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Keeping the Sabbath

The Late Dr. H. C. Morrison

The Sabbath Day, with all it is and all it means, is one of the greatest blessings God ever bestowed upon man. The breaking up of time, with its toil, nervous strain and accumulating responsibilities into weeks — periods of seven days — with the seventh day for rest, is an inexpressible benediction and blessing to mankind.

The coming of the Sabbath day is a constant reminder of God's existence, and His right to rule His intelligent creatures is one of His wisest provisions of His government. Those who keep the Sabbath cannot forget God, nor are they at all likely to drift far in disobedience of any of His laws. To keep the Sabbath in the true spirit of the Sabbath is to become a reverential and obedient Christian.

It would be difficult to enumerate the many benefits and blessings that come to us through the institution of this day of rest and worship. The rest to the tired body, the relaxation of mind and nerve, the bath, the better clothing, the cheerful Sabbath dinner, the family reunion, the sanctuary, with song and sermon, the social intercourse, the spirit of reverence and devotion that come to us through the holy Sabbath cannot possibly be estimated.

It has been proven over and over again that this law of the Sabbath is not only written in the Bible, but in our natures also. Men, animals, and machinery will do more and better work, will last longer and keep

in better repair, if they have rest every seventh day. It has been said to those who claim to have demonstrated the fact, that the seventh for rest is the proper proportion. If it were the fifth or sixth day, the time of labor would be too short. If it were the tenth or eleventh day the time of labor between rests would be too long. The mind of God is infinite. He knows exactly what we need, and has done all things well

Those persons who violate God's law with reference to the Sabbath will certainly trample upon His commandments with reference to other things. The violation of the Sabbath law hardens the heart, deadens the conscience, and prepares one for rebellion against God with reference to all other commandments. The Sabbath violator is, or will become, an all-round sinner. No man who infringes against this law will have a tender conscience on any other law. Those who do not remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy will inevitably trample upon any and all commandments that stand in the way of the gratification of their desires and whims

—The Sunday Guardian

"What a wonderful thing it has been for Christians to give of their money, frequently sacrificially, for a mission to be performed in their behalf in far places throughout the world. Christians are still doing that but there is a new dimension. They are giving of their money as they always have, but more and more they are giving of themselves to go personally to ghettos and other places of need in behalf of their church."

—M. Parker Burroughs, Cleveland

We Worship Thee

By Eva Millar

We worship Thee, O God most high,
 Whose glory fills the earth and sky;
 'Tis chanted by the restless waves
 And answered in the echoing caves.

The fruits of all the earth are Thine,
 The treasures of the sea and mine;
 May we Thy gifts, Lord, so employ,
 That they shall bless and not destroy.

Each child of Thine Thou lendest skill,
 A tool wherewith to do Thy will;
 So may we, Lord, fill all our days
 With deeds of love and songs of praise.

Ourselves and all that we possess
 We pray Thee to accept and bless,
 Till with the true and living bread
 The multitudes of earth are fed.

Till want and fear and hate shall cease,
 And love bring in Thy reign of peace;
 Till all mankind receive Thy word,
 And worship Christ, the living Word.

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Strong on Religious Liberty

Jewish leadership in the United States is making itself heard more and more on religious and other questions, which is as it should be now that they are accorded their rightful place in our multi-lateral society. Among the subjects on which rabbis and others are most vocal are religious liberty and separation of state and church. There are, of course, a few who are radicals on the left or on the right or on Jewish questions—just as there are radicals in the Catholic and Protestant folds.

Mainstream Judaism in America is quite consistent in its stand for right principles. A coalition of Jewish religious and secular organizations last month reaffirmed their "vigorous opposition to state financing of sectarian schools." The stand was taken in opposition to the position of Rabbi Harold Saperstein who had called for an intensified search for a means by which sectarian schools could be assisted within the framework of our constitution.

"We reject the argument that religious schools are entitled to state aid because they are facing increasing financial problems," the organizations declared, adding:

"We cannot — indeed, dare not — look to the state to transmit our religious heritage to the next generation."

When we reflect a little, we realize that the most often heard appeal for public funds for parochial schools is just this — that they are having a hard time and ought to be helped. Such an argument overlooks the principle of equality involved. The whole public should not be taxed to provide funds to propagate a religious organization to which only a segment of the public belongs. If all were of the same faith (which can never be) the situation would be somewhat different. The minority should be accorded its rights. Human nature being as it is, the smaller the minority the greater the tendency to forget these rights and to exert pressure for conformity.

The other point made by the Jewish organization is interesting. It is true that we cannot — indeed, do not — look to the state to transmit our religious heritage to the next generation. There are some

things that we must do ourselves if they are to be done properly and effectively; we cannot shirk or shift our responsibility. One cannot help but wonder, however, if these words would have the same meaning and acceptance if spoken in Israel. Dare we have one set of principles for the United States and another for Israel? It appears that the dominant feeling in the state of Israel is that the nation had to be brought into being to preserve and transmit a long religious heritage. The state and Jewishness are declared to be inseparable. So far the Orthodox element has successfully resisted every attempt to make Israel a secular state like ours. If it loses its characteristic Jewishness its reason to be is undermined. The state by legislation and a certain amount of enforced conformity is counted on to transmit a religious inheritance to the next generation.

What Israel does may be shrugged off as being none of our concern. We must be constantly on the watch, however, lest the oppressed minority becomes the oppressive majority when the situation changes.

—L. M. Maltby

C. E. Day in Our Churches

Although Youth Week, as sponsored by the NCC, has been shifted from the first week of February (Christian Endeavor Week) to the fall, many of our churches have continued to set aside the first Sabbath of February as Youth Day or C. E. Day. Bulletins tell of the youth taking full charge of the morning service on this day as in years gone by.

The Christian Endeavor movement is ninety years old this year. There have been indications that it has not been as robust as it once was. One of the reasons that it had to cut back on its budget, its publications, and its service was that in the last twenty years many denominations broke away from this ecumenical or inter-denominational youth movement to establish their own youth fellowships — hoping thus to tie the young people closer to their own church. This was slightly out of keeping with the trend

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toward cooperation and church union, but one can see why leaders took this kind of action.

It now appears that Christian Endeavor is making a fairly strong comeback. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, says that requests for organizing kits have hit a thirty-year high, indicating that many churches now see the value of the C. E. organization and the service it can render through lesson topics, etc.

Seventh Day Baptists were pioneers in C. E. and have contributed much to local and state union leadership. Our people also followed the trend of starting our own youth fellowships. Like others, we found the going rough because we could not produce helps with the high purpose and well-rounded emphasis that could come from a large movement with a strong constitution. During the years it has been evident to some of us that those youth groups aligned with C. E. stood up better and trained the youth better than others. Just as our people were pioneers in C. E. work, it may be that we will also be in the forefront of those coming back to the movement. This is one type of interdenominational cooperation where identity is not lost and all receive benefit by having a solid organization that is worldwide.

Sabbath Recorder Day

This is the second issue with the new dating. It comes to you, hopefully, on or before Sabbath Recorder Day, February 20. As indicated last week, we are now predating your magazine more than before. Instead of Monday, February 8, the issue previous to this was dated Sabbath, February 13. We trust that many in more distant places will appreciate this.

Sabbath Recorder Day is a good day to think appreciation of the truly remarkable opportunity it is to have a denominational paper in times like these and to resolve to support it in every way possible, including new subscriptions. Speaking of subscriptions, it will be pos-

sible to subscribe or renew at the long-held rate of \$4 until April 1.

Today I am renewing my subscription to one of the religious monthlies at \$5. It is a popular magazine that carries a lot of advertising. I couldn't help but think of the difference between twelve issues for \$5 and fifty issues of fresher material for the same price. Ours would continue to be a bargain even if we were asked to share more of the cost than this modest increase in price provides.

Has the *Sabbath Recorder* been a much loved member of your family for many years? A lady wrote the other day that she had been reading this Seventh Day Baptist magazine for more than seventy years. She had some suggestions for the back page. It is gratifying also to hear that the *Sabbath Recorder* is consistently making some new friends and being welcomed into some families with the joy of a new son. There can be many more happy people if we all work at it. New Christians are bound to the church and to the denomination by reading each week about our total work. Thus they get to know that Seventh Day Baptists are mature and that there is a larger work than just the local church. Let us extend the challenge.

Stewardship Reward

The Bible in a number of places emphasizes the rewards of good stewardship — material blessings now and the coveted "Well done, good and faithful servant" that is pronounced by our Lord after life on earth is finished. Not insignificant to our general well-being is the appreciation of our fellowmen who "behold our good works and glorify our father in heaven" as Jesus said.

Stewardship is not only to be practiced by all, but it is to be promoted by some who volunteer or are appointed to do so. Are there rewards for stewardship promotion? Certainly one can feel a real satisfaction in seeing a great work accomplished because he was able to lead many fellow Christians into systematic giving according to God's plan. Conversely, some feel an acute frustration when their own resources are so inadequate to

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The individuals in all the Seventh Day Baptist Conferences who are hoping that the way will open up for them to come to the SDBWF meetings next August. Some cannot come unless prayers are answered.

2) The spiritual encouragement of unsupported workers in Ghana, Nigeria, and several Far East countries.

3) The matching, according to the will of God, of the willingness to minister to churches or groups and the need for someone to minister to present or potential congregations.

meet the needs of the Gospel causes that they want to support and they are unable to persuade many others to give substantially to these causes.

Sometimes a man who had devoted many years to promoting stewardship successfully gets a pleasing reward from his associates. Take the case of Merrill D. Moore who retired recently from his position as executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was acclaimed as "Mr. Stewardship" and was praised in a resolution for rendering "superior leadership in stewardship promotion for over twenty-three years in the SBC." A testimonial banquet was held in his honor. At the close of the banquet, the commission presented to Moore a complete outfit of clothing—suit, sport coat, all weather coat, hat, shoes, shirt and tie. To Mrs. Moore the commission presented a silver pitcher.

There may not be a stewardship man in Seventh Day Baptist circles who has stayed with it as long as Merrill D. Moore nor anyone who will be thanked as profusely as he. Stewardship promotion is sometimes considered a thankless task, partly because many people do not like to be persuaded to part with their money. But there are rewards of satisfaction as mentioned above. Moreover, the needy recipients of money given for the Lord's work are very grateful.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Having just read, "WCC Justifies Fund Appeal for U. S. Draft Evaders in Canada" (January 11, p. 13), I feel compelled to comment on the item. The implications, if not the facts may be called in question by thinking people.

In the second paragraph the following quotation appears, "It is clearly understood (by whom?) that none of the funds so granted are intended to be used to induce desertion or evasion on the part of the U. S. citizens of draft age." This may be a factual representation of the WCC's announced intention, but there can be no doubt that the council's action denies the announced intention, for it contains an implicit blessing upon as well as explicit aid and abetment to illegal evaders and deserters.

The third paragraph states that, "The WCC views the Canada need in exactly the same terms that it has applied over the past two decades to other refugee situations: Hungarian, Nigerian/Biafran, Vietnamese, and so on." But let it be noted that the situations are not comparable. They cannot be compared because they are not of a kind. As it is with a star and a planet, there may be apparent and superficial similarities, but the real substance is altogether different.

Perhaps the most serious difficulty is that the WCC action and the *Sabbath Recorder* reporting has no mention of and fails to give any understanding of the alternatives to this sort of draft evasion. The conscientious and courageous pacifist, or objector to this particular war may register his objection with his Selective Service Board, seeking one of several areas of classification as a Conscientious Objector. Failing this, a long line of appeals and hearings is available to him, and the probability is strong that his convictions will be respected at some level.

Would not the Church do better to support this legal and moral procedure rather than to ignore this possibility while supporting illegal and morally questionable evasion and desertion? And should not our segment of the church communi-

cate with enthusiasm to all its youth and to the WCC offices the availability of such alternatives to those who for reasons of conscience must reject service in the military?

—C. Rex Burdick, Riverside, Calif.

President's Column

HERITAGE

"He was using steel and making a bow, two of the greatest inventions which have brought about man's material progress. But more than that, he was making a bow not for instant use, but against a future need, displaying that thought for the morrow which enables man to rise superior to the animals about him. And also he had not invented the bow; he was copying what he had seen other men doing, making use of tradition, whereby every generation can rise superior to the preceding one. *Tools, forethought, and tradition* made the history of man's advance, and the boy with the ax and the bow exemplified all of them."*

It would be impossible to estimate the many various reasons given by philosophers of all fields — e.g. anthropology, sociology, biological science, theology — as to what sets man apart from animals. I cite the passage above not to incite an argument from those among you with much greater insight in these matters than I, but merely that it exemplifies the importance of past, along with present and future in our lives. Especially as Christians is this true.

As we Seventh Day Baptists wind up 300 years in America, we have a tradition and heritage of which use can be made for each generation to rise superior to the preceding one. It is a tradition of striving for Christian "tools" (love) and "forethought" (hope), a tradition of leadership, a tradition of making mistakes, and learning by them. A tradition of growing maturity, and responsibility.

We do not all trace our lineage back to those founding fathers (and mothers). Thank heavens — since our history shows many of the most vital and staunchest leaders were led to Seventh Day Baptists,

and vital "new blood" continues to contribute, and is essential, to our maturity.

As mature Seventh Day Baptists we have a responsibility of making use of our tradition whereby our generation will leave to the next a more nearly Christian world. This means applying the Christian "tools" of the present: *agape*, an active unselfish involvement in Christ's work in the world *now*; Christian "forethought": preparation for future needs with Christian hope and confidence.

It is important in applying tradition, to be aware of it, knowing its background and how it has contributed not only to our own maturity, but that of our nation. It is my sincere hope that every Seventh Day Baptist will take advantage of this tercentennial year to refresh himself of his tradition.

—Stephen Thorngate

* C. S. Forester, "The Sky and the Forest."

Quitclaim Deed

A stewardship article submitted by
Paul B. Osborn

Today I received an additional illumination from reading Basil Miller's biography of Charles G. Finney. He started his career as an attorney; and because he found in the legal textbooks frequent references to the law of Moses, he determined to buy a Bible and read the passages for himself. Up to that time he had had no religious training whatever, and neither he nor his parents had ever owned a Bible. They were decent, law-abiding, but with no interest in religion. At one time in his varied career he engaged in a series of meetings with lawyers and judges, and was able to deal with them quite effectively, to "speak their language." One of the lawyers drew up, in precise legal form, a quitclaim deed to himself and all he possessed, turning it over to Jesus Christ. That was his way of acknowledging sovereignty of the Lord Jesus, that a work of conversion had been accomplished in his life.

Do you realize it is perfectly legal for me to give you a quitclaim deed to the Empire State Building? That deed would give you no right to take possession. All

it would mean is that if you made a deal with the real owners of that building, a deal which satisfied them, I too would be satisfied. I would not contest your claim to the building, nor would I challenge the right of the owners to make a deal with you. Of course if I accepted money from you for that quitclaim deed, you could sue me for obtaining money under false pretenses, but the real owners of the Empire State Building couldn't sue me. So far as they would be concerned, I had broken no law. I had stated the truth, that I had no interest in their building. As you surely recognize, a warranty deed alleges that I have an interest in a piece of property, and for a consideration am transferring that right to a specific individual and will stand back of and defend his right to the use and enjoyment of that property.

Now it is impossible for me to give Jesus Christ a warranty deed to my life. We are His property already. He owns us twice; once by creation and again by redemption. All we can do is cease claiming rights in ourselves. And we are trying to defraud Christ if we expect Him to give us anything of value in return for that worthless piece of paper. Yet worthless though a quitclaim deed may be, Christ does ask us to give Him quitclaim deeds. He already has the right. Now He wants us to confess His right.

—Gerald C. Bond, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Protestants in Italy

The Protestant Federation of Italy met recently in Florence.

The federation passed a resolution asking annulment of the 1929 concordat between the Italian government and the Vatican. It sought, in another resolution, to achieve complete separation of church and state, including the ending of compulsory religious teaching in the schools, and removal of all special privileges granted to any religious denomination.

Baptists are one of four member denominations in the Protestant Federation of Italy, formed four years ago. The others are Waldensian, Methodist, and Lutheran.

—EBPS

Brazilian Church Makes Remarkable Advancement

By Leo Floyd

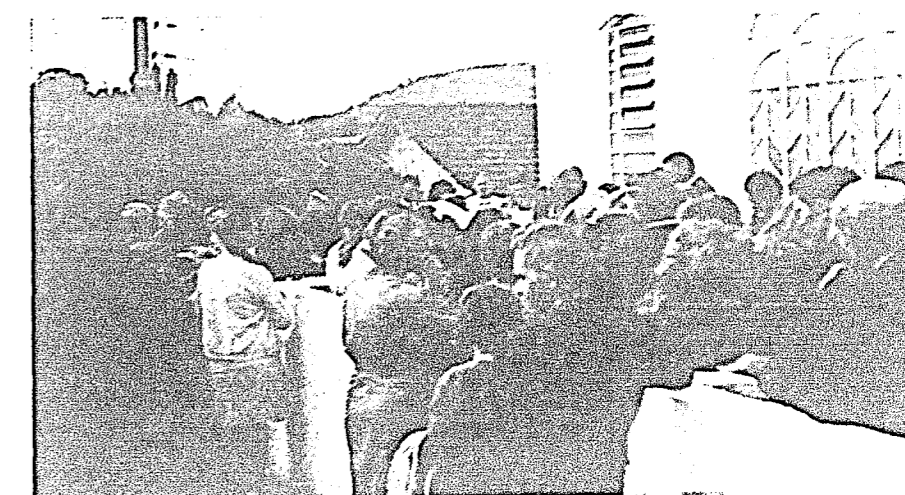
The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Porto Uniao, Santa Catarina, Brazil has experienced a remarkable advance during the past two years. In 1969 its membership totaled only 86. The church's present membership is 228, an increase of 142 over 1969. This compares with an overall denominational increase of 221 members during this same period.



Baptismal candidates at Porto Uniao

The leaders of this remarkable effort are the church's pastor, Rodolpho Brandt, and its president, Pedro Gontarski. Under their leadership during this two year period the church has constructed a new church building in Porto Uniao, commenced a radio work that now has two thirty-minute programs being broadcast weekly, established a public primary school under the church's direction, and has increased the church's home missionary outreach that presently finds it working with and assisting some thirteen different groups within both the states of Parana and Santa Catarina. The church has endeavored to make its worship services more interesting by establishing a choral group and a musical instrumental group that assist in the church's public worship services, radio work that assist in the church's public worship services, radio work and evangelistic efforts.

This progressive church is looking forward to the next two years endeavoring



Part of the dedication day crowd listening to a speaker outside the church at Porto Uniao, Brazil

to increase its evangelistic efforts by commencing a television work, publishing a local church paper, assisting one of its larger groups in the building of its own church building, and increasing the social assistance program of the church. This latter program endeavors to aid the poor and needy with training programs, food issuance, and such other assistance as may be necessary in helping these people to learn to help themselves.

The most remarkable part of this achievement is that the church is located in a relatively small city that does not have a large population. Yet this church has demonstrated that the location of a church does not necessarily make the difference between success or failure of its program. These people have shown what will happen in any church where there is a desire by its members and leaders to seek God's will. A willingness of a church and its people to submit themselves to the Holy Spirit's guidance along with a desire to work hard in carrying out God's program for them, will make a success of any church's efforts.

The Porto Uniao church knows only too well that without God's help all of this would never have happened. They thank God for His blessings upon them during the past two years and are praying that He will continue to bless them in their efforts for the future. They are seeking strength and wisdom to continue in the Lord's program of helping the lost and needy to find in Him the rest and peace that comes with putting their trust in Him.

113 Tokens of Love!

(Experiences in Malawi)

Leaders who go on missions to other countries as ambassadors for Christ are often presented with a variety of tokens of appreciation. While my good and helpful wife Ethel and I were on such visits to Jamaica on two previous missions, we were often presented fruits and vegetables such as bananas, mangos, sour sop, bread fruit, coconuts and yams.

On the Sabbath of January 2, while here in Malawi, we were due for another surprise for at the close of the Sabbath morning and afternoon services at the Nolo church, some 50 miles from Blantyre, Ethel and I were asked to come forward to be presented a gift of another kind — a box containing 113 eggs!

It was a Sabbath long to be remembered for being royally hosted by the David Pearson family at Blantyre. We had arisen early in the morning to make the extended trip, part of it being on "secondary" dirt roads and three quarters of a mile along a narrow path by foot. The VW Kombi was well filled as we were accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. Nantikwa and Pastor Otrain Manani with others returning with us.

We arrived at about 10:30 to find several sizable classes meeting inside the sanctuary and around various areas of the church yard, men and women meeting separately. There were at least two men's classes with approximately twenty-five in the class I attended.

All too soon the class sessions were brought to a close by the ringing of the "bell" — the striking with a piece of steel against an auto wheel suspended by a wire from a tree.

The membership of the Nolo church is about 190, and the sanctuary was filled to capacity that Sabbath with approximately 250 worshipers including members and pastors from neighboring churches.

Ethel presented the children's message with surprises — even to me — pulled from her purse as well as a message inspired by several passages of Scripture with Otrain Manani serving as able interpreter.

The dramatic "anthem" was one of the most impressive I have ever heard. As a mixed sextet stood in front of the altar, the singing began but the sextet remained silent. Another group of persons (two ladies) were singing outside the church. As the harmonious vocal conversation continued between the two groups, Pastor Manani, seated beside me, interpreted the message. The ladies outside were seeking Jesus. The choral group inside was responding "Jesus is here!" Then one man from the altar group went back through the congregation preaching, exalting the Christ. Soon the two ladies came singing as they entered the church and proceeded down the aisle with choral conversation continuing.

After the invitation was once again presented to them by one of the men, they formed an octet as they joined in singing with exuberance to the glory of God, "Jesus is here!"

The sermon inspired by Mark 10:17-22 and Matthew 22:37-39 and delivered by the writer included Jesus' insistence that the Lord wants full dedication and love on the part of all of His disciples. At the close of the service in response to the altar call twenty-eight adult persons came forward to dedicate or to rededicate their lives to the Lord. After the rest of the congregation had left the sanctuary, a further challenge was presented to them and they were then divided into several groups, each joined by a pastor for further edification, confession and prayer.

As we later returned home, plowing through mud amidst a torrential rain, Ethel and I recollected several expressions of Christ's love expressed towards us including the realization that Pastor and Mrs. Nantikwa had walked some twelve miles to join others greeting us on our arrival at the airport some distance from Blantyre.

At the Shiloh mission on Friday, Sis-

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MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Malawi Medical Department Report

By Sarah Becker, R.N.

I want to begin my report with thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His love and mercy toward all of us, His humble workers. Truly we thank Him for answering our prayers for our many sick patients. We thank Him, too, for the assurance of His presence and faithfulness.

Makapwa Outpatient Clinic

Staff: Medical Assistant, A. Sankhulani; dressers, E. Salema, D. Kugali, B. Konjedza (until end of August); E. Mittah, student dresser (began training Dec. 22, 1970)

From our records this past year, I see that the ten most frequent causes of sickness are, in this order: malaria, bronchitis, tropical ulcers, measles, dysentery, conjunctivitis, neuritis, whooping cough, anemias, and malnutrition.

Total number of treatments given—27,024

(Dr. Burdick left for U.S.A. on May 12, 1970).

Total number of new cases treated—5,361

Jan. - April 2,395 or 599 per month

May - Dec. 2,966 or 370 per month

Total number of returns — 21,563

Jan. - April 8,857 or 2,214 per month

May - Dec. 12,706 or 1,588 per month

Added interests: Number of patients treated for parasites: hookworm 542; ascaris (roundworm) 292; bilharzia—urinary 202, rectal 60

Makapwa Hospital Inpatients

Total number treated in the hospital—459 patients

Jan. - April 202 (52 males, adult and junior; 150 females and children)

May - December 257 (84 males, adult and junior; 173 females and children)

Average inpatient days, 351 per month

Average number of days spent in the hospital, 5 days

Number of patients who died in hospital, 32 (adults 9, juniors 2, children 21)

Makapwa Maternity Unit

Staff: B. Sankhulani, class III; B. Thomas, class III; E. Major, class III

Total number of live births 414

Total number of normal confinements 396

Jan. - April, cesarean sections 10

Sets of twins 8

Breech deliveries 5

Stillborns 14—(Almost all of these had tried to start labor with African medicine in the village.)

Neonatal deaths 4—(two due to abnormal development, one brain damage and one of unknown cause)

Maternal deaths 1—This patient delivered in the village, hemorrhaged and continued to hemorrhage despite our best effort.

Well Baby Clinic

Total number of visits 1,537

Total number of immunizations given:—Polio 398 doses (96 came for 2 doses, 84 came for all 3 doses)

—DPT. 366 doses (124 came for 2 doses, 69 came for all 3 doses)

—Smallpox 90 primary, 569 revaccinations

Baby care, preparation of and feeding of baby, hygiene, and sanitation are top priority topics in our teaching.

Thembe Dispensary

Staff: Medical Assistant: B. Matengele; Dresser, F. Mbawa

Total number of treatments given—13,274

New cases 4,720 or 396 per month

Returns 8,554 or 713 per month

These two workers do quite a bit of teaching of their patients. They have prayers with the patients each morning before clinic opens. Mrs. Esther Mwango helps them with the morning worship services.

In each of these units at Makapwa we do have morning and evening prayers and some Bible reading and explanations with the patients. The Lord has blessed this and several have found the Lord. Through one of these twelve members of her family became Christians, have been baptized and joined the local church. Truly we have much for which to praise our heavenly Father.

Women's Forum

We hear so much about the "generation gap" today. Usually this term refers to the differences between young people and their parents, but another gap is that between our senior citizens and the rest of society.

Certain things characterize the retirement ages: In general those who comprise the elder segment of our culture must live, or perhaps just try to live, on lower incomes, with less energy, with more time on their hands, and often quite isolated from the rest of the world.

We have received permission to print this beautifully written holiday letter. It gives a true pattern for contentment as achieved by one retired person:

The new decade is off in a welter of Problems, Pollution, and Population; of gaps between generations, between space-thinkers and earth-savers, between mores and morals. Such a shrill commotion envelops us all!

But as the New Year begins we would like to tuck in a wee word of "Just Enough":

Enough health for us to live normally and actively.

Enough busyness to keep boredom far from our door.

Enough sadness and sorrow to keep us from smugness.

Enough "involvement" with people to keep our minds stimulated and our hearts warmed.

Enough "concern" with the world to make us resent parasites and drug-idiots in the guise of gollywog-headed "hippies."

Enough birds and beasts around us to keep us entertained.

Enough travel to keep our awareness growing and to offset the in-growing of age.

Enough company coming to our home to keep it cheery.

Enough family ties to keep us "belonging."

Enough good memories to make us glad that we are "our" generation.

Enough sins of omission and commission to keep us humble.

Enough kindness everywhere to make us feel that, for sure and for certain, we have (of this) had far far more than "Just Enough."

—Theona Andersen
Johnstown, Nebr. 69214

Yearbook Progress

The 1970 Seventh Day Baptist *Yearbook* will soon be in the hands of its readers. Parts if it were printed early last summer; much of it could not be set in type and arranged in pages until recently. Not until the page proofs were ready could the editor, Ethel Dickinson, prepare the index, which such a book has to have to be useful.

During the week of February 1-5, after the paging was completed and all the pictures inserted, extra efforts were devoted to printing the remaining portions. Another pressman was called in to print the *Sabbath Recorder*.

All-around efforts to produce the 1970 *Yearbook* were equivalent to that of printing more than twenty *Sabbath Recorders*. Some five to six hundred recorded man hours were spent here at the Publishing House in meticulous typesetting (two operators on the job at some times), proofreading, hand composition, presswork, folding, and then the bindery work.

The lengthy process of collating the sections, stapling the books, gluing on the covers, trimming and preparing for mailing, are tasks that take nearly a week.

It is easy for church members to sit back in their homes and grow impatient when the *Yearbook* is not finished before the first of January. The people at the Publishing House also get a little impatient at times when the work is held up by seemingly unavoidable delays beyond their control. It should be noted that the 1970 *Yearbook* contains forty-two pages more than usual (largely because of including constitutions and bylaws). Manifestly a larger book takes more time.

To estimate all the volunteer and paid time that goes into such a major production is impossible. We cannot attempt to count the hours involved in preparing board reports, recording minutes of Conference and gathering up-to-date statistics. The few items mentioned may help to increase our appreciation and use of this reference volume that is about to take its place on desks and bookshelves.

Review of Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board

There were nineteen members and two visitors present when the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board was called to order by President Loren Osborn at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., on Sunday, January 24. Pastor Edgar Wheeler offered prayer. It was agreed that memorial resolutions should be drawn up and added to the records for two former board members who had died since the last meeting: Mrs. Mary Starr (Utter) Maxson and Martin J. Oates.

The treasurer's report indicated that the society is in sound financial condition. He also reported that a reparations claim for indemnity covering the expropriation of China Mission properties by the Chinese Communists had resulted in recognition by the United States Department of State that the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society had sustained a loss "in amount of \$160,500 with interest thereon at 6% per annum from October 1, 1949 to the date of settlement." This recognition lies "within the scope of Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 as amended." The treasurer pointed out that there are no funds available at the moment to meet this approved claim but when, as, and if money becomes available, the certified settlement will be made.

The reports of the executive vice-president, the consultant in office, and of the evangelist on the home front were received, approved, and recorded. These will be published in the next issue of the *Missionary Reporter*.

Evangelist Mynor Soper reported on his attendance at meetings of Key '73 held at St. Louis, December 7 and 8. He considers these meetings very significant and believes Seventh Day Baptists will want to become affiliated with this united effort of many denominations. "The main thrust will be in 1973 when (the churches) will have developed various programs for advertising, preaching,

witnessing, and many other means to confront every person in the United States and Canada with the whole gospel of Jesus Christ."

In a subsequent report of the Home Field Committee it was voted to call the Rev. Mynor Soper to serve another year as Home Front Evangelist (on a project basis) from April 1971, and that the per diem salary of \$15.00 a day (an increase from \$12.50) be paid from January 1, 1971.

The American Tropics Committee report as presented by Paul Johnson, chairman, was approved. Mention was made that Principal Wayne Crandall expected a good attendance at Crandall High School as the semester began in January. Executive Vice-President Leon Lawton has consented to go to Jamaica as released worker in March, 1971. The call of the Missionary Board to Pastor Leroy Bass to serve another term in Guyana has been accepted. Bro. George Leyland Bowen, president of the Guyana Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches, writes that the churches are making plans for a youth camp and a one-week crusade during coming months.

Matters of interest from the African Interests Committee, presented by the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, chairman, included a report from Missionary John Conrod who has sought to involve nationals more and more in positions of leadership, including financial matters (such as the appointment of an African paymaster at Makapwa).

Pastor Conrod has also written concerning the purchase of a new Renault Van for use at Makapwa Station, drawing on a generous gift received from the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church. The gift being larger than the amount actually needed to purchase the mission car, the consent of the Los Angeles Church had been secured to turn over the balance toward the Blantyre building project (a parsonage and house of worship at Blantyre).

Pastor David Pearson and Pastor Watson Mataka (national pastor at Makapwa) have been engaged in a radio broad-

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A Book for Youth Counselors

For those working with youth the United Church of Christ *Youth* magazine for January, 1971, has pulled together some very good material on the military draft that students need to know *before* they register. There is a big push on for this with all denominations as this is the only thing of its kind.

Available for 65 cents from *Youth*, Room 310, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

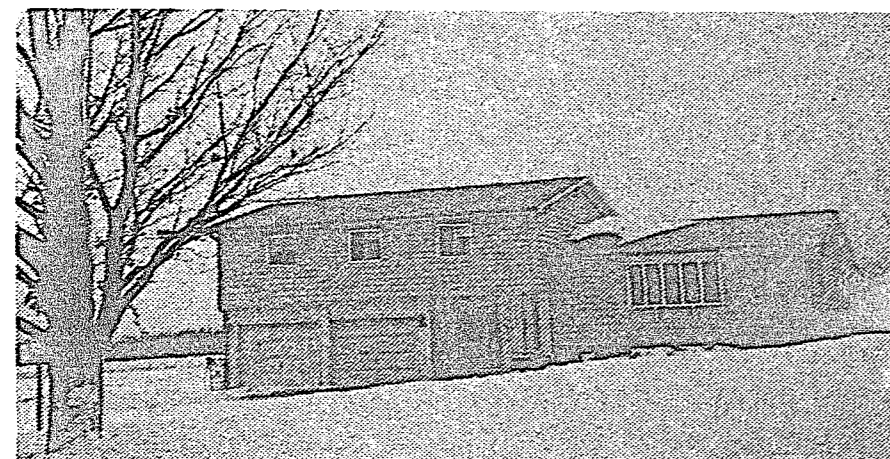
What Are Seminarians' Concerns?

The Institute for Urban Ministries sent out questionnaires to discover what area the seminarians were concerned with, asking that three of them also be chosen as most important.

Counseling, contemporary theology, and human rights were by far the three most important areas. Also getting some support were urbanization, the Holy Spirit, historical theology, liturgical reform, youth culture, ecology, depersonalization, and local level ecumenical dialogue and task forces.

**Verona Church
Acquires New Parsonage**

The Verona, N. Y., church located at a crossroad several miles from the village of Verona between Oneida and Rome has long felt the need of a new parsonage



to replace the home one-half mile from the church that had outlived its usefulness and was hard to keep in repair. Quite a number of years ago land next to the church was purchased in hope of eventually building a suitable parsonage. The land has frequently been used to

MEMORY TEXT

“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart” (Psalm 37:3-4).

grow Lord's Acre corn that stood tall and even.

The following story comes from Verona telling of the change of plans that came when a new house just beyond their land was vacated and became available. It was built in such a way as to make it well adapted to use as a parsonage.

Greetings to all of our brothers in Christ. May we share a part of our happiness with each of you. The church at Verona has felt led to purchase a new parsonage. What an exciting time this is for us!

The home we have purchased is located approximately one-fourth of a mile from the church. It has a lovely 14 x 22 ft. living room; kitchen and dining area together; study; small den or office; two baths; four bedrooms; two car garage; and a laundry area, recreation area, and fruit cellar in the basement. The house is located on a pleasant double lot and is six years old.

We are thankful for the coming of Pastor Babcock and his family and are looking forward to working shoulder to shoulder with him. What a marvelous God we have to work things all so wonderfully.

Thank Him for all His blessings and praise Him for His mercies.

—Parsonage Committee

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 27, 1971

RICH TOWARD GOD

Lesson Scripture: Luke 12:13-21; Matthew 6:19-21

How Much Insight?

How Many Renewed in Christ?

Franklyn Wise of Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Ill., in an article in *Religious Education* magazine regarding the aims of local church education asks if we are concerned more for “praise and ecclesiastical promotions” or for persons gaining insight into Christian life and being reborn in Christ's vitality. For Seventh Day Baptists this may ask: Do we keep the high aims of Christian education in activating our methods? Do we keep actively seeking renewed persons as we pursue the gold, silver, or bronze certificates? or attendance awards? Do we seek praise from one another or from God?

In what he termed, “A Conservative, Evangelical Assessment of Concerns for the 70's,” Dr. Wise deals with doctrines of conversion, sanctification, grace, sin, salvation, and love. He points to behavioristic psychology's influence on Christian education as related to moral teaching from the Bible. He lifts up the problems of the Church's rural traditions and society's urbanization (or I might interpret it better “urbanity”). Talking of medical and social changes affecting sexual attitudes and action, he asks, “What can the Church teach about the ‘quality’ of life resulting from sexual experiences within the Biblical context as over against premarital and extra-marital ones?” He calls for education on sexuality within the Church to supplement public or personal education.

Perhaps most important for educators were Dr. Wise's observations about the aims of Christian education: “Today, conservative evangelicals experience a diffusion of aims The greatest rewards in praise and ecclesiastical promotions are given to those who bring to the god of statistics the largest numerical increases Few times, if at all, is the question, ‘How many were won to Christ?’ or ‘How much insight into the Christian life did your Sunday School pupils receive?’ ”

What may be most significant for

Seventh Day Baptists is the continuing demand for consistency. In educating for free and intentional behavior that is morally related to the living God how can we keep from being enslaved by societal standards or behavioristic polls, helpful as these latter may be in portraying problems?

**Prevention of Abuse
of “Chemical Comforters”**

During February on educational television many areas of our country are able to see the Public Broadcasting Corporation's series on prevention of the abuse of “chemical comforters” or drugs. Consult your own area's educational television program for times of programs still to be shown. *Spectrum*, the journal of the Department of Educational Development, NCCC, recommends thoughtful viewing for Christians and their friends. Why not bring in a group of interested persons and discuss the programs after viewing one or more of them together? This could be a really vital “faith and action dialogue”!

Tested in October after production by WOED-TV of Pittsburgh, the series includes: the U. S. surgeon general and others introducing the problem, documentaries on prevention and rehabilitation, town meeting of youth and experts, drama by ex-addicts, a docu-drama, and the younger child problem.

Later in the spring there will be a series especially for church and general educators, and in the fall a series by teen-agers is scheduled.

ABC OF LAM

Sound like a strange mixture of letters in alphabet soup? It has an explanation. LAM is Latin American Mission which attempts to train nationals for in-depth evangelism of the southern continent. At the recent Latin American Congress on Evangelism at Bogota, Colombia, there were enthusiastic delegates from what are called the big ABC countries—Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Those from Brazil emphasized their conviction that today is the day to evangelize their country.

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casting ministry under the auspices of the Gospel Broadcasting Committee of the Christian Council of Malawi.

Reports from Miss Sarah Becker, R.N., on medical work at Makapwa and the clinic at Thembe indicate that a great need is being met and that the government strongly urges the continuance of this work.

The Executive Committee presented to the board a new handbook that gives the policy and practice of the society over the last seventy-five years. Since this is not new policy it was received by the board and copies are being made available to workers, board members, and other interested individuals. It was pointed out that this was not the final word as the policy of the board is continually under review and change as circumstances and opportunities arise. Therefore the handbook will be amended and changed from time to time to meet the changes in the policy and practice of the board.

The operating budget for 1971 in amount of \$107,553 was presented by the Executive (Budget) Committee and adopted. It was pointed out that the \$3,000 plus increase from the figure approved at General Conference last August reflects the new Missionary Support Policy, the increases in payment of Social Security and Blue Cross premiums. One of several cutbacks was noted in the amount budgeted for missionary pastor support on the home field.

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee a retirement plan for unordained employees of the board was adopted.

The executive vice-president read a most interesting report of the medical work of Miss Sarah Becker. (Her report will be published in the next issue.) It is expected that a national worker, Mr. Harold Dzumani, presently in nurses' training at Kent, England, will be returning to Makapwa in mid-1972 qualified to become head of the medical work.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y.— Our people are happy to again have a resident pastor. The Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock and son Barry came to us from Dodge Center, Minn., January 18, accompanied by their son William who drove a rented truck with their household goods. An installation service was held the next Sabbath, January 23.

We have had an active year, with all auxiliary groups keeping up their meetings and projects.

During the past few months we were fortunate to secure the services of the Rev. Carlos Mooney, pastor of the Canastota Baptist Church, as our interim pastor. He and Mrs. Mooney found a warm welcome among our people, especially the young married group. We all regretted their move to a church in Cleveland, Ohio, about January 1.

Our annual meeting was well attended and business was conducted in good order. The two outstanding projects of the year were the sesquicentennial celebration, reported in a former *Recorder*, and the purchase of a new parsonage. We felt a renewed interest and responsibility in continuing the work of Christ begun 150 years ago and carried on by many consecrated people. We learned much more about our history and are encouraged to continue to do our part in the service of God who led our ancestors.

For several years we have had a "New Parsonage Project" and have a lot next to the church. When a six-year-old modern split-level home near the church was made available it was decided to purchase rather than build. By means of contributions from friends and members and a loan from the denomination added to the fund already in hand, the purchase was made.

Pastor and Mrs. Babcock are comfortably situated in the new parsonage. The Ladies' Aid purchased a new rug for the large living room and helped to stock the cupboards with some essentials we thought they could use. The old parsonage, which will bring memories to many

readers, is for sale. It was purchased many years ago for \$500 and has had many improvements and additions through the years.

We ask your prayers that we may be better witnesses for Christ in 1971—and go forward in His service.

—Correspondent

Subscriptions Coming In

At least one or two churches did not wait for Sabbath Recorder Day to push renewals and new subscriptions. On February 3 our office received from one of our churches a check for \$73 to cover the renewals, new subscriptions, and gifts either collected by the agent or paid for by the church. The amount received was larger than in previous years. If others follow this good example there will be more people reading our denominational paper and supporting our far-reaching work through the interest developed by such reading.

Meant To Fly

Airplanes are to fly, autos and buses are for ground transportation. Sounds right, but airport facilities are not adequate for getting planes off the ground without unduly long taxiways. American Airlines alone taxis its planes one million miles per year and in 1969 spent \$6 million for fuel used on the ground from gate to take-off and from landing to gate. How many of our churches fail to get off the ground?

113 Tokens of Love

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ter Makwinja, widow of Pastor Alexander Makwinja, who had helped pioneer the witness there, served an African meal to several of us at the close of an hour of worship and fellowship. After each had washed his hands in a wash basin while seated at a very small table, we were confronted with two dishes containing nsima and greens. Watching our native companions, we learned that each was to pull off a chunk of nsima, kneading it in the hand for a few moments, then grasping a small portion of greens

with the same hand putting the combined ingredients into the mouth. (There was no silverware to wash following the meal.)

When the 113 eggs were presented, a detailed accounting was made by one of the young men reading the list of the number of eggs presented by each of several sister churches.

That night the evening meal served by the Pearsons to several of the pastors as well as the Wheelers included over three dozen scrambled eggs! Others were shared with neighboring missionaries other than Seventh Day Baptists and with those who served meals to some twenty-five pastors who joined in a Leadership Institute at Makapwa Station the following week.

That is the way with the love of Christ. It is passed from one to another and to His glory, with thanksgiving ever to our Heavenly Father. How thankful we were for 113 and far more expressions of Christ's love.

—Alton L. Wheeler

January 14, 1971

Accessions

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By Testimony:

I. Fernell Hester
Kathryn (Looney) Hester (Mrs. Fernell)
Mary Gladys Beebe

Births

Colson.— A son, James Anthony, II, to James and Mary (Harris) Colson of Los Angeles on Jan. 16, 1971.

Hays.— A daughter, Constance Carol, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hays of Harvey, La., on Nov. 18, 1970.

Pierce.— A son, Shane Wyatt, to Robert and Mary Anna (Wear) Pierce of Arcadia, Calif. on Jan. 20, 1971.

Tabor.— A daughter, Shelley Ann, to Thomas and Urline Tabor of Van Nuys, Calif. on Jan. 10, 1971.

Taylor.— A son, Michael Troy, to Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Taylor of Hammond, La., on Jan. 12, 1971.

Williams.— A daughter, Deonne, to Scott and Karna (Conrad) Williams of Vallejo, Calif. on Dec. 17, 1970.

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Sabbath Thought

While it is true that there can be obedience without love, is it not also true that there cannot be love without obedience? In words that apply to the Sabbath as well as other areas of obedience, Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

S. D. B. STALWARTS

Tercentenary Series

By Albert N. Rogers

Three centuries of Seventh Day Baptist history in America will be climaxed in events next August at General Conference and at Newport, R. I., where our first church was "gathered." Meanwhile, interest in the people involved in that history grows.

The Langworthy family, descendants of Andrew and Rachel Hubbard Langworthy who were charter members of the Newport church, is remembered in the display currently seen in the foyer of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, in Plainfield, N. J. The display contains articles and books related to the family of Franklin A. Langworthy, late of Plainfield, who died August 13, 1970. Diaries kept by Mr. Langworthy, one of his family Bibles, the tool box used in his machinist's trade, and the ox yoke which may have been used when his family moved from Rhode Island to New York state in 1791 are to be seen. Mr. Langworthy was president emeritus of the American Sabbath Tract Society at the time of his death. During World War I he served with the Y.M.C.A. in France.

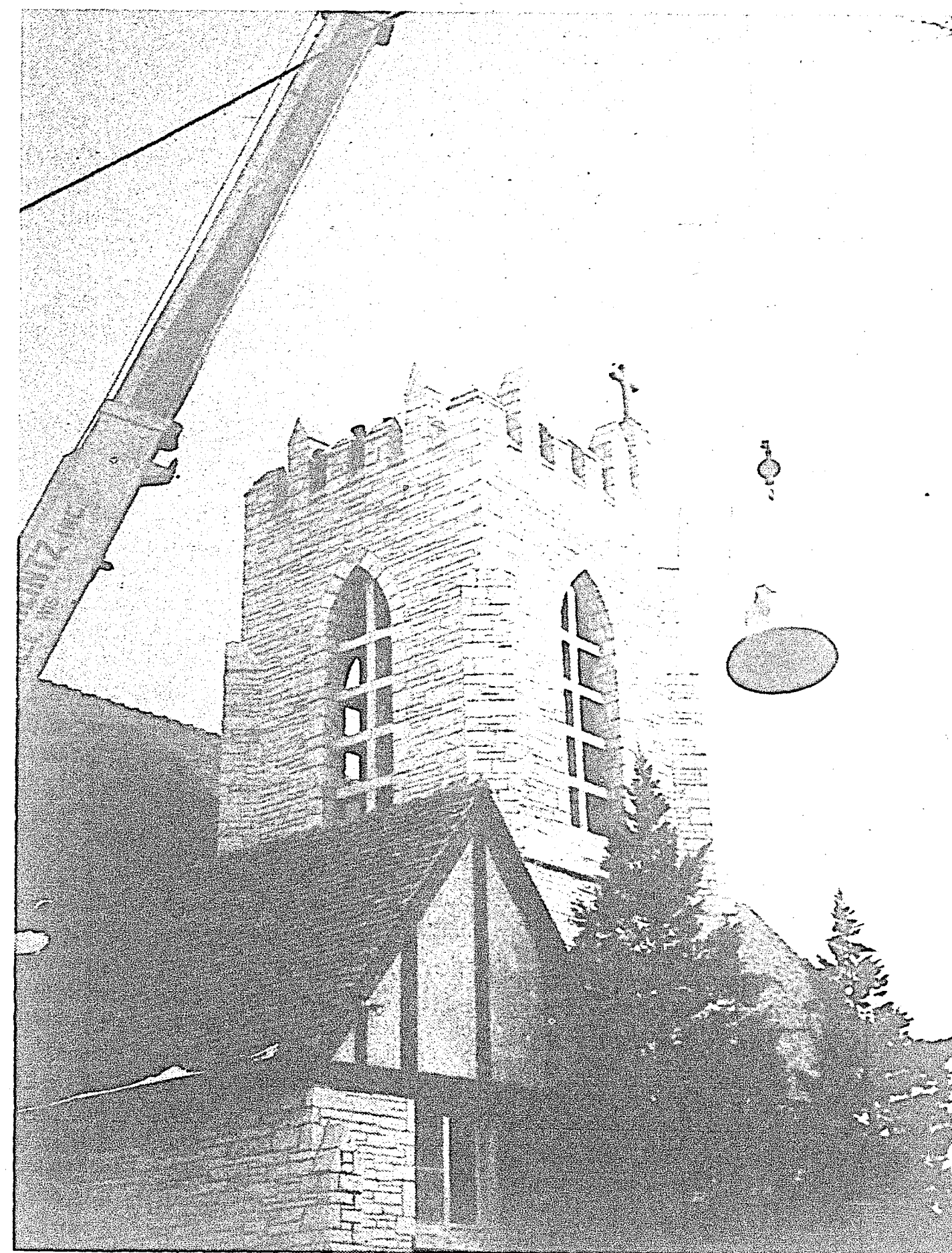
Other Seventh Day Baptist stalwarts to be featured in future displays include Samuel Hubbard, father of Rachel Hubbard Langworthy, whose journal is a prime source of historical insights. A copy of the journal has been loaned to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society by Milton College. Another stalwart who was pastor of the Newport church during the Revolutionary War is William Bliss, and he will be portrayed with keepsakes from the church.

A series of studies on early denominational history is now being carried on in connection with the Sabbath School of the Milton church, and this is reported to be attracting attention there.

The Historical Society is revising and expanding its audiovisual materials related to Newport, and color slides with script are available for use on request. Address: S.D.B. Historical Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Eternal Life Important

Eric Bylin of Sweden, a retired missionary to the Congo with a doctor of philosophy degree, was presenting a missionary message. He got as far in his message as, "The question of eternal life is the most important question we can raise . . ." His voice trailed off and he collapsed behind the pulpit. He never got to finish his discussion of the question of eternity, but he entered that state with a full realization of its importance. We do well to give frequent thought to preparation for going to be with the Lord.



Clear-toned Bell at Milton

The Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church now calls the village to worship with a clear-toned bell, replacing the cracked bell. (See story inside.)