director of PTL, explained that the team consisted of three missionaries assisted by five trained Asiatics who could contact people in five languages. They speak of the finest cooperation on the part of guards and police who themselves were often observed reading the Scriptures given to them.

The readers respond. PTL has been getting about 500 letters per month from

people who received Gospels. "Within a single year," Mr. Smith summarized, "we will have placed a Gospel of John in the hands of one out of every hundred Japanese in a thriving nation of 100 million souls. PTL's mission is to distribute and preach the imperishable Word wherever there are people to receive it — and there are plenty of people at Expo '70."

Vietnam Servicemen Build

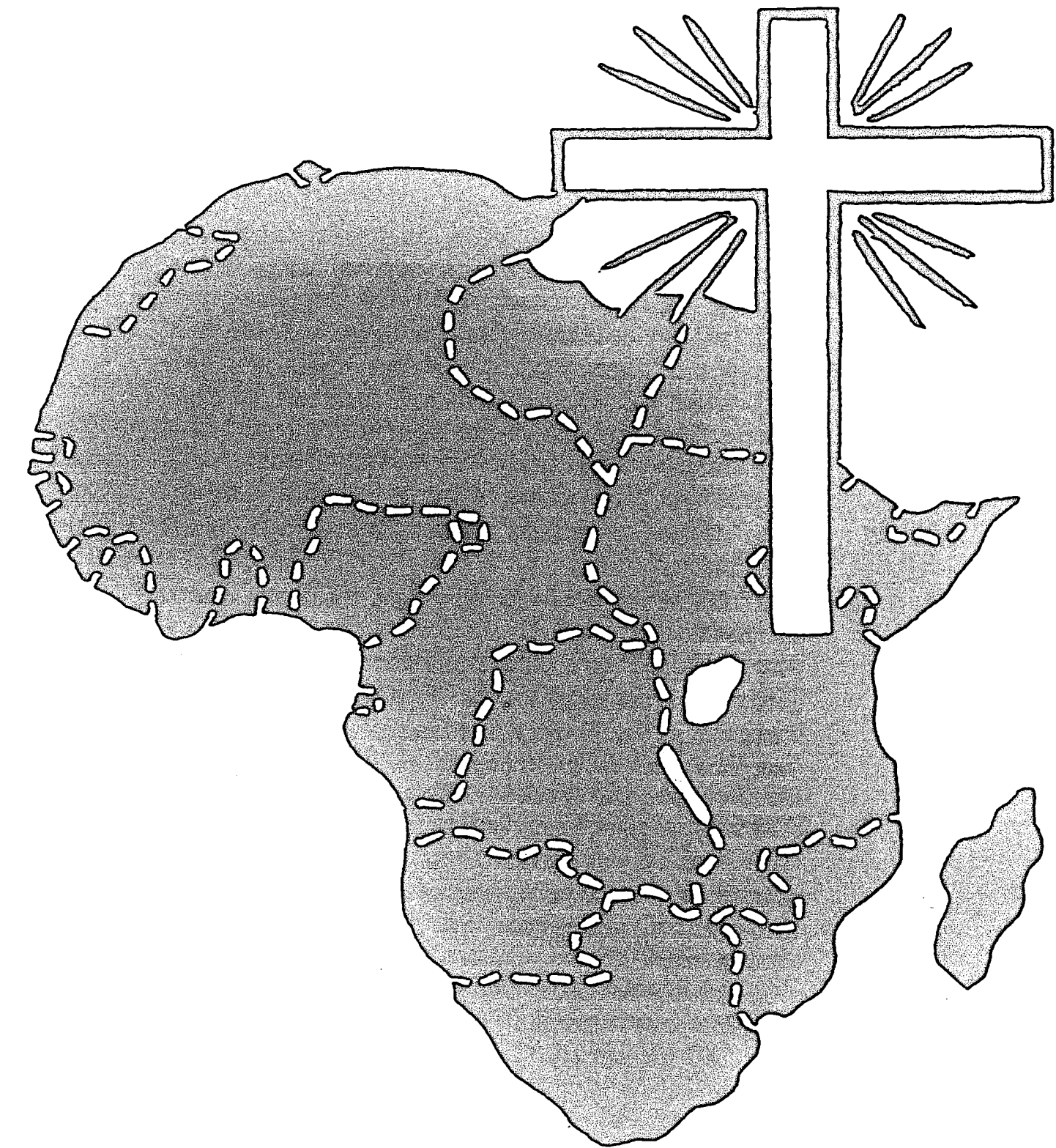
Americans in Vietnam are building faster than they tear down, the director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Chaplaincy Commission said after returning from a tour of military installations in Vietnam.

"The road our servicemen are blazing in Vietnam today is paved with new hospitals, new orphanages, new homes—all built by our American servicemen," said George W. Cummins of Atlanta.

"For any house they are accused of destroying, they have built hundreds; for any innocent they are accused of hurting, they have ministered to tenfold others; for any one life they are accused of taking, they have saved others, a thousand times over," Cummins declared.

Cummins described the American soldier in Vietnam as "a young man who hates war and fears it, but fights it because he knows that there are worse things."

Newsmen covering the war in Vietnam overlook many positive stories because they lack "sensationalism and dissent," Cummins claimed. He explained that on his visit, he encountered many positive stories about the war that have not been told.



Africa Needs Christ

Seventh Day Baptists are helping plant the cross of Christ in Africa. Our greatest contribution is in the little country of Malawi in East Central Africa where church membership has more than tripled in just a few years, where ministerial training is going strong and native evangelists are taking the gospel and the Sabbath to countries to the south. Most of our churches planned a special mission emphasis on Malawi on September 26.

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August Budget Receipts

Attention is called to the OWM budget figures for August supplied by the treasurer, Gordon Sanford. Contributions from all sources were good and indicate that the budget promotion in the churches and at Conference touched the hearts of many loyal Seventh Day Baptists. Looking back, we notice that August receipts this year were \$3,333 more than for the same month last year. What does this say to us? It seems to say that we could do better in supporting the Lord's work each month. It also says that there is hope that we can meet our budget needs for the year if we keep trying.

This extra effort in August may mean that our boards and agencies will not have to cut back their budgeted work as was feared by some. At the present time, due to these extra contributions, we have raised two-thirds of the budget in two-thirds of the year. It should be cautioned, however, that the \$11,827 needed per month is much more than we have sent in some months.

Study the figures on page fifteen for yourself. Note that some of the smaller churches came through in August with as much as one-third of what they had given in the whole year up to this date. Some of the larger churches increased their giving quite a little, others not so much. It is probable that the consistent givers accounted for more of the extra Conference offering than the sporadic givers. It is to be hoped that many who have begun to give more will feel the joy of regular giving to the world work of Seventh Day Baptists.

Why They Resort to Drugs

There is no pat answer to why youth resort to drugs. Those who have attempted to explain the reasons or the reasoning usually come up with a number of suggestions in trying to cover the many different situations that lead to drug abuse and addiction. Of course, one needs only ascertain why they started; the drugs explain themselves, by their very nature, explain the addiction.

Before commenting on some of the reasons given by those who seem to be experts, let it be said that a better ques-

tion at the present time is "Why don't they resort to drugs?" The fact is that countless Christian young people subjected to the same pressures said to lead to drug use do not give in to those pressures. Rather they do their best to help those who have succumbed or are in danger of doing so. Let us not think for a moment that everybody is doing it, that society is so bad that youth can't be blamed for what they do. If there can be no blame, how can there be any praise? But praise is due to many, to those who are so well grounded in their Christian faith and experience that they are victorious where others are defeated.

A Christian ethics professor, Henlee L. Barnette, in a recent address on the "Dynamics of Drug Abuse" explained that one of many reasons why young people become drug abusers is that they want to escape from reality.

Other motivations for using drugs he cited included curiosity, low self-image, desire for recreation, search for self-identity, meaninglessness, a search for a direct religious experience, and rebellion.

"Beyond the problems of adolescence, revolutionary changes have created an identity crisis for many young people," he said.

"Confronted with the tragic war, poverty, racism, adult hypocrisy, and computerized culture, many of the young people have broken step with the 'establishment' to pause and query, 'Who am I?' and 'What am I to do?'" observed Barnette.

"They often feel the system cannot be changed to conform to their ideals, so some seek to escape through drugs," he added.

"Failing to discover self-identity in the outer world, they seek it in the inner sanctuary of the self, hoping to find a 'cool place' to put their head," he observed.

The ethics professor has made some valid observations. We come back to our previous suggestion that giving in to these pressures, retreating into oneself, trying to escape reality are not sufficient reasons. All youth face the problems of society and the tendency to rebel against

the so-called "establishment."

The problems leading to drugs are not new. They may be more acute than in previous generations. Most of these reasons for drug abuse are what have been cited as reasons for turning to alcohol, for profanity, for blowing one's top. It is not that the problems are so different; it is that so many young people are not finding the solution.

The real solution is a vital Christian experience. There is no disputing the fact that Christ-oriented rehabilitation centers are able to cure a far greater per cent of addicts than government facilities that can hire the best doctors and specialists. It is just plain logic that if Christ in the heart can restore a far-gone addict, Christ can also prevent the young person from surrender to the pressures with which he is surrounded. But like so many physical disorders and so many marital problems, they are not identified until they become acute. Then there is no option but to treat the disease.

We must dedicate ourselves to becoming more sensitive. Sensitivity alone is not enough, however. We must also know how to introduce our friends to the love of Christ; our own love is quite inadequate.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The success of evangelistic efforts planned for or already undertaken at Paint Rock, Ala.; Dodge Center, Minn.; Shiloh and Plainfield, N. J.; and other churches.

2) The yearly meetings and fall associations scheduled for early October, that the faith and service of those able to attend may be increased.

3) The young people's societies, especially those in our college towns, that are making a new start with the beginning of the fall term.

4) Our American and native workers throughout the world who may be facing discouragements unknown to us and more serious than ours.

One Gospel

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).



These words of our Lord raise several questions regarding the gospel to which we do well to respond if we claim to be the disciples of Jesus Christ and if we are sincerely seeking ways in which we may more effectively and aggressively witness for Him.

First, *what is the gospel?* The word "gospel" is derived from two Old English words "god" meaning "good" and "spell" connoting "news"; but what is specific in the good news proclaimed through the gospel? Is it good news about the goodness of life which ought to be experienced by good people in a good many ways, and is that goodness to be found in any one of several contemporary religions of one's choice? Or is the gospel more specifically the good news about God and His eternal kingdom including the effect that He, acting in love through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, can have on each and every human life?

Second, *for whom is the gospel intended?* There are some three and one-half billion persons living at this time. To our understanding for what portion of the world's total population in this and every other age did the Lord intend that Jesus Christ should be proclaimed as Savior and Lord? There are some ten major religions in existence today. Of recency there has been considerable stress on learning how to live in a "pluralistic society." There have been those who have advocated the melding of all religions into a "religious syncretism." Some speak of our living in a "post-Christian" age, and contend that it is untenable for Christianity to conceive of itself *the* religion for the world. Others seem to be advocating that Christians being willing

to become a part of a harmonious world-wide family of fellowship of religions in which it would seem to follow that Jesus along with Buddha, Mohammed and others would serve as a "board of elders."

Jesus made the claim for Himself: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (John 14:6). Peter asserted, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). Paul later insisted that "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:10,11). And at a climactic moment in John's apocalyptic volume he announced the Christ to the world as "*King of kings, and Lord of lords*" (Rev. 19:16).

If it is felt that one religion is as good as any other, or that we are all worshipping the same God, it would seem that with due regard for every one else's "religion," we should minimize the importance of witnessing to and praying for conversions of others and of supporting missionary endeavors.

This confronts us with a third question, *How much of a priority is there on sharing the gospel introducing Jesus Christ to others as Savior and Lord?*

Jesus Himself made evangelizing a matter of priority as clearly articulated in His command to His disciples, "Go ye into ALL the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), with urgency stressed in Matthew 24:14 as He declared, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

George Bancroft has been quoted as

They Carry a Burden for OWM



Osborn



Sanford

At General Conference the Rev. Paul B. Osborn, the most knowledgeable member of Commission on the total Our World Mission budget was given a few minutes each day to present in a graphic way (by projection) the status of the Conference offering for OWM. A writer in the *Crier* spoke of the anticipation for "one of Paul Osborn's budget goodies." A wag remarked that OWM means "Osborn Wants Money." The candid camera catches Mr. Osborn on one of these occasions.

Gordon Sanford, our efficient OWM treasurer, seldom got behind the microphone at Conference, but when he did there was seriousness on his face—as the picture shows. His burden is more than recording what we have given and distributing it according to our wishes and the percentages agreed upon. He is also concerned—as others are—with what we have failed to give.

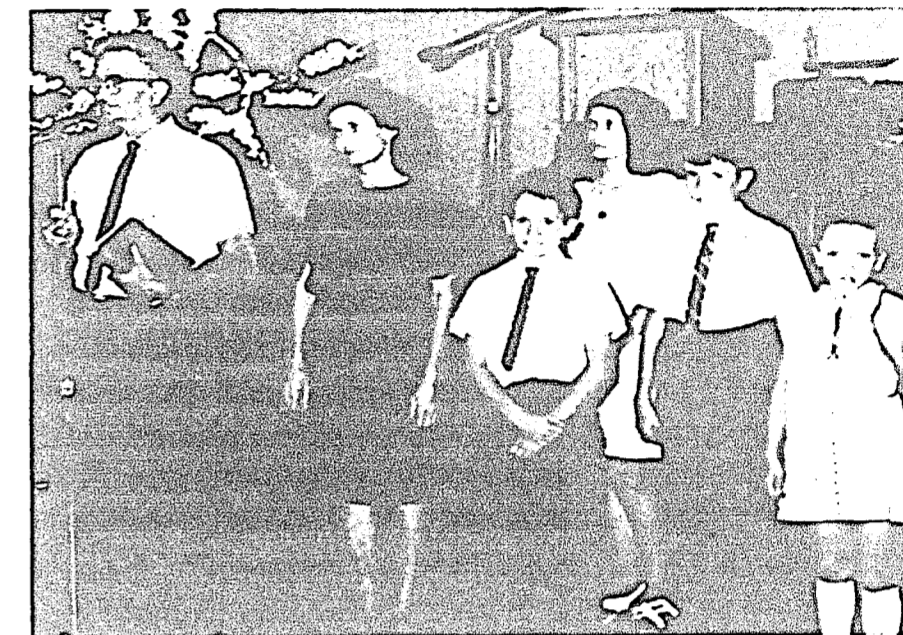
Let us determine to make Osborn and Sanford happy in the service they render voluntarily for the denomination. They would have fewer worries if they were to get word of more Seventh Day Baptists who are determined to be tithers.

saying, "I find the name of Jesus Christ written on the top of every page of human history." And Charles Spurgeon asserted that "Christ is the great central fact of the world's history. All lines of history converge upon Him. All the great purposes of God culminate in Him." If to us Christ plays so unique a redemptive role, we should do well to stress, strain and participate in witnessing for Him.

—Alton L. Wheeler

New Minister and Family

Present at Conference for the first time was a new Seventh Day Baptist minister, Gordon Oliver, and his family. Delegates got to meet the family during the latter part of the week. The picture shown here was taken when they were called to the front by the president on the closing night for an official introduction.



Mr. Oliver responded with appropriate words. He spoke of being almost overcome with joy at coming into the additional truth of the Sabbath and of becoming one of us. He told of his experience with two other Baptist denominations and the difficulty of erasing Sunday from his mind. He hoped to be used to revive some souls on this matter of obedience of God's revealed will. He said he had a vision for Seventh Day Baptists of a harvest of souls at the present time.

Introducing his wife Ena, he said they had given all four children Bible names: Faith, Jeremy, Shan Ru, and Charis.

Mr. Oliver was ordained as a Seventh Day Baptist minister at the Southwestern Association this summer and made a good impression there. Word has come to the *Recorder's* office from Paint Rock, Ala., that the church there is about to begin evangelistic services with the Rev. Gordon Oliver as the speaker.

MEMORY TEXT

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.—Romans 6:6

The Responsibility of Maturity

Inaugural address on the 1970 - '71 theme at the close of Conference, August 15, by the new president, Dr. Stephen Thorngate of Monterey, California.

(Continued from last week)

In spite of this drawback, the gospel has survived two thousand years of persecution, manipulation, and adulteration at the hand of human beings, both well-meaning and malignant, from ancient through medieval to modern times. Yet it has retained its original purity and simplicity, and is as applicable today as when it was conceived. Truly it *has* achieved maturity. For this we are indebted to all who have accepted that first Christian responsibility—from the New Testament saints to those around us here who have so dedicated their lives.

Armed with the maturity of this gospel and guided with the maturity of our experience and acceptance of responsibility, Seventh Day Baptists should be, *must* be, impelled to witness not only to those who still have the need to be taught, but also to those who are already Christian.

We have maintained always a friendly, free, and open approach to sister communions wherever possible, both on a local level and at the denominational level. Usually this has met with, or evoked, a similar response leading to a warm and fruitful achievement of mutual purposes within the broad context of Christian cooperation and concern. Where this relationship has existed, we have usually won the sincere respect of Christian neighbors. This is not because we are different, although we often make this difference quite pointed, accentuating it, in my opinion, far beyond its true relative value in total Christian doctrine. Nor is it because we have a more enlightened vision of the Bible, God, Christ, and His teaching, although many will admit this may indeed be true and not merely a figment of our egotistical imagination. Nor is it because we are small in numbers, although it is easy to see advantages in being a member of a minority.

I am convinced that wherever Seventh Day Baptists have won the respect of the so-called "outside world," both ecclesias-

tical and secular, it has been due to the contribution of our greatest resource: not money, not numbers, not power, not charisma, not doctrine, not even the Sabbath truth, but leadership—a leadership that demonstrates a mature character, a maturity not only shown by individuals in their calling, but also by churches and denominational activities, a maturity which has grown out of acceptance of Christian responsibility, which in turn has increased the degree of maturity.

Do you see what I mean? It's a vicious cycle! Vicious because it *has* to grow. Maturity demands greater responsibility, and the more responsibility accepted and demonstrated, the more mature the character.

Vicious is perhaps the right word to use in referring to Seventh Day Baptists and our responsibility of maturity. This is a demand bid. In the past eight months I have been privileged to look back of the clock face of the denomination and see the wheels, gears, cogs, and springs all carrying out their respective responsibilities to make the piece keep the accurate time for which it has built a reputation. Parenthetically, I might say here, as long as I am using this analogy, that compared to the Big Bens of the ecclesiastical world and even noisier clocks with loud ticking and irregular alarms, this is a mere pocket watch, dignified and tiny, but none can challenge its authority as it demonstrates the purpose for which it was made.

A problem arises when the demand for higher quality timekeeping keeps rising while gears and even whole wheels continue to fall away.

I have been shown on repeated occasions a graph of the past fifty years showing the rise in population, the steeper the rise in gross national product, the even steeper rise in Our World Mission requirements on top of a decrease in number of Seventh Day Baptists. It does

not take a mathematician to see that a greater and greater responsibility falls to fewer and fewer individuals. The approach to this problem is a part of our responsibility of maturity.

Other examples where we must bring to bear maturity as we face, accept, and carry out responsibility are easy to find as we close a week of deliberation.

Ecumenism on a denominational level has been handed for now by a beautifully worded document. Eventually we must be prepared to make action decisions regarding our involvement, and in which direction it is to be aimed. We have gained maturity in these movements through past responsibility. This maturity requires us to act even more responsibly, and this does not include inactivity until we are told to "fish or cut bait."

As we accept responsibility for evangelism, we gain maturity and insights into a broader scope of techniques and aptitudes for outreach. Nevertheless experience teaches what our fathers and grandfathers knew but could not seem to teach us: that the mature evangelist accepts the responsibility of a one-to-one relationship, and that evangelism is not an end in itself, but a means to a greater maturity. The Great Commission took three verses in Matthew. The Sermon on the Mount, that epitome of Christian responsibility, took somewhat more.

Apply the responsibility of maturity to relationships at all levels of concern for you or for me, typical Seventh Day Baptists: our youth, my own children and yours; our pastors, past, present, and future; our church responsibility to members and to the community; our personal Christian witness to friends, strangers; Christian responsibility as a social, civil, national, international level. Christ speaks to us as individuals. Over and over again He brings out the three basic levels of responsibility: (1) irresponsibility (2) legal responsibility which satisfies man-made requirements but fails to deal with motives, attitudes, or conscience, and (3) Christian responsibility, the vicious cycle type — responsibility of maturity.

He gives many examples: the second

mile; the other cheek; the coat and shirt; the nurture of talents; attitudes toward adultery, murder, money. The simplest illustration that comes is the picknicking family that strews its litter about, defaces or is careless of the facilities and leaves the place barely usable. The next family uses it, picks up its own litter and leaves it as they found it. The third family comes and not only does not cause more damage, but repairs the damage done by family one. Most of us fall close to family number two in spite of the fact that we know better. Subconsciously we want to avoid the spiral of involvement — maturity — increasing responsibility, that vicious cycle which starts as innocent involvement and, if you aren't careful, ends in total commitment.

Maybe it would be best to bottle up this Christian responsibility of maturity and label it *Caution, may be hazardous to life*.

Or else go ahead, pick a cause, a person, a job, a church. Get involved, take responsibility, gain the maturity that impels you to more responsibility. Avoid apathy, stagnation, excuses. You may find yourself so totally committed that you lose your life. But you gain the right to hope.

And as Paul said: "We also know that this kind of hope will not disappoint us because God's love has already flooded our inmost hearts through the Holy Spirit he has given us and because at the very time we were powerless in ourselves Christ died for all ungodly men."

Tract Society Annual Meeting

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society for the election of members and officers of the Board of Trustees and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the society will be held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., Sunday Sept. 20 at 2 p.m.

Youth Pre-Con Retreat 1970

Director's Report (shortened)

By Edward Sutton

How do you summarize the most dynamic experience that's happened to you during the year? If that seems exaggerated, it's because you weren't one of the one hundred campers or nine regular or six guest staff who took part in the Pre-Con "happening."

Why all the excitement about this Pre-Con? It merely began, in the planning stages—to be a "good Pre-Con," with little idea just what it might turn out to be. But, God was invited from the beginning moment of the planning to have His way . . . and He did!

The Theme

"Faith+Nothing=Nothing," What's so great about that? Nothing, unless you are dealing with the theme from two very important perspectives: Faith to mean one's relationship to a living Christ and faith referring to our unique character as Christians who have a Sabbath faith in the Twenty-first Century.

Purpose

We began the Pre-Con sharing our hope to replace the "nothings" in our theme with "somethings," namely a vital relationship to, and with, Jesus Christ; and a revitalized appreciation for the Sabbath. The theme idea was presented as a "bag" we hoped to fill as the days passed, filled with a good measure, shaken down, running over.

Staff

To help with this process of supplementing our faith, we discovered the capabilities and warmth of nine "beautiful" individuals. The Rev. Herb Saunders (Pastor Herb) became the chief lecturer on our Sabbath faith. His final presentation on Friday tied our need for a dynamic relationship to Christ in faith together with a lively Sabbath faith in his presentation entitled: "Faith+the Sabbath=the Real Thing."

There were very special times when we discovered how real is the presence of the Holy Spirit in collective worship.

Pastor Glen Warner was God's instrument in this phase of our experience of supplementing our faith. Modern, popular music, contemporary poetry, readings, Scriptures read from several different translations and versions of our day, and singing were the chief means of exploring the experience of supplementing our faith in worship.

I'd like to share the closing Communion service we had. Simplicity! After the closing noon meal was eaten and the tables were cleared, one drinking cup of grape juice and a couple of slices of common bread were left sitting on each table. One fellow had been selected to sit at each table and was assigned the responsibility of being the "host" responsible for passing the cup (common) and the bread at the designated time. The song "We are One in the Spirit" concluded the Communion service, and as it was sung, we stood at our tables and hands just spontaneously reached out to hands and very quickly a traditional "fellowship circle" was formed. We sang the Youth Rally Song, which formally ended camp.

Arlouene Van Horn took charge of perhaps the most taxing phase of the supplementing our faith experience! She was the music director. Indication of the sort of job she did can be seen in the standing ovation she received at the last camp rehearsal before we went on to Conference and the final performance. The whole time we had for music (two hour rehearsals a day for the whole four days we were together) was spent on rehearsing a concert entitled "Tell It Like It Is." I've yet to see young people "take to" Pre-Con music like they did to "Tell It Like It Is." Every free moment someone was at the piano or small groups were gathered around rehearsing parts.

Helen Ruth Green was another of our regular staff. Perhaps indication of her contribution would best be described by the fact she called the Youth Pre-Con director and asked if there was any way she could assist him in the Pre-Con program.

Connie Coon's presence again this year practically tells the story where she is concerned. She is a quiet, yet dynamic witness to a solid faith in Jesus Christ.

Though she is a quiet person generally, her smile and her ability to freely share her faith in Christ were a very rich addition to the spirit that prevailed at Youth Pre-Con.

Our schedule was very intense and left no large amount of free time though if one chose to make full use of the time classified that way, it was adequate. There was no complaint about the amount of free time.

Summary

In final summary, the Youth Pre-Con was a perfect example of a Holy Spirit dominated "happening!" From the first night (Tuesday night when the staff began arriving) until the last camper arrived at Milton for General Conference, the unity, sense of oneness, sense of being captivated prevailed. Everyone was under the influence of this Spirit. Sabbath evening when we had our last evening vesper and we spontaneously sang "We Are One in the Spirit, We Are One in the Lord . . ." we were singing my evaluation of Youth Pre-Con 1970. A taste of Pentecost as we have record of it in Acts!

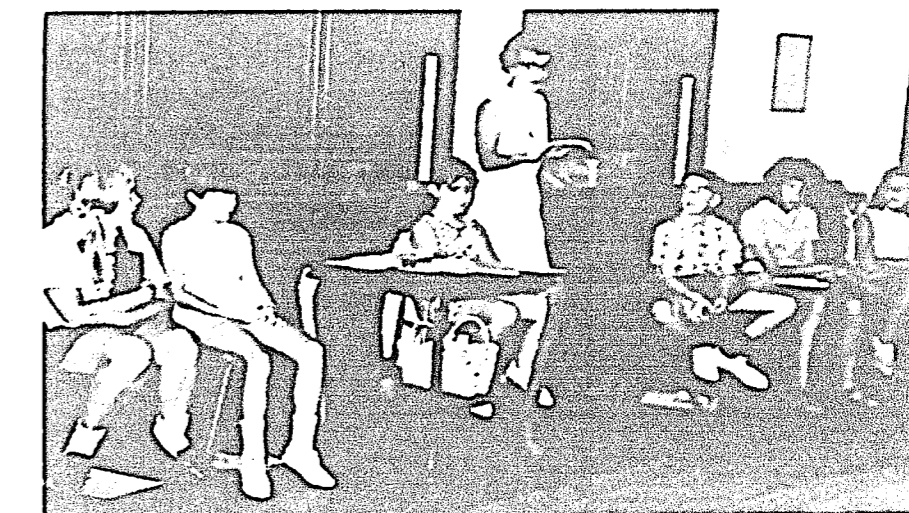
What's so wonderful about that experience of Youth Pre-Con, likened unto Pentecost, is that it is only one isolated example of a movement around the world, and especially obvious within our denomination! Sabbath eve at General Conference added an "amen" to my observation. There is an awakening in our denomination! The presence of the Holy Spirit is taking command as our people become willing to be commanded. By small groups, by local congregations, and the collective body at General Conference sessions, a change is taking place! I'm thrilled to be a part of this Pentecost-like experience, and pray earnestly to be further privileged to be an instrument of God to share this new hope.

I count it a high privilege to have had the opportunity to direct Youth Pre-Con 1970. It was—and remains—a most gratifying milestone in my life.

"To know Him and what He doth require,
To know Him is all my heart's desire,
To know Him will set my heart on fire,
To know Him, and make Him known."

Bible Work in Junior Conference

Mary Thorngate McSparin teaches memory work to a roomful of junior age



children while their parents attend the business and committee meetings at the annual gathering of Seventh Day Baptists in August. Knowledge of the Bible learned at an early age under faithful teachers makes a lasting impression.



Primary Conference in Session

Edith Babcock Davis, at left, is intent on presenting the message of salvation to the children at Conference. She and her husband Arlie (with other helpers) again did a splendid job with the primary group this year. The demonstration of what they had learned during the week was a high point of the Sabbath afternoon program.

Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be held at the Alfred Parish House Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect members of the Board of Directors for the coming year. All delegates to General Conference from any Seventh Day Baptist church are eligible to vote at this meeting.

Seventh Day Baptist Worldwide Witness

As announced in the Year V Packet (pages 29-31) and at the last General Conference, a new emphasis is to be begun in November 1970, titled, "Seventh Day Baptist Worldwide Witness."

A monthly leaflet will be distributed to the churches to enable our people to become more intimately acquainted with the twelve member groups and Conferences of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation.

Each church has been sent the following material to carry out the emphasis:

(1) Information on a bulletin board. It is hoped that every church will plan immediately to obtain or make such a board for sharing the pictures, maps and folders sent each month!

(2) A listing of churches/fellowships in sixteen groupings for sharing the visual aids to be available. Note it is headed, "possible groupings . . ." If the order is not possible for you to follow, would you please contact the others on your "line" and rearrange the order. Let the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Office, 510 Watchung Ave., Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061 know what the change may be so that we can send the filmstrip to that church that is to use it on the first Sabbath of the month.

If your missionary keyworker has changed, please send the new name and address. Material will be sent to pastors or clerks where no keyworker is listed.

The first 8 x 10 glossy prints, the world and area maps, the printed headings for your bulletin board and the folders on the first SDBWF country—Brazil—will be mailed out around September 15. The filmstrip on Brazil will be sent to the "first sabbath" churches about the same time. It is urged that you obtain plastic sheet protectors (from your stationary store) that can be mounted on your bulletin board to hold these items sent each month. Those attending Conference saw the sample board thus arranged.

If you have questions please write! We stand ready to help in every way possible. Suggestions and comments on Seventh Day Baptist world witness will be appreciated.

Laymen's Sabbath

As mentioned in last week's issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* a letter has gone recently to all Seventh Day Baptist churches of this country encouraging observance of Worldwide Communion on October 3. This letter also encouraged the churches to make plans for Laymen's Sabbath on the second Sabbath of October, October 10, (or at a date more convenient to the program of the church).

Laymen's Sabbath has formerly been known and observed in our churches as "Men and Missions Sabbath." It is suggested that a missions outlook might well be continued in whatever plans are made to observe Laymen's Sabbath, though a wide interpretation may be placed on what may be considered "a missions outlook."

The theme for Laymen's Sabbath observance this year is: "Common Faith—Common Commitment." A booklet with suggestions for developing this theme was sent to the churches, as mentioned above. Additional copies of this booklet may be ordered from American Baptist Men, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.

The leaflet from the American Baptist Men was prepared by Raymond C. Classen, executive director. It carries a statement of purpose for holding a Laymen's Sabbath as follows:

"Its main purpose is to give laymen opportunity to declare their strong faith in Christ and their intention of commitment by participating as unordained laity in God's ministry wherever they live and work. Laymen's Sabbath really highlights the truth that all laymen are 'ministers' every day.

"The purpose of Laymen's Sabbath is not to minimize the importance of the ordained ministry, or to take from the pastor his regular place of leadership. Rather it is to enlist and encourage all

laymen to participate fully in the church's life and witness.

"Laymen's Sabbath offers you, the laymen of the church, an impressive opportunity to witness publicly to your faith and commitment to inspire others to accept a call to witness for Christ and His Church. You will discover untold blessing in your spiritual growth as you participate in this significant service. Your pastor should of course be a 'silent' partner as you work with him to fulfill the purpose of Laymen's Sabbath in your church. As you work together you will find that a closer bond of Christian fellowship and understanding will have been established between you and your pastor."

Malawi, Africa News

Pastor Otrain Manani has been granted temporary leave from the Seventh Day Baptist church at Blantyre, Malawi, so that he may take advantage of a scholarship grant from the World Council of Churches to study "Church Administration." This will be a three month course at Dodoma, Tanzania. He arrived to begin this work on August 2, 1970.

Church Growth: From a comparison of membership totals for the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists we note that church membership has more than tripled since 1954, when it was reported as 1010. In 1964 it was 2631 and in 1969, 3571.

Bible Teaching Syllabus: Joan Clement prepared these lessons for junior age students some years ago and Beth Burdick completed them for the senior classes before returning to America this spring. These are used in the mission-supported schools at Makapwa, Thembe, and Chikanda.

Youth Camp: The first such camp was held in 1969 and plans are made for a second camp this year, possibly at Likakula in Mlanje district in September, 1970.

Central Africa Conference Associations held their camp meetings during August as follows: Southwestern (At Luchenza) August 5-8; Northern (dates and site not given); Central, August 12-15; Southeastern (at Nolo) August 19-22. It is under-

stood that the Central Africa Conference is to meet at Makapwa in September.

SDB World Federation: The trustees of the CAC recommended that it should undertake to raise 200 pounds (\$480 US) toward travel costs for sending a representative to the federation meetings at Westerly, Rhode Island, U. S. A., in August 1971.

"**The Missionary Family** had a profitable time together at Makapwa on July 25. We took supper together at Miss Sarah Becker's home, made a tape recording (to send to the US General Conference) and had a brief meeting at Pastor John Conrod's home. We agreed to meet again during our time there when Conference meets at Makapwa in September."—from letter of David Pearson.

Final Crisis: At the April 28 meeting of the CAC trustees it was voted that Pastor John Conrod be appointed Conference treasurer to succeed Dr. Victor Burdick. Brother Conrod had arrived that day. He now reports a financial crisis has developed, a fact that Dr. Burdick predicted would come. Among the reasons for the crisis are the following: the discontinuance of the large government grant based on a medical doctor's being of service to the people; the increased number of pastors needing support resulting from new Bible Institute graduates; a noticeable decrease in special giving from this country upon the return of Dr. Burdick; the high cost of financing the CAC Blantyre project—building a house of worship and parsonage. To meet the crisis Pastor Conrod has proposed several drastic measures: reducing pastors' salaries to a level more nearly equal that of their parishioners; discontinuing the mission-supported school at Chikanda (which the government declared "redundant" as it was draining students from other nearby, better-equipped schools).

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 3, 1970

WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT OUR FAITH?

Scripture Lesson: Heb. 1:1-4; Acts 17:22-28a

Women's Society Dinner

August 12

By Mrs. Addison Appel
Recording Secretary

The Women's Society dinner was held in the Milton College cafeteria with approximately 225 women present. After singing the Doxology, we ate a delicious turkey dinner. While the tables were being cleared, Mrs. Doris Rood led us in singing the first verses of familiar hymns.

Devotions from Romans 8:30 were given by Marjorie Burdick. She urged us to remember the women in other Seventh Day Baptist Conferences in our prayers and closed with prayer for all of us and for them. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. Roll call was taken by associations. Since the treasurer's report showed that all the SCSC funds had been used, our love offering of \$350 went toward started an SCSC fund for 1971. It is hoped a team will work in the Daytona Beach area at Easter time.

The new Boulder-Denver board members were voted in. They are: president, Mrs. Elmo (Madeline) Fitz Randolph, Boulder; vice-president, Mrs. Melvin (Frances) Stephan, Denver; recording



Ministers Wives Guild

Among the numerous professional "guilds" at Conference was one for ministers' wives. Just a few of those who discussed how a minister's wife can make her work count for the Lord are caught here by the candid camera. Thoughtfulness seems to characterize the group at this moment. It was led by Miss Florence Bowden, who in the past few years has helped much in training wives of ministerial students for their role in the pastoral ministry.

secretary, Mrs. Thomas (Jane) Bottoms, Boulder; treasurer, Mrs. Bobby (Barbara) Wright, Boulder; editor of Women's page in the *Sabbath Recorder*, Mrs. Elmer (Theona) Andersen, North Loup; editor of Newsletter, Mrs. Kenneth (Margaret) Crosby, Denver. Present to represent the new board were Mrs. Thomas Bottoms, Mrs. Willard Wells, Mrs. Ronald Goodrich, and Mrs. Mynor Soper.

Since our meeting didn't conflict with an evening Conference meeting, we had ample time for the interesting program which followed. Mrs. Doris Rood introduced the Mynor Soper family, who entertained us with country western music. A much awaited event was the presentation of the Robe of Achievement. (See September 14 issue for picture.)

With the slogan "One World," Mrs. Drake introduced Mrs. Leroy Bass, recently returned from Guyana. Mrs. Bass said Guyanese ladies are much as we are here, bringing up children to honor God and country. Remember them in your prayers. Mrs. Grover Brissey brought us greetings from Jamaica and told of the need of bringing education at Crandall High up to date. Mrs. Kenneth Smith told of seeing stately cathedrals, our Mill Yard church, and of becoming acquainted with the English and Scotch people during their six weeks' vacation. Mrs. K. Duane Hurley reported on her mission tour, stating the difficulties encountered by Christians in European and Asian countries.

The final part of the program was a presentation by six ladies representing the Continental Unions of the Baptist Alliance. They were Mrs. Charles Saunders, Europe; Mrs. Russel Maxson, United States; Mrs. Dale Green, countries of Africa; Mrs. Roger Burdick, Latin America; Mrs. Louis Loofboro, Southwest Pacific; Mrs. Oscar Hartman, Asia. The ladies were dressed in the fashion of each area.

We'll never win the world just with paid missionaries. If we are to live the Christ life, we must increase in giving, study, prayer, and commitment, said W. A. Criswell, Southern Baptist president.

What's Next?

(A personal testimony)

By Miss Nancy Brannon

That's a question I've been asking for several months. I was graduated from nursing school in June. Just thinking about being a graduate nurse really shook me up and the experience of actually working has been really scary. I've been working with premature babies, which is a pretty specialized field and one in which I had virtually no training in nursing school. I've felt so inadequate and insecure and frustrated. But the uncertainty of the future has probably been the most difficult for me to deal with.

When I came out here to Young Adult Pre-Con this year, at first I felt rather lonely and as if my problems were unique and not of interest to anyone else. But after a couple of days I finally started realizing that there were several other lonely people there and that, strangely enough, when I started really listening to them, I discovered some of their problems were not too different from mine. In fact, the main questions which kept coming up in the camp program were, "Who am I?" and "Where am I going?" Identity, purpose and direction are concepts we must all keep redefining throughout life.

During Conference I've talked with more people, many of them asking me what I'm doing and what's next. One night I was telling a friend how frustrated I've felt about where I'm going and what's next. This friend made me stop short when she said, "But, you don't have to know right now." Just trust the Lord and He will show you what He wants you to do next.

After this I really began searching for the kind of peace my friend had, to make her be able to trust the Lord for everything. I think Friday night while talking and praying with another friend, that I found that peace by being filled with the Holy Spirit! I thought I had prayed for this before, but I didn't feel any results. I think I know now that what kept me from having this experience before was my lack of faith. Faith is something difficult or maybe even impossible to ex-

plain. It's something you just have to do!

With God's grace I have a new confidence that I will be more disciplined in reading my Bible, praying and sharing my hope with others. I have really become convinced that these things are really going to make the difference in my life after I leave Conference. And as a result of carrying this out, I think I will find the answer to the question, "What's next?"
—Crier

Summer Work at Shiloh More than a Coincidence

One day last spring I called up the Rev. Charles Bond of Shiloh, N. J., from my college in Philadelphia to see if I could stay over if I went to church in Shiloh the following weekend. He replied that it was fine but that he also, had been thinking of me. It seems that I was one of a couple of people the church had suggested contacting to be summer assistants. The coincidence seemed too good to be true. I'd worked in VCS but could never afford to work in SCSC once I started to college. The opportunity to work for the Shiloh church for six weeks seemed like a wonderful chance to do some similar work for the Lord.

I would now have to say that God was working and the "coincidence" was planned because my six weeks in Shiloh was a great opportunity to work for God, to meet some fine fellow Christians, and, most of all, to learn from Pastor Charley and others how to teach children, how to have fun with them, and how to listen.

I worked in Bible Schools and camps and most of the work was what one would expect. However, I learned a great deal from giving children's sermons about talking on their level. I had my biggest challenge in planning and directing mid-get camp. To say that kids have short attention spans doesn't at all prepare one for the energy of a six-year-old in action in the flesh.

I also had a couple of occasions which helped me grow in the Spirit. I felt real fear for the first time when we had a prowler at senior camp and I was in charge of the girls barracks. I wrestled long but was finally able to

trust in God for the safety of those I was responsible for.

In summary, I'd like to recommend work like this if you like meeting people at all — but more, it is great to experience the joy of kids and to feel loved by them.

Praise the Lord and "Let the children come"

—Jinx Kuehn

News from Nellore

A letter received September 9 from the Rev. B. John V. Rao of Nellore, India, tells of the sudden death of his fifth daughter, B. Mary, on August 26. Apparently this is the first death in his large family. When the mother, B. Mary Suseela, learned of her daughter's death, she fell down the stairs of their home and had to be taken to the hospital. She was still a patient on September 3 when Mr. Rao mailed his briefer-than-usual letter.

The family had expected to go to Mysore, some distance from the Conference office at Nellore, because Mrs. Rao had been promised a tutoring position that would help them maintain and educate their family. The Conference officials had written that such a move would not be good for the work. Mr. Rao wonders if these events are an indication that it is not the Lord's will for them to leave Nellore. If he has to sell his house to pay the hospital bill, his family will be in deeper need. From pictures and letters it appears that Mary Suseela (Mrs. Rao) is fully as much an evangelist and organizer as her husband.

A Good Day at Carraway

By Clifford A. Beebe

Although little news comes to the *Recorder* from the little Putnam County Seventh Day Baptist church at Carraway, Fla. (R. 1, Palatka), the church is alive and active. They are now engaged in construction of a new cement block house of worship to replace the tiny, never-finished, wooden building first built in 1946 and later moved to its present site. It is hoped that the new structure can be ready for use before winter.

Knowing that the writer (a former pastor) was to be in Florida briefly in July, the church requested him to be present at Carraway on a Sabbath for a baptism, and also for blessing of a baby. Accordingly, my granddaughter and her husband, Fernell and Kathie Hester, took me out from Daytona for the Sabbath service, July 18. The congregation of about twenty completely filled the tiny building, to participate in a Bible study, conducted by Joseph H. Price.

Dismissing early, we all enjoyed a fellowship dinner at the home of Deacon Aaron Price, going from there three miles north to a beautiful location on Etoniah Creek. There I had the blessed privilege not only of baptizing Tonya Werkheiser of the local congregation, but also my granddaughter and her husband; and of having a service of blessing, not only for the baby daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Price, but also for my own three great-grandchildren.

The congregation at the baptismal place had been increased by Tonya's and Kathie's mothers, Tonya's brother and friend, and Kathie's sisters, who could not be present in the morning. It was a day of blessing for the little church, and also emphasized the need for the new building!

Being Christian, Not Conservative

W. A. Criswell, conservative pastor of the largest Baptist church (15,000) and president of the Southern Baptist Convention surprised many people when he led a successful state-wide campaign to raise the Texas ceiling on welfare payments from \$60 million to \$80 million.

At a legislative briefing, he told an interracial group of Dallas County pastors that the question of raising welfare payments should not degenerate into a debate between "liberals" and "conservatives."

"It's not being 'liberal' . . . (theologically) to minister to the needs of the hungry, the disabled and the sick," Criswell said, with a characteristic jut of jaw and jab of finger. "It's just simply being Christian."

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for August 1970

	Treasurer's		Boards'			Treasurer's		Boards'	
	August	8 mos.	8 mos.	8 mos.		August	8 mos.	8 mos.	
Adams Ctr NY ..\$	133.25	648.70	20.00		Milton WI	1,984.68	10,155.94	883.25	
Albion WI	163.62	365.70	119.51		Milton Jct WI ..	217.04	743.84	35.00	
Alfred NY	1,006.63	4,681.44	130.00		Monterey CA	115.00	315.00		
Alfred Sta NY	44.82	1,949.17	20.00		New Auburn WI ..	40.00	340.49	63.14	
Ashaway RI	267.50	2,210.41	140.00		New Milton WV ..	117.00	367.00		
Assns & Groups		754.36	792.32		New Orleans LA ..		5.00		
Battle Creek MI ..	780.86	3,889.63	162.00		North Loup NB ..	632.55	2,437.81	40.00	
Bay Area CA		465.00	33.40		Nortonville KS ..	580.00	1,954.75	140.00	
Berea WV	88.00	359.83	10.00		Ohio Fellowship ..	220.00	340.00	100.00	
Berlin NY	380.35	1,399.96	250.00		Paint Rock AL ..	80.00	360.00	20.00	
Boulder CO	179.46	811.14	130.00		Plainfield NJ	596.50	3,513.37	495.56	
Brookfield NY ..	87.50	581.50	20.00		Richburg NY	175.60	1,079.34	30.00	
Buffalo NY	5.00	130.00			Riverside CA	1,647.83	5,853.37	60.00	
Chicago IL	50.00	1,560.00	20.00		Rockville RI		215.25	10.00	
Daytona Beach FL ..	227.00	992.25	75.00		Salem WV	240.00	1,760.00	70.00	
Denver CO	1,437.10	3,336.76	1,380.00		Salemville PA	104.35	489.35	57.00	
De Ruyter NY ..		452.50			Schenectady NY ..	40.50	107.50	20.00	
Dodge Ctr MN ..	435.19	1,427.87	65.00		Seattle WA	50.00	150.00		
Farina IL	101.75	236.00			Shiloh NJ	35.00	5,494.45	185.00	
Fouke AR		218.00	10.00		Stonefort IL	50.00	237.00	20.00	
Hammond LA					Syracuse NY	150.00	213.95		
Hebron PA	241.30	665.17	60.00		Texarkana AR		10.00		
Hopkinton RI		23.00	110.00		Verona NY	296.70	1,282.96	70.00	
Houston TX	50.00	215.00			Walworth WI	227.00	897.00	25.00	
Independence NY ..	101.25	532.55	45.00		Washington DC ..	445.10	861.10	30.00	
Individuals	1,716.60	2,336.60	954.95		Washington People's DC				
Irvington NJ	50.00	1,250.00	100.00		Waterford CT	251.98	1,149.23	100.00	
Jackson Ctr OH ..					Westerly RI	60.00	4,404.50	206.00	
Kansas City MO ..	166.50	454.50	20.00		White Cloud MI ..	53.05	310.89		
Leonardsville NY ..	114.20	473.20			Totals	\$18,071.11	\$85,757.01	\$7,767.13	
Little Genesee NY ..	245.73	1,173.26	20.00		Non-Budget	80.00			
Little Rock AR ..	276.56	493.80	20.00		Total				
Los Angeles CA ..	725.00	2,825.00	220.00		To Disburse	\$18,151.11			
Lost Creek WV ..	210.00	1,240.00	95.00						
Marlboro NJ	326.66	2,555.62	85.00						
Metairie LA									

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,844.10
Historical Society	15.50
Ministerial Education	1,813.10
Ministerial Retirement	309.59
Missionary Society	8,393.08
Tract Society	2,839.08
Trustees of Gen. Conf.	154.97
Women's Society	333.44
World Fellowship & Service	467.42
SDB General Conference	1,970.83
SDB World Federation	10.00
	\$18,151.11

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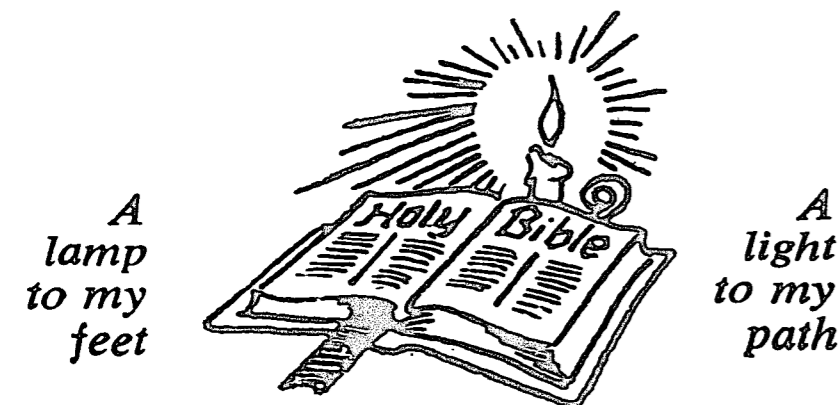
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Receipts for 8 months:	
OWM Treasurer	85,757.01
Boards	7,767.13
	93,524.14
Amount due in 4 months	\$ 47,308.86
Needed per month	\$ 11,827.22
Percentage of year elapsed	66.66%
Percentage of budget raised	66.40%
	Gordon Sanford
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TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS



BIBLE READING GUIDE FOR 1970

TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS

for October 4 to January 2

These passages for daily Bible reading are suggested as a help in understanding what the Bible has to say about many areas of interest to us. They do not pretend to be exhaustive. The topics are arranged in weekly cycles, beginning on Sunday and ending on Sabbath. Some daily readings have more verses than others. You may find more passages that will help your thinking in regard to the topics listed. We encourage you to memorize passages that hold particular meaning for you.

THE CHURCH

- Oct. 4—Foundation of — Matt. 16:15-18; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; Eph. 2:20-22
Oct. 5—Christ the Head of — Eph. 5:23-32; 1 Cor. 11:3
Oct. 6—Discipline of — Gal. 6:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; Matt. 18:15-18
Oct. 7—Unity of — 1 Corinthians 12:12-28
Oct. 8—Prophecy of Isaiah — Isaiah 2:2-4; 49:6-12
Oct. 9—Greatness in — Luke 9:46-48; 22:24-30
Oct. 10—Psalm of Confidence — Psalm 46

LOVE

- Oct. 11—For God — Deut. 6:5; Mark 12:29-33
Oct. 12—For One Another — 1 John 4:12-21
Oct. 13—A New Commandment — John 13:34-35; 15:12-17
Oct. 14—A Necessity — 1 Corinthians 13
Oct. 15—Expressed in Life — Matthew 25:34-40
Oct. 16—A Way of Life — Luke 6:31-35
Oct. 17—A Growing Way — Eph. 5:2; Phil. 1:9; Col. 3:12-14; 1 Thess. 3:12

MEDITATION

- Oct. 18—On the Law of God — Joshua 1:6-9; Psa. 1:2
Oct. 19—A Psalm of — Psalm 39; 19:14
Oct. 20—Upon the Word of God — Psalm 119:11-16, 55-59
Oct. 21—Needed by a Leader — 1 Timothy 4:13-16
Oct. 22—Upon God — Psalm 143
Oct. 23—Jesus' Example — Matt. 14:22-23; Luke 6:12; 9:28-31
Oct. 24—Upon the Ways of God — Psalm 139

WISDOM

- Oct. 25—Extolled — Proverbs 1:5-6, 20-33
Oct. 26—Exalted — Proverbs 3:13-26
Oct. 27—In Obeying Jesus' Words — Matt. 7:24-25; Luke 6:43-48
Oct. 28—From God — 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Oct. 29—A Wise Man — James, chapter 3
Oct. 30—Christ's Wisdom Foretold — Isaiah 11:1-10
Oct. 31—A Prayer for — Ephesians 1:16-19; 6:18-20

Bridging the Gap in Israel

In a 115-page study entitled *The Arabs and Jews in Israel: The Reality, The Dilemma, The Promise*, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, Harry M. Rosen of Israel states that the goodwill and cooperation, as well as the unremitting labor, of Jews and Arabs alike have already borne fruit and the outlook for the future is even more promising.

"In construction, in knitting mills and textile factories, in an increasing number of job areas," Mr. Rosen says, "Arabs and Jews work side by side, often indistinguishable from one another. Their work is the same, their pay is the same, they belong to the same unions, they share the same advantages and the same gripes. It is true that the vast majority continues to live separate lives after work. On the job, however, they are getting to know each other, to accept each other as human beings with all the human qualities and frailties."



Can Peace Come to Palestine?

All eyes are on Jordan where a civil war has been raging that apparently dwarfs in casualties Vietnam or any other troubled spot for a similar length of time. The basic issue is whether or not the guerillas (extremely hostile to Israel) shall control the kingdom of Jordan. A battered palm tree pictured against time-scarred, thirsty hills just west of the Jordan river helps us to visualize, as we pray for peace, the rugged situation in the Middle East that threatens military intervention and may call for divine intervention. Let us pray now that God will work in the hearts of men to establish a just peace not only in Jordan but throughout the Middle East.