

# The Sabbath Recorder

## 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.

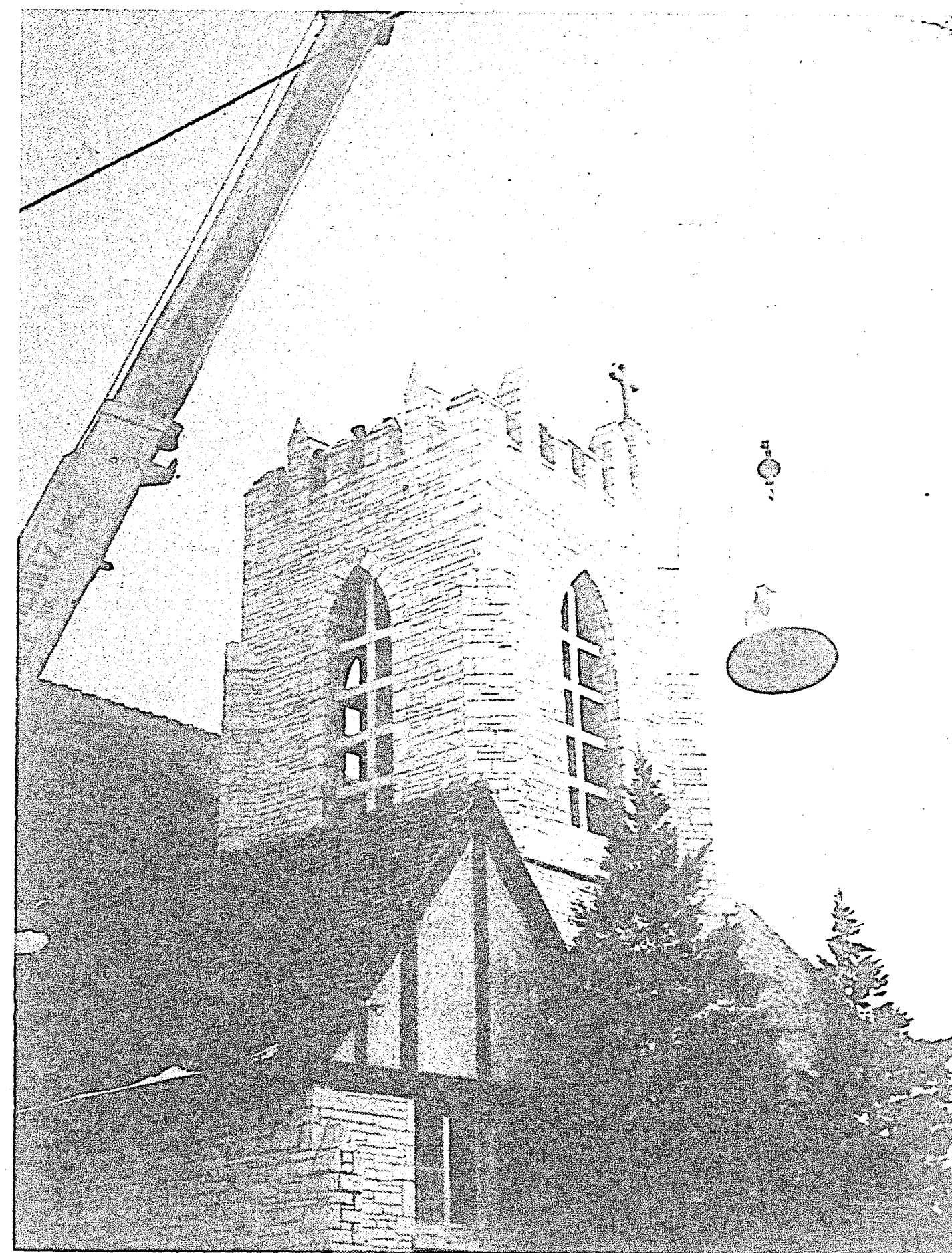
Other Seventh Day Baptist stalwarts to be featured in future displays include Samuel Hubbard, father of Rachel Hubbard Langworthy, whose journal is a prime source of historical insights. A copy of the journal has been loaned to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society by Milton College. Another stalwart 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.)

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## Not Anti-Semitic

We join hands with every sincere effort to remove from society every vestige of anti-Semitism and freely admit that some of it still exists among professing Christians. However, we need to be careful of our definitions else we may destroy the Christian base upon which we stand in combatting anti-Semitism. If Christian truth is sacrificed in overcoming this evil, worse troubles will come back upon our society — like the seven demons who came back upon the man that had been cleansed of one in the parable of Jesus.

Solomon Bernards, director of the Anti-Defamation League's department of inter-religious cooperation in a recent Jewish-Christian symposium clearly pointed out certain instances of anti-Jewish sentiment that create inexcusable difficulties for Jewish students and others. This we need.

Roy Eckardt, chairman of the Department of Religion at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., said in the same symposium that part of the New Testament is anti-Semitic when it advances the idea that "the Jews killed Jesus." He proposed tentatively that Christians disregard those portions of the New Testament. Others participating in the symposium disagreed, however, saying to do so would not be consistent with academic disciplines.

I would go a bit further. To rewrite the New Testament (as some have already done) to remove every statement thought to be derogatory to the Jews is not only unscholarly, but wrong. Let us remember that Jesus was, after the flesh, a Jew, and that all, or nearly all, of the New Testament was written by Jews. Criticism of the actions of Jewish leaders by their contemporary Jewish Christians cannot reasonably be called anti-Semitism. Better get a more meaningful term to describe it. It is like saying that the parts of the Old Testament that tell about the killing of the prophets or lapses into unorthodox beliefs and unethical conduct by the people of Israel are anti-Semitic.

The Bible, above all other books, is an honest Book. Shall twentieth century sociologists be allowed to condemn it because it is honest and sets forth

history as it happened? It is not correct to put all the blame for the unjust condemnation and death of Jesus on the Jews alone. It is certainly not right to blame the Jews of later generations for the acts of certain leaders in the first century. On the other hand, we must accept as history what the Gospel writer says about the willingness of the Jews to acknowledge responsibility for the death of Jesus. Pilate washed his hands claiming innocence "of the blood of this just person." "Then answered all the people and said, His blood be on us, and on our children" (Matt. 27:25). An earlier verse in the same chapter tells what led the people to accept the blame: "But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus."

We cannot make the twentieth century perfect by falsifying the records of the first century or charging the writers with an anti-Semitism which we may have but they did not have.

In every generation from Old Testament times to the present it may be observed that people stone their prophets and release Barabbas. God grant that we may be able to distinguish between false prophets and true and keep hate out of our lives.

## Crisis in Retirement Incomes

A report released in Washington recently by a special Senate committee paints a grim picture of life for millions of elderly Americans and those approaching retirement. It predicts that unless the nation makes a new commitment to the problems of retired persons "a new group of aged poor is in the making."

The heading on the news release quoted above may be a little overdrawn. Some of us feel that Senators (in this case Harrison Williams, D., N.J., chairman of the committee) use the word "crisis" so frequently to describe what they are presenting that it is almost like the "wolf, wolf" of the shepherd boy. The plight of large numbers of aging people may need attention, but is prob-

ably not a crisis situation in any reasonable use of the term.

On the other hand we do well to consider the findings of this Senate committee that has been working for two years. If we are fully aware of the situation we will develop compassion and may think of ways that we can help the elderly of our acquaintance who are caught in an economic squeeze.

The "unnoticed crisis" among retired persons was attributed by the committee to "generally inadequate retirement incomes." This has been intensified, the report said, by new demands upon that income. In addition to overall inflation, the report noted increased property taxes making it impossible for many homeowners to hold on to their homes, and the skyrocketing costs in medicine and health care.

As an example, the committee reported that in fiscal year 1969 the average health bill for a person sixty-five or older was \$692, an amount six times that for a youth and two-and-one-half times that for a person aged nineteen to sixty-four.

Medicare, the government's program for elderly medical care, provides less than 50 percent of all health care costs of the elderly, the report said.

"For the first time since poverty statistics were tabulated, the number of middle-aged and older persons in poverty has increased," the committee emphasized.

Although the report paints a grim picture of retirement problems, the committee is optimistic that solutions can be "sold" to Congress and the nation early in the 1970's. It noted plans for the 1971 White House Conference on Aging, the first to be held since 1960, and the nationwide interest in older Americans.

Two task forces to draft policy proposals for this White House Conference on Aging will prepare papers on "Employment and Retirement" and "Spiritual Well-Being." The first meeting was held February 3 with another scheduled for March 9-10.

The task forces, composed of approximately 450 persons from 235 na-

tional voluntary organizations, will take part in the study of major problem areas of concern to the 20-million Americans who are sixty-five and over. These include, in addition to employment and retirement and spiritual well-being, income, health, nutrition, housing, transportation, education, and retirement roles and activities.

The policy proposals drafted by the task forces, along with similar proposals from community and state conferences during the first half of 1971, will be utilized by the national White House conference to develop a national policy on aging. The national conference will be held in Washington the week of November 28, 1971. —BP and ABNS

### Medicine Multiplied

One of the greatest natural miracles recorded in the Gospels is the multiplication of the five loaves and two small fish to feed 5,000 men. We can only estimate the total amount of food consumed on that day, but we are told that the leftovers were at least twelve times the original amount.

No such miracles are performed today, but from the point of view of missionaries and the people they serve there is a program that seems miraculous. It is called MAP (Medical Assistance Program). Ordinary medicines and the so-called miracle drugs can be multiplied and made available from unseen sources.

A medical missionary can go to what is sometimes called the largest drug store in the world at Carol Stream, Ill., and get all the drugs he needs free of charge. Or the missionary on the foreign field may write in his order bimonthly, which will be filled as in a giant supermarket. An attendant will take his shopping list and push an oversized cart down aisles crammed with medicines. The missionary's only cost is a "handling charge" of about 5 percent of the wholesale cost of the medicines.

Many people may feel that they, too, are engaged in performing miracles, for their donations are multiplying like the loaves and fishes. MAP is completely

### MEMORY TEXT

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem" (Psa. 122:1-2).

supported by donations from charitable groups and private individuals. A gift of \$10 will help to send approximately \$1,000 worth of medical supplies to a mission hospital or clinic.

How are such miracles possible? Because over 100 pharmaceutical, medical and surgical firms contribute medicines to MAP free of charge. Large quantities of drugs no longer manufactured in the United States because the diseases they cure are no longer a menace here are now produced in MAP's own manufacturing plant to meet the continuing overseas need.

It all started when a large drug manufacturer called J. Raymond Knighton, director of the Christian Medical Society, at his office in Chicago to ask him if he would accept a shipment of surplus drugs for use in needy countries. He explained that he had only his office and no warehouse. The drug official said, "Well, you had better find a warehouse because there is a truckload of medicine headed your way."

Mr. Knighton caught the vision, resigned his position, and founded Medical Assistance Programs in 1954. Presently \$15-20 million worth of medicines are stored at MAP headquarters at Carol Stream. A new warehouse nearing completion will double the capacity of the storage area to a total of 43,000 square feet.

MAP hopes for sufficient funds so that missionaries not connected with big hospitals or clinics may take advantage of these miracles of medicine multiplication. The headquarters of MAP, Inc., is at Wheaton, Ill. (P.O. Box 50).

For another side of the work of MAP, watch for "Doctors Who Take Vacations for Humanity" in the March, 1971, *Reader's Digest*.

### Brazilian Conference Has New President

By Leo Floyd

The Brazilian Conference of Seventh Day Baptists has a new president. He is Romeo Storck of the Curitiba Seventh Day Baptist Church who was selected during the Conference's biennial session held in Curitiba 9-11 January. Sr. Storck has been a Seventh Day Baptist since 1955 and has served on the Directory of the General Conference as first secretary since 1965. He is a pastor of the church, having been ordained a minister in 1961.



Sr. Storck is forty years of age and is a native of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. He later moved to Porto Uniao, Santa Catarina where he married. The Storck family moved from Porto Uniao to Curitiba in 1961. Sr. Storck is a carpenter by profession and has just recently opened his own shop where he manufactures furniture to order. His wife, Sra. Safira Storck, is a primary school teacher who teaches in Curitiba's public school system. She is also active in the church as the president of the Woman's Club of the Curitiba church and guides the church's welfare and training program. Mr. and Mrs. Storck are the parents of five children. Mrs. Storck's

mother also resides with the Storck family at their home in the Boqueirao section of the city.

Seventh Day Baptists in Brazil have selected a very capable man as president. He is a good leader and is well known and highly respected throughout the church. He is a very religious man who is conscientious about doing God's will in his life, and in assisting with the Lord's work in every way.

What is interesting about Sr. Storck's selection as president is that he was selected by lot after prayer was offered in accordance with Acts 1:3-26. Thus Sr. Storck's being selected as president may be looked upon as God's will, and that he is the Lord's choice to lead Brazil's Seventh Day Baptists for the next two years. He has worked very closely with most of the other members of the Directory over the years and should have the cooperation and guidance he needs to carry out the progressive program adopted by this year's Conference session.

He seeks God's guidance and has requested that Seventh Day Baptists everywhere pray for him in his new position.

(Watch for the fourth article by Mr. Floyd "Veteran Brazilian Worker Continues To Preach the Gospel.")

### Our Prayer Corner

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

##### Pray for:

1) The blessing of God upon all of the long range planning in accordance with His will undertaken by Planning Committee and Commission February 14-26.

2) The weaker churches that are not able to support a pastor, that the members may redouble their efforts in lay evangelism and church responsibility.

3) The whole Guyana field carrying on for the time being without a resident missionary (our next Worldwide Witness emphasis).

4) The leading of the Lord for young men who may be feeling a call to the ministry — and feeling the other calls that crowd in.

## Report on "Key '73"

By Mynor G. Soper

"Key '73" was brought into being and is being promoted by Christian leaders who believe firmly that the time to make an all-out concerted effort to reach North America for Christ is *now!* The feeling of those involved in the meeting in St. Louis, Dec. 7, 8, 1970, were that the time is now because of two main factors:

(1) Because a climate of receptiveness to the gospel exists due to the fear and uncertainty people live under and the fact that they are searching for answers.

(2) Because conditions in our country and world being what they are, it is felt that if America is to be saved (indeed the North American continent) from total revolution and possible destruction, at least as a democratic society, the gospel must reach every person as it alone has the power to change individuals and societies to the degree needed to avert destruction. The feeling is strong that America's last opportunity is in this next few years. Therefore, a major thrust must be made by the Church to make an impact for Jesus Christ.

Everything seems to point to the fact that "the right time has come" to make that united effort. Therefore "Key '73" seeks to call Christian churches and organizations together to mount a new initiative in evangelism. Together they can make an impact *now* upon the thinking of the continent.

Let me share with you the major part of the first page in our packet which explains much of the philosophy and the objectives of "Key '73":

"The standard is Jesus Christ. With flexibility and openness to each other, differences in doctrine existing between denominations shall be recognized and respected. It is recognized that there are differences in evangelistic expression; therefore, each church will finally decide the precise form of its own evangelistic thrust.

"Three levels of witness are projected: individual, congregational and national. Highly visible and varied events will give the thrust a cohesive character for impact on the life of the nations.

"Four factors speak loudly for such a thrust. The spiritual need is extremely critical. A concern for our fellowman is at a new high. The potential for witness and service is greater than ever.

"People know less and less about essential Christianity. Often the Christian faith is misunderstood and mis-cast. It has an image that is unwarranted. A coordinated, concerted focus on evangelism by the churches is overdue.

"The right time *has* come!"

"We owe to God a fresh and contemporary focus on the full meaning of Christianity in individual experience and its relevance for our time in history.

"Here is the springboard:

—The Bible is the Word of God through which Christ is made known.

—God through Christ offers man the way of salvation, wholeness, and meaningful life.

—Men are to be confronted with Christ's call and through the power of the Holy Spirit come to repentance and faith.

—Genuine saving faith affects every area of a person's life and engages him in Christ's serving ministry."

### Objectives—

1. To confront every person in North America more fully and more forcefully with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. To employ every means and method of communication of the gospel in order to create the conditions in which men may respond to God.

3. To apply the message and the meaning of Jesus Christ to the issues shaping man and his society in order that they may be resolved.

4. To develop *new* resources for effective evangelism for consideration, adoption, adaptation, or rejection by the participating churches.

5. To supplement the efforts of Christian congregations and organizations in becoming more effective redemptive centers and more aggressive witnesses to God's redeeming power in the world.

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## Guyanese Leader Writes of Freedom

By Inez Peters\*

### Why I Would Want Others To Become Seventh Day Baptists

Found a treasure? Then share it. Note what Jesus' advice is. See Matt. 5:14-16.

The world in which we live is crying out for freedom! People here, as elsewhere, seem to be happier when they can think and act independently. I have found this freedom in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. Believe you me, I clearly see and feel the lack of spiritual freedom in so many all about me. So many, both in and out of the churches are left unsatisfied. Let me tell you of just one example.

One evening as I was visiting with a lady, she spoke to me like this:

"Sister, I used to attend church, but the people are full of all sorts of rituals that I do not understand. They expect me to fast, to change my name to a Bible name, and not to eat this and that. The problem is even worsened now that my husband is nearly ready to leave me because, being young, he wanted me to live a normal married life. Sister, I really want to serve God, but I do not know what to do about these church rules or where to go for help. I know I cannot keep up with this kind of church life."

My heart melted with sorrow as I listened to her story, and then I told her about the true freedom in Christ that Seventh Day Baptists believe. You can see why more and more I want others to become Seventh Day Baptists, personally experiencing true freedom of the soul that we stand for. I wanted this lady to find this treasure I had found already for myself. In times like these one needs sound doctrine, so that he or she, can look up and live above the confusion, forms, rituals, and man-made rules of so many churches, to be truly free in

\* Sister Peters is elected by the Guyana Conference to be one of the two delegates to represent Seventh Day Baptists at the forthcoming World Federation in August. She is the treasurer of the Guyana Conference, and president of the Conference Women's Board.

Christ, free in body, soul and spirit.

In the church the above lady belonged to, the members follow one of their number believed to be a prophetess, and they must all do as she directs, believing it under the inspiration of God. I was so happy to tell her that she can still be just as Christian without following such regulations that are "strings attached" by a denomination, and that we do not attach strings to our members, except the written Word of God, and the leading of the Holy Spirit speaking to our hearts. I told her we have no prophetess, no pope, only the Bible and the Son of God as the source of inspiration and doctrine. See Acts 16:31 and John 13:15.

I am satisfied that these denominational principles have helped me to grow spiritually, through worship and study, and I do not misuse this privilege of spiritual freedom. The concern of pastors and workers, and the warmth of fellow members all help to create the environment for spiritual growth and fortitude to cope with everyday problems.

When I meditate on all these things I fell restless if I do not encourage, or even "compel" someone else to taste true freedom and gain these experiences, knowing that when one gains and enjoys such satisfactions, it is hard to lose them. I will do all I can to help others become true Seventh Day Baptist Christians, with God's help.

—Submitted by Leroy Bass

### Paper Missionaries

From Durban, South Africa, from the Rev. A. J. Losier who has been a missionary there for thirty-five years comes an appeal for more missionaries. He puts out Christian literature by the tons all over Africa and pleads for funds to pay for more of these printed messages at a time like this. "These paper missionaries should have priority with the population explosion," he writes to a sponsoring organization.

South Africa must be quite cosmopolitan, for he adds, "We need more of your booklets in Portuguese, Greek, Hebrew, Tamil, Telugu, Arabic, Korean, and all you can send in English."

Report on General Board Meetings  
National Council of Churches

By Kenneth Smith

The General Board of the National Council of Churches met in Louisville, Kentucky, January 23-26 for the "long" session, faced with a proposal for the restructuring of the council. Despite the high significance of the sessions, a mood of quiet seriousness prevailed throughout the meetings.

It is nearly impossible to effectively report on the meetings of the General Board without a full presentation of the ecumenical model which the Task Force presented to the General Board. However, it would be much too long a report to try to describe the proposal itself. In a nutshell, the direction is toward decentralization with only one membership body called the Conference of Christian Churches. This membership body has no binding authority and has very little to do with commitment of funds and program. Another membership group is called the Ecumenical Christian Action Council and it is made up of those churches and groups which participate in at least one consortium or program agency. The third grouping is an indefinite number of consortia or program agencies. Significantly there is no body such as the Assembly or General Board of the present National Council structure.

The consortia arrangement allows those groups and churches who wish to participate in a program to organize for a specific function. The participants will provide the funding in a variety of ways for their own activities.

Certain denominations see this decentralization as advantageous. It tends to reduce the advocacy role of the present National Council of Churches. That is, it would not provide for the kind of "policy statements" that have caused some concern. In addition, the consortia allow groups to participate in what they approve and to refrain from participating in what they do not approve.

Obviously, some see the above advantages as disadvantages. The proposal reduces the visibility of a united church council. There is no united voice ad-

vocating moral commitments. Some see the consortia arrangement as a "copout" so that some Christians could avoid activities that might be sensitive to certain constituents.

Action of the General Board at Louisville was to appoint a new Committee on Future Ecumenical Structure which will take up where the Task Force proposal left off. The new committee has been directed to prepare a revised model which will emphasize the advocacy function of a central representative body, centralized development of priority and budget accountability, and provide for the empowerment of minorities. Quite clearly, the expression of the General Board was to revise the model more toward a council with a more centralized structure.

Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy declared that "the Detroit General Assembly was a challenge to the style of life of the Council and its member denominations. This meeting was a resounding reaffirmation of the conviction that something like the NCC as we have known it is essential to the denominations."

I think it can be generalized that those denominations which are themselves somewhat decentralized favor the task force proposal. The more highly structured denominations favor the more highly structured council of churches. There are striking exceptions to the generalization, but I think it will serve. Your Seventh Day Baptist delegate and those denominational leaders with whom I have talked seem to prefer the consortia approach as well as a de-emphasis on the policy statements of the past.

The General Board has asked the new committee to submit the revised model without prejudice to the member communions and their boards and agencies as well as to a wide range of interested persons seeking response to the new directions. The General Board further expressed the hope that the 1972 General Assembly of the National Council of Churches take official action on the reorganization.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Rex E. Zwiebel

Continuing Education

We note from the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church bulletin of February 6, that Pastor and Mrs. C. Rex Burdick "expect to attend the Earl Lectures at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California," for three days in February. We commend the Riverside church for its part in making this continuing education possible, and admire the willingness of the couple to interrupt their daily schedule to pursue more educational training. The church and all concerned will benefit.

The Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education has a 5,500 volume library from which any of our ministers or laymen may borrow books for study. Any book we have is available unless it is being used in current classes. You may have a book for one month at no cost except the return postage at library rate. While we do not attempt to buy all the new books that are published relating to religion we do plan to purchase those which may be in demand by our people.

The summer institute, which is open to all our people, is planned for June 1-20, 1971. The subject under consideration will be *Sabbath Philosophy*. This is a required course for pastors seeking accreditation by our General Conference. A certificate of achievement will be given to those who finish the study. The class will be held at the Study Center, 510 Watchung Ave., Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. For further information write the dean at the above address.

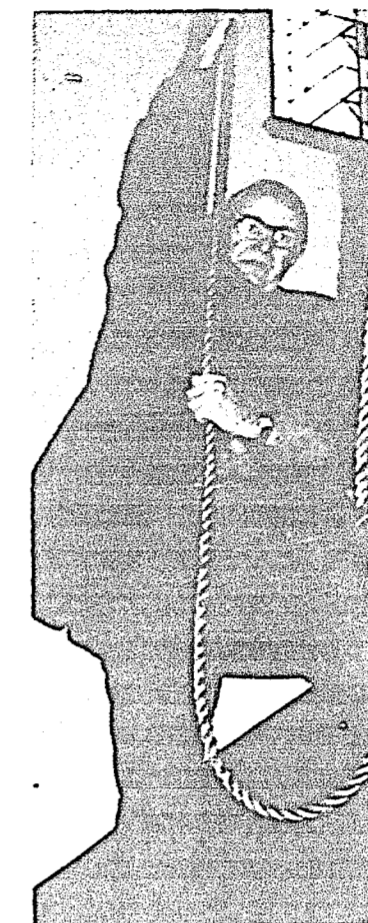
Truth Is Narrow

The pastor of the largest Protestant church in America has written a book on Bible preaching in which he makes the statement that all truth is narrow. He is willing to have some people call him narrow if that has to go with preaching the truth as he understands it.

Milton Pastor

Rings Large New Bell

By Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick



By action of the annual church meeting a "new" bell rings in the bell tower of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton, Wisconsin. Saddened by the toneless clanging of the old bell, cracked when it fell from the steeple of the old church as it burned the Sabbath after Thanksgiving in 1932, church members voted to replace it with a used bell. Attempts to repair the old bell, cast in Baltimore in 1885, had failed. The new 1600-

pound bell, cast in Cincinnati in 1903, comes from a now defunct Lutheran church in Appleton, Wisconsin, and is slightly larger and of a slightly deeper tone than its predecessor.

With the services of a large crane and advance preparation by church president Russell Burdick, property committee chairman Dale Green and others, the old bell was removed through a trap door in the roof and the other lifted into position in less than two hours on Monday, January 25. This is the third bell that has served the Milton church. The original bell which preceded the cracked one was given to the New Auburn church in 1883 when the Milton church built a larger building.

So that all who wished might have a part in the new "voice" a Bell Fund Committee was appointed to raise the cost of the bell and its installation, estimated at approximately \$1.50 per pound. Committee members are Roger Burdick, chairman, Miriam Scholl, Dorothy Smith, and Truman Lippincott.

## Of Chariots, Princes, Horses, and Charms

"Some boast of chariots, and some of horses; but we boast of the name of the Lord our God," said the Psalmist (20:7). Isaiah warned: "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord" (31:1). One brief chapter in the Acts of the Apostles (19) relates the tremendous power against quack-healers and charm-carrying idolaters which Christ's word and way exerted. Corinth was shot through with philosophers whose clever epigrams eased the stress of responsible humanity, but failed to give life. Paul dealt with this in his first Corinthian letter (1:18ff.)

Our civilization is shot through with too many folk looking for moral anchors (and religious guilt thereon) in places never capable of holding the ship in storm.

Mr. Hugh Sidey in an editorial in *Life* (Oct. 23, 1970) put it this way: ". . . many of the youths who escaped the firm grip of Sunday School and became contemptuous of all organized religion consciously or unconsciously looked to the White House for a moral anchor. Then, disappointed by the human limitations and falterings so clearly discernible in the floodlighted Oval Office they unfairly rejected the President."\*

Has not Mr. Sidey highlighted for us the deep yearning for moral anchors and the shallow way of search? Failing to look at any more than the floodlighted subject, searchers too often and too simply look for another floodlight. Too often they cannot identify with true and living persons trying to improve our world.

And has not Mr. Sidey challenged your Sabbath School program and progress? Crucial in all our Sabbath School work is the communication of a spirit of life that radiates a quality of respect for God which prevents ultimate dependence on

fate or man or ideology. And this spirit of life ought to be so thoroughly caught by those in school on Sabbath that they infect those not in Church School. Crafts, chariots, horses, and princely power can each then take their rightful place in lives anchored in God's presence and love in Jesus, living Christ.

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## Vocations Sabbath, March 13

Materials to assist your church to observe a Sabbath with emphasis on Christian vocation have been sent out. These have gone to vocations keyworkers wherever the church has selected one, and to pastors or clerks. Our denominational vocational secretary, C. Robert Stohr of Richburg, N. Y., invites all purchases that have not selected such a keyworker to do so as soon as possible and notify him. He received notice of almost forty vocational keyworkers.

Prepared by Catharine S. (Mrs. John) Jacox of Alfred, N. Y., and Columbus, Tex., the materials are meant to help create real dialog on the meaning and living of Christian callings and to suggest ways of worship and learning. She did not intend to present a "line upon line" program, but rather suggest ways you could develop a panel discussion, a worship service and messages for children and adults. We have added some Scriptural resources to begin relating some encounters-with-God from the Bible.

We hope that each church will have some kind of fellowship in worship and learning near March 13. Not only are adolescent youth adventuring into new professions, but with all the corporate and technical restructuring of life many older persons are involved in vocational changes.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 6, 1971

LIVING BY THE LAW OF LOVE

Lesson Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

## Missionary Pastors' Reports

Selected items of interest from the quarterly reports of missionary churches (those churches assisted in support of pastors) indicate that the work of our Lord is going forward. Gleanings from reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1970 follow.

### Ritchie (Berea, W. Va.)

Pastor Leslie Welch has written, "Interest and attendance are holding up well this winter. The establishment of Camp Joy at Berea continues to promote interest both from the community standpoint and on the associational level." Laymen have assisted in the church worship services on occasions when the pastor has found it necessary to be absent.

### Daytona Beach, Fla.

Pastor Marion Van Horn reports two meetings of the church Evangelistic Committee having been held. Attendance has improved over the same quarter last year as follows: Sabbath Eve vesper attendance up 11 percent; Sabbath School attendance up 23 percent and morning worship attendance up 8 percent. He has written, "We seem to be getting along fine and are making some progress in some areas . . . We had the services of Miss Florence Bowden for a two weeks' period and are certain that we shall have her influence with us for a long time to come . . . We are appreciating very much the use of the Worldwide Witness materials. They are a valuable addition to our program."

### Hammond and Metairie, La.

Pastor H. Earl DeLand reports, "I am sorry to report that the Metairie church has decided to withdraw from the Hammond church in joint support of a full-time pastor. Their financial conditions are such that this is necessary." He reported that several decisions for Christ have been made, with three new members added to the Hammond church. Most recent word from the Hammond church is that they cannot carry the full amount of financial support necessary

to maintain a full-time pastor (on a matching funds basis) and so that church is also withdrawing from the Missionary Board's missionary pastor support plan. At this writing Pastor DeLand's plans are indefinite. He has written, "We ask your continued prayers that God's work will be done here in this area . . ."

### Little Rock, Ark.

Pastor Kenneth B. Van Horn continues pastoral services with the Little Rock church. In addition to messages at Sabbath services he has given nine radio sermons. He reports that he has made many pastoral and evangelistic calls, assisted by several church laymen. There have been four decisions for Christ, with four baptisms and two added to the church. He has written, "The Rev. Mynor Soper was with us for one week prior to Thanksgiving and seven persons took the entire course (in lay visitation training) with field work . . . pray for us."

### New Auburn, Wis.

This first quarterly report from Pastor Gordon Oliver indicates an extensive calling program, both pastoral and with an evangelistic motive. Six new members have been added to the church. Pastor Oliver has written, "A radio ministry would, I believe, in time be of great value in making Seventh Day Baptist disciples in this north central part of the U. S. A. which we are with faith hoping and praying will come to pass."

### Richburg, N. Y.

Pastor C. Harmon Dickinson has written, "We published an issue of the *Inspirer* (the church paper) giving a full report of our annual meeting, also we put out our new church directories for 1971 . . . On the last Sabbath of November we had a dedication service for thirty-six RSV pew and study Bibles which were given in memory of our former deacon, Hal Drake . . . We hold our monthly Worldwide Witness programs between church and Sabbath school the first two months of the quarter and on the third month a fellowship dinner and a program in the afternoon . . . We are undertaking a more positive tract distribution program, featuring a tract the

second Sabbath of each month. We are making plans for more intensive evangelism next summer and fall."

#### Seattle Area (Seattle, Wash.)

The statistical report for pastoral services and extension and growth from Pastor Duane L. Davis shows a strong and active program of outreach during the past quarter. Pastor Davis has written, "Economic conditions of the Seattle Area have caused a hardship with some of our families, but so far this has not affected our church's program . . . The Worldwide Witness emphasis has been well received both at the Seattle Area church and at Randle. Three services were held at Randle, Wash., located 300 miles south of Seattle. We attended the Pacific Coast Association meetings at Los Angeles, making several calls en route in California and Oregon."

#### Texarkana, Ark.

The statistical report from the Rev. Ralph Hays indicates that he has given thirteen sermons during the quarter, conducted nine prayer meetings and made fifty-two pastoral calls. Lay visitors of the church are reported to have made twenty evangelistic calls. Two new members have been added to the church, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holiday. Mr. Holiday is a lay preacher. Pastor Hays wrote, "We lost six members in 1970, the Oliver family to New Auburn and our church moderator, William FitzRandolph, in death . . . On December 5, the church ordained Wardner FitzRandolph to the office of deacon." Recent word from both the Texarkana church and Pastor Hays indicates that his present pastorate at Texarkana is drawing to a close. Future plans are indefinite at this time.

#### Washington, D. C.

The work of the Washington, D. C. church goes forward in a very promising way under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Delmer Van Horn. Pastor Van Horn has written, "We as a church appreciate the interest and cooperation of the denomination as a whole in the Washington Project. Under God's guidance, with the interest, concern and support in prayers and finances we cannot but go

forward in 1971 . . ." The pastor's statistical report indicates many pastoral calls have been made, a usual Sabbath morning congregation of thirty-eight and two new members added to the church. A dedication service for the church building was held November 7, 1970. There were ninety-two present, with Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College bringing the dedication address.

#### Waterford, Conn.

The report from Pastor Dale Rood covers the first complete quarter of services, since he began the pastorate of the Waterford church on September 15, 1970. The report shows a busy schedule of services and pastoral calls being made. Pastor Rood has written, "We had a Christmas Eve vesper service this year for which the young people were largely responsible (assisted by Mr. Rood). We involved all our young people including some friends who have been coming to church. It was a good experience."

#### "'71 SESSION"

By Rex Zwiebel

"Seventy-one Session" is the designation for the first meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation.

Delegates from Seventh Day Baptist Conferences around the world are planning to come to Westerly, R. I., August 4-8, 1971, for "'71 Session." Arrangements are progressing with anticipation of a great blessing for those who are a part of this great meeting. Every Seventh Day Baptist can be a part by helping share the financial obligations that undergird the structure of such an assemblage.

A balance of \$1,000 is now on hand to help finance this project whose total cost is estimated at \$6,000. The \$1,000 includes a balance left from the CoWoCo meeting. This is a good start and we are grateful to those who have given; however, we have quite a way to go to raise the bulk of the balance.

Here is another way that an individual, a church, or a church group can become involved: sponsor an out-of-country delegate to General Conference. Interested parties may get details on sponsorship

from the office of Alton Wheeler, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Some of the out-of-country delegates will be available to visit U. S. churches either prior to or after General Conference sessions. If you are interested in having these friends come and share their experiences with you, write Mrs. Janette Rogers, 609 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Hosts are still needed for our delegates. If you can arrange for the care of a delegate at any time from the moment he lands until he departs, or for a segment of that time, contact Mrs. Rogers, "'71 Session" hostess.

The Constitution Revision Committee is at work hoping to propose a document that will be the heart of greater efforts of work and fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists in every land.

The SDBWF Executive Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Loren G. Osborn, plans to meet April 3-4 to take further steps in programming. Any suggestions or ideas that interested persons may have in regard to hosting or programming will be welcome. Send them to Mr. Osborn, Rt. 3, Bow Bog Road, Concord, New Hampshire 03301.

Outright gifts may be sent to Our World Mission treasurer, Mr. Gordon Sanford, Little Genesee, NY 14754. Mark your gift, "SDBWF Special."

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

#### Michigan Council of Churches Executive at Ministers Conference

Dr. William Kidd, executive director of the Michigan Council of Churches will present three programs at Ministers Conference in Battle Creek, April 28 to May 4, the Higher Education Committee announces. Dr. Kidd has been deeply involved in the theological search for the church's mission in the world. He has participated in African, European, and Oriental mission surveys intended to discover the intersections in action of the church and the world. This is just one of the rich experiences which await participants, and which call for churches to assist their minister in attending the 1971 sessions.

#### Report on Key '73

(Continued from page 6)

I believe this organization holds more promise of bringing all Christian denominations and groups to a place of linking arms for Christ's sake without trying to force us to "lock steps" than any other organization to date. It has the support of what has been traditionally thought of as "evangelical" and "liberal" groups alike. The call is to a new concerted witness for Christ using all the modern means at our disposal to saturate our land with this witness. It will cost money! A great deal of money!

Groups and denominations are invited to declare their desire to be a part of this great witness. Resources of all kinds (financial, spiritual, special techniques in evangelism, etc.) will be shared. This is more than just another organization calling us to participate in a preaching program. Rather we are being called to participate in an all-out effort to reach our community and our country with the claims of Jesus Christ, and we will be offered the tools with which to do it. Programs of various kinds (preaching and discussion programs) and advertising (billboard, radio, T.V.) will be created and produced on a national level and implemented and utilized on a local level. Indeed it would be impossible to tell you all the possibilities in one article. I, too, feel "the right time has come" for us to show our unity in Christ by sharing together in this great evangelistic thrust.

"Key '73" is set up with a termination date at the end of 1973. It is not intended that it should be perpetual. The schedule calls for three emphases as the effort gathers momentum. They are:

1971—Year of Presentation

1972—Year of Preparation

1973—Year of Penetration.

The year 1973 will be the year when all the "stops" are pulled out and every effort made to reach every person in our society with the claims of Jesus Christ. Will you pray for the success of this great endeavor and that the Holy Spirit might be allowed to control?

**News of Pastors**

The Pawcatuck church of Westerly, R. I., announced a welcoming service on February 20 for their pastor, the Rev. Francis D. Saunders who had just come from his pastorate at Lost Creek, W. Va.

The Rev. John H. Camenga recently resigned as pastor of the Salemville, Pa., church to accept a call to the Dodge Center, Minn., church. We do not have information as to the date that he will take up this full-time pastorate.

It is reported that the Rev. Ralph L. Hays has resigned as pastor of the Texarkana, Ark., church and has moved to New Orleans. The Metairie, La., church has named him as associate pastor.

The Rev. Eugene Fatato of Battle Creek, Mich., who is teaching in a vocational school, has accepted the invitation of the Riverside, Calif., church to serve as assistant pastor for the summer beginning June 25.

The Rev. Jack Hays of Harvey, La., who has not previously served a church, has been elected pastor of the Metairie, La., church. It is understood that he will serve on a part-time basis, continuing his secular employment.

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**METAIRIE, LA.**—At the annual business meeting January 31 we elected the following: pastor, Jack Hays; moderator, Floyd Coalwell; clerk, Linda Hays; treasurer, Willie Ray Grace; trustees, William Hand, Willie Ray Grace, Floyd Coalwell; Sabbath School superintendents, Sally Morse and Louise Beauchamp; associate pastor, Ralph Hays.

We were sorry not to be able to continue in the joint pastorate with the Hammond church and will miss the leadership and fellowship of Pastor Earl DeLand, but we look to the future in hope and faith that the Lord will continue to open doors to the witness of Christ and His Sabbath here.

Among the projects anticipated for this year are installing a permanent floor covering in the church building and supporting the special ministry by mail undertaken by Associate Pastor Ralph Hays.

—Correspondent.

**RICHBURG, N. Y.**—The Christmas candles of Joy, Hope, Peace and the candle of Christ's Coming were lighted at the morning worship services during the month of December, one each week by the four members who had joined the church this past summer.

On Sabbath, December 5, we had a potluck dinner following the worship service. In the afternoon a filmstrip on British Seventh Day Baptist work was shown.

Our Christmas program was held during the Sabbath School hour on Dec. 19. Each class had a part in the program, of reading, recitations or music.

Youth Sabbath was observed. Our Christian Endeavorers and the Youth Fellowship had charge of and took part in the worship service.

A memorial service was held at the church on Sabbath afternoon, January 30 for Mrs. Mary Irish Carpenter who died at Shinglehouse, Pa., on January 29.

—Correspondent

**SEATTLE AREA.**—“Lay Evangelism Training Sessions” were led by Pastor Mynor G. Soper, field evangelist for Seventh Day Baptists in the USA, last week (dated February 8) at Des Moines and two nights at Edmonds.

As the sessions ended Sunday at Des Moines, a total of twenty-nine youth and adults had participated in the training (eleven with perfect attendance, twenty-three took most of the training). At Edmonds, eleven youth and adults participated in the first half of sessions there.

Fifteen people participated in the Community Religious Survey on Sabbath Day. About seventy calls were made in the Des Moines area.

We rejoice in our Lord's leading in these sessions, in decisions made to receive Jesus, to appropriate the Holy Spirit's filling, and to be faithful in walking in the Holy Spirit. Will you join us in prayer for His continual leading?

—Church Bulletin

**OWM Budget Receipts for January 1971**

	Treasurer's January	Boards' January	Treasurer's January	Boards' January
Adams Ctr NY ..\$			Milton WI .....	1,775.57
Albion WI .....	36.18		Milton Jct WI ..	175.90
Alfred NY .....	508.95		Monterey CA .....	
Alfred Sta NY .....			New Auburn WI ..	36.25
Ashaway RI .....	747.00		New Milton WV ..	50.00
Assns & Groups			New Orleans LA ..	
Battle Creek MI ..	419.04		North Loup NB ..	200.00
Bay Area CA .....	125.00	31.20	Nortonville KS ..	335.50
Berea WV .....	60.00		Ohio Fellowship..	20.00
Berlin NY.....	322.14	235.00	Paint Rock AL ..	80.00
Boulder CO .....	131.36		Plainfield NJ .....	589.12
Brookfield NY ..	157.77		Richburg NY .....	89.00
Buffalo NY .....	200.00		Riverside CA .....	534.50
Chicago IL .....	135.00		Rockville RI .....	19.25
Daytona Beach FL	100.00		Salem WV .....	415.00
Denver CO .....	240.49		Salemville PA .....	108.00
De Ruyter NY ..			Schenectady NY..	
Dodge Ctr MN ..	386.85		Seattle WA .....	54.00
Farina IL .....	27.50		Shiloh NJ .....	1,972.31
Fouke AR .....			Stonefort IL .....	
Hammond LA .....			Syracuse NY .....	
Hebron PA .....	95.00		Texarkana AR .....	
Hopkinton RI....			Verona NY.....	134.59
Houston TX .....			Walworth WI .....	145.00
Independence NY	26.50	10.00	Washington DC..	136.00
Individuals .....	50.00		Washington	
Irvington NJ .....	800.00		People's DC .....	
Jackson Ctr OH ..			Waterford CT .....	224.23
Kansas City MO	50.00		Westerly RI .....	
Leonardsville NY	24.37		White Cloud MI	124.30
Little Genesee NY	147.58			
Little Rock AR ..			Totals	\$12,632.86
Los Angeles CA ..			Non-Budget	\$ 448.57
Lost Creek WV ..	200.00			
Marlboro NJ .....	423.61		Total	
Metairie LA .....			To Disburse	\$13,081.43

**JANUARY DISBURSEMENTS**

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 1,064.07
Historical Society .....	8.38
Ministerial Education .....	737.31
Ministerial Retirement .....	1,319.51
Missionary Society .....	5,295.60
Tract Society .....	1,503.31
Trustees of General Conference .....	83.78
Women's Society .....	202.43
World Fellowship & Service .....	640.38
General Conference .....	2,166.66
SDB World Federation .....	60.00
	<b>\$13,081.43</b>

**SUMMARY**

1971 Budget .....	\$147,770.00
Receipts for 1 month:	
OWM Treasurer	\$12,632.86
Boards	507.45
	<b>\$ 13,140.31</b>
Amount due in 11 months .....	\$134,629.69
Needed per month .....	\$ 12,239.06
Percentage of year elapsed .....	8.33%
Percentage of budget raised .....	8.88%
	Gordon L. Sanford
	OWM Treasurer

**Interpretation of Report**

Don't be deceived by these figures. Several churches did not get their December receipts in on time to be reported. Thus they have "double" giving in the January report. Of course there are some churches which have not been included

in this January report, but adjustments would show that we are not really "ahead" of schedule on raising the budget. February and March will tell the story. Let's honor God by consistently supporting His work through Our World Mission!

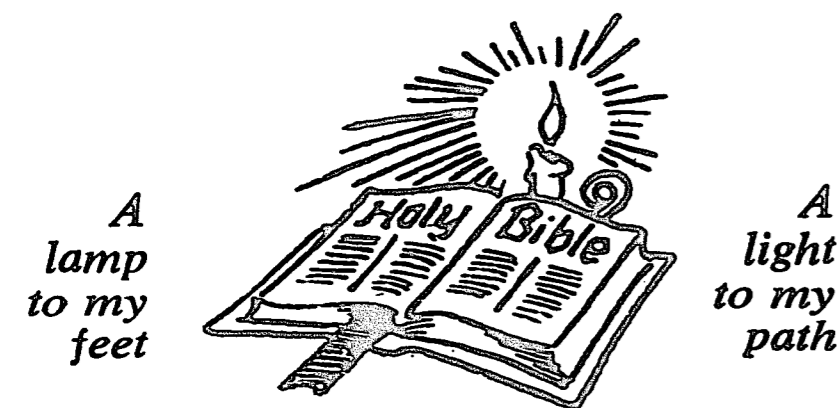
—P. B. O., Stewardship Chairman



# The Sabbath Recorder

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

For March 1971



(Including and supplementing the daily Bible readings of the Uniform Series of Bible Lessons published in "The Helping Hand.")

### Living by the Law of Love

- 1—Mon. Neighborhood Laws. Leviticus 19:9-18, 32-20:8
- 2—Tues. Love God and Neighbor. Mark 12:28-44
- 3—Wed. My Neighbor, Luke 10:25-42
- 4—Thurs. As God Loves. Matthew 5:17-48
- 5—Fri. Love in Deed and Truth. 1 John 3:9-24
- 6—Sab. "He Who Loves . . . Knows God." 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:12-17

### Forgiven and Forgiving

- 7—Sun. A Prayer of Forgiveness. Psalm 51
- 8—Mon. The Joy of Being Forgiven. Psalm 32
- 9—Tues. Forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Acts 13:26-33, 38-39
- 10—Wed. Forgiveness from an Action. Luke 7:36-50
- 11—Thurs. The Forgiving Are Forgiven. Matthew 18:21-35; 6:5-15
- 12—Fri. Forgive as God Forgave. Ephesians 4:22-32
- 13—Sab. Follow Jesus' Example. John 3:13-17; Luke 4:16-21

### Preparing for His Coming

- 14—Sun. When the Bridegroom Comes. Matthew 25:1-13
- 15—Mon. Only God Knows. Mark 13:1-8; 28-37
- 16—Tues. Who May Dwell with the Lord? Psalms 1 and 15
- 17—Wed. "Prepare the Way of the Lord." Isaiah 40:1-11

- 18—Thurs. "Fruits of Repentance." Luke 3:7-17
- 19—Fri. "Sons of the Day." 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- 20—Sab. A Day Set Apart. Exodus 16:22-36

### Faithful in All Things

- 21—Sun. Use of Gifts. Matthew 25:14-30
- 22—Mon. Use of Opportunity. Luke 19:12-26
- 23—Tues. Meaning of Faith. Hebrews 11:1-7, 39-12:11
- 24—Wed. Faith of Abraham. Hebrews 11:8-12; Gen. 18:22-33
- 25—Thurs. Faith of Moses. Hebrews 11:24-28; Exodus 16:9-21
- 26—Fri. Steward of God's Mysteries. 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:7
- 27—Sab. Faithfulness to Christ. Hebrews 3:1-15

### Christ Acclaimed and Rejected

- 28—Sun. The Triumphal Entry. Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-19
- 29—Mon. Cleansing the Temple. Matthew 21:12-27
- 30—Tues. The Wicked Tenants. Matthew 21:28-46
- 31—Wed. Take — Follow. Mark 8:27-38

### Daily Bible Reading Sources

To persons or families who are reading the *Daily Bible Readings* that bring us together around the Bible in the Facing Frontiers with Faith program:

Have your friends asked where to find the listing of daily readings? Remind them that the *Helping Hand* lists these, that the *Sabbath Recorder* monthly publishes them, and that for the most part, any Uniform Series lessons will list the ones in our publications.

Each Sabbath has a special one for our meditation. This year, at least, additional context passages supplement the Uniform Series choices.

So, help your friends by introducing them to the *Recorder* at \$5.00 for a year of weekly visits, or the *Helping Hand* at \$2.50 a year — and bringing them into fellowship in Bible study.

—David S. Clarke

## Christian Education Through Camping

