

The Sabbath Recorder

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FROM HIM!

By
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To ask the question, "Why missions?" is to ask the question, "Why the Church?" We who make up the body of Christ on earth are the same who have received our commission from Him, and there is really no other reason for our existence as a church, let alone our commitment to Him.

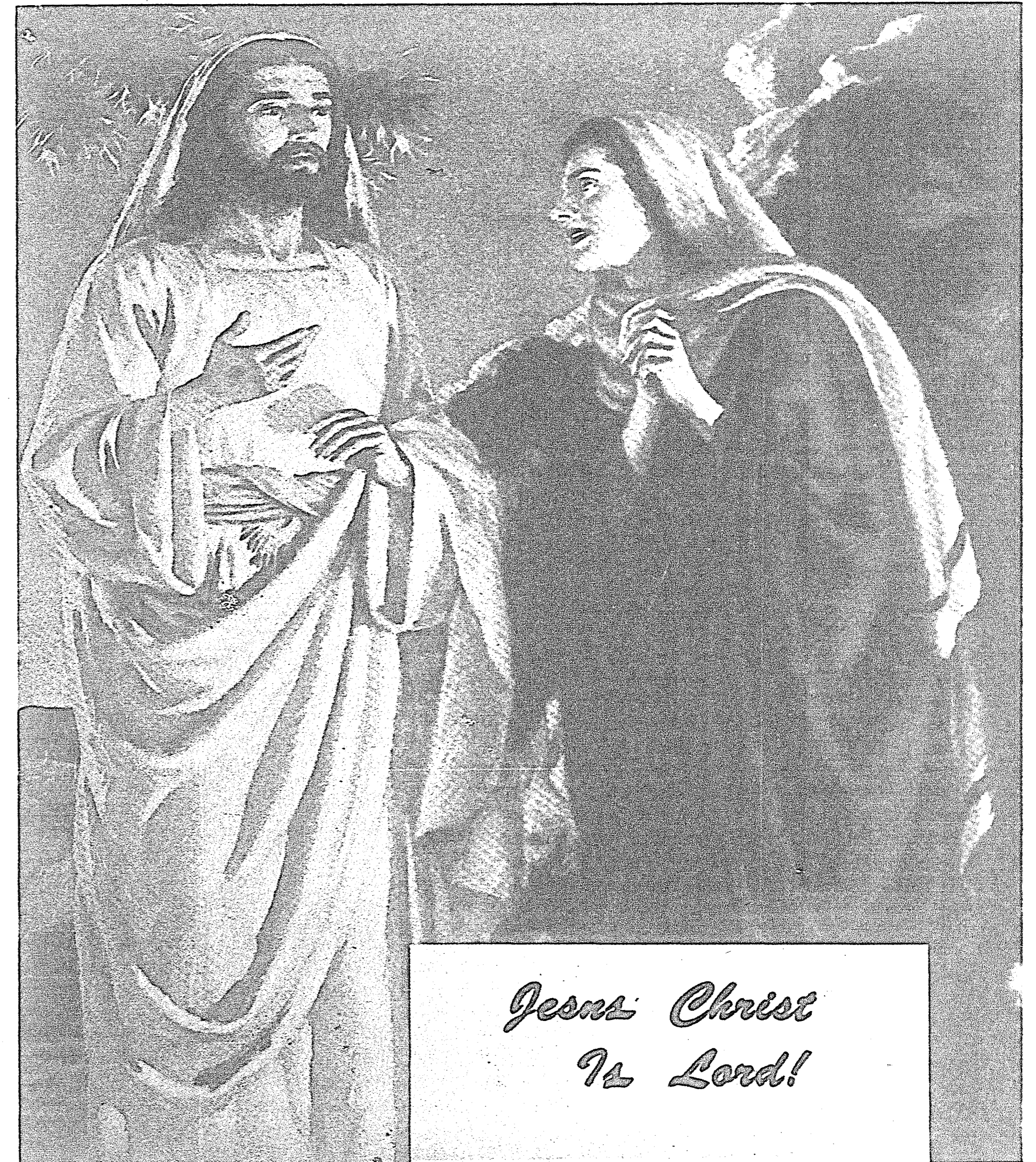
It is from Him that we receive our instructions: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." The order is imperative; the message is plain. There is no place too remote nor any people insignificant in the eyes of our Great Commissioner. The message is simple so the uneducated can understand and receive; yet profound so as to challenge the sage. In tender love it reaches out to embrace the city sophisticate as well as the uncivilized native in his far away place. It pleads within the palace; it searches in the slum; and always the message is one and the same: "Whoever will may come." To every person who will answer, it extends the word of redemption: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

It is from Him that we receive our

power: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," He said. It is with this assurance of power that the mission of the Church extends itself to the uttermost parts of the earth, and it is in the fulness of this power that souls are won to Christ. The Church expresses with Paul, her pioneer missionary: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes," and she rejoices with Her Lord over every lost sheep restored to the fold.

It is from Him that we receive the ability to comprehend the far-reaching boundaries of our mission: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." From the threshold of her comfortable cottage the Church begins her far reaching program, extending farther and farther according to the dedication of her members, and through the hands and feet of called-out men and women; into the streets of her teeming cities; into new and exciting places, through doors opened by the power of divine intervention; out into the most inaccessible places of the earth. Everywhere her men of mission go forth to save and to serve.

It is from Him that we receive companionship wherever we go to serve: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The Church's mission is no solitary effort, but is indeed the "hand in hand" ministry of Christ and His own. The work is of His own ordaining; the servant is of His own choosing; the fruit is of His own harvest; and the glory is to His name.



*Jesus Christ
Is Lord!*

Conference Publicity

The Tourist Attractions of New England

General Conference 1971 will be held in an area of Massachusetts in "old" New England that abounds in attractions of both natural beauty and historic significance. This is not to be a detailed listing of those points of interest, as such an article would fill many more pages than are available. The broader outlines of the attractions to be enjoyed in the Amherst area can be covered with reasonable brevity, however, and these include some of the oldest landmarks in our American heritage as well as the most notable scenery in the world.

Surrounding Amherst as far as you would want to drive in a day you will find true Colonial America, and beginning at Boston, the hub, as the cradle of liberty with all its significant historic points, you can satisfy every tourist dream. Boston's seamy side and tradition-encrusted institutions contrast with gleaming skyscrapers and ultramodern plants.

North about an hour's drive in Rindge, N. H., you come to the famous Cathedral of the Pines. Farther north, just as far as you care or dare to go, you will find the scenic White Mountains and such famous spots as the Old Man of the Mountain, the Mt. Washington Cog Railroad, world famous ski slopes, and literally hundreds of sparkling lakes. To the west, Vermont's Green Mountains and rolling lands are another sightseer's paradise.

Rolling southward into Rhode Island the historically famous, and, for Seventh Day Baptists, a memorial to their origins, is Newport. Much more will be heard of Newport during Conference week itself, but all who tour New England this summer are urged to visit the Hopkinton-Westerly section, see the churches there, enjoy the smoothest bathing beaches in the East, and take proper recognition of "Providence Plantations" as founded by Roger Williams.

Back to Amherst and the campus of the University of Massachusetts. It is to

MEMORY TEXT

"O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isa. 25:1).

be hoped that all delegates are doing their touring and sightseeing before or after Conference week. However, the Berkshires, Deerfield, and the campus itself present close-at-hand sights enough to satisfy the average wanderer.

Delegates driving to Amherst from the west will be treated to some of the most pleasant natural beauty in the world, and that's not just a Chamber of Commerce boast. The quickest way, as always, is to take the Massachusetts Turnpike to Springfield, turn north on I-91 to Northampton, then east on Route 9 and you can't miss. It is recommended that you allow a little extra time and enjoy the "shunpiking" routes on which you'll discover a more normal or native atmosphere and be able to get closer to the natural wonders that the pike rockets you past so swiftly.

Once in Amherst, follow the signs to the University of Massachusetts. Then follow the signs to the Campus Center, drive in, park, and register. Sounds simple, and it is. More detailed instructions for registration, parking, dormitory facilities, and the like will be published by the host committee as they become available, but with facilities such as Amherst provides at our disposal, Conference will be doubly profitable.

—Loren G. Osborn

Sing It

On the cover of the February 20 issue we printed an original poem by Eva Millar of Battle Creek entitled, "We Worship Thee." One of our readers wrote that these verses could be sung to the tune of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." As a matter of fact, the poem in slightly different form was sung at Battle Creek by the choir with another arrangement. Mrs. Millar has written a number of hymns that have been much appreciated.

Chaplains Work in Vietnam

By Leonard T. Melton, (Maj.) ChC.*

Greetings in our Savior's name from Vietnam.

Although separated from my wife and family again, this has been a very wonderful tour of service. It is amazing how the Lord works!



Vietnam chaplains (L - R) Leonard Melton and Nicholas Waytowich

Chaplain Nicholas Waytowich, the Catholic priest, and I are responsible for the religious welfare of all the artillerymen in the southern half of the I Corps area. We have men on top of approximately twenty-four mountains (this varies because the guns are moved from place to place as they are needed for specific jobs), and with the help of helicopters like the one beside which we are standing in the picture we try to hit all of them at least once each two weeks.

We are known as the "circuit riding

* Chaplain Melton, former student pastor of the Metairie, La., Seventh Day Baptist Church, and well acquainted with many of our churches, chose the Army chaplaincy as his ministry. He is now on his second tour of duty in Vietnam, serving with Division Artillery, 23 Inf. Div.

chaplains" and the OH6A helicopter is our "horse." We average from twelve to sixteen services each week. Whenever we get to a "fire base" all unessential work stops for "church" no matter what day of the week it might be. During the month of December I had forty-two services and in January I held fifty-one.

In addition to the work we do with the soldiers, we also do all we can to help the local Vietnamese pastors in their churches. We often receive packages of clothing, etc., from interested groups "back home" for them. We help them by teaching English courses in their schools and helping to provide for their orphans and families in refugee centers. (All the churches have groups of Christians living around them who have to leave their homes in the rural areas to escape the ravages of the Viet Cong.)

The Vietnamese Christians are very devout, and their Christianity really means much to them. The ministers, especially, have a price on their heads by the Viet Cong, yet they continue to visit, work and ride the roads on their motor bikes, to do God's will and to minister to the needs of their congregation. It is really a blessing to see them in action and to be able to help them.

I will be leaving here on 3 August, the Lord willing. However, I fear that there will be at least a few of our men here for many years to come. We ask for your prayers and compassion for any of your men who happen to be in this area. Also we request that you ask God to lead each of us to do our best to do His Will in a field that is really "white unto harvest."

Ashamed

"The only time we need to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ is when we are not living it," said evangelist James Weston who a year ago was a Black Panther in San Francisco. He then believed that real liberation came through a gun.

Young People's Outing

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 24), being a holiday in Jamaica, it was selected as the day for the all-island Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Young People's League outing. This year we met at Maiden Hall. This seemed a most appropriate place since we are working towards making Maiden Hall an improved denominational site for all such gatherings and for camps, retreats, etc.

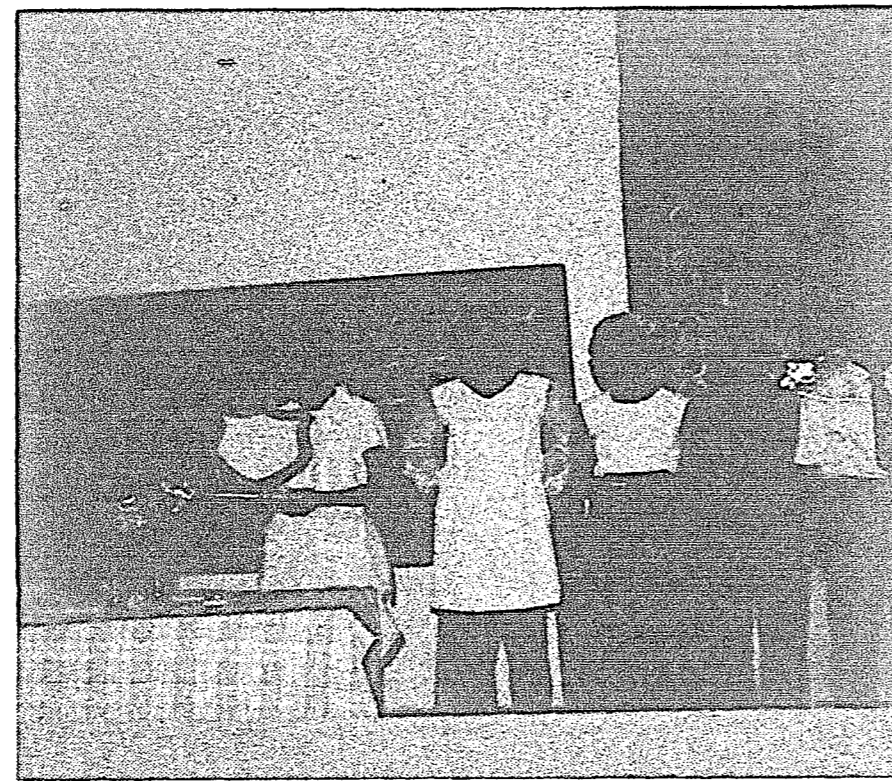
It was a beautiful day — no rain, for which we were most thankful. There had been showers the day before and I presume the day after, since St. Mary can scarcely ever be labeled dry. There were young people there from eleven of our churches. All together we numbered more than 250. You can just imagine our joy at such a response to the publicity sent out by the Executive Committee.

Other years we have had competitive sports as the programme. This year we decided to have games during the first part of the day and then to bring us all together in the afternoon for a rally. It could be that this change was what made the invitation so attractive. Each youth fellowship was asked to send in two items for the programme. The response was even better than we had dreamed possible. And the items were received far enough ahead of time so that programmes could be mimeographed. There were items from the Wakefield Moving Brothers, the Albion Mountain United Brothers, the Blue Mountain Glory Dancers, the Mountain View Gospel Heralds, and many individual selections and recitations.

Pastor J. Roberts, our senior advisor from Tydixon, was the chairman for the programme. He introduced each number in his own special way. It was a most interesting time for us all.

Too, this was the time for the ingathering of the funds from our *Tag Day Drive* which was our project for the months of December and January. The Albion Mountain Church won the Maxwell Howell shield as the church collecting the largest amount — \$99. Kingston, Higgin Town and Blue Mountain came

second, third and fourth, respectively. They were awarded cups. Also, prizes were given to the four young people who turned in the most in their cans. Three of these went to Albion Mountain — to Selvin Campbell, Egbert Riley and Hurley Taylor; the fourth was claimed by Donald Robinson of Blue Mountain. The presentations were made by the president of the league, Mrs. Joyce V. Samuels.



Sister Joyce Samuels presenting awards to representatives of the winning churches. Claudia Taylor receiving the first prize award. To her left are Isolyn Smith, Gloria Samuels, Melbourne Dixon, and Selvin Campbell.

Our young people are really on the "move." With over \$300 collected from our Tag Day (and there are still small amounts out) and from the responses of our friends overseas we are really launching out to make Maiden Hall the ideal place for the special activities of Seventh Day Baptists on the island. We would express through the *Sabbath Recorder* our appreciation for the generous gifts sent to us for this project. Perhaps many of you will visit us during the coming years. We would be quite happy to see you and would be sure that you visited Maiden Hall.

—(Miss) Prudence Robinson
Secretary of the League

Dignity is one thing that can't be preserved in alcohol.—Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N.J.) Citizen

Ordination Service

A very impressive and well-attended ordination service was held at the Higgin Town Church on Sunday, February 14, 1971, for their pastor, Vincent R. Smith, and wife.

The Examining Council met at 10:00 a.m. and Pastor Joe A. Samuels was elected moderator and Sister M. Taylor of Albion Mountain elected clerk. A good cross-section representation from five of the six Circuits along with four ministers: Lyons, Black, Thompson and Samuels; the newly-appointed pastors: J. Roberts and E. Williams (A. Chambers was ill); representatives of the Ministerial Council; Deacon W. N. Crandall and L/Pastor N. W. Harley; delegates and visitors—altogether the council was comprised of some fifty members. The meeting opened with a season of prayer after which Pastor Smith gave his statement of belief and Christian experience.

After more than two and a half hours of interrogation of the candidate and his wife, the council voted "yes" for his ordination.

Over 300 attended the ordination service held at 3:30 in the afternoon with Pastor A. A. Black presiding. The sermon was preached by Pastor Joe Samuels. Pastor N. B. Thompson gave the charge to the church and welcomed the candidate to the ministry. It was indeed a well spent day and a spirit-filled experience.

The 1971 sessions of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference will be held, Tuesday, July 20 to Sunday, 25, at the Bowensville Church, St. Mary.

—Taken from March 1971 *Corresponding Secretary's Circular*, Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

Beliefs Must Conform

If a man's beliefs do not conform with the truth as given to us in the Scriptures, he is on extremely dangerous ground. One may be absolutely sure the ice on the pond is firm enough to hold him, but he would be wise to ascertain what is actually so before venturing out on it—or the outcome may be disastrous! It is only when our beliefs conform with the truth that we may step forward with confidence.

—Howard B. Rand

SDBWF

Being a Host

The meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, August 4-8, 1971, at Westerly, R. I., is a beginning of a new venture. Growing out of the CoWoCo meetings in Salem, W. Va., in 1964, the SDBWF has existed on paper and offered new insights, communications and relationships since 1965 when the new constitution was ratified. But this is the first meeting.

We anticipate representatives from most of the eleven overseas member conferences and groups. There may be observers from others. These, our guests, are all invited to attend the sessions of the SDB General Conference (USA) at Amherst, Mass., August 9-14. It is planned that they will have a part on the program, and delegates to Conference will have opportunity to meet and talk with them personally.

Would you be a "host" to one of their representatives? While we encourage you to give a designated gift to "71 Session" to help meet the costs of the World Federation session, we would also invite you to become a "host" to an individual at the Conference — by giving the estimated \$60 necessary to meet his expenses. We hope that such "hosts" can be present and able to know their guest personally. But this may not be necessary. It may be that employment, health, responsibilities, or other reasons make it impossible for you to attend. But you could give \$60 and still be "host" to one of the visiting brethren. And this person can know you as his "host" and at least communicate by letter.

Not too many can find this important role. Only so many are coming to be "guests." So, send your gift today through your church and OWM treasurer marked clearly — "I wish to be the host at General Conference for one of the World Federation representatives" — and enclose your gift. If unable to give the full amount why not ask a friend to join you and "host" one together?

EARTH WALK

And looking up on Jesus as He walked, (John the Baptist) saith, Behold the Lamb of God! (John 1:36).

For the third time two men have walked on the moon. Though it still seems almost incredible, it is a fact of history. Who can fail to extol God, who has endowed man with the genius and courage to accomplish such an amazing feat? The moon walks would not have been possible apart from enormous expenditures of scientific perception, dedicated application to the task, scrupulous care, plus time and money. In the latest instance, for example, months, even years, were devoted to devising the equipment and plotting an orbital flight with such precision that, after nine days and over half a million miles, the spacecraft would splash down in the ocean on target within fifteen seconds of the preconceived plan. Wonderful indeed!

Far more wonderful is the historical fact that God once walked on the earth. That He should do so was determined even before there was an earth (1 Pet. 1:20). The cost to God the Father was infinite — the gift of His Son. The timing was precise—"when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son" (Gal. 4:4). He who walked on earth as God was Jesus, the eternal Son. When John the Baptist saw Him, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God" (Jn. 1:36). Peter, who walked with Jesus, exclaimed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16)! Even to His enemies, as well as to a blind man whom He healed, Jesus declared, "I am the Son of God" (John 10:36; cp. 9:35-38).

The purpose of the moon walks was, as one newscaster expressed it, "to unlock the secrets of the origin of the moon and perhaps the origin of the universe." The purpose of God's walk on earth was so that He who was the source of all creation, including the moon (Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:16), might seek and save that which was lost (Lk. 19:10).

"Behold the Lamb of God!"

1. Behold Him in His purity. The Son of God who walked this earth was per-

fect in holiness and righteousness. Because He was the God-man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Mt. 1:18, 20, 23), He did not inherit a sinful nature like other men (cp. Ps. 51:5). As a man He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). He could ask some who opposed Him, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" (Jn. 8:46), without one of them being able to accuse Him. Scripture attests that He was "holy, harmless, undefiled, (and) separate from sinners" (Heb. 7:26), and that He "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet. 2:22). As God's sacrificial Lamb He was "without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet. 1:19). Sin could not touch Him, for He "knew no sin" (2 Cor. 5:21). A demon who possessed a man cried out to the Lord Jesus, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God?" (Mk. 5:7). And Simon Peter, overwhelmed by the power and holiness of Jesus, exclaimed, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Lk. 5:8)!

2. Behold Him in His compassion. Nine times in the Synoptic Gospels the compassion of the Lord Jesus is mentioned. He had compassion on the multitudes because (a) there were sick among them, so He healed them (Mt. 14:14); (b) they were hungry, so He fed them (Mt. 15:32); and (c) they were like sheep without a shepherd, so He taught them (Mk. 6:34). He had compassion on a grieving widow whose son had died, and He raised the young man from the dead (Lk. 7:13). He had compassion on a leper, and He healed him (Mk. 1:41). He had compassion on two blind men, and he restored their sight (Mt. 20:34). Above all, His compassion went out to sinful and hopeless humanity, and He died for them. When God walked on earth in the Person of His Son, He did not come to be served by men but to be of service to them. There could be

no greater compassion than He showed when, because He loved mankind so completely, He gave His life as a ransom for them (Mk. 10:45).

3. Behold Him in His power. The power of the Son of God on earth was limitless. He is called "the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). The Father gave Him power over all flesh, in order that He might give eternal life (Jn. 17:2). Even greater than His power to alleviate physical infirmities was His power to forgive sins (Mt. 9:6). Those who saw Him "were all amazed at the mighty power of God" (Lk. 9:43). The words that He spoke were "with power" (Lk. 4:32). His enemies could not have crucified Him had He not permitted it; for, said He, "No man taketh (my life) from me . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (Jn. 10:18). Because He was the Son of God with power, He was raised from the grave (Rom. 1:4). He ascended into heaven and is now seated at God's right hand with power (Lk. 22:69). All power has been given to Him (Mt. 28:18), and He has given that power to us who believe in Him (Acts 1:8; cp. Eph. 1:17-19; 2 Cor. 4:6-7).

"God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (1 Tim. 3:16). God walked on the earth.

—E. Schuyler English, from *The Pilgrim*

Pastor Promotes Recorder

Enclosed in this bulletin is a flyer describing *Sabbath Recorder* Day. Your pastor has been associated with the publication of our denominational weekly long enough to appreciate the effort that goes into it and the difficulties involved in providing a magazine for so small a constituency. Our *Sabbath Recorder* provides one of the major ties that bind us together as a people, widely scattered as we are. It deserves our support. If it is not in your home now, subscribe. When it is in your home, read.

—North Loup Church Bulletin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Soc. David S. Clarko

Special Sabbath School Aid for 300th Year

Several months ago ministerial students at our Center for Ministerial Education created a tool for celebrating our 300th anniversary. Clifford Bond, Alan Crouch, Russell Johnson and Dale Rood wrote biographical studies of eleven Seventh Day Baptists which have been edited for publication by Duane Davis for presentation as a "special *Helping Hand*" issue. Titled "Pioneering in Christian Life," the series is dated for the April-June quarter but is highly appropriate for Sabbath School or other group-use *anytime* during this 300th anniversary year.

"Some of these people studied were individuals who courageously changed their own opinions and convictions through serious study of the Scriptures. Others were followers of the patterns learned in early youth who went on to make outstanding contributions in their leadership, and still others may not have been so striking in their time, but contributed in their way to the cause of God. All of them sensed God's call to life for Christ through the truths of the Ten Commandments including the seventh day Sabbath of the Lord." Thus states the Introduction to the issue. It concludes by saying: "The purpose of this unit of Sabbath School lessons may be defined as: to help us appreciate the lives of a few Seventh Day Baptists who pioneered in various ways in the past three hundred years, to gain lessons from their successes and failures, and to be better motivated in our time for service in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ."

Along with the studies of these pioneers in Christian living, there are Biblical studies related to the issues involved in the pioneering work. Daily readings published in this issue follow the uniform series used by standard helps, and are

Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education will hold its regular quarterly business meeting April 25, 1971, at 2:00 p.m. in the Alfred S.D.B. Parish House.

specially appropriate as that series deals with prophets before Christ.

Find a time in your group for use of this study and discussion guide. Find a place in your personal life for review of the high qualities of Christian living which these men and women achieved for Christ's sake.

If you do not have available a copy of the *Helping Hand* for April-June 1971, write to the American Sabbath Tract Society, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061, or to the Board of Christian Education.

—C. Robert Stohr, vocational secretary

Ministers Conference Preparations

Churches' plans to send their ministers to Battle Creek, April 28-May 4, should be developing just as plans for the program develop in relations between the ministers and the Board of Christian Education. Bible studies of the prophets, role-playing scenarios for applying the prophets' messages to today's world, discussion procedures for professional sharing of Christian ventures in mission — these and many other items are developing well as April 28 approaches.

Dr. Samuel Kidd of the Michigan Council of Churches has indicated that his presentations will focus around the following titles: Christianity and the World Mission, Ecumenism—Confrontation or Cooperation, The Congregation—A Christian Community. As we've mentioned earlier, his experience in exploring congregations-in-mission in several countries of the world promises to make this encounter a very stimulating pastoral experience.

Ministers and churches are going to find very helpful the generosity of the Battle Creek women in providing meals at practically no cost to conferees. The hosting of ministers in Battle Creek homes will provide an excellent opportunity to share Christian experiences and faith. The adequate facilities of the church will be used in a variety of group dynamics known to older and younger ministers under different names. Host Pastor Kenneth Davis and his able special committee are working to provide for a rich sharing time. Our special thanks

go to Mrs. Herbert Bennett, Mrs. Milburn Jones, and "Pastor Ken."

Churches are urged to plan for the absence of their pastor over the Sabbath of May 1 when Ministers Conference will be in session. Of course, Battle Creek (and White Cloud will be included) will be flooded with preachers!

Ministers can register any time after 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28. The conference will close after the evening session Tuesday, May 4. A graduated fee will help level out costs for ministers different distances.

Alcohol Education Among Youth Y. T. E. Week

"The Choice Is Yours" is a 24-minute movie (16mm.) recommended for Junior and Senior Highs and would be especially appropriate for use during Youth Temperance Education Week, April 18-24, 1971. Many state governors have endorsed this week for social reasons, and Seventh Day Baptist youth ought to promote that social progress which is based on temperate life styles. "The Choice Is Yours" is but one of several resources available from state or national W.C.T.U. offices. (Natl.-1730 Chicago Ave. Evanston, Ill. 60201)

WCTU also has "Ceiling Unlimited" for Junior Highs, "Danger — Drinking Drivers!" and "He Ran a Race" as new listings in filmstrips which rent for \$1.50 plus postage. The movie above rents for only \$3.00 plus 25 cents postage.

"The \$50,000 Habit" is a two-part film presentation available on free loan from the Board of Christian Education. "He Went Straight Home" is a youth temperance film in the Tract Society's A-V library.

If not April 18-24 then later our youth are urged to include a well-documented discussion (rap-session, I meant to say) on life-styles that keep the person free from drugs like alcohol.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 17, 1971

PIONEERING IN FAITH

Lesson Scripture: Heb. 11:6-10, 32-38

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Hong Kong Engineer Heads BWA Men's Department

By Britt Towery, Hong Kong



David Y. K. Wong, a structural engineer who helped build the famed Burma Road during World War II, is the new chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

His election as the first Asian to head the men's work of the

BWA is a well-earned recognition of this unassuming, yet energetic small-statured man whose middle name could well be "Enthusiasm."

David Wong had scarcely returned to Hong Kong from his election at the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo before he wrote letters to men's leaders around the world proposing programs of action in the full gamut of Christian service.

Mr. Wong's enthusiasm for lay involvement in proclamation of the gospel reached a peak at the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism in Singapore in 1968.

Always an active Christian, Mr. Wong was, after Singapore 1968, a new man with a new vision. Aside from the demands of his professional life, he organized laymen in Hong Kong to go in teams to the Philippines, Macao, Malaysia, and Singapore, preaching and sharing what Christ had meant to them.

David Wong was born January 10, 1910, in the city of Wuchow, Kwangsi Province, China. His great-grandmother was one of the first women in China to give full time to visitation, prayer, and church work—a pioneer in the work of today's Bible Women. His grandfather was a Baptist preacher and his father was a medical doctor. He was educated at Canton high school in China, and at Redlands University and California Institute of Technology in the United States.

David Wong is giving more of his time to the training of lay leadership. His

London Church News

The Rev. James McGeachy, long time pastor of the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, the oldest of all our churches, is now retired and living some distance away in the country where it is hoped his wife's health will improve. A recent letter tells of a weekend spent in London as guest of one of the Jamaica members and of the meetings held. He was writing just after the long postal strike that cut off all incoming and outgoing mail for so long.

The postal situation was very much on the minds of the church people, prompting the retired pastor to preach on the postal systems of Old and New Testament times compared with the present. Hezekiah sent a post to the ten tribes inviting them to the Passover (2 Chron. 30:5-13). The news of the capture of Babylon came to the king by post (Jer. 51:28-33). The greatest letters ever sent were those of the apostles to the churches, the pastor noted. Some of them, like Philemon, were quite personal. At a time when no letters could be posted in England the duty and privilege of writing letters to parents and to others should be remembered. Paul did not send important letters through the Roman postal system but entrusted them to faithful messengers. They reached their destination and were preserved for our study as letters from heaven explaining the gospel to us.

On the same weekend there was a British Conference Committee meeting at Herne Hill to lay plans for the Conference to be held July 24 and 25. There were reports of missionary work done by Ella Anderson at Lewisham. Open air meetings have been held on Sunday afternoons at Brixton. Pastor Peat has been distributing Spanish tracts at Lambeth Hospital where he works. A baptismal service was scheduled at Holloway on March 20. Other baptisms were expected later.

belief is that the "future of Baptists and any real advance will depend upon how concerned and dedicated the laymen are."

Overflow Giving By Edgar F. Wheeler

Out of the overflow of his faith in Jesus Christ the Christian must give for the witness and work of the gospel. A common reaction to this statement will likely be: "That is the trouble with the church's ministry and missions. Professing believers give themselves and share what they have only after they have what they need and want for themselves. Then there is little or nothing to give."

True enough where professing Christians have a "poverty mentality" in regard to faith in God's grace. True enough where there is a small concept of the greatness and richness of the gospel, and therefore no deep commitment of life to Jesus Christ. There cannot be any experience of the richness of His grace until there is at least enough faith to open the heart to Jesus Christ. The smaller one's view of the gospel and his commitment to it, the less likely it is that there will be sufficient resources—spiritual, physical or material — to share. Gospel witness and missions will go begging in such a case because there is no overflow.

But Jesus assured us that God through Him offers spiritual blessings that are continuous and of a volume that overflows beyond individual needs. He declared of His gospel: "The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with living water, and give him eternal life 'Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will pour out from his heart'" (John 4:14; 7:38 TEV).

Jesus refutes the very common assumption that the Christian must from a dearth of faith and blessing eke out a little bit to share with others. He emphasizes that because the gospel is of God it has divine and immeasurable dimensions that will overflow the believer's life. He stresses the fact that there is a living vitality in the spiritual resources that He gives that is constantly replenished and in no danger of ever being exhausted by liberal use. Therefore Christians should not try to hoard the spiritual things God has given, but should instead be generous and outgoing in the con-

fidence that they are connected with an endless supply.

The contrast has been drawn many times between the Sea of Galilee with its fresh, life-supporting water and the Dead Sea with its sterile, brackish water. The explanation is very simple, as both bodies receive water from the same source, the Lebanon mountains. The Sea of Galilee has an inlet at one end and an outlet at the other, so that its water is flowing on out and being constantly replaced with fresh water. The Dead Sea is the dead end of the Jordan River. It simply receives its water and holds it until the sun evaporates it, leaving all the minerals to accumulate. The Sea of Galilee does not run dry because it has an outlet. It keeps fresh! The Dead Sea with no outlet does not gain in volume, but is actually diminishing through evaporation. If we will by faith be generous with our gospel and its blessings, we will constantly have more because our comprehension and capacity will grow. If we are too possessive, we will shrink in our ability to know its greatness for ourselves.

The surrendered believer in Jesus Christ will find that his life is filled to overflowing with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It will be filled with excitement, purpose and blessing. He will find himself with a spontaneous desire to share his faith and a concern for the world needing salvation. He will find that he is becoming rich with the inner awareness of sharing divine blessings and purposes. He finds himself refreshed and strengthened as he gives out his faith and contributes to the mission of Christ.

A teen-aged peer who effectively shared the gospel with me gave this wise advice: "Thank God for His salvation and share your Savior daily, if you want to keep strong in faith." His correctness has been repeatedly verified, not only by faithful adherence, but through discovering the poverty of spirit resulting from disregard to the principle of sharing faith.

Another friend remarked a few years ago on financial giving: "When you give for the work of Christ, you can't spend yourself poor." That statement has been well substantiated, too.

Let go of that fearful feeling that God's

gift of the gospel is barely enough to get you by. Open your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ who freely gave Himself for you. Have a BIG faith in a BIG Savior. Expect that He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20). By its very nature, the gospel of Jesus Christ is an overflowing power, beyond the capacity of one human heart or many to contain.

Give in personal witness; give to the church and its ministry; give to missions, and do it generously. Give of the overflow of your faith. Missions will not go begging when our giving is from this overflow.

"Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will pour out of his heart" (John 7:38 TEV).

Sabbath Renewal Day 1971

(Part of the material for Sabbath Renewal Day, formerly Sabbath Rally Day, sponsored by the Sabbath Promotion Committee of the Tract Board, is prepared by the Board of Christian Education. The following article is by Secretary David S. Clarke.)

High School Class Discussion (Rap) Suggestions: (based on Saunders' *Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation*) Bible Study for Class: Study John 1 and Hebrews 1-4 in the light of the chart on p. 75, to gain perspective on how the Sabbath can help bring the light of Jesus' way to help meet the world with re-creative forces.

Read pp. 54-64 in *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation* which is part of a chapter on "creation and re-creation" dealing with the relation of the Sabbath to time, space and God.

The encounters of Pastor Saunders with A. H. Lewis, Rabbi Heschel and A. J. C. Bond are lively reading for a small group. A closer reading right in class time of these dialogs might prove helpful. Pages 54 and 55 show the author lifting important thoughts from A. H. Lewis' writings; pages 57 and 59 bring Saunders and Heschel together for stimulating talk; and again on page 64 the witty rabbi is encountered.

Consider these questions (or perhaps you may wish to use the Study Guide

provided by the Tract Society for 20¢ each):

1—Can you think of any time in history when the need for the social and moral values of the Sabbath have been greater than now? When? Why?

2—Every now and then, mankind seems to return to the need of assurance of salvation through Christian love for God and man which brings about the discovery of forgotten truths. How can creative use of the Sabbath bring to light the reality of God's presence with us in time? What real changes are needed in man's gambling against time rather than trusting God in time?

3—What will we have to change to mold the Sabbath into a creative experience for ourselves? Personally? Family-wise? Church-wise? Community?

4—Will we have to change anything in our Sabbath concept before we can offer it as a significant remedy for the world's ills? Perhaps pages 97-101, conclusion of Pastor Saunders' book need to be read to discuss this most fruitfully.

Have a scribe for this rap-session who would convey the significant points to either the local church's pastor, deacons or Christian Education Committee (or other appropriate agencies of the local church or Conference).

The Printed Page

Forty years ago Leon Trotsky, one of the fathers of Communism said, "The most powerful means of propagating Communism is the small pocket pamphlet."

During the last twenty-five years church membership in the U.S.A. increased 65 percent. "Jehovah's Witnesses" have increased 2,000 percent. Literature has been their key weapon.

Director of the Sudan Interior Mission said, "I believe our gospel literature is having a greater impact for Christ in Africa than the coming of 5,000 new missionaries." A missionary in Latin America said, "In recent months I have been astonished to find 90 percent of all converts in Latin America are either directly or indirectly the result of literature evangelism."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J.— A joint Communion service was held January 2, 1971, in the church in cooperation with the Shiloh church. Pastor Charles Bond preached on "The Meaning of Communion."

The annual church and Sabbath School business meeting and dinner were held on January 3. Church officers are: moderator, Leland Cobb; clerk, Mrs. Paul Levis; treasurer, Jonathan B. Davis; Sabbath School superintendent, R. Wesley Davis; assistant, Jonathan A. Davis.

"Stewardship and Tithing" was the theme under the leadership of R. Wesley Davis. Papers were read by Mrs. Francis Campbell — "Tithing from the Biblical Standpoint;" Mrs. Don Richards — "Tithing and the Church"; Mrs. Roy Froding — "Tithing and the Individual."

Our church is contributing to the Washington church project.

Youth Sabbath was observed February 6. Tim Richards gave the opening remarks in the service; Mary Jane Campbell read the Scripture, played "Prayer Meditation in Music," and sang "Wonderful World"; Duke Cruzan gave the offertory thought "Reach Out to Jesus"; David Ayars "Ministry to Children and Chorus"; Sharon Cobb, Marie Davis and Becky Hiles gave messages—"Problems Facing Youth." Dan and Diane Cruzan are our youth sponsors.

Box lunches were eaten in the church basement after which Worldwide Witness pictures of "German S.D.B.'s" and "Facing Frontiers with Faith" were viewed.

The Shiloh church invited our church to see the film "Men of the Wilderness" which depicted the life of Christ. The Conference president, Dr. Stephen Thorngate talked and answered questions pertaining to Conference plans.

The Ladies's Aid served a chicken pot-pie supper to the Boy Scout Council in the church basement.

The Summer Christian Service Corps training session June 15-24 will be held at the Marlboro church.

Sabbath Recorder Day was observed

on Feb. 20. Intermediate C. E. party was held at the parsonage the evening of Feb. 27.

Ladies' Aid sponsored a "Family Talent Night." Each family brought a covered dish. The families of James Davis, Leland Cobb, Pastor Richards and Mrs. Dan Cruzan were participants. All were well received.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatanis of the *Helping Hand* class sponsored the Senior Citizens Community Banquet which was held in the church basement at noon on Mar. 14 with forty-two present. Songs led by Mrs. Melvin Cobb and accompanied by Mrs. Letha Miller were enjoyed followed by slides of Spain and Switzerland shown by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schaible.

—Correspondent

MILTON, WIS.— Action at the Annual Meeting included election of officers as follows: Russell Burdick, president; Gertrude Williams, secretary; William Burdick, treasurer; Margaret Burdick, financial secretary; Miriam Scholl and L. M. Van Horn, trustees for four years; Don Sanford, Sabbath School superintendent; Herbert Crouch, chorister; Elizabeth Daland, organist.

Alan Crouch and Justin Camenga were again licensed to preach for the coming year.

—Correspondent

Association Meetings

The Pacific Coast Association leads the way in the spring meetings of the various associations into which the continental USA is divided. The Seventh Day Baptists of the West Coast and friends from the East who are visiting in California are encouraged to attend the full weekend of meetings planned for April 23, 24, and 25 at the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church located at the corner of 14th and Lemon Streets. The president this year is Leland Bond of Cypress, Calif. The corresponding secretary is Mrs. George Barber, 2044 Milan Ave. South, Pasadena, Calif.

Accessions

VERONA, N. Y.

By Profession of Faith:
Patricia Stanton
Thomas Stanton
Douglas Warner

By Letter:
Barry Babcock
Ida (Mrs. L. Wayne) Babcock
Rev. L. Wayne Babcock

Marriages

Allen - Zimmerman.— Bonard Patrick Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bonard A. Allen, and Sheryl Marlene Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Zimmerman, both of Huntsville, Ala., were united in marriage February 6, 1971, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Paint Rock, Alabama, by the groom's pastor, Clifford A. Beebe. Their home will be in Huntsville.

De Pew - Leigon.— Joseph R. De Pew and Julie Leigon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leigon, both of Battle Creek, Mich. were married Feb. 20, 1971, at the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the bride.

Dorriety - Bohannon.— Everett L. Dorriety, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dorriety of Davenport, Fla., and Alice Jean Bohannon, daughter of Carl Bohannon of Palatka, Fla., were united in marriage, Aug. 26, 1970, at Bainbridge, Ga. They are making their home in Davenport.

Reid - Winters.— Donn Scott Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Berwyn Reid of Alfred Station, N. Y., and Dorothy Charlene Winters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Winters of Hornell, N. Y., were united in marriage on Feb. 26, 1971, at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. David S. Clarke. Their new home is in Alfred Station.

Werkheiser - Hughes.— Ralph Melvin Werkheiser, son of Mrs. Flora W. Crawford, and Hilda Faye Hughes, daughter of Mrs. Mary Schanzle, both of Palatka, Florida, were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Carraway (R. 1, Palatka), March 14, 1971, by the groom's former pastor, Clifford A. Beebe. Their home will be at Florahome, Fla.

Births

Martin.— A daughter, Jill Adana, to Kent and Laura Lee (Bond) Martin of Bedford, Pa., on March 10, 1971.

Ward.— A son, Larry Lee, to Larry and Dorrie (Cavinder) Ward of Bellevue, Mich. on Feb. 25, 1971.

Obituaries

CARPENTER.— Mrs. Mary, daughter of Myron C. Irish and Ellen Crandall Irish, was born at Friendship, N. Y., on March 11, 1887, and died at Hewitt Manor, Shinglehouse, Pa., on Jan. 29, 1971.

She was married to Herbert Floyd Carpenter on Aug. 23, 1913, and from then until the past seven years they lived in Blockville, N. Y.

Mrs. Carpenter joined the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church in Nile at the age of twelve. She transferred her membership to the Richburg church when the Nile church disbanded. She attended the Buffalo Seventh Day Baptist Church in later years when she lived with her daughter.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Norman (Marguerite) Matteson, of North Tonawanda, N. Y., and grandchildren Judith, Kendall and David Wellman.

A memorial service was conducted in the Richburg church by her pastor, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, on January 30, 1971; and the pastor was assisted by the Rev. John Cooke of Ashville, in a service at the Powers Funeral Home in Jamestown, N. Y. on Feb. 1. Burial was at the cemetery in Blockville.

—C. H. D.

LANGWORTHY.— Harold, son of Clayton R. and Marcy Greene Langworthy, was born Aug. 11, 1897, near Rodman, N. Y., and died Feb. 24, 1971 at Old Lyme, Conn.

He was brought up on his father's dairy farm on the Greene Settlement Road near Adams Center and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church of that village. On Aug. 3, 1929, he married Carolyn Peach of Delaware who survives him. After his father's death in 1937 he sold the farm and dairy. The remainder of his life he was employed as a truck driver, herdsman, and groundskeeper in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Burial was at Old Lyme.

—from the Jefferson County Journal

WHITNEY.—Orrel Naomi, daughter of Daniel and Anna Geise Smullen, was born in the town of Olean, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1907, and died in the Olean General Hospital, Olean, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1971.

She married August Guy Whitney, Nov. 11, 1939. She joined the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter in 1968.

She is survived by her husband; a brother, Lawrence Flanigan of Akron, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. George (Joann) Smith of Hinsdale, and Mrs. Hanford (Mary Ann) Johnson of Smethport, Pa.; a son, David Whitney of W. Springfield, Mass.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ceal Rogers of Olean; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor officiating. Interment was in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Olean, N. Y.

—H. D. K.

The Sabbath Recorder

The Deity of Jesus

By Leon M. Maltby

There are times when we should emphasize the humanity of Jesus, for He was truly human in many respects. He was hungry when He went without food, tired when He went without rest. He was tempted in all points as we are, according to the Bible — except that He never yielded to temptation. When He was crucified He bled like any other man. When the eternal Son of God took on human flesh at the incarnation, He took on our infirmities and our physical and emotional attributes. His humanity cannot be questioned and should be spoken of when people seem to think of Christ in the flesh as being completely different from us.

There are times, and perhaps many more times, when we should emphasize the deity of Jesus. He came to save people from their sins, and no man can do that. While here on earth He was as truly the Son of God as before He came, after He returned to the Father, and when He comes again to judge the world. The Bible clearly teaches this. One expression in the New Testament that sums this up is the expression "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8).

One of the most familiar prophecies about the coming of the Messiah (which

is used every Christmas and is featured in Handel's "Messiah") is Isaiah 9:6. The child to be born would be called, among other things, "the mighty God." If the other names apply to Jesus this one does also. From such a lofty starting point we do well to study the fulfillment of the prophecy and see how many things Jesus did or will yet do which only God can do. In a materialistic age we who are Christians rise above the common level. We may not understand everything, but we live by faith and have resources that derive from our faith in Jesus. Bishop H. D. Kimmel has gathered together some Scripture that we ought to bear in mind when people question the deity of Jesus.

God laid down His life	1 John 3:16
Jesus laid down His Life	John 15:13
God is our Savior	Isa. 45:21
Jesus is our Savior	Titus 2:13
God is the Rock	Psalms 18:31
Jesus is our Rock	1 Cor. 10:4
God is the GREAT I AM	Exodus 3:14
Jesus is the GREAT I AM	John 8:58
God is our CREATOR	Gen. 1:1
Jesus is our CREATOR	John 1:3-10
God only treads the waves	Job 9:8
Jesus walks on the water	John 6:19
God only can forgive sins	Isa. 43:25
Jesus forgave sins	Mark 2:10
God is the Almighty	Gen. 17:1
Jesus is the Almighty	Rev. 1:8

The New Testament Scriptures show why Isaiah under inspiration could speak of Jesus as "the mighty God."

Conscience?

"In American thought, both religious and political, conscience has been considered the forum within man where God alone speaks authoritatively," said William P. Thompson, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Stewardship

The church came round begging. It sure made me sore.
 If they'd let me alone, I'd give a lot more.
 They have plenty of nerve! They forgot all the past!
 I gave them a quarter the year before last.
 —Lookout

