

The Sabbath Recorder

The Sabbath as a Memorial

When God had finished the creation of the heavens and the earth, He instituted the Sabbath to commemorate that infinite work. This is plainly taught in Genesis 2, 3, and Exodus 20:8-10. Yet it is said that when He raised His Son from the dead He determined that the Sabbath should thenceforth commemorate that event, and changed the institution from the day on which He rested from His creative work to the day on which He raised Christ. But nothing of this kind is stated in the Bible.

To show the absurdity of this view, I will suppose that, instead of ordaining an institution to commemorate His creative work, He had set up a literal monument for that purpose. This, the heavens and the earth being finished, God erected a monument with the following inscription: "In six days God created the heavens and the earth, and rested on the seventh. This monument was erected to commemorate that work." However, when the Father raised His Son from the dead, He thought it good to make an addition to the words upon this monument and under the original inscription He placed a second which reads thus: "God raised His Son from the dead on the first day of the week. This monument was erected to commemorate that event."

This illustrates the case of those who say that the Sabbath commemorates the creation of the world and the resurrection of Christ. But whoever reads the two inscriptions on the same monument will say that one of them is a falsehood, for they contradict each other. It would not be difficult to determine that the untruth is in the second inscription.

Others think to remedy this difficulty

by the statement that He removed the original inscription and then engraved the second. This does not avoid the falsehood, it only hides it. Thoughtful men will say, "This monument was not erected to commemorate the resurrection of Christ, for it had been standing 4,000 years when He was raised from the dead."

If the Great Architect lacked materials He might have demolished the original monument and used its stones to erect another, and on it He would have written the second inscription. This is what many assert that He did.

In that case He declares the first event no longer worthy to be commemorated, and the original monument no longer worthy to exist. This is to say that the creation of the heavens and the earth is no longer worthy of commemoration and the sabbatic institution no longer worthy to be hallowed.

The resurrection of Christ is worthy of a divine memorial; but it is not necessary to inscribe a falsehood upon the memorial of creation nor yet to destroy that memorial in order to secure a memorial of Christ's resurrection. Baptism commemorates His death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-6; Col. 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21) while the Sabbath remains the memorial of Creation.

—Ralph Hays

With all our education, our theology, our fine buildings, and our image of the church, the church is winning less people to Christ than our unschooled forefathers did. No longer is the church a fisher of men, but keeper of the aquarium.

—R. W. Culpepper

"THANK YOU, LORD"



"GIVE US DAY BY DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

—LUKE 11:3

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Encouraging Thankfulness

We ought to encourage each other to thankfulness, for if we do not we are likely to fall short in one of the most rewarding of the Christian graces. We like to think that is the most natural thing to be thankful for services rendered or blessings freely received. Down inside we know it is not as natural and spontaneous as it ought to be; it is a grace that only grows by cultivation.

When Jesus was here on earth meeting all kinds of human need in miraculous ways, He met a group of ten lepers who lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." He sent them to show themselves to the priest. As they went they realized that they had been cleansed of the dread disease. They could return to society and would no longer have to stand afar off crying "Unclean, unclean." They had experienced the great blessing they hardly dared to ask for. Were they thankful? We must assume that they intended to be, but of the ten only one actually returned to give thanks. Jesus asked, "Where are the nine?" and observed, "There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger" (Luke 17:18). It is to our shame that strangers to the gospel (like that Samaritan) are sometimes more thoughtful in giving thanks than we who have recognized continual blessings. If this be so, we need to encourage thankfulness, especially as our national Thanksgiving Day again approaches.

All corporate worship and all public praying, about which there is so much in the Bible, include strong elements of praise and thanksgiving. Whenever we turn our thoughts toward God we just have to express thanks before we ask for more favors. God is good and all the good we enjoy comes from God. How is it then that we so often forget to praise God for His love toward us and for the answers to such prayers as mentioned above, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us"?

Let us look at another passage of Scripture that is usually considered apart from the Thanksgiving holiday. In First Corinthians 14 the Apostle Paul was giving instructions about speaking in unknown tongues. In the middle of that

passage we find the words, "For verily thou givest thanks well." What a wonderful thing if that could be said of all of us. But those words do not stand alone. There is more to giving thanks than speaking ecstatic words of praise which give the speaker a feeling of well-being in the presence of God. Paul tells such people that they must not be content with this subjective experience which doesn't help anyone else. Giving thanks well must also include the edification of our brethren, says the Word.

The Scripture calls for a right attitude toward God. It may call at times for that welling up of thankfulness described in the experience mentioned above. But the Bible encourages giving thanks together for our mutual upbuilding. In First Corinthians 14 the emphasis is not on speaking in tongues but on edifying the church: "For thou givest thanks well, but the other is not edified." Paul goes on to say, "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."

How much we have for which to be thankful. Let us practice putting this thanksgiving into audible, understandable words in the congregation. Thus we can encourage one another.

The Walls Come Down

It is hard to keep up the changes in society and in church life. There are some prophets or analysts who tell us we must be prepared for another change that is definitely on the way. We must accommodate our thinking and our church activity to a changing complexion in suburbia. We have just become accustomed to those walls we have built around the inner city to identify it as the prime place for Christian mission or to keep it from spreading out into the white suburbs. These walls, they tell us, are tumbling down.

According to the 1970 census there is a sharp increase in the proportion of the black population in suburbia. Not only so, but in a number of metropolitan

areas over one-half of the persons below the poverty line live in suburban communities. Thus the sharp distinction between the poor of the inner city and the middle income group that supposedly moved out is vanishing. Does this mean that there is a return to the city of people who can afford the better housing now available or does it mean that the standard of living is not so different in the center from the standard in the outskirts? These questions may not be fully answered yet.

Some of the church planners are predicting that the suburban church will be coming into its own because of this shift of population. Instead of being criticized for fleeing the city church members will find that they have just as important a work to do where they are and that the suburban church may indeed come into a place of real influence and service. It is expected that the regulations still barring Negroes and the poor from certain suburban communities will come under sharp attack from the federal government and that restrictive zoning laws will be done away with.

Much of this is as it should be. White Americans had no business trying to isolate themselves from the rest of the population in the first place. It had to be a temporary separation. The people of America of all ethnic and racial backgrounds really desire and can hope for equality of opportunity. As they achieve it they must live together as one people and more and more work together for the good of all.

Churches must lead the way in promoting true brotherhood. Not all churches will be equally mixed as to color and national background, but they must not only be open to all but provide a place of service to all and by all. The Italians, the Puerto Ricans, and the blacks when converted want a place to serve. The suburban churches as well as the inner city churches provide such a place. The day of concentration into national and color enclaves is about to end. Let's get with these changes and make our churches models of racial and international harmony in Christ.

Kicking Bad Habits

The first National Conference on Smoking and Health was recently held in San Diego with more than 350 physicians, educators, government officials, and others in attendance. The conference at its first session heard the report of a four-year study showing that 10.2 million Americans have quit cigarettes since 1966 as a result of the proof that smoking is related to cancer, heart trouble, and many other life-shortening diseases. This statistical report was acclaimed as the best news in the anti-cigarette drive since the first cancer scare seventeen years ago.

It was pointed out by Dr. Charles M. Fletcher, a British researcher, that a thirty-five-year-old man who smokes fifteen cigarettes a day forfeits fifteen minutes of his life for every cigarette smoked. "If you want to die ten years before your time," he said, "cigarette smoking is an easy way to do it."

We can rejoice that doctors and government officials are taking up the battle sword raised in previous generations by Christian pastors and the WCTU, which they had wielded with feeble arm. No mention is made of ministers being part of the San Diego Conference on Smoking and Health. Perhaps it is because they are not experts on health or are not in a position to initiate or implement the growing government regulations on cigarette advertising. God forbid that it is an indication that ministers in general are not believed to be concerned about habits that shorten the lives of their people and remove the distinctions between those who live for Christ and those who live for fleeting pleasure.

Good health must always be one of the goals of a Christian. The person who is in Christ is fortified against the despair that comes to some whose health is poor or who suffer accidents. He has no right to inflict himself with bad habits that compromise his witness and shorten his years of service. To be a Christian is to live above the world and to seek to win the world to that higher life. What a shame it would be to the Christian re-

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

- 1) The adult and youth baptismal classes in our oldest church, at Ashaway, R. I.
- 2) The midweek and other Bible study sessions at some distance from our newest church at Seattle, Wash.
- 3) The earnest young men in the Nashville, Tenn., area who are looking toward full-time service among us.
- 4) The new nonresident members in Texas, Florida, and other states who want to be of service.
- 5) A greater feeling of thanksgiving for the special blessings that have been experienced.

ligion if church members did not lead the way in giving up bad habits and persuading others to do so.

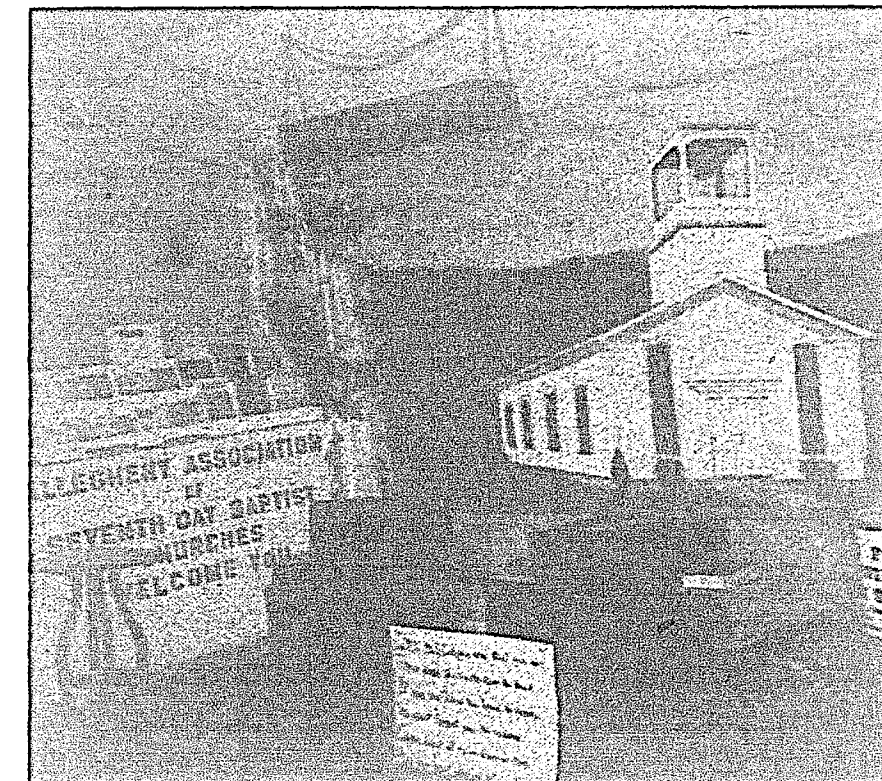
Smoking is not the worst evil that be-sets the present generation, but it is one of the evils, and we need to take a stand personally and publicly against it. Some leaders may feel ashamed to talk against cigarettes now that it has become popular to do so. True, there is more virtue in being prophetic when it is unpopular, but it is better to get into the fight late than not at all. We are concerned for people, not ourselves. If we love people we will try to help them.

No one has to look far to find striking examples of the joy and good health that come to friends who have kicked the smoking habit. We had a neighbor with a hacking cough and constant poor health. His car smelled like an ash tray. Two years ago he gave up cigarettes. He has lost his cough and has joy in living. Though past retirement age, he now works every day and likes it. It is another illustration of what God can do to restore the proper function of organs seemingly damaged beyond repair by our foolish indulgence. Let us give God a chance, not just to cure, but to keep.

Another Fair Booth

A story has come from western New York about a literature project at the Allegheny County Fair at Angelica, N. Y., during the month of July. It was sponsored by the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches with Ruth Bucher as chairman of the Fair Committee.

Mrs. Bucher has supplied a description of the booth and pictures, one of



which is reproduced here. The space occupied was 11.5 by 6 feet. Across the back was a canvas painting of a typical rural church. On one side wall was the welcoming sign, above which was a rack displaying the tracts offered. People were encouraged to come into the booth to select literature, to sit down, to leave their names or to watch the Show 'n Tell program that was presented by SCSC team members at certain times for children. A New Testament was given each day to the person whose name was drawn from the box that can be seen at the right.

The committee in charge borrowed a salescaster to have something to catch attention. The committee purchased suitable type reading, "The Seventh Day Is the Sabbath of the Lord Thy God—Remember To Keep It Holy." The constantly moving message in green lights attracted much attention. Mrs. Bucher remarks that it would be well for the denomination or associations to own this

November Is Brazil Month

In this year of Worldwide Witness the Brazil Conference is in the spotlight in all of our American churches on one Sabbath of November. We are fortunate to have received a major article in time for this issue from Leo Floyd, who with his family is now residing in Curitiba and assisting in the work of the churches. Mr. Floyd and his wife speak the language. He is supported by retirement pay from the U. S. Army. Attention is called to this informative article and particularly to the last paragraphs dealing with Seventh Day Baptist work and plans in Brazil.

type of equipment for use in fair booths.

The booth was not manned at all times this year—as in the past. It was felt that some people would feel more free to come in and take what they wanted if they were sure they would not be pressured by attendants. A cardboard invitation bore these words:

"Come in, sit down and rest yourself; Then read our tracts upon the shelf. If you are much too young to read, We won't forget you, no indeed! Come back at six, or four, or two And see what lies in store for you."

Plans are being made to enlarge upon the outreach to children next year. It is also suggested that the association could well sponsor a booth at the Potter County (Pa.) Fair, which is in the vicinity of the Hebron church. Consideration is also being given to setting up a booth at the Erie County Fair at Hamburg, which is not too distant, "when finances and interest permit."

The Hornell paper carried an article on the Allegheny County Fair which stated that one of the most attractive and inviting booths was one sponsored by the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptists. This encouraging unsolicited comment was helpful publicity.

The grand essentials to happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.—Anonymous

Allow God To Work in You

Looking back over the last year's Christian Education columns in the *Sabbath Recorder*, you new Christian Education secretary offers great thanksgiving to his predecessor, Rex Zwiebel, who brought such a vital variety of subjects and persons into our view as Seventh Day Baptists. I would sincerely express my thanks to God for the service which Secretary Zwiebel provided through his "page" in the *Recorder*. I would invite you to continue contributing from your experiences in Christian Education by reporting on significant events and emphases, by inquiring about problems you are having, by seeking the advice of others. We will be glad to try sharing in a helpful way in the field of educating toward full Christian maturity.

We are very glad to know that enough persons persuaded "Pastor Rex" to send in his "valedictory" sermon at Allegheny Association last month so that the *Sabbath Recorder* will soon publish it. Our inspiration in sharing this message as an associational congregation was great. I pray that you will "Allow God To Work in You" in your Christian Education program, even as Pastor Rex challenged the Allegheny group.

I repeat his "allow God to work" because we do need to permit God to work in the talents we individually have. Christ, the way, the truth and the life, both teaches our minds and minds our teachings. He is concerned, He minds how we speak—even "off the cuff" on the street, on the ball field.

In a very real sense then this executive secretary feels on behalf of the denomination the benediction of Rex Zwiebel's "valedictory" sermon to our association. He and his family have meant much to us. As a leader, but also as a Christian gentleman, he has brought through his specialized vocation a great deal of the mind and power of Christ. In this vocation, I pray that I may be a real follower of his leader—Jesus Christ.

Tract Board Looks Ahead

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society looked over the work of the summer and planned for the future at the quarterly meeting held Sunday afternoon, October 18, in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J. In addition to fourteen continuing members and one consultant, there were four new members and two visitors present. Three of the standing committees, Publications, Audio-Visual, and Supervisory, met in the morning, and there were discussions of board work following lunch.

The corresponding secretary reported on the work of his office, noting that over 17,000 tracts had been sent out and that correspondence had been increasing. Later the board authorized the purchase of dictating equipment to increase the efficiency of the secretary-editor's office. The closing paragraph of the secretary's report follows:

The general work of the board for the coming year is challenging by its opportunities and its difficulties. We are operating on a very close budget and called upon to do many things involving much time and money. The committee work and individual work of members is highly important. We have been asked to help with the Washington project, with materials for Year V for "Facing Frontiers with Faith," with sponsoring printing for the 300th anniversary year, with rendering all the service possible through the Publishing House, with continuing help in printing literature in other languages, with extension of our audio-visual services and with more aggressive Sabbath promotion. We see much ahead but need to pray for greater vision of work that could be done with our resources, in cooperation with the other boards and agencies.

The Committee on Publications, which

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"The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (I Peter 1:24b, 25).

had held two meetings, reported progress on a number of projects. The reprinting of another Sabbath tract besides those already on order was authorized and arrangements were made to purchase or to print other literature for denominational use. The treasurer noted that the Publications Committee had overspent its budget by helping with the cost of the new Sabbath book. Sales of the book, which have so far yielded \$584 may eventually pay back the advance. In the meantime, the committee expects to continue to meet tract publication and other needs, although the budget is temporarily out of balance.

The Committee on Audio and Visual Services reported on the public address and tape recording service rendered at General Conference and the plans for the future. The filmstrip library service carried on by the secretary's office had more calls than usual. It was voted to increase the current budget of this committee by \$250 to help meet the cost of producing sixteen copies of new filmstrips each month to implement the denominational Worldwide Witness emphasis of Year V of "Facing Frontiers with Faith."

Plans for Sabbath Rally Day next May were announced by the Sabbath Promotion Committee as being well under way, with assignments already made. The theme is to be "Responsible Sabbathkeeping — a Sign of Maturity."

One of the high points of the board meeting was the announcement of committee assignments as worked out by the president in consultation with the Executive Committee. New members and some of the consultants were assigned to working committees. Most of the chairmen remain the same, the exception being the elevation of John L. Harris to the head of the Advisory Committee in place of Owen Probasco, who continues as a member. The address of Mr. Harris, given so that people who wish to write about editor-secretary matters, is 24 Canterbury Drive, Pennsville, N. J. 08070. There were a number of changes made in the list of consultant members, the number remaining at ten.

One of the final actions of the two-

and-a-half hour meeting was the annual consideration of the editorship of the *Sabbath Recorder*. The Rev. Leon M. Maltby, without dissenting vote, was asked to serve the board in this capacity for another year.

The board agreed to work on preparing a series of five Sabbath lessons for use in Sabbath Schools in 1973 as part of a program sponsored by the Planning Committee.

Steps were taken toward appointing representatives to talk with leaders of another Sabbathkeeping denomination about Sabbath observance and promotion.

Preparing for the Ministry

More than half of the United Methodist theological students responding to a survey of the Church's Board of Education cited the pastor as the most influential factor in their decisions to enter the ministry. Of the 2,408 students surveyed from 55 theological schools, 54 percent were preparing for the pastoral ministry, 12 percent planned to teach, 5 percent to be chaplains, 2 percent to work in Christian Education, and 9 percent to work in combinations of these. Some 12 percent were undecided. Aside from pastors, other influences (in descending order of importance) included: youth organization participation, youth camp experience, a college professor, a friend, mother, a serious religious doubt, an instantaneous religious experience, father, a campus minister, a church - school teacher, a moral crisis, a short-term ministry, and others.

Sixty-eight percent of the students said they had considered the ministry as a possible vocation by the time they had completed high school, although the definite decision was made by 43 percent of students during the college years. More than one-third had made the decision by the end of high school, and slightly less than a third made it between fifteen and nineteen years of age.

—editorial, *the Christian MINISTRY*, Nov. 1970.

Contributed by Rex Zwiebel, dean of the Center for Ministerial Education

Brazil Today

By Leo L. Floyd



Brazil is a giant larger than the continental U. S. plus another Texas. Its present population is approaching 100 million people very rapidly. It is the only Portuguese-speaking nation in the western hemisphere. Brazil is experiencing growing pains of grand proportions along with the many problems that arise under such conditions. But, despite these problems, Brazil is taking giant steps towards becoming the greatest nation in Latin America and one of the great nations of the world.

Economically, Brazil is growing faster than one could imagine. Its industrial output is increasing dramatically each year. Its cities are continuing their growth at rates unbelievable. This is especially true in Brazil's two largest cities, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, which are increasing in both size and population. Other Brazilian cities throughout the country are experiencing this great prosperity. New sections of the country are arising out of decades of slumber to become a part of the overall awakening of this great giant of the South. The Northeast, for many years the poor man of Brazil which has suffered under dry spells and periodic drenching rains that bring floods and a greater shortage of housing and necessary food, is beginning to arise from its past to take a part in Brazil's overall economic awakening. The Brazilian government has been carrying out many programs in this area that are now beginning to take effect.

The government is now concentrating on the Amazon area and the country's great Northwest. Manaus, an inland port which can be reached by ocean liners sailing up the great Amazon River, has been declared a free port by the Brazilian government. In addition, the government

initiated a "National Integration Campaign" recently to develop this region and also to resolve the problem of population migration from the northeast of the country to the southern states. With this objective in mind, the government has commenced the construction of the "trans-Amazonic road," uniting the city of Recife, in the northeast, with the Territory of Acre, in the extreme west. The road will pass near the city of Manaus, which also serves as the capital of the state of Amazonas. This road will be approximately 4,000 kilometers in length and is to be constructed by the initial pioneers who are to colonize the area, building a city every 100 kilometers. It is expected that this building project will be completed by the end of 1972. These activities have initiated the beginning of what is expected to be the eventual development of this vast area.

With the building of Brasilia, Brazil's new capital, the central western part of the country has opened up and is experiencing new progress which has come with the building of roads and the resulting influx of people into the area. The southern part of Brazil, including the huge industrial complex that makes up the state of Sao Paulo, has also continued its progress with giant strides being made in many areas.

This does not mean that all has been easy for the Brazilian or his country. The average Brazilian is much better off today than he was ten years ago. The worker has made great strides, and the government has initiated many progressive programs to assist him. In spite of this, there is still hunger here, not enough jobs to meet the increasing demand caused by a growing population, many children suffering from malnutrition because of oversized families, and a shortage of schools.

The government is endeavoring to meet these problems by building schools, encouraging the development of new industries, building low cost housing, distribut-

ing food where needed, and assisting the poor through various assistance programs. Many of the projects mentioned here are being undertaken with funds granted under various programs of the U. S. government, international financing agencies, and U. S. church organizations. Improvement is needed in the area of population control. Family counseling, if adequately carried out, would help to reduce the vast population growth of this country.

Politically the country has made a great deal of progress under its present government. The military is still very active in governing the country, but civilianization of the government is making progress and slowly becoming a reality. Most important federal and state offices (such as state governors and mayors of state capitals and strategically located cities) are still occupied by government appointees (mostly civilians). These officials are nominated by the government who submits their names to the respective legislative bodies for approval. The legislative branches of the government (Congress, state and city legislatures) are in turn popularly elected from the candidates nominated for elective office by the two existing political parties in the country: ARENA (the government party) and MDB (the opposition party).

This system appears to be working very well here in Brazil and the average Brazilian seems to be satisfied with it. The overall political stability established by this system is a contributing factor to Brazil's present growth, allowing the government to concentrate on meeting the country's massive needs rather than political problems.

Brazil has been experiencing some political unrest with terrorist groups causing concern in various areas. These terrorists, along with many of their friends in foreign countries, have been attempting to embarrass the present government and endeavoring to turn the Brazilian people against it. These discontented groups have also endeavored to raise popular opinion in many foreign countries, especially in Europe, against

Brazil through various newspaper and magazine articles written by their sympathizers in these countries. Most of these groups are leftist oriented though there may be a few misguided individuals in their midst who are not aware of the true intentions of these organizations. In spite of the activities of these various groups, Brazil seems to be suffering no ill effects from them.

In the religious sector of the country, there is a great change under way. Brazil has been for centuries a great Catholic country. To a certain extent this is still true today. But, Protestant churches in general are making tremendous strides. All churches are free to preach their particular message throughout Brazil with no hindrance from the government. You may go into any public park on any given weekend and you will hear the gospel being proclaimed. It is possible to turn on the radio almost any time of the day and somewhere there will be a gospel program on the air. Non-Catholic church groups are growing rapidly, with Baptists, Pentecostal groups, Adventists, Lutherans, and Jehovah's Witnesses in the lead. Consequently, new churches are being constructed throughout Brazil.

Seventh Day Baptists in Brazil are benefiting from this phenomenal awakening to the preaching of the gospel. Though small in size, they are presently entering into areas previously unreached by their special message. Seventh Day Baptist churches are located primarily in the four southern states with headquarters in Curitiba, Parana. New churches and groups have been established outside of this general area in the middle eastern section (the city of Juiz de Fora, State of Minas Gerais), and the northeastern area (the city of Natal, State of Rio Grande do Norte). In Natal there is a church located in the city itself with a small group located in the suburban area. In addition to these new areas of endeavor, groups have been raised in the southern states with a rather large group having been established in Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul.

The Brazilian Conference will meet in

its biennial session this coming January. Some ideas and possible projects being considered are: possible conference re-organization, establishment of a Tract Society or printing shop of sorts, and plans to increase the evangelistic outreach of Seventh Day Baptists in Brazil.

Brazil today is wide open to the preaching of the gospel and in particular the Sabbath message. This has been proven by the phenomenal growth of Seventh-day Adventists in this country. Seventh Day Baptists in Brazil have been hindered in the past partly from their lack of funds and a small organization. But they are aware of their message, their need to bring this message to this giant of the South, and are endeavoring to accomplish this task, confident that the Lord will bless and increase their efforts.

Brazil Pictures

A new church has been established at Natal, Brazil. Pictures arrived too late for inclusion in this issue. Watch next week for one or more news pictures of this new group.

I. S. C. F.

The Larger Fellowship in Jamaica

For over ten years there has been an Inter-School Christian Fellowship meeting at Crandall High School, Kingston. The I.S.C.F. is, in the West Indies, the secondary school equivalent of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship found on the campuses of major universities around the world. It draws Christians together, brings fellowship, training, spiritual insight, and offers a place where the gospel can be presented to fellow students by their peers.

Most of the secondary schools in Jamaica have such groups and there is a staff worker to aid and coordinate inter-group meetings, summer camps, retreats, etc. Miss Grace McKenzie is the present staff worker in Jamaica. Two others work in the eastern Caribbean, residing at Barbados and Trinidad.

Their monthly prayer letter ties interested people together in knowing

about the work and soliciting their daily prayer support. From the October issue we discover that Miss McKenzie was the speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the I.S.C.F. on the sixth. The chairman of their committee is Marva Jennings of the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church and Mrs. Olga Bennett, a Seventh Day Baptist teacher at Crandall, is the sponsor of the group.

Sam Peters, in his third year at Jamaica Theological Seminary, is also involved in this witness. Since his return from Guyana, where he worked in his home church this summer, he has been meeting with the Christian students at Wentworth High in Kingston seeking to help them establish a regular group.

Another Seventh Day Baptist is also active. Ronald Smith, who graduated from Crandall High School last July is sponsor of the I.S.C.F. group at Vauxhall Junior secondary school. He is the son of Bro. Lloyd Smith, assistant pastor of the Mountain View church and has been active in gospel witness with the Gospel Heralds quartet for several years.

In past years other Seventh Day Baptists have been active as sponsors and leaders in Inter-Varsity in the West Indies. Let us now join with the many hundreds who receive and use the prayer letter in prayerful support of those mentioned above, as well as for the total Inter-School and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in the West Indies.

Reduced Clergy Fares

Railroads will continue to offer reduced fares to clergy during the year 1971, it is announced by the Clergy Bureau of Eastern Railroads, now including those in the New England states.

Reduction in railroad passenger fares have been available for years to ordained and licensed ministers, missionaries, theological students and many other categories of religious workers who obtain a certification coupon book from the railroad bureau.

Applications for the 1971 clergy certificate books are now being accepted at Eastern Clergy Bureau, Two Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 500, New York, N. Y. 10001.

Travel Experiences of Edward Barrar

Most of the travel experiences we hear about in magazines like this deal with the journeys made by Americans to the far countries of the world. Perhaps this is because there are more Americans who are able to take long tours. It is refreshingly different to hear what a minister from New Zealand thinks about a round-the-world trip as he meets people of like faith in many countries. Word has come from the Rev. Edward Barrar of some of his experiences on a trip that was primarily an ocean voyage of several months on the Italian ship Angelina Laura which took him to America, Europe, and Israel and back to New Zealand.

Mr. Barrar spent more time in England than in America. He made contact with the Mill Yard church and became quite interested in its future. He was impressed with the need for a building they could call their own and encouraged them with a gift for that purpose. He notes that there are close restrictions on sending money out of New Zealand. Since he had not used all the money his tour permit allowed him to take out of the country, he was able to send the gift after returning home. Getting permits has become harder, he notes. Christchurch has consistently sent funds to Malawi for twenty years but now is limited in the amount that can be sent.

While in England the minister offered to conduct a month-long mission for the Mill Yard church. They could not hold such meetings in their rented place of worship in the Upper Holloway Baptist Church and could not advertise in a way that would attract visitors. He notes that in New Zealand having their own church building in Christchurch enables them to keep going, since quite a few visitors find the place. Mr. Barrar suggests that the Mill Yard church could have much more outreach if they had help from outside the country in securing a church building.

Mr. Barrar had a personally conducted 1,000-mile tour of Israel from a base in Haifa. He expressed regret that he was

unable to be at Jerusalem on the Sabbath and fill a speaking engagement in a Sabbathkeeping church in South Jerusalem.

An unusual opportunity of Christian service came on the long voyage back to New Zealand. He was asked to conduct the Protestant services on the Angelina Laura. We quote his letter: "Being Italian it was, in the main, a Catholic ship with a paid priest so I was not hopeful of very many attending the services. Nevertheless, there were about eighty the first service and they let us use the cinema as the chapel was too small. The second service the cinema was about full and downstairs about 200. I was very busy with inquiries the night before we arrived in Australia. I was seeing people until after midnight. I am sorry we have no established churches in Australia to make contact for those who had no church connections. I have just written to four people who attended the services.

"It was hard work but a very nice experience."

New Bible Sabbath Quarterly

In New Zealand there is a Bible Sabbath Association which considers itself a branch of the United States organization that publishes the *Sabbath Sentinel* and other Sabbath literature. The New Zealand Association has been in existence at Auckland for some time but has recently been reorganized to do more effective work. The story of that reorganization and a copy of the first issue of *The Bible Sabbath Quarterly* have just come to the American Sabbath Tract Society at Plainfield, N. J., Mr. J. S. Ireland, secretary of the association, depends on our Tract Society for some of the material used in the new publication.

The *Bible Sabbath Quarterly* is modest in appearance but ambitious in purpose. It has a printed cover and sixteen single column pages of mimeographed material. We quote from the introductory paragraph: "It is not our intention for this journal to be an exact copy of the *Sabbath Sentinel*, the monthly magazine is-

sued by the B.S.A. in the United States. *The Sentinel* deals wholly with articles and items concerning the Sabbath and the law of God and as such is truly an excellent paper. We will be dealing with these subjects in Sections 1 and 2 of each issue of the quarterly, but a glance at the list of contents will show that we have been challenged to go even further and provide items and articles that will be of interest to an even wider field of readers."

In other words, the editor, Mr. Ireland, wants it to be both a Sabbath promotion quarterly and a general purpose magazine that will appeal to non-Sabbathkeepers and perhaps to those who make no profession of being Christians—quite ambitious for a small quarterly.

The first issue, just received, was dated July 1. It contained news of Sabbathkeeping workers in India and Nigeria as an added feature. The New Zealand Association in the past has attempted to aid some of this work but now feels it must concentrate its limited resources on its own country.

The officers of the association elected at the reorganization in June are: president, S. Stone, Taita, Wellington; vice-president, R. Rambling, Hamilton; secretary-organizer, J. S. Ireland, Auckland; executive committee, Pastor A. Atkin, J. S. Ireland, D. Cossil, Mrs. F. S. Johnson, and Mrs. M. Gilberd.

Theology of Religious Education

In his inaugural address as dean of the School of Religious Education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ernest J. Loessner who was also recently elected president of the Eastern Religious Education Association, also stressed the need for the minister of religious education to "see himself first as a minister, and secondly as an educator."

"The minister of education needs to see himself as a theologian just as the pastor needs to see himself as a teacher," Loessner said. "The educational minister needs to know more than methodology; he must know the whole gospel in depth if he is to be an expert in helping laymen to communicate it.

Recall Genesis Commentary

Southern Baptists may not have used good judgment at their 1970 Denver Convention when they voted to ask the Sunday School Board to recall and rewrite the Genesis volume of the Broadman Bible Commentary to emphasize the conservative viewpoint. The action did prove, however, that the Convention is still democratic and that the delegates do not meekly follow the leadership of the boards when they think an important issue is at stake.

Shortly after the Convention Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board, called the editorial workers together and advised them to reexamine the lesson materials they were preparing for 1971. He remarked:

"Whatever else may be said, the Denver convention was a significant demonstration of the fact that within our constituency there is a sizable group of persons who are expressing unhappiness with some of the things they have been finding in our curriculum publications."

Colson summarized his appeal this way: "It is of the utmost importance, in all planning, writing and editing of program and curriculum materials, for us to see to it that prominent emphasis is given to the great evangelical realities of our common Baptist faith, and to make sure that these realities are presented clearly, unequivocally, unapologetically, and with genuine spiritual compassion and warmth."

"We must continue our efforts to be sound in scholarship, thus maintaining our intellectual integrity; but let us avoid like the plague that purely detached and indifferent intellectualism which has lost the warmth of love" he declared.

He had this suggestion: "Whenever we present a nontraditional view—and we should never go out of our way to do so—let us be sure that we give due recognition to the traditional view as well. We must never make light of it."

"We must never shut any reader up in a corner as if we were trying to make him feel that the untraditional view is the only possible option for an intelligent mind."

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Vatican Wealth

C. Stanley Lowell and Martin A. Larson have worked together on a book that exposes the wealth of the Vatican. A disclaimer of such riches was made by Pope Paul VI in the July 12 issue of *L'Osservatore Romano*. Mr. Lowell comments:

"The statement of Pope Paul VI that the Vatican has assets of a mere \$128 million and that the church is really quite poor, are interesting in view of the Pope's recent statement that the church must 'have the appearance of poverty.' It is understandable that the Roman Catholic Church would like to present an image of poverty, especially in these days of economic and social ferment. Unfortunately, despite the studied suppression of financial data which characterizes the policy of this church, its assets are simply too vast to remain hidden."

He goes on to note that the Vatican denial of wealth makes no mention of the assets of the 539 Roman Catholic orders in the United States which, though unreported, aggregate over \$11.2 billion. Total wealth of the Catholic church in the United States is said to exceed \$80 billion.

Mr. Lowell calls upon the Catholic Church to make public its vast holdings and let its own people know how much of their contributions go to the Vatican. He further suggests that if our President must have a fact-gathering representative in Rome, he might well ask Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge to obtain factual data on the wealth of the Vatican, which has so far been obscured by the Roman Curia.

Avoid Religious Division

American society is being increasingly polarized as leaders of one large church seek tax support for church schools. This is unfortunate because it draws churches into political controversy and politicians into a religious controversy

As pro-parochial groups have been working to defeat legislators who have defended public education and religious

freedom, so now concerned citizens and groups are organizing as never before to insure the election of men sensitive to the overwhelming popular opposition to parochial registered in opinion polls and referenda.

At this time when Americans need to be brought together, it is tragic that certain churchmen are in the political arena advocating legislation which cannot fail to disrupt our communities, undermine our great system of nondiscriminatory public schools, erode religious liberty, and drag government into intrachurch and interchurch controversies.

—Glenn L. Archer

Baptist Leader Resigns

The Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Tuller has announced his resignation as general secretary of the American Baptist Convention to become minister of the American Church in Paris, France. His resignation becomes effective December 31.

The American Church in Paris is the oldest and the first American church to be established on foreign soil. Established in 1814, it is the oldest non-governmental American institution abroad. It is interdenominational with more than a score of denominations represented in the membership. The church ministers to 350 families consisting of students, artists, members of the diplomatic corps, American citizens visiting Paris, and other English-speaking persons.

Dr. Tuller is well known among Seventh Day Baptist leaders.

As general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Tuller has been the chief administrative officer of the 1.5-million member denomination since 1959. Probably his greatest contribution was a friendly, personal, sincere honesty and openness that made him a popular speaker and counselor among the 6,200 American Baptist churches located in forty-six states throughout the country.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 21, 1970

TRAINING FOR SERVICE

Mark 1:16-20; Ephesians 4:11-16

Ex-president of Brazil Makes Profession of Faith

The Evangelical Confederation of Brazil confirmed to an enquiring pastor the news that Brazil's ex-president Juscelino Kubitchek and his wife have made a confession of faith. No further details were given other than that their decision was through a Pentecostal church.

Kubitchek is the founder of the capital city, Brasilia, and strategist of nationwide road expansion and auto industry development. He was ousted from power following the 1964 revolution.

—World Vision

Most Visible Church

Word comes of a Baptist church in Malaga, Spain, that may be called the most visible Baptist church in the country. Why? Because this 200-year-old structure, acquired and remodeled, has a 50-foot high cross (lighted on meeting nights) and faces a wide riverbed. Protestant churches have not previously been allowed much identification.

There is something else that sets this church apart from most others. It has eighty members and no inactive people on its roll. Attendance is larger than membership. It also has two more tithers than members — a visible church.

A Meeting at Charleston

On Sabbath, September 17, there was a meeting of Seventh Day Baptists in the Charleston, West Virginia, area. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pinder, 2 Miller Lane, Nitro, W. Va. The Sabbath School was taught by John Bevis of Salem, and the worship service was conducted by the Rev. Leslie Welch of Berea with the Rev. Paul Green of Salem bringing the sermon.

It is planned that future meetings will be held on a monthly basis with the West Virginia churches providing the initial leadership. Anyone knowing of interested persons in the Charleston area is invited to contact either Mrs. Pinder or the Rev. Paul Green in Salem.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PAINT ROCK, ALA.— Correspondence from Paint Rock tells that Clifford Beebe, retired pastor serving the church, plans to spend some time in Florida soon. It is quite likely that he will have eye surgery while there.

It is anticipated that on one of the Sabbaths that Mr. Beebe is away Edward Martin, a student living at Colledge-dale, Tenn., will bring the morning message. Edward, not yet a member of the church, hopes to prepare for full-time service.

Services were held at Sand Mountain, Ga., on October 24, with baptism of two of the children of Paul Beebe. Sabbath services are held regularly now with a class of seven children, it is reported.

HEBRON, PA.— Pastor Harold King led in devotions at the annual Crandall Hill Old Home Day which was held at the Community Hall on September 13.

Services were held in the hall during the painting of the church interior and the tiling of the ceiling in the sanctuary.

The Sabbath that Pastor and Mrs. King attended the Youth Retreat at Camp Harley Sutton, a film, "Sights and Sounds of Jamaica," was shown at the hall. Our "tickets" came by mail and "airline hostesses" served a lunch of cookies and juice.

The night of the Grange Harvest Supper, October 10, the W.S.S.S. put on a bazaar upstairs in the community building. We especially wish to thank those ladies of the community who furnished for our bazaar, even though they are not members of this church.

Quarterly business meeting was held at the church Sunday night, October 11. Plans were discussed for installing new steps and railing to the church front.

Hebron Church hosted Allegheny Semiannual Association Sabbath Day, October 17. The Rev. Rex Zwiebel, whose first pastorate was this church, gave the morning message, "Brought into Eternal Life." The association provided junior church in the hall in the morning, and this church furnished a nursery in

the parsonage next door. At dinner, Hebron church honored the Zwiebels with flowers and special table-setting. We wish them much happiness and success in their new home and work (at Plainfield, N. J.).

The Sabbath School elected Georgiana Snyder its new superintendent and Walter Snyder secretary and treasurer.

In October, W.S.S.S. met with its president, Evelyn Hauber, with Rachel Kenyon presenting the program. Thelma Stearns will host the November meeting and Kathryn Thompson will have the program.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

—Correspondent

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Our annual planning session began with an inspiring candlelight Communion on Sabbath Eve, September 11. While we sat at tables in a circle, Pastor Herbert Saunders read a service prepared by his father, the Rev. Francis Saunders, in which a narrative of Jesus' life was interspersed with hymn singing. The sermon Sabbath morning stressed discipline, dedication, and demonstration of our faith by the consecration of personal gifts. We must *admit* our sins, *submit* to God, *commit* our lives, and *transmit* God's love, said the pastor.

After a fellowship dinner a brainstorming session was held, followed by a presentation of FAD (faith-in-action dialogue) by General Secretary Alton Wheeler. A light supper served by the young adults was followed by an evening of fun and fellowship led by Pastor Saunders.

The service committees met Sunday morning to make their plans, after which dinner was served at the church by the Fellowship Committee. The final planning session in the afternoon included committee reports and recommendations and arranging the church calendar for 1970-1971. Closing devotions were led by Assistant Pastor Alan Crouch.

September 19 was Christian Social Ac-

tion Sabbath. The Rev. Alton Wheeler read from James 2 and delivered a sermon on "The Gospel According to Jesus." He stressed Jesus' concern with our meeting other people's needs, both material and spiritual. In the social action section of Sabbath School and in the meeting that followed the covered-dish dinner, Secretary Wheeler led the discussion on our involvement in specific projects.

Many of our church members have been greatly stimulated and blessed by the witnessing program, "Pass It On," conducted by the Rev. Mynor Soper and sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, October 13-25. An average of twenty-two attended the five evening sessions on The Cleansed Life, The Spirit-Filled Life, Walking in the Spirit, How To Love, Witnessing in the Spirit. On the first Sabbath afternoon, after a fellowship dinner, fourteen of the group went out by twos to witness, using the Campus Crusade booklet, "The Four Spiritual Laws." Several of those visited prayed to received Christ.

The next Sabbath eve Mr. Soper introduced the Campus Crusade Bible Study Plan, using the book, "The Christian and the Holy Spirit," which will be studied on succeeding Sabbath eves. We pray that our church may grow both spiritually and numerically as an outcome of the Rev. and Mrs. Soper's inspiring work among us.

At the business meeting October 11 it was voted to make use of our church building for a community tutoring program for disadvantaged children. A number of teachers and students from Hart-ridge School and some of our own members are tutoring in our church during the week.

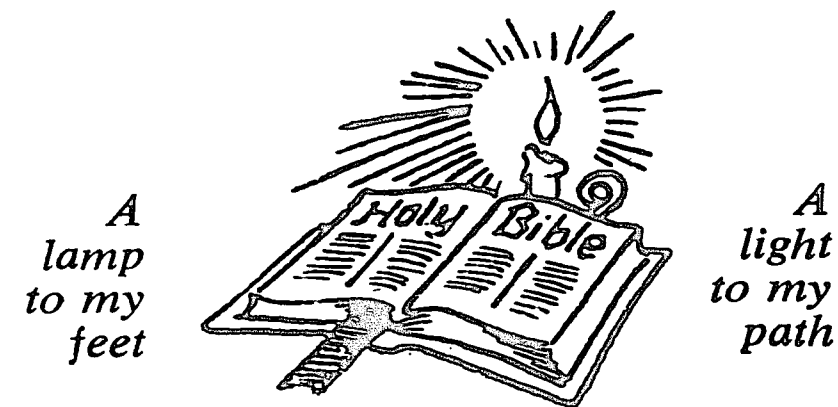
It was also voted to start construction of a pastor's study in the front alcove of the Sabbath School room, using volunteer labor. A master plan for improvements in the church property, as presented by the Rev. Albert Rogers, was accepted as a guideline for the future.

—Correspondent

The Sabbath Recorder

BIBLE READING GUIDE FOR 1970

TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS



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.

SOCIAL CONCERN

- Dec. 6—Among the Hebrews — Leviticus 19:9-18
Dec. 7—Among the Hebrews — Neh. 5:11-13; Isa. 58:6-7
Dec. 8—Evidenced — Matthew 25:31-40
Dec. 9—Personal Response to — Eph. 4:28-32; Rom. 12:13
Dec. 10—For All Men — Gal. 6:7-10; 2 Cor. 9:6-9
Dec. 11—Evidence of Faith — James 2:1-18
Dec. 12—For the Weak — Romans 15:1; Gal. 5:14-18, 22-24

USE OF GIFTS

- Dec. 13—In Building the Tabernacle — Exodus 36:1-8
Dec. 14—In the Church — Romans 12:4-9
Dec. 15—Differences in — 1 Corinthians 12:1-31
Dec. 16—Doers — James 1:16-27
Dec. 17—In Proportion to — 1 Peter 4:8-11
Dec. 18—Diligence — Matthew 25:14-29
Dec. 19—Tested — 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Psa. 62:12

INCARNATION OF CHRIST

- Dec. 20—Prophesied — Gen. 3:15; Deut. 18:15-18
Dec. 21—Prophesied — Isaiah 9:6-7; 7:14-16
Dec. 22—Angels to Mary — Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 23—Word Became Flesh — John 1:1-5, 9-18
Dec. 24—Birth of Christ — Matthew 1:18-2:12
Dec. 25—Birth of Christ — Luke 2:1-21
Dec. 26—Miscellaneous Passages — Gal. 4:4-5; Phil. 2:7-8; Heb. 2:1, 17-18; 1 John 4:2-3

CONSECRATION

- Dec. 27—Prayer of — Psalm 51
Dec. 28—Requires Sacrifice — Matt. 13:44-46; Phil. 3:7-8
Dec. 29—Prayer for — Romans 12:1-3
Dec. 30—Instruction in — Romans 6:11-18
Dec. 31—Asked of Peter — John 21:15-22

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- Jan. 1—Reward for Consecration — Matthew 19:27-30
Jan. 2—Christ's Assurance to Christians — John, chapter 14

The Do-Nothings and the Do-Gooders

When areas of human need become popularized the response of two kinds of people can be characterized with shame or folly, according to an editorial in the *Watchman-Examiner*.

We quote a portion:

To the "do-nothings" — those who pass by on the other side of human need — we say "shame." To the "do-gooders" — to those who stifle responsibility with handouts — we say "folly." It was part and parcel of the first commission God gave man that he have "dominion" over the earth, that he "subdue" it. In modern parlance, this means "work." If the "do-gooders" would put as much time and effort into developing employment opportunities as they do now in politicking for the dole and if the "do-nothings" would become alive to human need, it is just possible that the American dream could be fulfilled for future generations as it has for the past.



American Bible Society Photo

Week-Day Bible Study Group

Busy business executives gather each Thursday noon at North Reformed Church, Newark, where the minister, the Rev. Dr. Howard G. Hageman, gives Bible instruction for thirty-five minutes while class members listen and eat a sandwich lunch. Women also are members of class and attend regularly.